Wellington Barracks Birdcage Walk London SW1E 6HQ

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We understand the need for this scheme, especially as it relates to the large basement alterations. However, we object to its appearance because the new aesthetic will be less sympathetic to its context that the existing building. The vertical gable ends to the southern and northern rehearsal halls seem strident and unnecessary - unless the objective is to enhance the acoustics, in which case why does the central rehearsal room not have a similar shaped roof?

We understand that security considerations mean that no public access can be provided through the site from Petty France to the Guards Chapel, but we note that the existing passageway is retained and indeed improved. We hope that a condition can be imposed to ensure that a pedestrian route open to the public is created if security conditions (or the use of the building) change.