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24 March 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Address: Astor College, 99 Charlotte Street, London Borough Of Camden, London, W1T 4QB,
Proposal: Refurbishment of existing student accommodation (Sui Generis) comprising 2 storey upper ground floor front extension, 7 storey rear extension and front central bay extended forward (from 1st to 6th floor) to provide 60 additional bedrooms, elevational alterations including overcladding, relocation of main access, provision of ground floor cafe (Class A3) and pedestrianisation of Bedford Passage.

I refer to your consultation letter, received on 4 March 2015, which requests our observations on the application detailed above.

You can monitor the progress of your application, online, at www.westminster.gov.uk/planning using the above reference number.

Yours faithfully

Ken Powell

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FAO Seonaid Carr

26 March 2015

Dear Ms Carr,

Astor College, 99 Charlotte Street, W1T 4QB (Application Reference: 2015/1139/P)

I am writing with respect to the recently submitted planning application by University College London at the above site for the increased provision of student accommodation through extension and refurbishment of Astor College, which neighbours the Middlesex Hospital Annex (MHA) site.

We support the design of the Astor College proposals and we consider that they positively impact and complement our MHA proposals. During the design process, proposals were discussed at length between UCL and UCLH in recognition that the MHA will be brought forward for redevelopment in the future. Therefore the proposals were considered to be ideally presented to enable both sites to achieve a high quality of redevelopment. Furthermore, the proposals have considered the potential outlook from the MHA site, and it is considered that this will be significantly improved for future residents and/or users of the MHA.

The principle of the development is considered by us to be acceptable and its intention to improve the presence of the building on Charlotte Street through re-cladding and the creation of an active façade is welcomed. Equally, the potential re-opening of the Bedford Passage via linkage of the MHA and Astor College and the efforts to improve the public realm will be beneficial to the local area.

UCLH works closely with UCL and is therefore supportive of the University's proposals to redevelop and refurbish the Astor College building. UCLH understands the pressure for the University to compete not only nationally, but also globally, to maintain its reputation as a world class university and therefore supports the investment it is making into improving its Estate and meet the urgent need for new bed spaces. It is also considered that the proposals at Astor College will be beneficial for the MHA proposals.

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I am conscious of the effort that has been undertaken to engage with the Council in order to achieve the highest quality of design and public realm. The development and the planning application therefore have our full support.

Yours sincerely,

