

UCL CANCER INSTITUTE
PAUL O'GORMAN BUILDING



Mr Michael Cassidy
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September 4th, 2015

Dear Mr Cassidy,

LETTER IN SUPPORT
BLOOMSBURY RESEARCH INSTITUTE: 15-17 TAVISTOCK PLACE
PLANNING APPLICATION 2015/3406/P

I write in support of the planning application for the development of the Bloomsbury Research Institute and in my capacity as Director of the UCL Cancer Institute.

The Institute is a unique partnership combining the internationally recognised and complementary strengths of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and UCL in infectious disease research.

This will be a world-class institute hosting outstanding researchers from both organisations. The research will change our understanding of infectious diseases and ultimately influence public policy, medical interventions and patient care, leading to improved population health and saving lives locally and globally.

The new building will house over 200 experts in the best possible environment, enabling multi-disciplinary collaborations and innovative approaches to complex problems.

This institute will address the need for increased capacity, in terms of physical space, resources, and new staff. It will support recruitment of new technical and administrative teams, providing essential operational infrastructure and graduate career opportunities.

The site is in the heart of the Bloomsbury campus occupied by UCL and the London School. The location will enable the Institute to build on partnerships with the NHS, exploiting the close proximity to large hospitals including UCLH and GOSH, and collaborate with nearby research centres such as the Francis Crick Institute.

As a result, the institute will be a valuable asset to the local area and the biomedical research landscape and I sincerely hope that Camden Council will look favourably on the proposal.

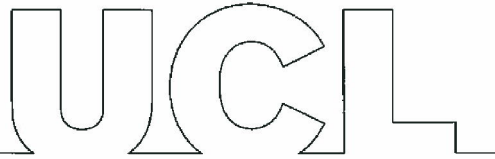
Yours sincerely,



Tariq Enver,
Professor of Stem Cell Biology
Director, UCL Cancer Institute

**WOLFSON INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
IN THE CRUCIFORM BUILDING**

**William D Richardson FMedSci FRS
Professor of Biology and Director, WIBR**



Mr Michael Cassidy
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5th September 2015

Dear Mr Cassidy,

**Re: BLOOMSBURY RESEARCH INSTITUTE: 15-17 Tavistock Place
PLANNING APPLICATION 2015/3406/P**

I am writing in support of the above planning application in my capacity as Director of the UCL Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research (WIBR) in Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. I am familiar with some of the research that will be carried out in the new building if it goes ahead, because the UCL Division of Infection and Immunity, a major participant in the Bloomsbury Research Institute, is currently housed in the Cruciform Building alongside the WIBR.

The Bloomsbury Research Institute (BRI) is a unique partnership combining the internationally recognised and complementary strengths of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and UCL in infectious disease research. The development of this Institute comes at a critical time, given the urgent and obvious need to tackle major health challenges such as emerging diseases and antimicrobial resistance.

The new building would be home to a world-class Institute hosting outstanding researchers from both participating organisations. The research to be conducted there would change our understanding of infectious diseases and ultimately influence public policy, clinical practise and patient care, leading to improved population health both locally and globally.

Infection and Immunity is a medical area of growing strategic importance globally – as the recent (and ongoing) Ebola epidemic illustrates starkly - and there is an urgent need for increased capacity in terms of physical space, resources, and researchers. A new building would help alleviate these pressures, would support recruitment of new technical and administrative teams and provide essential infrastructure and graduate career opportunities.

The proposed site is in the heart of the Bloomsbury campus occupied by UCL and the London School. This will enable the Institute to build on partnerships with the NHS, exploiting the close proximity to large hospitals including UCLH and GOSH and nearby research centres including the new Francis Crick Institute. The new Institute would therefore complement the already vibrant biomedical research presence in the area, would help establish this area of North London as an internationally renowned focus for biomedicine and would be a valuable asset to the local area and its inhabitants. I urge Camden Council to look favourably on the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Michael Cassidy
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7th September 2015

Dear Mr Cassidy,

LETTER IN SUPPORT
BLOOMSBURY RESEARCH INSTITUTE: 15-17 TAVISTOCK PLACE
PLANNING APPLICATION 2015/3406/P

I write in support of the planning application for the development of the Bloomsbury Research Institute and in my capacity as Dean of the Faculty of Population Health Sciences, UCL.

The Institute is a unique partnership combining the internationally recognised and complementary strengths of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and UCL in infectious disease research.

The development of this institute comes at a critical time, given the urgent and obvious need to tackle major health challenges such as emerging diseases and antimicrobial resistance.

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Yours sincerely,



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