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For the attention of Renee Clarke

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Dear Ms. Clarke

Ref 11/08277/ Full

**Peabody Estate Abbey Orchard Rd SW1P 2LJ
Installation of six satellite dishes, and three aerial array on blocks A-L**

Thank you for sending a copy of the planning application relating to the above proposals, with your letter dated 26th September 2011.

We have considered this application. While in principle we accept the proposals for the dishes and aerials, we are very concerned by the proposed external cable runs. Photograph 9 indicates not only a horizontal run but a considerable number of vertical runs. The latter unless the applicant states otherwise, are assumed to apply to all blocks i.e. A to L. Is this in fact the intention, and if so why is it not illustrated?

The Design Statement glosses over the impact of the horizontal cable runs by describing their locations as being at first floor; and that they will be 'brown to match the brickwork'. We question the Statements' claim that the proposals 'will have minimal visual impact on the Conservation Area; especially when account is taken of the number and location of the vertical cabling runs. Note on Photograph 9 which is only a very small part of the installation, there are four vertical runs!

The Thorney Island Society having been involved in achieving the Conservation Area, and in support of the high quality of the refurbishment as a whole, is extremely concerned by these proposals. We urge that full clarification of the location of all the runs proposed is provided; and that the location of the verticals is seriously questioned - might they not be located where there are already down pipes or similar, thereby reducing the impact? Do the verticals have to be located externally? The colour and fixing samples should be presented.

Under the above assessment the Thorney Island Society considers the application is not acceptable; and that if it were to proceed as proposed it would severely reduce the quality of the urban environment.

Yours Sincerely
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

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