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For attention of:
Jeni Cowan,
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Your ref:
19/02406/FUL

Former Bank, 226 Coldharbour Lane, SW9 – Refurbishment:

Dear Miss Cowan,

Thank you for your recent letter about the above application.
Our comments are as follows:

The full refurbishment of this run-down property is welcome in principle.
The proposed configuration and dwelling mix are broadly acceptable.

The only detail of concern to us is the window pattern on the front and flank facades. The large single panes are not appropriate for the upper floors of a Victorian shop. We also question whether they are safe and practical in terms of casual ventilation and means of rescue by the fire brigade.

For the opening sizes shown, division into two equal panes by a horizontal mid-rail would be both more authentic and more practical.
Colour-coated aluminium frames are quite acceptable, but white is preferable to dull grey and gives a crisper effect in traditional brick walls.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary