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Dear Sir/Madam,

105952/FO/2014: Midland Hotel, New Louvres

I write in response to your letter dated 9 October 2014 regarding the above application and its status as invalid. Please see below answers to your queries:

The two louvres to Mosley Street are required to provide adequate ventilation into the Chester Suite. One louvre expels stale air whist the other is the fresh air intake. Currently the ventilation is provided by opening the windows and by the gaps around the casements which, as previously discussed, will cease to be the case because of the necessity to provide an improved acoustic performance to the room.

As the Chester Suite is landlocked by rooms with full height and ornately decorated ceilings the route for the ductwork is limited to the back-of-house area behind the kitchen, and therefore the louvres are required to be along the short section of elevation at first floor. Drawing 113-105B has been attached to demonstrate the full height ceilings in the vicinity of the Chester Suite.

The window openings where we have chosen to locate the louvres were done so firstly because of their location to the back-of-house area, their small size (which is appropriate for the required volume of air), and because installing them within an existing opening and maintaining the existing window frame provides the least amount of damage to the existing fabric of the building. Our previously submitted drawing indicating the method by which the louvre will be installed is considered favourable to previous ad-hoc installations which have occurred over the years where standard sized louvre panels have been fitted in window openings with infill panels between the louvre and the frame.

We also acknowledge your comment under 'Reason 2' and will discharge that condition outside of the remit of this application.

Yours faithfully,

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