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Brixton Recreation Centre, Brixton Station Road, SW9 – Alterations:

Dear Ms Bebb,

In response to your recent letter about the above application, our comments are as follows:

External Changes:

One limitation of the original design is the lack of views into the building from street level. The main entrance foyer is remote from the street, so the range of activities within the Recreation Centre is largely concealed.

The windows along Popes Road are therefore important in giving some indication of activities within the complex. We note that two of these are to be replaced by ventilation grilles, but the other two should be retained in a transparent condition and not be obstructed.

To maintain continuity with the original design, any new window frames and louvres (“lourves” in the D&A Statement) should be in a brown coated finish to match the existing.

Internal Changes:

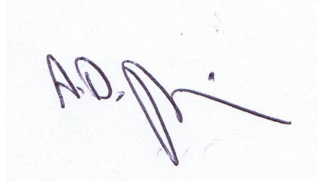
Proposed changes are seen as potentially extending the number and range of users. We particularly welcome the reinstatement of the café function and the improvement of toilet facilities.

Internal Materials:

As far as possible, internal materials should match existing. Exposed facing brickwork is an important element of the original building character, and should not be painted over.

Maintaining a green colour for the flooring is welcome in complementing the red brickwork, although it is not clear from the D&A Statement which parts will be linoleum (para 6.2, p.27) and which will be screed with a non-slip lacquer finish (p.28)

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary