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For the attention of John Osborn

13th May 2012

Dear Mr. Osborn

Ref 12/01420/FULL

Albert memorial, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AP
Temporary events facility comprising the erection of temporary marquees to be known as 'Africa Village ' (to showcase the 53 National Olympic Committee's of Africa), to the east of the Albert Memorial during July and August 2012

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the above application, along with your letter dated 3rd May 2012. We have examined the drawings. We have also spoken to the 'Friends of Kensington Gardens' and discussed with them their concerns regarding the increasing use of this Royal Park for such events.

The application contains a number of letters of support including that from Royal Parks, Adam Farrar, Head of Events, dated 6th February 2012. The drawings of the proposals are in diagrammatic form generally, indicating the proposed temporary marquees. A proposed imaging screen is indicated also. However the plan shows a series of structures along the southern boundary of this temporary site, but no indication as to what these are to be was found. The Society considers that as this is a very prominent site, details of the site boundary treatment must be provided prior to approval. It is not sufficient to rely on 'good intentions' of the applicant.

Any approval should include the condition that the grounds will be carefully maintained during the occupancy, and returned to a satisfactory state i.e. to the condition ante. We would point out also that intended access on the south boundary is indicated, which will be over the existing grass . No information was found regarding this nor the specific remedial treatments to restore and make good the grass area after the event.

Providing the above points are addressed, the Thorney Island Society finds the proposals acceptable in principle. We trust our observations and comments will be of assistance and ask that our comments be made known to the Planning Committee. and Council.

Yours Sincerely
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

pp Tom Ball

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Chairman

Appendix C

Africa Village Site (East Albert Lawn)
Access & Egress Routes

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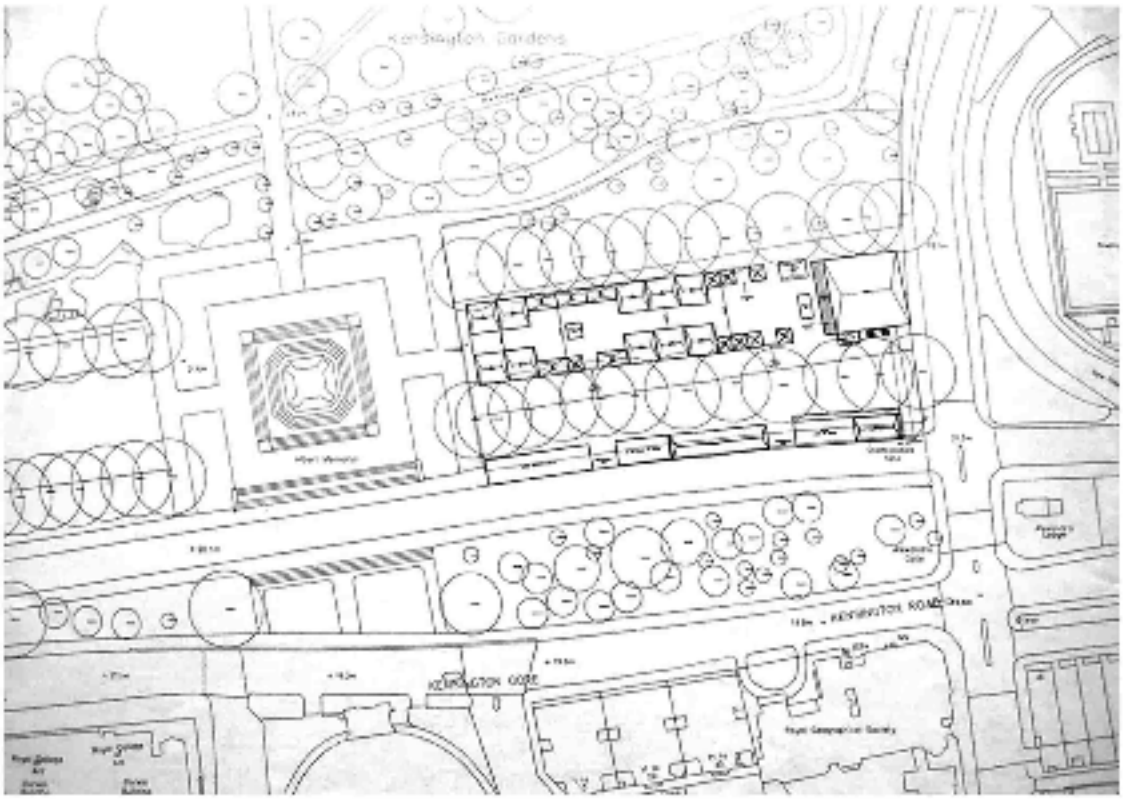
View of the Africa Village



View of the Africa Village