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Dear Planning Permissions Department

Re: Conan Doyle's Temple, Rochester Square, NW1 9RY

I find it very sad that this highly unusual holy building has been condemned with so little understanding of its uniqueness and spiritual profundity by its current owners, the 340 church owning charity, the Spiritualists' National Union, that didn't pay any money for it but keeps the deeds 'in trust' evidently!

I have been told by people in the Rochester Square locality that the building has looked so spooky and scary to children after dark that it has given them nightmares, so parents instruct their children to walk past, if they have to, on the other side of the road. How dreadful, this building has caused such upset for a generation of school-children. It would only need a coat of paint, some hanging baskets of flowers, the hedge trimmed and weeds removed, a nice 'no parking' sign from the pound shop, and it would look a smart, four square, church property again sending good vibes of hospitality to all who pass its fine gates.

In an effort to investigate the interior of this arts and crafts (1926 era) religious building, I find there is only one poor quality photo available. It shows the 'rostrum' from which mediums deliver 'proof of spirit survival' (attached).

I have managed, after many hours, to track down two poor quality photos which were taken by squatters in 2014 and appear on their Facebook page. There is a photo of a stained glass window, showing a dove flying through an archway which has the words 'peace' engraved on the arch. The other photo shows the barn-like structure of the interior with its pale blue walls and the two doorways either side of the rostrum.

The President of the church has some knowledge of the whereabouts of valuables, such as some of the original Masonic chairs. These were bought in 1926. They cost £10 each and each of the Founding Fathers bought one (though I am wondering why there were not 12). I heard from the President that Masonic chairs from the church were being sold for the same price as they were originally bought for.

I wish I could track down the church organs, of which there were evidently two, the library of first editions, signed by the author, and limited editions, pictures, paintings, etc., and the earliest of church documents.

Facebook page of the squatters with poor quality photos: https://www.facebook.com/Rochester-Square-Temple-1407073656217293/?hc_ref=ARRXyWNEuA1TIBT1AIYnx1Qq-qVzCLHOkhTwrpBrOj2qjQUvYife7da0fXrdWPBy1pk&pnref=story

I'm not sure if these links are helpful:

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Maybe this building could be made available for the Open House Weekend later this month for the organ enthusiasts, stained glass window enthusiasts, mural enthusiasts, arts and crafts enthusiasts, esoteric church enthusiasts, etc., etc. I think the Theosophists, Freemasons, and other elite organisations that Sir Arthur was involved with are keen to do some research as there is very little available as yet!

Due to the world wide publicity that this planning permission has created, a radio play is being written, and a book and possible film are underway!
Conan Doyle's books are selling extremely well and his name is hardly ever out of the media for a day!

Thanking you in anticipation

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