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Dear Ms Whelan

**Notifications under Circular 01/2001, Circular 08/2009 &  
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010  
100,100A AND 100B , CHALK FARM ROAD , LONDON , NW1 8EH  
Application No 2013/5403/P**

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2013 notifying us of the application for planning permission relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

#### English Heritage Advice

The proposals comprise the demolition of the existing building on the site and its replacement with a mixed use building.

In terms of heritage, the principle asset affected by the proposals is the grade II\* listed Roundhouse, which is of national significance and is a prominent local landmark. The Roundhouse is a former locomotive shed associated with the Camden Goods Yard. It dates from 1846-7 and has a distinctive circular plan form with expressed external buttresses.

The northern part of the existing building on the application site comprises a large brick clad plant enclosure that directly abuts the Roundhouse and takes support from the historic structure. This plant enclosure is considered to cause harm to the immediate setting and fabric of the Roundhouse and its removal is welcomed. The remaining part of the existing building is a 6 storey office block with distinctive blue cladding which serves to dominate key views of the Roundhouse looking along Chalk Farm Road. The existing building is therefore considered to have a negative impact on the setting and fabric of the Roundhouse and its removal is welcomed.

The proposed new building comprises a series of stepped elements rising up from a glazed two storey link section, where it meets the Roundhouse, up to 8 storeys on the south west corner of the site. The building also steps back into the site where it meets



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the Roundhouse and serves to create a new well-proportioned public piazza. The proposals have been amended since they were originally submitted in order to reduce the height of the glazed link section where it adjoins the Roundhouse. As such, the proposals are considered to present a significant enhancement to the setting of the Roundhouse and to better reveal the significance of that building.

As part of the proposals we would also encourage the Council and the developers to ensure that the adjacent listed cattle trough (currently on our Heritage at Risk Register for London) is safeguarded during any works of construction and possibly relocated in order to reduce the evident risk from bus strike.

### Recommendation

We would recommend that the application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. However, if you would like further advice, please contact us to explain your request.

Please note that this response relates to historic building and historic area matters only. If there are any archaeological implications to the proposals it is recommended that you contact the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service for further advice (Tel: 020 7973 3712).

Yours sincerely



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