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To whom it may concern:

Poetry Ireland and The Irish Heritage Trust have undertaken to restore, revive and enhance No. 11 Parnell Square, establishing a significant 'cultural hub' that will be a permanent home for Poetry Ireland and the headquarters for the Irish Heritage Trust. No. 11 Parnell Square is set to become an integral part of a visionary project to fulfil Dublin City's ambitions for a cultural quarter with high public footfall in the Parnell Square area.

This will add significantly to the regeneration of the north inner city and will enable the opening up of the building and of Poetry Ireland's extensive cultural programme to Ireland's new communities. The refurbishment of the building will allow Poetry Ireland to provide a permanent home to Seamus Heaney's Working Poetry Library, one of our national treasures.

Our decision to develop this property with the Irish Heritage Trust has been greatly motivated by Dublin City Council's plans to relocate the Central Library to the northern side of Parnell Square. We regard this a very exciting development and we are greatly encouraged by our ongoing discussions about ways in which we will collaborate. Our 30,000 volume poetry library will be world standard and it will greatly complement your own holdings. The development received full planning permission from Dublin City Council and its current value is €5.2 million.

We look forward to working closely with you and your team to create the literary quarter in Parnell Square.

Kind regards,

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