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For the attention of Ms. Zulekha Hosenally

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Dear Ms. Hosenally

Ref 10/10104/FULL

Sanctuary Buildings 16 - 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT installation of floor mounted air conditioning unit behind parapet at third floor level

Thank you for sending a copy of the planning application relating to the above proposal, with your letter dated 6th December 2010. We apologise for the delay in responding to this application.

Further to this afternoon's phone conversation where we were seeking some clarification, we would make the following observation. As we said, a section drawing would have helped to make clear the relevant locations of the two elements which appear to be involved - the air conditioning units and the condenser unit. Looking at the elevation drawing it seems to us that the actual floor level might be fourth floor !

The main comment is that if the proposed condenser unit is to be placed high up on the roof elevation, and as a result clearly visible from Great Smith Street, it is totally unacceptable. This would be the case if the condenser were visible at any position on the roof. We see no reason for it not to be concealed discretely.

As regards the floor mounted air conditioning units, as we discussed our only comment is that WCC must be satisfied that the proposed installation will meet the standards of noise transmission levels, as well as those regarding resistance to possible vibration to the structure.

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
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Chairman

