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## LILFORD ROAD BUSINESS CENTRE, Lilford Road, SE5:

Dear Sirs,

It was very helpful to see your proposals last month for rebuilding of the above premises. I apologise for not commenting sooner, but this is a busy time of year for us, due to our involvement with the current Lambeth Heritage Festival.

We are pleased to see that the new premises will be entirely for business use. Attempts to combine residential and business uses on other local sites have been problematic for both residents and business users, so it is a relief that such an approach is no longer being pursued here.

I hope the development will offer a range of unit sizes, because it is important that successful local firms have options for growth without having to leave the area.

Regarding types of occupiers, our only concern would be over "Dark Kitchen" uses, because the likelihood of late-night operations could disturb nearby residents.

In comparison with the existing street frontage, the proposed appearance is acceptable, and you should resist suggestions to dress it up or disguise it. While we welcome new planting on the street frontage, its long-term care must also be considered.

Finally, I should point out that the Camberwell Society takes an interest in all planning applications in the SE5 postcodes, so there is some overlap in our areas of interest.

Yours faithfully,