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Development Planning Westminster City Council PO Box 732 Redhill RH1 9FL

Dear Sirs

FOUNTAIN HOUSE, 1 LANCASTER TERRACE, LONDON, W2 3PF

I am submitting an application today on the Planning Portal for what is effectively renewal of a permission granted on 21 May 2018. Your reference is 17/11424/FULL. However the application is nonetheless a full application since the current permission is about to expire. It is in every way identical to the previous application and the considerations which led to that permission being granted are unchanged.

It had, of course, been hoped that the permitted work would have been put in hand and probably completed by now but the lock downs imposed as a result of the pandemic have precluded this. As with all other hotel and hospitality venues the Applicant Company in this case suffered an almost complete loss of revenue over a period of more than a year which made funding of the project impossible. However, with what we all hope is a new and brighter horizon the time has come to revive shelved projects and look hopefully towards a prosperous future.

There is little more that I can helpfully add to the considerations which the Case Officer, Rebecca Mason, gave to the application in 2018. These are all set out in her Officer's Report which is to be found on your web site. The application was subject to very close scrutiny and up to 4 revisions of the plans to ensure that it conformed with all the necessary policies and other criteria.

Importantly the application did not give rise to any objections and there is no reason to suppose that the current application will do so.

As ever early determination will be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Yours faithfully

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