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Mr. Eamonn Prenter,  
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**Re: Real Tennis Court Earlsfort Terrace Planning Appeal**

10th May 2016

Dear Éamonn,

I have reviewed the application for works to the Real tennis Court at Earlsfort Terrace. The following observations can be made:

1. As a surviving Real Tennis Court, this building is of great significance. It is largely intact, and can be relatively-easily restored to its original configuration.
2. The proposed works are designed to facilitate the use of the space as an exhibition area.
3. Such a use is not incompatible with occasional use of the space for exhibition games of Real Tennis, provided the walls are made complete.
4. The re-instatement of the penthouse to three walls, the blocking-up of the existing openings in the south wall and the retention and making of doors to the penthouse at the east and west end of the south wall would make Real tennis possible, and would also permit the use of the space as an exhibition space.
5. The treatment of the space as currently proposed seems un-necessarily intrusive and fails to recognise the potential the historic building. We believe that there is a finite opportunity to facilitate the retention and occasional use of the Real Tennis Court for the purpose for which it was designed, with no impact on the proposed exhibition use of the building.

Yours sincerely,

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