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Dear Sirs

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)  
SENATE HOUSE (NORTH BLOCK), LONDON**

On behalf of our client, SOAS we are pleased to enclose an application for planning and listed building consent for works to install a dry riser system at the above-mentioned site. We detail below a list of the material which comprises the planning application, an overview of the background to the proposals and a summary of the proposed development.

**Planning Application Submission**

The application is submitted via the Planning Portal and comprises the following information:-

- i. Planning application forms including Certificate B, dated 26 November 2015;
- ii. Planning application drawings prepared by Mace;
- iii. Heritage Report prepared by Donal Insall Associates;
- iv. Design & Access Statement; &
- v. CIL Form.

**The Site**

The North Block of Senate House sits within the heart of the University of London Campus with primary access from Malet Street to the west. Pedestrian access through the campus is provided from Torrington Square. SOAS secured planning and Listed Building Consent in 2014 for works to the lower ground, ground and first to third floors for a new faculty.

The building is Grade II\* listed and also lies within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

**Proposal**

As part of the enhancement and improvement works to the SOAS-demised area on Senate House, it is necessary to upgrade and install a new dry riser system which is located within the perimeter lightwell of the building. It is intended that the pipework for the dry riser will enter the basement lightwell and be fixed to and run along the edge of the existing lightwell wall parallel to Malet Street. It is proposed that from here the pipework will enter the building and Stair 9 via an existing window at lower ground level.



The enclosed Heritage Report from Donald Insall confirms that the proposals subject of this application are minor in nature and do not affect the approach to the listed building or its significance which primarily lies in the elegant form and monumental presence of the tower and, to a lesser extent the architecture of the flanking courtyard blocks, the interiors of the southern block and the Senate House Library and the foyer of the northern block. Therefore they meet the tests within the National Planning Policy Framework for sustainable development, insofar as these relate to the historic environment.

We trust that the application is in order and look forward to receiving your confirmation of receipt and registration. In the meantime, should you require any additional information or wish to discuss the application in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact Luke Emmerton of this office.

Yours faithfully

**DP9 Ltd**  
**On Behalf of SOAS**