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Planning Application - 2021/4406/HS2

Site Address: HS2 Melton Street LU Sub Station Compound Land to the South of Euston Station London NW1 2BT

Dear Camden Planning Dept,

I've recently found out the original glazed oxblood Leslie Green Euston ('Hampstead') Tube station entrance on the corner of Melton Street and Drummond Street is listed for destruction by the HS2 project. Above is the planning reference, although I'm not sure if this is the correct application. It's very difficult to search/find them.

The reason I object to it, is I believe it's unacceptable to demolish the original Leslie Green Tube station building. I have applied to Historic England today to have it listed, ref: 1485723.

Looking at the HS2 plans - it seems that they have barely worked at all with Network Rail to combine current Euston and HS2 infrastructure, and are simply 'sticking' a new station on the side of Euston. If the stations could only be *combined*, this could significantly reduce the required width of the final combined station. Furthermore, it's only the very tip of the train lines/platforms which require the demolition of this historic building. Can the platforms not be only very slightly shorter to preserve it? Can the lines not go under or over it, as they did in St Pancras? Can they not go around it?

Retaining this beautiful and historically important facade would be a magnificent addition to the new station. It could be a beautiful kiosk for example.

Finally, given your monumental historic misjudgement in tearing down the beautiful original stone Euston station and the much missed and loved historic doric Euston Arch, I would have thought you had little appetite for further destruction of historic buildings at Euston. Is this really not the case?

Kindest regards,

Dr. Russell C. A. Hall (*he, him, his*)

