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Dear Sarah,

Re: Stone Buildings / Old Square Christmas Lights

As requested please see below further explanation regarding the extent of the lighting scheme and the reasons we have chosen the type of fixings and the fixing locations.

The listed building applications submitted to Camden are part of a scheme to install Christmas lights down the length of Chancery Lane from High Holborn to Fleet Street with 7 crossings being proposed along the length of the street. The aim of the scheme is to raise the retail offering in the street of which these 3 crossings form a significant part of the scheme and should we not be able to install crossings in these areas then there would be a large gap between two of the crossings that would affect the continuity of the lighting display. I am enclosing for your information a map of the scheme showing all of the proposed locations for the crossings as well as a mock-up of the type of decorations we wish to install.

We have been applied for and been granted listed building consent by Westminster for the exact same works at 124 Chancery Lane and their reference for the application is 16/06946/LBC.

We have looked at alternative fixing points for the crossings such as using the drain pipes and street lights, however due to the load that the wires must bear we cannot fix these items as they are not secure enough and we have no structural drawings for them that would enable us to indemnify the fixings. We are also not able to drill and install the fixings into the mortar as this does not give sufficient purchase for the plates. We would however be willing to move the plates to less intrusive locations, as per your suggestion regarding Stone Buildings, as long as these are within the general vicinity of the initial proposed locations as long as these are structurally sound while still allowing us to install the supporting wires and crossings.

We intend to use removable plates so as to have the least impact possible on the buildings and once the lights are removed in January the plates are unbolted and removed from the wall and colour matched blanking caps are then installed. This is something we do in areas such as Bond Street and Covent Garden.

It has been a long term project of the Chancery Lane Association to provide festive lighting to the area and we have secured permission for 5 of the crossings and should permission be granted for the two listed buildings we will have a complete scheme. This will provide positive benefit to the local retailers and the area in general and will help compliment the extensive refurbishments underway.

I hope this letter provides you with the necessary information to help with your decision however should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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