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Planning Department
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London Borough of Camden
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Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: PHOENIX GARDENS, STACEY STREET WC2, COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Please find enclosed the planning application with £95.00 fee (Cheque no.00265 attached) and listed building application concerning security improvements to the above site on behalf of our client, The Lilac Project. The proposals have been developed in close consultation with the Phoenix Gardens Residents Association who manage the open space and with London Borough of Camden Leisure services who own the site .

Phoenix Gardens is a community open space, serving its surrounding residential and business community. The Gardens are located south of the grade II listed St. Giles church and Grounds. The gardens have a single public access located off St. Giles passage.

The Client for this project is Project Lilac, a Home Office funded partnership between the Police, London Borough of Camden, Westminster City Council and Health Services to address drug dealing, drug using and rough sleeping.

Phoenix Gardens, although well used by local residents and commuters in the hours of opening, has had persistent problems with drug misuse and rough sleeping within the gardens. The existing boundary fence to St. Giles passage is vulnerable to illegal entry , with the gates being only 1.4 metres high, and the fence, 1.4 metres high on a low wall which is relatively easy to climb over by those determined to do so. It is felt by both our client and the residents that this boundary requires improved security and hence the need for revising the existing railings.

The proposed railings are 2.1 ms high, rising to 2.6ms high in order to visually relate to the railing elevations along new Compton Street and the high wall to the church and to prevent these points being vulnerable to illegal entry. The mild steel railings would be painted black to relate to the church boundary treatment.

We would be happy to discuss these proposals further . Please don't hesitate to call with any comments or queries.

Yours sincerely
for Watkins:Dally



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Partner

c.c Mark Whitworth - Project Lilac

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