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Dear Mr McClue

**Re: EASTMAN DENTAL HOSPITAL SITE AND BUILDINGS ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SCOPING REPORT**

Thank you for your letter of 21 November 2018 in which you consult Historic England on an EIA Scoping Report for the Eastman Dental Hospital site.

Historic England has been involved in extensive pre-application discussions regarding these proposals. As set out on p1 of the submitted report (TRIUM, October 2018), these involve the demolition of the former Royal Free Hospital behind the retained Alexandra Wing facing Gray's Inn Road, in order to erect a large biomedical research facility. The proposals would also involve the demolition of the unlisted Levy Wing to the rear of the Grade II Eastman Dental Hospital and the erection of a large academic building.

Due to the proposed demolition of elements that we consider contribute to the character of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, and the scale of the replacement development, we have expressed throughout our pre-application involvement that this scheme could have a significant impact on the Bloomsbury Conservation Area and the setting of the Eastman Dental Hospital. In line with the advice in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), we would expect the Environmental Statement to contain a thorough assessment of the likely effects which the proposed development might have upon those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets.

Historic England has been closely involved with the Developer's consultant in the preparation of a detailed heritage and townscape visual assessment. We are content that the range of views provided would sufficiently capture our main areas of interest.

Any future application should also assess the potential impacts on non-designated features of historic, architectural, archaeological or artistic interest, since these can also be of national importance and make an important contribution to the character and local distinctiveness of an area and its sense of place. This information is



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available via the local authority Historic Environment Record  
([www.heritagegateway.org.uk](http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk)) and relevant local authority staff.

We would strongly recommend that you involve your Design and Conservation Officer as they are best placed to advise on: local historic environment issues and priorities; how the proposal can be tailored to avoid and minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of heritage assets.

Further advice on the potential impact on unscheduled archaeology can be sought from my colleague Laura O'Gorman in the Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service on 0207 973 3242 or at [laura.o'gorman@historicengland.org.uk](mailto:laura.o'gorman@historicengland.org.uk).

We await further consultation in the event of an application being submitted. If you have any queries about any of the above, or would like to discuss anything further at this stage, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas

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