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Re: 275 Thames Street, London

Dear Mr. Menard,

Thank you for touring our buildings recently.

Further to our conversation I am prepared to defer our demolition request for the main building structure at 275 Thames Street for up to 60 days to allow extra time to arrange for its transport to its new location at the Beth Emmanuel Church property.

We recognize and support the historical and cultural importance of this building from the 1800's and wish to see it relocated to the place that its congregation moved to in 1869. An experienced contractor has agreed that moving this building is easily accomplished.

This deferral on our part is based on the City deferring any designation on our site and more appropriately placing the designation on the actual building when it arrives at its new home site. It is also important that the extraneous additions be removed immediately to seal up the main building to preserve its integrity. The adjacent buildings and out buildings at 277 Thames Street and 281 Thames Street should be demolished sooner rather than later in the interests of public safety.

You have asked that we allow an archeological review of these properties. Again we are agreeable provided that such survey is done expeditiously. We intend to proceed to demolish all but the main historical building at 275 Thames Street as soon as possible.

Hopefully this will work out to preserve the building to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours truly,

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