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For the attention of Kimberley Davies

8th March 2012

Dear Miss Davies

Ref 12/01213/FULL

Great Minster House, Horseferry Road London SW1P 2EF

Variation of condition B.2 of Planing Permission dated 10 May 1989 to reduce the minimum number of 'local convenience trades' within the building from 4 units to 3

We refer to the letter dated 15th February 2012 and the planning application for the above proposal, forwarded to the Society by Sydney Torrance & Co with their letter dated 2 March 2012. A copy of the letter from DTZ addressed to the Council dated 1st February 2012 was also included.

The Society is familiar with the area, and the application is a matter of great concern to us. The relevant history should be noted, which brought about the earlier reduction of local convenience trades units from 10 to 4.

We consider the application is not to be in the interests of the local community. The Society does not see a valid reason to give up the potential opportunity for the provision of local convenience traders; especially in the aggressive climate on rental values, where a larger premises might be the only potential opportunity. The latter are seen as driving out traders who are a service to the local community in particular, but also to the 'day time' employees in the area.

The Society wishes to register its objection to the application for reasons stated. We ask that our objection is made known to the Committee and full Council.

Yours Sincerely
For and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

PP Tom Ball

June A Stubbs
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