

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

December 2, 2019

Philip J. Mantua Chief Financial Officer Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. 17801 Georgia Avenue Olney, MD 20832

> Re: Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4 Filed November 26, 2019 File No. 333-235279

Dear Mr. Mantua:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Sonia Bednarowski at 202-551-3666 or Dietrich King at 202-551-8071 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Finance