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for the attention of Rupert Handley By email

23 rd November 2011

Dear Mr Handley

ref 11/009683/FULL

**Great College St London SW1**

**Installation in an area of planting/pavement (on the northern side of Great College Street next to junction with Abingdon Road ) of cycle hire docking station, measuring 14.8m x 2m, and 2m x 3m containing a maximum of 21 docking points and a payment terminal measuring .**

We refer to your letter dated 8th November 2011 and the documents attached.

As stated above the proposed installation is in a planted area which The Society finds absolutely unacceptable. We are amazed to see the complete lack of care or consideration by TfL in putting forward the proposal. The area is most significant as is the established planting and its relationship to the Green.

We consider that if there is an absolute essential to locate a cycle dock in this area, then it should be done with due care and consideration of the amenity which is for all people. As in examples elsewhere, the docks should be placed at the pavement edge, and the cycle positions angled. This would allow a narrow unaffected pedestrian route, which would be acceptable given the likely pedestrian flow; while retaining the planted area. note that the width of the pavement on this side of Great College Street is modest for historic origins.

On this proviso the Thorney Island Society would have no objection in principle to the location. We trust that the application will be modified and resubmitted accordingly. We trust also that our comments will be taken into account and made known in full to the Planning Committee.

Yours sincerely  
for and on behalf of The Thorney Island Society

*Tom Ball*

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