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Our ref: PN/JB

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 Francis Crick Institute.

The Bloomsbury Research Institute is an exciting 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.

It will be a world-class institute hosting outstanding researchers from both organisations. The research will help 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 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.

The Institute will enhance the Mayor's 'Med-City' aspiration with the cluster of similar facilities allowing the total to be greater than the sum of its parts.

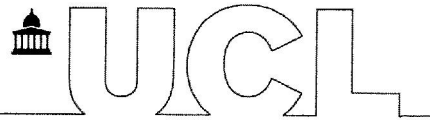
As a result, the institute will be a valuable asset to the local area and the biomedical research landscape and I sincerely hope that Camden Council will look favourably on the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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12th September 2015

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I write in support of the planning application for the development of the Bloomsbury Research Institute and in my capacity as Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Vice Dean of External and International Relations in the Faculty of Population Health Sciences at University College London.

The development of this institute comes at a critical time. There is an urgent need to tackle major health challenges such as emerging infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance and address questions of how best to detect, diagnose, treat and prevent them.

This will be a world-class institute hosting outstanding researchers in a unique partnership combining the internationally recognised and complementary strengths of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and UCL in infectious disease research. It will bring together researchers from a range of disciplines to improve 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 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, benefitting from the close proximity to large hospitals including UCLH and GOSH, as well as primary care facilities; to collaborate with nearby research centres such as the Francis Crick Institute; and to link laboratory, clinical and public health specialists.

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

Yours sincerely,

Professor Dame Anne M Johnson DBE, MD, FMed Sci

Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Vice-Dean, External and International Relations