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Your reference PC/JA

Our reference L13/1/A/26209

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Dear Sirs,

Town and Country Planning Acts: Circular 7/77: Notice of proposed development by Government Departments. British Library, Euston Road, NWL.

I refer to your letter dated 16th March 1978 submitting details of the proposed development by the Department of the Environment of the site bounded by Ossukton Street, Eusten Road and Midland Road. The details were shown in your drawings Nos: AD 2382 - 2385, 2386A, 87A, 88A, 2389 - 2396, 97A, 98A, 99A, 240CA, 2798, 2866 - 2869 (Statutory Register No: 26209) and described in the accompanying statement and photographs.

The Council has given consideration to the proposals and makes the following observations:-

- (1) The Council wishes to have the opportunity to give further consideration to details of the following:
  - (a) samples of the proposed facing materials,
- (b) the detailed design and treatment of the proposed square at the entrance to the building and the public spaces under the wing flanking the square on the eastern side, including details of railings, steps, ramps, lighting, landscaping, etc., and materials and arrangements for vehicular movement and control.
- (c) the detailed design and treatment of the areas between the back edge of the pavements and the facades of the lower ground floor levels facing Midland Road and Ossukton Street, including details of railings, steps, ramps, landcaping and materials,
- (d) the availability for public use of unbuilt lands, including the main forecourt,
  - (e) details of the proposed car and coach park.

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- (2) It concurs with the views of the Royal Fine art Commission, as set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of their letter dated 19th January 1978 and in addition it feels that greater emphasis could be given to the main entrance to this most important building and it regrets that the fine western elevation of St. Pancras Station is not able to be seen from the new square.
- (3) The car and coach park should be retained permanently only for the parking of vehicles of occupiers and users of the remainder of the building.
- (4) The Council considers that the western end of the new road between the entrance to the car park and Ossulton Street should initially be used only for emergency purposes and be available for pedestrian use, and detailed arrangements to control this part of the road should be discussed further with the Council. The whole road should be dedicated as a public highway.

Observations have not been received by this Council from the Greater London Council.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Planning and Communications.