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To: Quigley, Elaine

Subject: Planning Application No: 2016/2524/P

Dear Ms Quigley,

I understand you are receiving comments on the British Museums application for a visitor search structure (Application No: 2016/2524/P).

I was surprised to see such an unattractive structure in the British Museum Forecourt, and assumed it was a temporary response to an unusual amount of visitors, I looked forward to an end to the drab trail of visitors snaking around the forecourt. So I was disappointed to see this application. The newly formed grass areas were a wonderful addition to the museum, but sadly the one near the security structure is no longer a calm place to be due to the slow queue of people shuffling by. The setting and access to the British Museum is dramatically altered. The front steps leading you up to the entrance are no longer accessed as they should be through the front gate, but rather from the side, so the view of the historic façade is spoilt. Walking past the museum the marquee gives the impression of a private party or an area for hire, rather than looking like the entrance to London's most popular museum. The Museum overall seems less inviting or accessible.

I love living near such a wonderful place and do not want to hinder the smooth running of the Museum, (I also do not want it blown up!) The original entrance used to house a shop & ticket office (now moved to the glazed courtyard) could the search facility be housed there instead?

Yours Sincerely

Sasha King