

Camden Management Regeneration and Planning
Culture & Environment Directorate
London Borough of Camden
5 St Pancras
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Dear Director of Culture and Environment

The RADA Attenborough Campaign Application

Application for Planning, Demolition within a Conservation Area and Listed Building Consent at 16-18 Chenies Street, WC1E 7PA.

Please see attached our plans and proposals for the redevelopment of 16-18 Chenies Street which is part of RADA's Attenborough Campaign. This was launched in the year of his 90th birthday but sadly is now a posthumous campaign in his very dear memory. As President of RADA for over 12 years Lord Attenborough launched the Campaign, saying:

"RADA is a remarkable institution. It has been the birthplace of theatrical talent for over 100 years. As President I am proud of our history and achievements. To safeguard our excellence in training we must forge ahead, regenerating and modernising RADA to keep pace with the needs of future generations. Vast improvements to RADA's premises will be achieved through the RADA Attenborough Campaign, which I am delighted will use my name."

His vision for Chenies Street included a newly-designed theatre, expanded library and learning resource area, additional disabled access facilities, a publicly accessible café with exhibition space, and the creation of RADA's first dedicated on-site student accommodation.

I also enclose details of our governance and an explanation from RADA Director Edward Kemp setting our role in the immediate community as well as more widely within Camden and beyond, and of the need for RADA to move forwards to ensure that our future is as glorious as our past.

The full application follows two pre applications over the last year and our proposals have been further revised to address the remaining concerns expressed in respect of the previous pre application (ref. 2014/7036/PRE).

This application is fully supported by detailed drawings - as existing, as proposed and demolition - and by statements covering all aspects of the proposal. I trust that the application can be validated and progressed as quickly as possible now.

We do hope Camden will feel able to support and encourage what RADA is aiming to achieve, not only in Lord Attenborough's memory, but also to secure the future of this world-leading and very important institution that has been operating in Camden for more than 100 years.

Yours sincerely

Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen Bt