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Dear Elaine

Thank you for these comments, please see my responses below:

1. It is relevant that the British Museum welcomes the highest visitor numbers of any visitor attraction in the country. For this reason, and due to its iconic status and location, it is considered to be at a high potential risk of terrorism. As a result we need to implement a higher level of visitor and bag searching in a safe working facility, which cannot be provided in the Museum entrance halls. The national security threat is likely to remain at higher levels for more than the next year and we anticipate that the search operation will need to stay in place. The Museum asks for a three year approval so that it can provide for the security of the public, its staff and the venue. At the same time that period can be used to identify longer term solutions within the wider plan for the Museum's future development.
2. I attach sketches indicating modified cladding for the structure, we have kept the dimensions as close to the existing structure as possible, allowing for a timber frame fixing and aluminium cladding. We are proposing to match the height of the existing elevations with the hoarding and change the roof to a mid grey colour. The structure has been designed in accordance with our specialist security consultant's advice to allow for four search desks for visitors plus one fast track lane for VIPs, members and timed ticket holders. The attached visitor flow diagram (drg 02 rev B) indicates the model which we used as the basis of the design.
3. Additional spec notes have been included on drg 04 rev A. We are planning to clad the structure with dyebond aluminium panels on a recessed black painted timber frame. The pattern which we are proposing echoes the façade of the recently completed WCEC building on the North West corner of the site and the colour of the cladding will be selected to match the Portland stone of the West Residence behind – we suggest RAL 1015 for the panels with RAL 7038 to indicate the joint lines. We have contacted the supplier of the structure and the roof canvas material can be changed for a mid-grey colour material which will reduce the glare. We also attach a photoshop image indicating the proposed appearance of the building in context.
4. Please see attached revised plan drawing 02B indicating visitor flow through the site from the main gates to the entrance to the Museum including the arrangement of Tensa barriers to allow for visitors' and fast track admission. I have attached a AutoCAD version of this drawing in addition to the pdf file to enable viewing at a larger scale if required
5. The security structure has been in use for some time now and there is no sensitivity regarding the drawings and information issued with this application
6. We have noted that a new application will need to be made should we decide to move the structure



Regards

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