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2021/6242/L	hugh cullum	09/02/2022 17:01:21	COMMNT	<p>Dear Laura Dorbeck,</p> <p>Thanks for organising a site visit for this application. The proposals were explained to us by the architects and it is apparent that, while some original fabric will be removed, there will be a number of benefits which outweigh this. Firstly there will be an overall improvement in the circulation in the vicinity of the entrance, becoming more like that originally intended by Lasdun. The intrusive and non-original external staircase to the mezzanine level will be removed and the plaster will be removed from the internal columns to restore the original concrete finish. Alongside this, more sensitive lighting, finishes (the carpet will be replaced by a hard floor finish) and furnishings will radically improve the appreciation of the building's intrinsic qualities. I would like to note that the current excessive and tasteless advertising for UCL and the transfers all over the glazing are horrendous especially given the status of the building as Grade2 star. We would like a condition attached to any permission that future advertising etc. is very closely controlled. We also believe that the painted concrete planters attached to the monolithic stair towers along the Bedford Way frontage (which are surely not original) should be removed and the concrete damage where they have been fixed is to be made good.</p>
