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Facsimile to Richmond Government attn: Tom McKevitt Florence, 21.1.2003

**Ref.: Derelict bath site in Twickenham**

Dear Mr. McKevitt,

Cllr Denise Carr whom I wrote to earlier advised me to contact you.

I am a German national UK resident with a background in developing and owning Hotels. I would like to inquire whether the future of the site has yet been decided upon to demolish the period building on it.

Having spent much thought on it, I believe it is a beautiful period building with historical background, a sound structure and therefore very much worth keeping. I also strongly believe that it would be possible to redevelop the building and site instead of unnecessarily employing the council's money for the demolition and the redevelopment of a new garden with additional costs of maintenance.

There are so many different more sustainable options available to make use of the site to be of benefit for the council as well as the public. One possible solution I could imagine is the reconstruction and conversion of the existing building providing the following uses:

Ground floor: Restaurant (similar to Carlo Carlucci in Kingston), Shops, a health club, or River related offices. Upper floor: Mini apartments run as a guesthouse and let to the bigger companies of the borough or nearby. The rear garden including a childrens playground could be open to the public and form a part of the open-air gastronomy.

This or a similar scheme could offer many advantages for the community as it would preserve the beautiful building, create business and leisure space at the dominant location on the river and most importantly have an attractive revitalising effect on the surrounding area.

A redevelopment of the kind mentioned above could be possible at no cost to the taxpayer and would most likely create an income.

I myself might even be prepared to invest heavily in the redevelopment of this site if only the existing building remains intact. Some years ago I already redeveloped three aparthotels in period buildings. The two larger ones at the Baltic Sea I still partly own them. In order to provide you with more information I may provide references if required, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your attention, yours sincerely,

  
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