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7 April 2017

FAO: Graham Stallwood

Dear Graham

**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE: PP/17/01413
Queen Anne's Orangery, Palace Green, London, W8 4PZ**

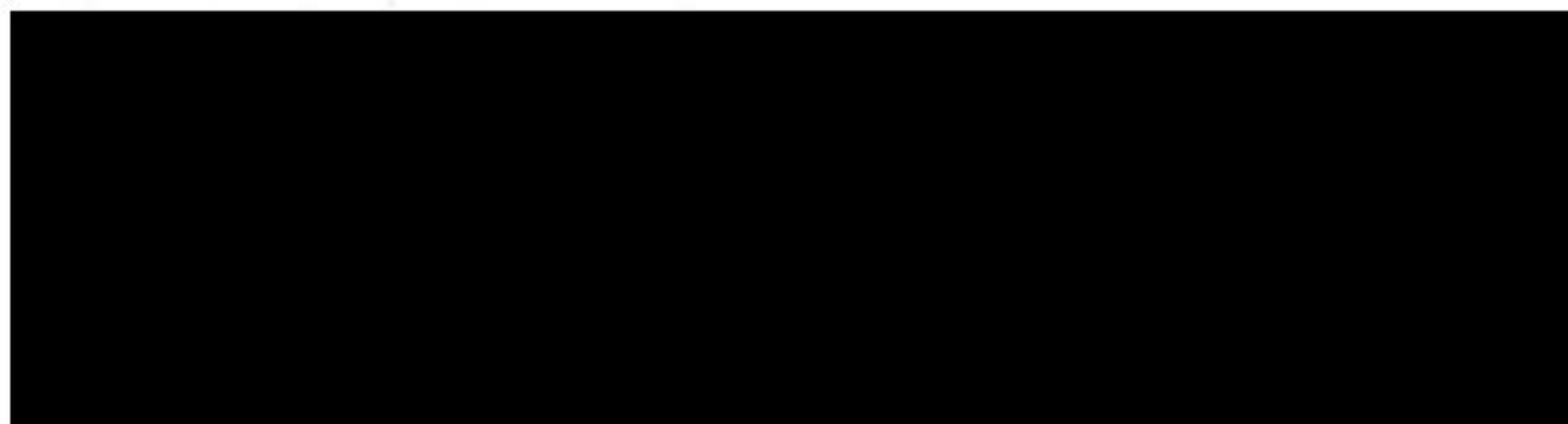
I am writing in support of the planning application PP/17/01413 which Historic Royal Palaces have submitted for Kensington Palace.

I understand that the scheme proposes a new building behind the Orangery restaurant which will provide dedicated storage and improved access to selected items from the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection, as well as new kitchens and facilities for the Orangery restaurant (replacing the accumulation of temporary structures), and also office space for operational staff who need to move out of the Palace buildings. I also note that the project will also include conservation work on the Grade I listed Orangery and create a new 18th century-style garden to the south, which no doubt will frame views of the historic building.

As a neighbouring institution in the Royal Borough, we at the Science Museum consider Kensington Palace to contribute greatly to the character of the area and to the local visitor offer. The proposed development is a welcome effort to secure a long-term future for the charity onsite, to ensure public access to Kensington Palace and its historic State Apartments is maintained.

I therefore confirm my support for the plans on behalf of the Science Museum and hope that these comments will be taken into account in your consideration of the application.

Yours sincerely



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