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Subject: Garden Halls

Dear Richard

I hope you are well.

May I introduce myself, I work for the Royal Veterinary College part of the University of London as the Colleges Residences & External Lettings manager and as part of our accommodation provision we are allocated a number of intercollegiate halls for our first year undergraduate students.

I write this email in full support of the proposal to provide further rooms at the Garden Halls residence, with our ever growing intake of students who all have higher expectations than in previous years, this project will provided additional accommodation that is provided at a better standard and at affordable prices.

Our intercollegiate allocation plays a very important role in accommodating our students and provides them with alternative accommodation that is not located on College campus, the halls of residences are popular with our students and in the current competitive market help attract students when making their applications to the college.

The location of Garden Halls is in good distance to our Camden campus which can be reached easily by foot or cycling, thereby helping towards the local and college's environmental policies, however the standard of accommodation is very tired and in desperate need for improvement.

Our College can currently only guarantee accommodation for up to 95% of first year undergraduates, those that are not successful in obtaining College accommodation must find something suitable in the private rental sector, which then reduces the supply of affordable housing for the wider community. Students that do not find affordable accommodation often find themselves living with private student accommodation providers where prices are often exorbitant and completely unaffordable.

In most occasions it is the first time our first year undergraduate students live away from their family homes, the student management plan applied in the intercollegiate halls is designed to safeguard their welfare and deal with any behavioural issues.

In the context of an existing 1,000 plus bed development, an extra 187 students will have a negligible effect on the local community or infrastructure.

Please do let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Sacha Marshall-Ocaña



Residences and External Lettings Manager



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