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Dear Sir / Madam

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON – 1-19 TORRINGTON PLACE, LONDON, WC1E 7HB
APPLICATION FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION**

On behalf of our client, University College London (UCL), please find enclosed an application for full planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for alterations to 1-19 Torrington Place.

Description of Development

The description of development is as follows:

"Alterations to the eastern access and installation of a platform lift; alterations to the western access; replacement of some windows with louvres, metal doors and opaque materials in the north west elevation."

The proposal seeks to make alterations to two accesses in the south east elevation to allow for the installation of a platform lift and to improve disabled access to the building. The proposals also include the replacement of some windows with metal doors, louvres and opaque materials.

Site Context and Planning History

The site is located on the northern side of Torrington Place and forms part of UCL's Bloomsbury Campus. This building is occupied by a number of departments with the biggest proportion being used by the Epidemiology and Public Health.

1-19 Torrington Place was originally known as Mullard House and is believed to have been completed around 1960. The building is currently in dual use comprising Use Class D1 (Education) and Use Class B1 (Offices). The site has an extensive planning history but there are none that are directly relevant to this planning application. The site is located in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

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Planning Policy

National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) contains a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which is defined as being made up of environmental, social and economic factors (paragraph 14). Proposals that bring about gains in these areas should in principle be encouraged by local planning authorities.

In particular, the NPPF emphasises the importance of design of the built environment and that it should contribute positively to making places better for people. Paragraph 57 states that:

"It is important to plan positively for the achievement of high quality and inclusive design for all development, including individual buildings, public and private spaces and wider area development schemes."

London Plan, 2015

Policy 7.2 of the London Plan sets out the Mayor's requirements for achieving the highest standards of accessible and inclusive design. It seeks to ensure that developments can be used safely, easily and with dignity by all regardless of disability, age, gender, ethnicity or economic circumstances. It also states that development should be convenient with no disabling barriers, so everyone can use them independently without undue effort, separation or special treatment.

Camden Core Strategy, 2010

Policy CS14 of the Core Strategy seeks to ensure that Camden's places and buildings are attractive, safe and easy to use by seeking the highest standards of access in all buildings and places and requiring schemes to be designed to be inclusive and accessible.

Camden Development Policies, 2010

Policy DP29 seeks to ensure that fair access is promoted throughout the borough. It states that buildings are required to be designed to be as accessible as possible. It also sets out an expectation for all buildings and places to meet the highest practicable standards of access and inclusion.

Camden Planning Guidance 6 – Amenity (2011)

Chapter 9 'Access for all' of CPG6 states that LB Camden expect all development of buildings and places, including changes of use and alterations to or refurbishment of existing buildings where practical and reasonable, to be designed to be accessible and useable by all to promote equality of opportunity.

Assessment

There is national, regional and local policy support for inclusive design and ensuring that developments are accessible for all.

It is considered that the proposals fully comply with these policies' ambitions by improving inclusive access to the building.

The alterations are minor in nature and will not significantly alter the design or appearance of the building. Therefore there are no adverse impacts on the character or setting of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Application Documents

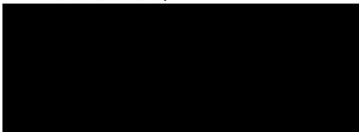
The following documents are included with this application:

- Application form;
- Design and Access Statement prepared by John Robertson Architects;
- Location plan prepared by John Robertson Architects;
- Existing and proposed floor plans prepared by John Robertson Architects;
- Existing and proposed elevations prepared by John Robertson Architects; and,
- CIL Additional Information Form.

An application fee of £195.00 has been paid via the Planning Portal.

I trust you now have all the information required to determine this application. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Richard Maung (e: rmaung@deloitte.co.uk, t: 0207 007 3334). In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this application.

Yours faithfully



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