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Dear Mr McClue

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015 &**

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015**

**GREAT ORMOND STREET CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GREAT ORMOND STREET LONDON WC1N 3JN**

**Application No 2017/3377/P**

Thank you for your letter of 13 June 2017 notifying us of the application for planning permission relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

**Historic England Advice**

Historic England considered the proposals in detail at pre-application stage, and we provided detailed advice following a presentation of the scheme and site visit in April this year.

The submitted proposals are very similar to the proposals we considered and commented on at pre-application stage, so I have enclosed our advice letter from 25 April 2017. The detailed advice in that letter remains valid for the current submitted application.

We note that the proposals have been refined since we considered them at pre-application stage, and we are happy with the sensitive approach taken. We are assured by the submitted Sunlight and Daylight Analysis and the mitigating steps outlined in this report which propose to apply a three tier lighting system in order to safeguard the significance of the Chapel’s stained glass. We recommend that once in situ, the quality of the light and the proposed timings are monitored for a period to ensure that the levels are appropriate.

In addition to the Kalwall panels and LED lighting to the apse, it is noted that the two currently unlit stained glass windows on the south side against the Variety Club building will benefit from new LED lighting with dimming and colour rendering, having discovered disused light boxes from the construction of the Variety Club building.

We welcome this enhancement to the significance of this important listed building that will allow more of the Clayton and Bell stained glass to be appreciated by the chapel’s visitors.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that the application should be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your specialist conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. However, if you would like further advice, please contact us to explain your request.

Please note that this response relates to historic building and historic area matters only. If there are any archaeological implications to the proposals it is recommended that you contact the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service for further advice (Tel: 020 7973 3712).

Yours sincerely



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