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Subject: 10 Bedford Square - 2015/3160/L [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Shuttleworth,

Many thanks to you and to Mike Jackson for your correspondence in the last week regarding works you are undertaking to the roof of no. 10 Bedford Square according to the Council's Listed Building Consent 2015/3160.

Based on two telephone conversations with Mr Jackson, I understand that during works to the roof of 10 Bedford Square it was discovered that the slates were hung on sarking boards rather than the rafters and battens anticipated by the Roof Works Method Statement submitted. Furthermore, many of these sarking boards were found to be rotten to a degree which prevented their reuse.

Most of the boards were found to be c.150mm in diameter (6 in) and c.15mm thick, but several were found to have different dimensions, being closer to c.250mm in diameter. The location in which these were found is indicated in the marked up roof plan you submitted by email on Friday. You intend to continue with the approved works, following as closely as possible the approved Roof Works Method Statement, but renewing the sarking board construction which exists, rather than introducing a new method of construction. Unfortunately, you have not been able to source new timber sarking boards which precisely match the dimensions of those in place; those you propose to use in all areas of the roof are close to the 150mm diameter, and are slightly thicker than 15mm.

Because of risk posed to the building by the absence of a complete roof, we have tried to deal with this query as a matter of urgency, to allow re-roofing to continue. As I explained to Mr Jackson, our view is that the method of roof construction is what is most critical to the contribution made by the roof to the special interest of the Grade-I listed building. Your marked-up plan helps to record this.

We are therefore content for you to proceed with the work specified in your method statement using sarking boards as close in their dimensions to those you have found in place as possible. Thanks for dealing so carefully with this.

Yours,

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