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Hi Karen,

As discussed, the Santa Sophia Panel will likely put further questions to you on notice – we will try and consolidate these in a single letter to you.

As a heads up – the queries are likely to be along the following lines:

- There can be practical issues associated with retractable roof designs including leaking, wind, temperature and functional impacts. The lack of a roof would restrict the potential educational uses of a given space, and so a retractable roof is likely to remain closed. Given these factors, could the Department provide any further justification as to its proposed design amendments in Condition B1? (i.e. the Panel is looking at whether there is sufficient justification for inclusion of Condition B1).
- Could the Department comment on the efficacy and safety of the balustrade design to the balconies throughout the school particularly in terms of 'climbability'?
- Could the Department expand on their assessment of the acceptability of the proposed tree canopy cover of 14% and recommend any tree species or other solutions that would improve tree canopy cover on the site that are appropriate for schools? (concern includes precedent value of the 14%)
- We note that the Department is already looking into potential fencing around the pedestrian crossing for us
- We will also likely have further questions for the Department after considering the wind impact analysis.

Happy to discuss further

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