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Brockwell Park: Hall, Stables, Yard and Depot – Proposed Changes:

Dear Ms Nasa,

Thank you for your recent letter about the above applications.
We support the overall principle of refurbishment of these prominent sites within Brockwell Park, but we have a few specific comments, as follows:

Access to and from evening functions:

This has been a long-standing concern, since the use of the Hall complex for private and/or evening functions was first suggested. We welcome that the travel plan confines vehicle access to the existing driveway from the lower end of Brockwell Park Gardens.

It will be important too that visitors leaving evening events on foot have a defined exit route, preferably with low-level lighting. They should be discouraged from wandering through other parts of the park. The preferred pedestrian route should be via the path from the south-east side of the Hall down to the gate by Norwood Lodge, to avoid conflict with vehicles.

Service Yard adjacent to the Hall:

We welcome the reduced roof height over the courtyard function room, which would otherwise compete unduly in scale with the original Brockwell Hall.

Walled Garden:

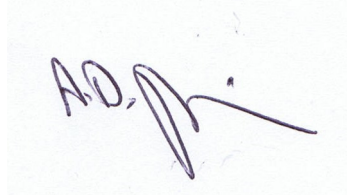
There is an apparent reference in the business plan to use of the walled garden for weddings. Such functions should be confined within the Brockwell Hall complex, and the use of other parts of the park for private events should be resisted.

Depot site adjacent to Norwood Lodge:

The visual impact of the new building on the Norwood Road frontage should be softened by some screen planting inside the existing railings.

The new service yard paving and the driveways within the depot site should be primarily of permeable material, to minimise rainwater run-off and flood risk.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.