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For the attention of Amanda Jackson

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Dear Miss Jackson

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Extension of building to south elevation at all levels, with further remodelling and extensions to floors seven, eight and nine, construction of a plant room at roof level, and alterations to existing external area at lower ground and ground level to create sunken garden; alterations and external cladding of whole building; creation of 92 cycle parking spaces; hard and soft landscaping.

Thank you for sending a copy of the planning application relating to the above proposal, with your letter dated 1st February 2012. We have visited the site: and had preliminary discussions last year with the Architect, Developer and Agent. A number of points have been clarified by phone conversation with the Architect.

The Society welcomes the proposed use of brick for the replaced cladding. The colour is very appropriate to the area, being combined with stone cladding at ground and first floor levels. The exact choice of brick and its colour as well as bond will no doubt be determined for approval as a condition of the application's consent.

From an urban design point of view, the treatment of the 'nose' of the building fronting on to John Islip Street is much improved over the existing building, as can be clearly seen from the photographs included on pages 7,8 and 9 of the Design and Access Statement.

We are slightly concerned that the colour of the cladding on the two top floors, while being set back from the main elevations should be of 'muted colours', so as not to 'compete' with the main elevations; and should rather be complementing them.

The Society while drawing attention to the above points, supports the application in principle, welcoming the colour and materials, having an empathy with the tradition of the area.

We trust our observations 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

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