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For attention of Kiran Chauhan/Adel Castle  
Application reference: 2006/2622/P

30<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Dear Kiran

**Re: Agar Children's Centre – Minor amendments notification**

Please find enclosed one set of drawings in A1 together with a reduced A3 set to accompany this letter.

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**Minor amendment 1:**

The open grille style shutters to be used on all elevations of the building have been removed due to the following reasons:

- a) **Cost** - providing a manually or electronically operated shutter system to every window was deemed very expensive and more cost effective solutions could be sought.
- b) **Operation** - it was considered impractical to operate a complete shutter system every morning and night
- c) **Sending the wrong signals** - shutters are very defensive architectural elements that may create the wrong impression to the local community.
- d) **Secure by design** - through consultation with Camden Police we are proposing a 3m anti-climb boundary condition, regular external lighting and CCTV coverage. These three elements will act as deterrents reducing the likelihood of the boundary being penetrated by trespassers.

The proposal is to provide a coloured, metal mesh panel to the four windows on the north elevation which form part of the boundary edge.

The reasoning is as follows:

- a) **Vulnerability** – these windows, unlike the rest of the building are not protected by a 3m perimeter fence and are therefore more susceptible to vandalism
- b) **Light** - the mesh panels allow light to penetrate the openings whilst preventing objects smashing the glazing.
- c) **Ventilation** – the mesh panels allow cross ventilation for the rooms behind whilst protecting the glazing.

Please refer to drawings:

**Original planning submission:**

858-200 – Proposed North Elevation

**Minor Amendments:**

858-T200A – North Elevation

858-T235 – North Elevation Window Detail

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**Minor amendment 2:**

The curtain walling to south elevation of the building has been replaced by translucent polycarbonate cladding due to the following reasons:

- a) **Heat gain** – due to the southerly aspect, the previously proposed curtain walling would result in overheating to the rooms behind. Polycarbonate cladding will cut down the heat gain through the external envelope.
- b) **Cost** – polycarbonate cladding system is more cost effective than curtain walling.
- c) **Aesthetics** – polycarbonate is chosen in keeping with the original concept, that is to give a light feel to the community block on the south. Polycarbonate will also visually give more depth to the elevation. The elevation is only overlooked by the railway line, therefore the impact by the amendment is minimised.

Please refer to drawings:

**Original planning submission:**

858-202A – Proposed South Elevation

858-209 – Proposed Coloured South Elevation

**Minor Amendments:**

858-T202 – South Elevation

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**Minor amendment 3:**

The solar heat collectors previously on the 3 roof lights on the east, south and west sides of the single storey block have now been grouped together and relocated to the north. The reasons are as follow:

- a) **Efficiency** – higher efficiency can be achieved with solar collectors being on the north further away from the shadows cast by the trees on the south.
- b) **Cost** – grouping the solar collectors together and locating them directly above plant room reduce the length of pipe work required, thus saving cost and reducing energy lost through pipe work.
- c) **Celebration of green energy** – the solar collectors now sit on a more prominent position and can be seen at street level when approaching the children centre.

Please refer to drawings:

**Original planning submission:**

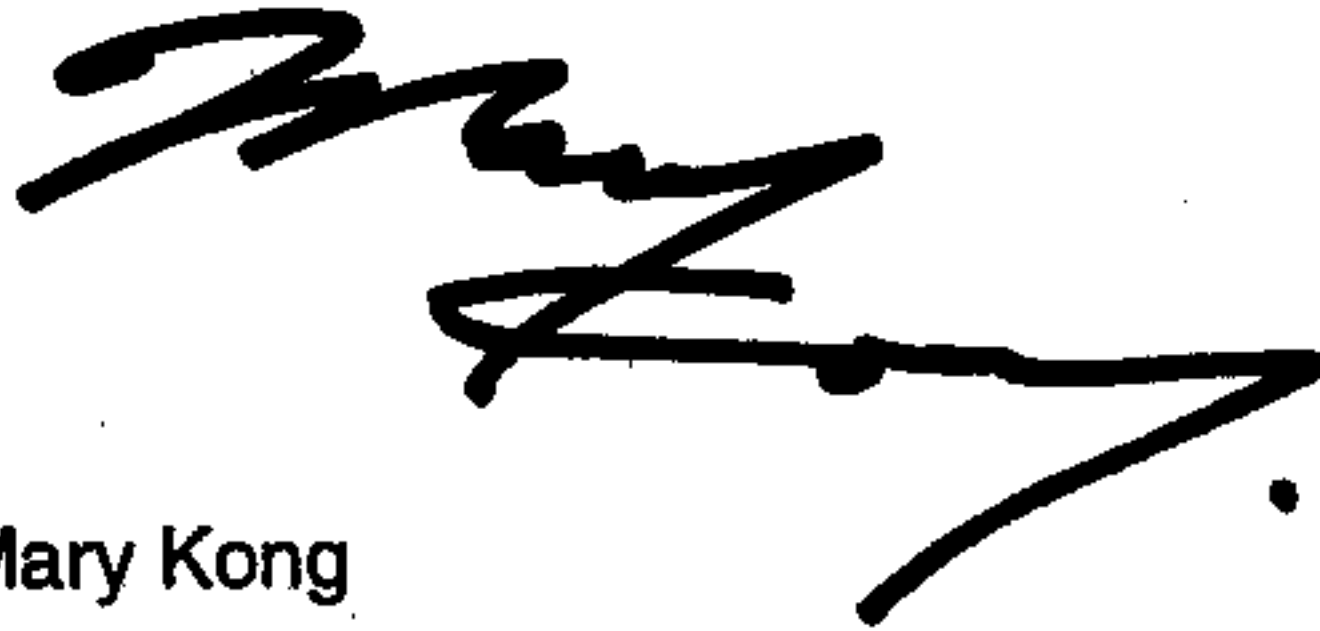
858-107 – Proposed Roof and Landscape Plan

**Minor Amendments:**

858-T107 – Roof Plan

Please contact myself or Matthew Wood at the above number if you have any comment or queries.

Yours faithfully,



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