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Your ref: 26/02109/FUL
Our ref: PCU/RTI/Q0505/3379309
Date: 13 October 2026

Dear Christ's Lane Action Group

Application by Lord Simon McDonald for Demolition of 1970s library and replacement with new library, social and study spaces including re-provision of bridge to the Bodley Library. Alterations to kitchen, Upper Hall and adjacent areas including new plant, access improvements and alterations to wc, provision in the south east range of Second Court. Re-landscaping of Bath Court and ancillary works, installation of temporary kitchen and dining facility in Second Court for the duration of the works. at Christs College Library Christs College St Andrews Street Cambridge Cambridgeshire (application no: 26/02109/FUL)

Thank you for your email of 13 October asking the Secretary of State to call in the above planning application.

In this instance, you will wish to know that an Article 31 Direction under the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (England) Order 2015 was issued by the Planning Casework Unit on 13 October, the effect of which prevents the Council from granting planning permission without special authorisation.

The application will be considered in due course and your views, along with all other relevant information, will be taken into account before the Secretary of State decides whether or not to call-in the application for determination.

Please note that as you have made representations about a planning application which is before the Secretary of State, it may be necessary to make your letter available to a third party should that party make a request for information on representations made to the Secretary of State on the application. Any personal or identifying information will be removed before release.

Yours sincerely

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