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For the attention of Mike Gray esq.,

4th April 2013

Dear Mr Gray

**Ref13/01128/FULL Trafalgar Square London
Temporary installation of sculpture 'Hahn/Cock' by Katharina Fritsch's
on the Fourth Plinth in the north west section of Trafalgar Square for a
temporary period between 20 July 2013 and 20 February 2015.**

Further to receiving the planning application and documents, we have considered them and find the proposal to use the fourth plinth for a huge electric blue statue of a cockerel, to be totally inappropriate; however fanciful and dramatic it might appear to be

A location such as Leicester Square, St James's Park, or the South Bank in the context of the Festival Hall and the QEH could be acceptable.

We are all the more convinced of this opinion, having read the 'Artist's Statement'. We cannot see any logical reason for the proposed sculpture to be placed on the fourth plinth. It is unrelated to the context of Trafalgar Square and adds nothing to it but a feeble distraction. The only tenuous argument put forward is the artist's dubious claim that the "cockerel is a symbol for regeneration, awakening and strength". More to the point is that the artist boasts it is seen as "a rude interruption to the grey formal architecture of the square". This is neither a happy nor pleasing criterion for the use of this most significant location.

The Thorney Island Society urges that the application be rejected for the reasons described above, that the location is not appropriate for the sculpture proposed.

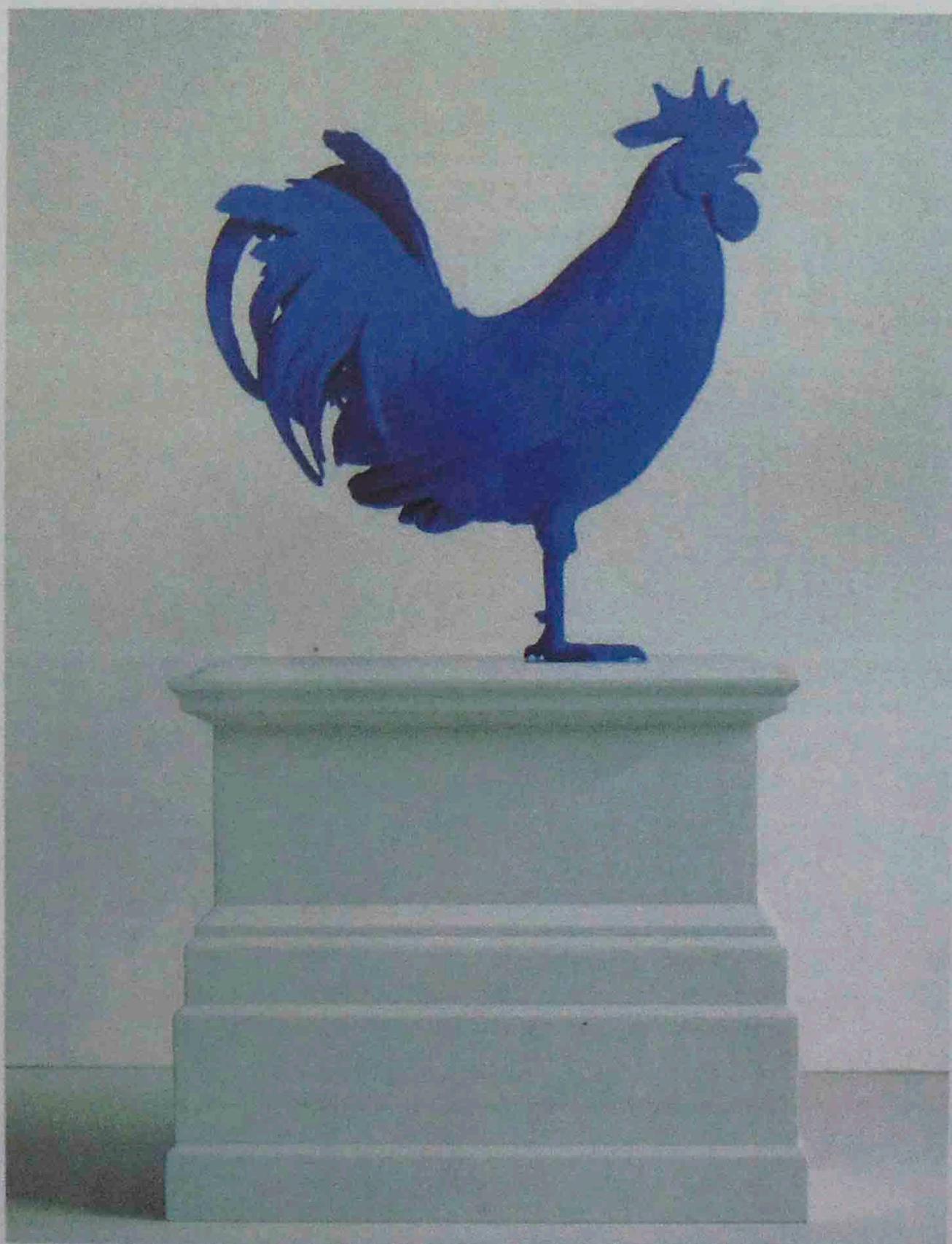
We trust our observations and comments will be of assistance and ask that our comments be made known to the Committee.

Yours Sincerely
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

PP Tom Ball

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Chairman

Installation for Trafalgar Square



Katharina Fritsch, 2012