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## 512-514 BRIXTON ROAD, SW9 – Office use of upper floors:

Dear Mr Hansel,

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

The present use as 11 bedsit/ studio units only provides sub-standard accommodation and is not acceptable in the long term.

We have raised no objection to earlier proposals to reconfigure the upper floors as a smaller number of fully-self-contained flats. Such a proposal would still be acceptable to us, as providing permanent accommodation to current space standards.

We are also aware of ongoing demand for business space in Central Brixton. Currently various initiatives provide start-up space for small businesses, but some of these are only temporary uses. More critically, there is a shortage of space locally for successful firms to move into, so that the Brixton area continues to benefit from local employment opportunities. We therefore support the application in principle.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary