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Dear Aysegul

SOAS into Senate House – Planning Reference 2013/4415/P

I am writing to offer my upmost support for the SOAS planning application for the development of the North Block of Senate House. The project will revitalise this wing of Senate House and importantly will contribute to the applicant's aspirations to create a single campus for SOAS in the heart of Bloomsbury.

Further, having evaluated the design proposals in some detail, I am firmly of the opinion that the renovation of the 5 floors of the North Block will vastly improve the School's estate and in doing so, will provide first class teaching and research facilities for both the academic and student community. In addition, the project has a range of sustainable measures that will greatly improve the environmental performance of the building.

In particular, I am of the opinion that the courtyard, with its glazed atrium will provide a fantastic central hub for the scheme, enabling students, staff and visitors to engage and encourage creative and collaborative working. In addition the atrium will maximise the utilisation of space and renovate an otherwise unattractive and inaccessible space.

The scheme also recognises the importance of student welfare; a key component of the campus is the provision of a student hub that offers advice on matters such as finance and housing.

I trust that you will find my comments helpful – if you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

