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Your ref: 26/02109/FUL

Our ref: PCU/RTI/Q0505/3379309

Date: 13 October 2026

Dear Dominic Bush (case officer)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

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)

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to refer to the above planning application.

2. In exercise of his powers under Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Secretary of State hereby directs your Council not to grant permission on this application without specific authorisation. This direction is issued to enable the Secretary of State to consider whether she should direct under Section 77 of the Town and

Country Planning Act 1990 that the application should be referred to her for determination.

3. This direction does not, of course, prevent your Council from considering the application, forming a view as to the merits or, if they are so minded, refusing permission.

4. This letter is for procedural purposes and should not be read as any indication of the Secretary of State's attitude towards the application scheme.

5. I would be grateful for acknowledgement of your receipt of this letter. Please contact the case officer if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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Authorised by the Secretary of State to sign on her behalf

This direction was issued by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.