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**Sent:** 10 February 2016 10:46  
**To:** Metz, Posy  
**Cc:** Casey Charlesworth  
**Subject:** Cecil Rhodes Memorial Plaque, 6 King Edward Street, Oxford

Dear Posy

I'm writing with the college's comments in black below on the draft listing review. I'm sorry to have taken so long to come back to you.

The plaque marking Cecil Rhodes' residence in King Edward Street in 1881 was erected by his friend and business associate Alfred Mosely. It is unusual as Mosely himself was a very significant medical and educational philanthropist who wished to recognise his own good fortune in becoming wealthy through his association with one of the greatest educational philanthropists of modern times. Rhodes provided for 160 scholarships in his will and his legacy of £100,000 to Oriel College included provision for the building that now bears his name, for a fund to cover the lost rent from shops previously on the site and funds to support for fellows. The cartouche on the plaque carries the Oriel crest granted by Edward II.


The College has recently decided that the plaque should remain in place and that it will conduct a consultation about how this and the statue of Cecil Rhodes on the High Street frontage of the College should be put in an appropriate historical context.

I would personally support the application for the plaque to be listed as, in addition to its historical importance, it is also an interesting example of the work of Onslow Whiting. The inscription on the plaque will also be a good reference point for further debate about Rhodes' achievements and legacy.

Best wishes

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