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Dear Patience Trevor

**1 POULTRY – REF 1427715**

We the undersigned were members of the James Stirling Michael Wilford and Partners Ltd / Michael Wilford and Partners Ltd office during the period that Number One Poultry was designed and constructed (1985 – 1998).

The history of the project and the design methods that we employed are well documented.

1 Poultry is a well thought through response to the requirements of the client, the history of the City of London Planning Department, City Engineer, London Underground, and many others.

The symmetrical axial concept was arrived at following a very careful analysis of the neighbouring historic buildings - Midland Bank, Royal Exchange, Mansion House, Bank of England and Saint Mary Woolnoth.

James Stirling personally gave evidence to the Public Inquiry in May 1988. All aspects of the proposals were carefully scrutinized. The descriptions of the design are fully explained in James Stirling's Proof of Evidence and accompanying hand crafted drawings and reports.

The building was constructed in accordance with the concept, drawings and reports described at the Inquiry.

During the construction phase both the City of London and English Heritage closely monitored progress and carried out inspections to make sure that everything was built in accordance with approved planning documents.

We are dismayed by the 2015 proposals which appear to have been put forward in ignorance and/or total lack of understanding for the original design and as such are insulting to the work of the office and in particular James Stirling's rigorous concept which struck a carefully crafted balance between all user requirements. The 2015 design changes if implemented would destroy much of the public spaces and the spatial delight of the building.

The proposals are in our view, disrespectful to English Heritage who following the Secretary of State's approval, embraced the design and worked with us to ensure that 1 Poultry was built to the highest standards.

We urge Historic England to strongly resist the proposed changes and to afford 1 Poultry the highest listing possible.

Yours Sincerely,

See attached List

c.c Henrietta Billings 20<sup>th</sup> Century Society