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Mr. Samir Benmbarek,
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Dear Mr Benmbarek

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I am writing to support the planning application of the Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA) for their plan to move to Kings Cross and partial changing the use of a building to teaching space.

City, University of London has worked with IFSA-Butler for over 28 years in providing study abroad opportunities for international students. I am confident that their move nearer to our teaching site in Finsbury would enable us to work even closer in the future, and would benefit the students on our joint programmes.

The location, equidistant from City, SOAS/UCL/Birkbeck and Central St Martins, would place them in the centre of education and learning in London. The location near to the British Library and Senate House library in Russell Square, makes this location ideal for students.

IFSA/City students live in Farringdon during their time in the UK, meaning that IFSA staff providing additional student support to our students will be closer than they currently are to offer pastoral support during the semester.

For the educational benefits the use of these premises would provide to City students, and for the additional level of student support it will allow us to provide to our students, I strongly support IFSA's planning application.

Please let me know if you would like any further information.

