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For the attention of Fiona Knox

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Dear Ms.Knox

Ref 11/10428/ Full

**Q Block Peabody Estate Abbey Orchard Street SW1P 2DR  
Installation of 42 solar panels and associated equipment on the roof of  
St Ann's Lane House and installation of eight solar panels and associated  
equipment on the roof of Q Block.**

Thank you for sending a copy of the planning application relating to the above proposals, with your letter dated 24th November 2011.

We have considered this application. While in principle we accept the proposals for the solar panels, we are very concerned by the following. From the information on the drawings and particularly Dwg. No. 11614/ABB/P/005, the fixing of the support structures are shown to be direct to the structural concrete slab. No indication is shown as to the impact of such structure on the water proofing and possible thermal insulation finish to the roof, nor its impact on the water run off and drainage system.

Without due regard to the actual roof structure and its capacity to support any additional imposed structural loading on the roof system, or possible penetration through the existing water proof membrane, this application is inadequate and serious consequences may arise. The interior of the building could be adversely affected by water penetration and structural failure - substantial damage could follow.

Under the above considerations the Thorney Island Society considers the application as presented to be unacceptable; and that if it were to proceed as proposed it could severely affect the building and its occupants. We appreciate that the issues raised here will be considered as matters for building regulations, but in our opinion the Planning Authority in this case must take into account these concerns. Further information should be sought.

Yours Sincerely  
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

*pp Tom Ball*

**June A Stubbs**  
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