

8-10 Great George Street, London SW1P 3AE

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We object to this development on two counts.

CONVERSION TO HOTEL USE

We do not welcome another hotel in this area, where office accommodation is always sought after and should be encouraged under WCC policy.

ACCESS AND SERVICING

1. We are very concerned that the development will bring more traffic into the area than is brought in by an office building.
2. The restricted vehicular access to the hotel will create bottle-necks in Little Sanctuary. We do not understand how taxis will be able to drop off and pick up passengers in this narrow street, the difficulty being compounded by the lack of space to turn in the access lane to the hotel entrance.
3. We note in 3.6 of the Travel Plan that the same amount of waste is expected as is created through its current office use. We would expect a hotel and restaurant to create more waste. This will require more storage than at present or more frequent collections, both of which would present difficulties.
4. A hotel will require considerably more servicing than an office building. For instance, how will laundry deliveries be handled?
5. In 3.11 we note that only 12 cycle spaces are to be provided: Are 12 spaces enough for the staff of a hotel of this size?
6. For staff who will use bicycles we cannot find any staff showers (or staff facilities at all) on the drawings.

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We note the changes to the scheme. The switch of the entrance lobby to Great George Street is an improvement except that there are double yellow lines on this stretch of road, which can become congested very quickly.

Most of our previous objections are still valid. The difficulties of servicing a hotel on this site remain the same.

We note that there is now a small staff room/shower in the lower ground floor, but we are still surprised at the lack of staff and house-keeping facilities shown on the plans.

The Thorney Island Society