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Dear Ethne

Royal Berkshire Archives: planning application 211485

Following on from my colleague, Duncan Pritchard's, email dated on 27th March 2026 (Copy Attached), in relation to some of the issues you have in respect of some of the design tweaks, we have attached further evidence as to why these changes have occurred and why these need to be made. These supporting statements (each prepared by the relevant specialist) give further justification to the reasons for the minor tweaks that have been made. The additional evidence comprises of the following additional Information / Statements;

- 1) Royal Berkshire Archives Letter (explaining why a Green Roof cannot be used.)
- 2) Additional Drawing showing 'Perspective views' of both the original approved scheme and revised tweaked scheme for comparison. (These drawings clearly show that there is little material difference in the two schemes and we strongly feel that these modifications are in fact minor in nature, hence the Section 73 application)
- 3) Proair Letter: Justification for Roof Plant Area to Meet Modern Energy and Sustainability Standards
- 4) WSSwift Statement: Justification for roof plant size, location, and screening to meet archive environmental, acoustic, and planning requirement
- 5) Price & Myers Structural Engineers: Letter Justification for design changes due to existing structural constraints and risks associated with modifying the raft slab and roof structure

In essence, the previously approved scheme is unable to be built out and function / comply for its intended purpose in its current 'approved' form. This has led us with no choice than to make slight adjustments to the scheme (as explained during the email from Duncan Pritchard 27th March 2026) and as explained within the further supporting evidence attached. We feel that the revised tweaks are minor in nature and do not significantly affect the design overall nature of the proposals. I think this can be demonstrated by the perspective visuals within drawing SK100 (appended). We have tried to match the original approved scheme to the best of the combined Design Teams ability, but most importantly, ensure that the building can be funded, function as intended and meet the relevant legislation and regulations.

I trust that the above justification is helpful and that given the reasons, and minor adjustments proposed, these minor changes can be supported.

Yours Faithfully,



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