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To: Planning
Subject: FW: Planning application - 2014/0371/P : 1-5 Kings Cross Bridge, 281 Pentonville road and 368 Grays Inn Road

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Log as objection from 1) Kings Cross CAAC and 2) Friends of Argyle Square Committee

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From: Bill Reed [REDACTED]
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To: Le Mare, Ben
Cc: ERNEST JAMES
Subject: Re: Planning application - 2014/0371/P : 1-5 Kings Cross Bridge, 281 Pentonville road and 368 Grays Inn Road

Dear Ben,

We considered this application at the Friends of Argyle Square Committee meeting this evening, so perhaps I could respond for both entities, given the overlap.

We found the quality of the drawings very poor, and the scheme not much better. In fact the drawings were so abstract it was difficult to tell what the scheme actually was, and it certainly didn't seem to relate in any way to the lighthouse building. A pity given that they are on the same island, being developed at pretty much the same time, by the same developer.

This island site is prominent, and we all felt it deserved something better... at least something that looked like a real building, and preferably one that made a positive contribution to the Conservation Area, which this certainly doesn't.

Is it possible to ask the architects to try a little harder?

Kind Regards,

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