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For the attention of Rupert Handley

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Dear Mr.Handley

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The Cloisters 1-2 Dean's Yard London SW1P 3PA

Conversion of Abbey Song School to accommodate relocated public WCs for visitors to Westminster Abbey and conversion of existing Receiver General's house at No. 2 The Cloister for relocated Abbey Song School including construction of extension on existing garden area.

Thank you for your letter dated 25th November 2013 along with copies of the application documents regarding the above proposals for the Abbey Song School and the associated alterations to the existing facilities and uses.

We have studied the very detailed Design and Access report which concludes that the best available location for the Song School and toilets is achieved by the removal of the existing use for the Receiver General's house and its Garden.

We were unable to discover whether the accommodation for the Receiver General was to be replaced within the Abbey 'quarter'. We must presume that this proposal for the change of use is with the agreement of the Abbey authority.

In general the proposed reuse of the buildings and garden, appear in principle to be acceptable. There are of course many detailed aspects relating to the existing fabrics and the various local modifications necessitated to achieve the proposals. We presume that these will be subject to specialist agreement provided by English Heritage.

We trust our observations and comments will be of assistance and ask that our comments be made known to the Council and the Planning Committee.

Yours Sincerely
for and on behalf of the Thorny Island Society

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