

It is with great interest and concern that I am aware of the undertaking to designate the two buildings on Ann Street. These buildings represent an important chapter in the architectural and cultural history of London. Far too many of our buildings have been lost to development lacking in any attempt to preserve the history and integrity of our past. I have lived my whole life in London (67 years), and have lived primarily in Old North, principally on William and Maitland Streets (where I now reside). Thus the streets and areas centred on Ann Street have always been part, not only of my personal heritage, but that of the city which I have always called home. I have roamed these streets as a young boy, into adolescence, on foot and by bicycle, exploring the riverbank and parklands adjacent to Ann Street. This is not just nostalgia, but living history we lose at our peril. These buildings and the neighbourhood in which they are located are important to our collective memory. They are teaching moments in history for our children that are much more important than old photographs in archives. Please designate these buildings and preserve my and our heritage.

Thank you.

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