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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Main Quad Teaching Facility – University College London Bloomsbury Campus Planning Application for a New Temporary Teaching Facility

On behalf of our client, University College London (UCL) (the 'Applicant'), we hereby submit to the London Borough of Camden ('LBC') an application for Planning Permission for a temporary teaching facility in the Main Quad (the Site) of the UCL Bloomsbury Campus. The description of the development is as follows:

"Installation of a two-storey temporary (5 years) building for use as teaching space within the Main Quad of the Wilkin's Building at UCL's Bloomsbury Campus"

Background

UCL is London's leading multidisciplinary university, with over 11,000 staff and nearly 40,000 students. It was ranked seventh in the QS World University Rankings 2016/17 and provides excellence and leadership in teaching and research. UCL's main Bloomsbury Campus is located in LB Camden.

The University is embarking on an ambitious programme of renovation and redevelopment of its Bloomsbury Campus. An estate-wide masterplan (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/masterplan) sets out a vision for the long term development and improvement of the core Campus over the next ten to fifteen years. The ten year Capital Programme will see investment of c. £1.3bn in the UCL estate. The masterplan identifies a range of projects to deliver this vision and the best possible teaching, learning and living environment for its students.

The university is currently facing a shortage of teaching space, which is expected to increase in years to come. Whilst UCL have merged with Institute of Education (IoE) at 20 Bedford Way since the publication of the masterplan, 5 years of extensive works are required to redevelop the site, during which many existing teaching spaces will not be available for use. As there are refurbishment works ongoing across the wider UCL estate, there will be a significant shortfall in teaching floor space.

The Main Quad Temporary Teaching Facility is to act as the default alternative teaching location for the duration of both the IoE project and other refurbishment projects. In addition to providing much needed teaching space, the facility has been designed to accommodate class sizes of a larger size, which are also becoming increasingly necessary.

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In summary, the provision of a new temporary teaching facility in the Main Quad will alleviate the pressure on existing teaching spaces across the Campus, and ensure the continued provision of excellent student experience over the course of the next 5 years.

Site Location & Description

The application site is located on the UCL Bloomsbury Campus in the London Borough of Camden. The surrounding area is characterised by buildings owned and occupied by UCL for academic uses.

The site is fronted by the Wilkins Building, Slade, Pearson, Chadwick and South Wing.

Proposed Development

The application is for a pop-up teaching facility within the Main Quad to provide additional teaching space on the Bloomsbury Campus. The teaching rooms of the temporary facility will primarily be used for teaching, in the form of both lectures and seminars.

The development will take the form of a two-storey modular building wrapped in a historically sympathetic vinyl mesh wrap façade. The wrap will be inspired by the development's location and the surrounding listed buildings, and will subsequently conceal the proposed modular building.

Application Documents

The application has been submitted via Planning Portal and comprises and is supported by:

- Planning Application Forms and Certificates (prepared by Deloitte Real Estate);
- Site Location Plan (prepared by Burwell Deakins);
- Existing and Proposed Plans (prepared by Burwell Deakins);
- Existing and Proposed Elevations and sections (prepared by Burwell Deakins);
- Existing Photomontages (prepared by Burwell Deakins);
- Planning Statement (prepared by Deloitte Real Estate);
- Design and Access Statement (prepared by Burwell Deakins);
- Arboricultural Development Report (prepared by tree:fabrik); and
- Plant Noise Impact Assessment (prepared by Environmental Equipment Corporation Limited).

The application fee of £3,080.00 will be paid via cheque under this cover.

We hope that you have all the information you need to validate the application. Should you have any queries or require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Richard Maung (020

Yours sincerely,

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