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**Senate House Russell Square Elevation Façade Cleaning**

Listed Building Consent - Design Access Statement

This statement is in support of requesting listed building consent to undertake Façade cleaning to Senate House Russell Square Elevation. Senate House is a grade 2\* listed, these proposed works are solely cleaning of the external stone work, no alterations to the external structure, with existing access routes remaining as they are today.

We are aware that cleaning historic buildings needs to be sensitively carried out. We are not intending to carry out wholescale deep cleaning as this has the potential to cause damage to the surface, wash out the mortar joints, water ingress etc. The aim is not to make the building appear brand new, rather that it has mellowed with age. We would look for a lighter clean where appropriate with more intensive cleaning focusing on badly soiled areas.

The cleaning will be carried out by a specialist Stone & Façade Cleaning Restoration Specialist, initially using the Doff Cleaning System as previously carried out on the Malet Street elevation.

We will carry out sample areas of cleaning along with different methods if required for LBC to review and approve in the first instance.