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Dear Mr Fowler

## **TOWN HALL EXTENSION, ARGYLE STREET, LONDON, WC1H 8NN**

Thank you for consulting us on the submitted application for the above site. We have previously expressed broad support for the proposals in pre-application advice. Our current advice below reflects this.

The Camden Town Hall Extension is unlisted, but situated within a conservation area and close to a number of listed buildings, including the grade I listed St. Pancras Hotel on the north side of Euston Road. It is therefore important that the proposed development on the Annex is sensitive to the settings of these listed buildings and to the character and appearance of the conservation area.

We welcome the re-use of the 1970s Brutalist Town Hall Annex, a building that has considerable design merit, but was let down by poor quality design around its base, poor materials etc. We agree that the right intervention to this building could unlock its considerable potential.

We agree that a roof extension is integral to making the building fit for purpose, and we welcome the design approach that has been taken. We also welcome the proposals at ground level, which will integrate the site into the wider area and create better permeability and new views towards St. Pancras. The roof extension will change the character of the building, but we believe that it adds interest to a roof that is now let down by its unresolved form. The increase in height to the building means that views towards the site from within the conservation areas nearby will change, but we do not believe that equates to harm. In addition, whilst the new roof form changes the settings of some nearby listed buildings in certain views, we do not believe that harm is caused.

In summary, we have no objection to the proposals, and are content for your authority to decide the application as you see fit.



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