

Dear Ms Quigley,

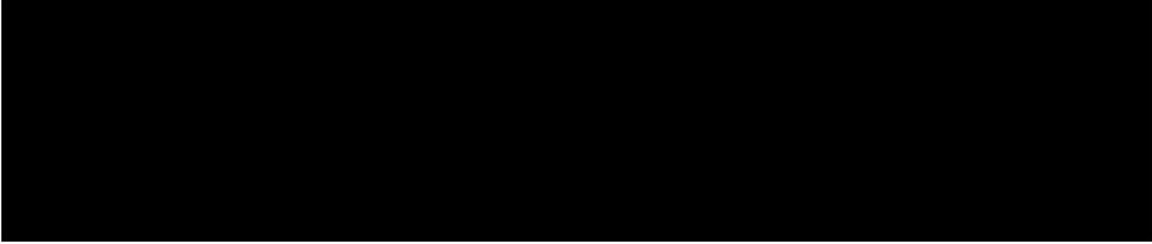
I understand you are receiving comments on the British Museums application for a visitor search structure (Application No: 2016/2524/P).

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 que 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



I am very surprised that there has been no notification of a planning application to neighbours for the temporary 'search facility' at the BM.

I would like to know why that has not happened.

This is a bit of an excrescence plonked down in front of a grade 1 listed building of national importance. And we have to look at it every day!

I would have no objection IF permission is given for a very limited period so that a more permanent solution is found.

Otherwise 'temporary' will become 'permanent' – and I don't think anyone would want that to happen.

Brian Lake

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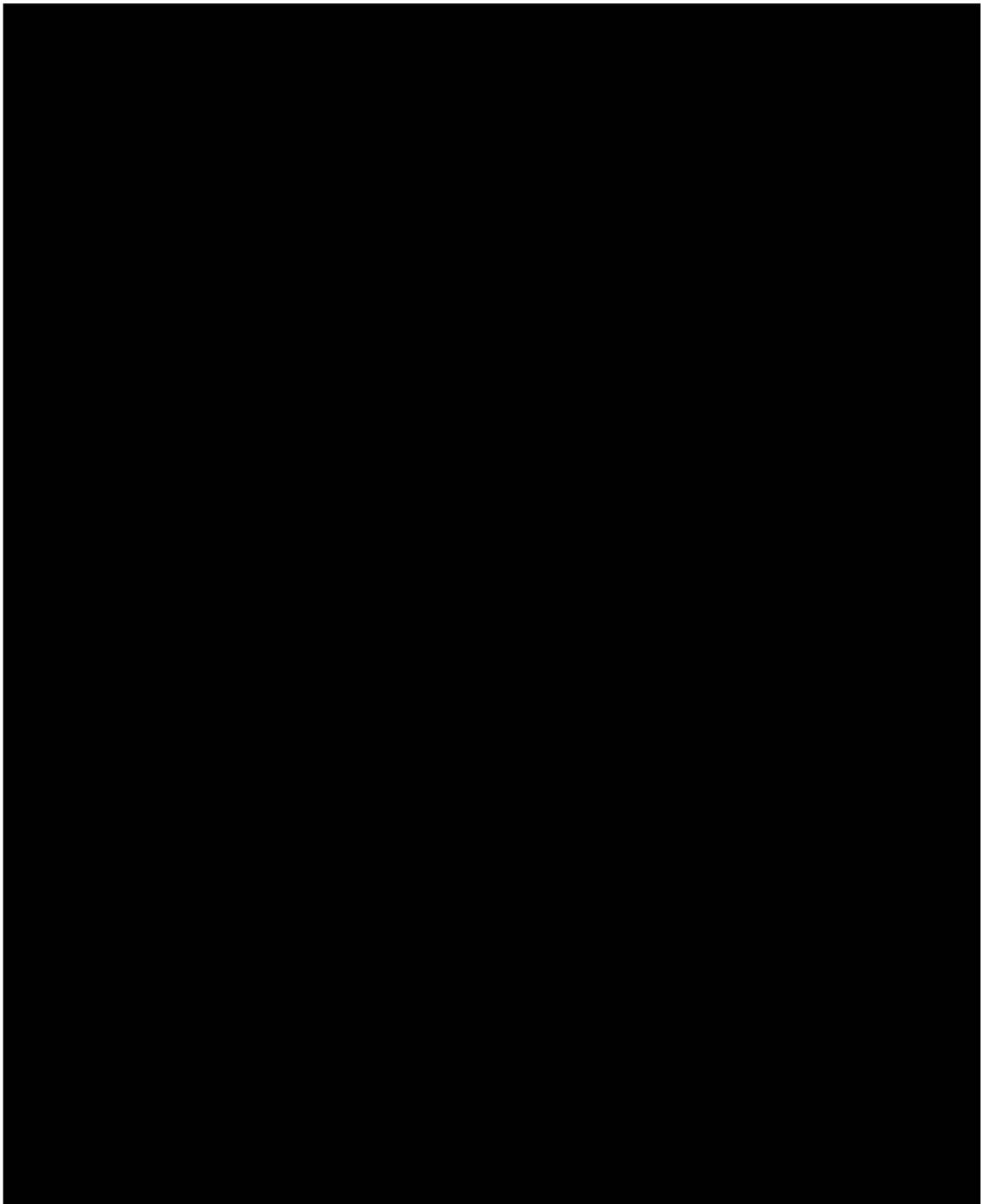
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From 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor, 45 Great Russell St.

We would like to join you in opposition to the security building in front of our property, outside the main entrance of the

British Museum.  
We completely agree with your point of view.  
Please let us know what we can do.  
Best regards,  
Fabio Liotti and Carmen Martin