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Dear Ms Quigley

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK 2012**

Templar House, 81 - 87 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NU

Redevelopment of the site, following demolition of the existing 9 storey mixed use building (retail units (Class A1) and office uses (Class B1)), to provide 14 storey building onto High Holborn comprising 607 sq. m of retail floorspace (Class A1-A3) at ground floor level, 17,306 sq. m of office floor space (Class B1) at basement to 13th floor levels and 14 storey building fronting onto Eagle Street comprising a total of 48 Class C3 residential units (5 studio, 18 x 1 bed, 16 x 2 bed and 9 x 3 bed units), new and altered improvements to public realm, landscaping, vehicular and cycle parking, bin storage and associated works.

Recommend No Archaeological Requirement)

Thank you for forwarding on the archaeological assessment.

The Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service (GLAAS) provides archaeological advice to boroughs in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and GLAAS Charter.

Having considered the proposals with reference to information held in the Greater London Historic Environment Record and/or made available in connection with this application, I conclude that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant effect on heritage assets of archaeological interest.

It is noted from the submitted Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment (PCA, December 2017) that there is a basement across the entire footprint of the site. An historic borehole survey carried out prior to the construction of the existing building in the 1950s shows that the top of the natural gravel geology originally lay at c. 0.3m below ground level. Based on this and the information which has now been submitted it is clear that the existing basement will have heavily truncated the gravel surface and that archaeological survival within the footprint of the site is not expected.

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No further assessment or conditions are therefore necessary.

Please note that this response relates solely to archaeological considerations. If necessary my Historic Buildings and Areas colleagues should be consulted separately regarding statutory matters.

Yours sincerely

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