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Dear Charles,

University College School, Hampstead. London NW3: Sports Centre & Pool

Full Planning Application: Ref. 2005 / 0123 / P:

**Condition 11** 

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It was good to meet you on site earlier today.

As you requested I enclose the south elevation with the landscaping and boundary wall in front, to show the elevation and in particular the boiler flue, in the context of the final scheme from the street. As we discussed the landscaping is due to be installed in the Spring 2007 in compliance with conditions. I enclose the landscaping approved plan for reference [5 copies of both drawings at A3 enclosed].

As you can see, once the full landscaping is complete [and as planting and trees mature] much of this south elevation will be screened quite extensively from the street and from houses opposite. I can appreciate that at present neighbours may not be aware of this last stage of the project works — they may think that it is finished as it is, but the School simply wanted to leave a neat and tidy site around the grounds until landscaping is carried out next year.

The design & build contractor's M&E subcontractor has outlined the legislation that the flue does, and needs to, comply with, namely the Clean Air Act Memorandum 1956, which determines the height above the roof ridge. As you know, the nature, location and width were established under the consented scheme drawings – it is only the height that has varied to meet the relevant legislation. The location of the flue was of course designed to be in an area that would have the least impact on neighbours on both sides, commensurate with the plantroom position.

I do believe that the stainless steel is the right material here. It will dull down over the coming weeks, and I think that colouring the flue casing would look wrong. It is a very high quality and durable material, and I believe consistent with a scheme that is modest but modern, that uses good materials simply. It is partially screened by the high level bris soleil and is part of the composition of this part of the building.

The other issue I think is that some neighbours saw black smoke emerging from the flue and understandably feared the worst. In fact that was before the boiler and flue had been commissioned near the end of the works on site. The normal condition is as you witnessed today, which I think you will agree was a very minimal and barely visible output.

Architecture Design Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely

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