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Dear Mr McClue

UCL's 256 Grays Inn Road Planning Application (Planning application reference - 2019/2879/P, listed building application reference - 2019/2880/L)

On behalf of the Wolfson Foundation, I am pleased to give my full support to UCL's application to Camden Council for planning permission at 256 Grays Inn Road, UCL's new building for transformational neuroscience research.

In addition to housing the world-renowned UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, the new facility will be home to the headquarters of the UK Dementia Research Institute, a national initiative launched to tackle dementia from every angle.

Neurological diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's and vascular dementia, affect over four million people in the UK and cost the UK economy over £112 billion each year. They also currently have no cure. Major investments such as that proposed by UCL at 256 Grays Inn Road are critical to realising the breakthroughs needed to achieve tangible benefits for patients and their families.

The Wolfson Foundation is therefore proud to have pledged a grant of £2m towards this development, which will also restore the Grade II listed Eastman Dental Clinic and Alexandra Wing, and will support a total of 944 full time jobs, bringing long-lasting benefits to the local economy. We very much hope that you will be able to approve planning consent without delay to ensure that this important initiative can progress as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Ramsbottom
Chief Executive

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