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**Date: 8 May 2015**

Dear Mr Simons,

**Re: Proposed Brick for Wates House 22 Gordon Street, WC1H 0QB.**

I write following our site meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 during which the proposed bricks and facing materials were presented to the Council and a representative of the Bloomsbury CAAC.

It is proposed to use waterstruck (Petersen press), coal-fired in a circular kiln. The bricks would be a blend of two natural clays.

Condition 3 of planning permission 2014/3486/P requires the display of a 3m by 3m sample panel of brickwork on site for inspection, a smaller sample panel was displayed on site during our meeting showing bricks 215mm. The proposed bricks would be 290mm wide.

Officers of the Council have reviewed the samples on site and raise no objection to the proposed brick.

Following the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, Bloomsbury CAAC have noted that, though not unpleasant, the bricks bore no relation to any of the bricks of the surrounding buildings or neighbourhood which was regretted. We did not feel sufficiently strongly though to 'object' to the choice.

In light of the above, I consider the proposed bricks to be acceptable and should they come forward within an approval of details application for condition 3 I would not raise objection.

This document represents the informal officer view on the information available to us at this stage and would not be binding upon the Council, nor prejudice the decision of any subsequent applications submitted.

If you have any queries about the above letter please do not hesitate to contact Seonaid Carr on 020 7974 2766.

Yours sincerely

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