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9 September 2005 your ref GFA/19230

For the attention of Alison Blyth

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BY FAX AND POST

Dear Sir

re: Demolition of existing industrial facility
Erection of 1 x 1-bed flat, 7 x 2 bed maisonettes and 16 x 2-bed flats
5B Lechlade Road, Faringdon

Thank you for the drawings of the above project received on 1 September which was discussed at the Architects Panel meeting on 7 September at which I was not present but on which you have requested design comments.

It remains my view that the buildings being proposed here are going to be of high quality and contribute positively to the townscape. I also remain puzzled how the scheme offers the potential to enhance permeability for pedestrians and cyclists while proposing that both access points should be gated. (And the flight of steps at the access to Lechlade Road will not be particularly encouraging for use by cyclists.)

The information currently provided about the parking spaces, the carriageway, and the green spaces, is to my mind less persuasive than the detail given for the various buildings. I believe greater detail needs to be submitted of this aspect of the proposal before permission can be granted.

At pre-application stage I commented on the relationship between block J and the footpath alongside that boundary of the site. The architects have responded to this, but I have to say that drawing no P28 tells us little about the beneficial relationship they perceive between the building, the terrace, the garden and the pathway.

Your papers and drawings are returned with the postal copy of this letter.

Yours faithfully

McCOY ASSOCIATES

PS A brief look at old Circular 5/94 *Planning Out Crime* and at Design Bulletin 32 did not identify any specific encouragement for gated estates. However, if the Police Architectural Liaison Officer supports, or indeed recommends, having one here that would be a very weighty consideration in deciding how to go forward.

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This letter refers to architects' design statement and drawings dated (by the Council) 15 July 2005



## **APPENDIX 4**

Architects Advisory Panel		
Plan Number	GFA/19230	
Proposal	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Industrial facility. Erection of 1 x 1 bedroom maisonettes and 16 x 2 agdon, Oxon SN7 8AL
Comments An imagunative Difficult sit	and exciting solute, solvejo	oll the problems associated with this
•	commended that so fa e concerned the above pro	r as layout, design and external oposal should be:
Approve	d	Deferred for negotiations
Approve	d with Conditions	Refused
Signed fol		Date 8 September 2005.