SECTION 5

LETTER FROM CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
Mr N Smith
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13th March 2015

Dear Mr Smith,

**Planning application for the reopening of the Mine at Collyweston — King’s College – Bodley Court Building**

King’s College has a building that has an original Collyweston Slate roof covering that has now reached the end of its life and requires full replacement.

We have been working with Claude-Smith and others to look for a new supply of original material to allow for these works to take place. This has proved to be virtually impossible as the slate has not been mined and/or quarried since the early 1970’s, and such supplies that are available generally rely on reclaimed material from demolished buildings. As such the supply is limited and not always of a suitable standard.

Our building is a listed structure in one of the more prominent positions in central Cambridge. We anticipate we shall be required to re-new with like-for-like material to obtain Listed Building Consent, and will require in the order of 1,500 square metres of new material.

We are thus seeking a source of material and the potential opening of a new supply at Collyweston, Stamford which would enable us to go ahead with our project with some form of certainly of supply. The natural freeze/thaw method of taking the raw material to usable slate takes anything from 12 to 24 months, so we need to be sourcing material as soon as possible to fit in with our target programme of works commencing in 2018.

Yours sincerely

Philip Isaac