On-line Response to Planning Application

8 - 10 Broadway London SW1H 0BG Public Art at 10 Broadway (New Scotland Yard site) 21/06783/ADFULL 5th November 2021

The Thorney Island Society was disappointed that we were not consulted on the street name, as originally promised by the developer. We are equally disappointed that we were not consulted on this public artwork before the developer applied for planning permission.

We do not feel that there is anything to add to other objectors' comments on the problematic claim that the sculpture draws inspiration from the correspondence between Sterne and Ignatius Sancho. We are equally baffled by the choice of the statue of the now widely discredited Richard 1st as a starting point.

A practical consideration is that the sculpture would be susceptible to damage from people climbing onto it. It is difficult to see how such a structure could be securely fastened to the ground on three bent and spindly legs. If the sculpture was fenced off because of potential damage public open space would be lost.

We suggest that the application is refused.