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For attention of:

George Hodgkinson,

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Your ref:

23/01960/ADV

Our ref: ufm9(22)rtf

Railway Abutment opposite 71 GRESHAM ROAD, SW9:

Dear Mr Hodgkinson,

In response to your recent letter about the proposed mural at the above location, our comments are as follows:

In general, we are supportive of murals in similar locations, beneath the abutments of railway bridges, where there is otherwise a risk of defacement by untidy graffiti and tagging.

Having regularly used the nearby bus stop over 40-plus years, my own view is that this location would particularly benefit from more visual interest.

Our one reservation is that the proposed commercial element of sponsorship or product placement might become dominant, resulting in a situation little different to ordinary advertising hoardings.

Therefore, we recommend that permission is only granted on a temporary basis, for a maximum of 5 years, in order to monitor the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary