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For the attention of Ms. Zulekha Hosenally

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Dear Ms. Zulekha Hosenally

Ref 11/08558/FULL

**7 Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW**

**Alterations to rear ground and first floor level and erection of a rear extension at second and third floor level incorporating contemporary glazing and windows and new brick work to match existing.**

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the above application along with your letter dated 23rd September 2011. We have examined the drawings. We have not been able to see the rear of the building in question, nor the adjoining and adjacent properties at the rear. Because of the size and extent of the extension it would be advisable to note the actual adjacent properties and assess the likely impact of the proposals on them.

The building itself is important to the quality and history of Marsham Street and we welcome the retention of the front elevation and its refurbishment. It is a modest building with character and an indication of the earlier character of Marsham Street which has since been replaced along its length. For this reason it is an important remnant of history that should be retained.

And it is in this context that we would like to have known what the intentions of the Applicant are for the interior. This is not indicated at all. It would appear from drawings that all existing interior features - including chimney breasts and fireplaces (should they be existing), and existing staircases, are to be removed. Are there features which could/ might be retained?

Without any indication of the interior planning proposals we find it difficult to comprehend the reasoning for the treatment of the rear elevation. This we find totally alien to the building and the location and without more information we find objectionable. For similar reasons and on the limited information provided we tend to regard the increased size of the extension to be questionable.

Therefore our opinion is that more information should be called for and provided, and assessed in order to allow a proper decision to be made.

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

Yours Sincerely  
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

*PP Tom Ball*

**June A Stubbs**  
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