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19 August 1991

Dear Martin,

Thank you for your letter of 14 August 1991.

After due consideration of all the facts, the BFI has rejected the possibility of the Saffron Hill premises being the location of the LFMC/LVA/LFVDA project. We intend, therefore, to continue our negotiation for the Dunn and Co building and we wish to progress forthwith on the development of the Camden site with a specialist team. This would include an architect, a structural engineer - we would continue to use the services of Tim MacFarlane of Dewhurst MacFarlane & Partners, and a cinematic consultant to be recommended by LFMC/LVA.

The Co-op's building committee appears to reject the BFI's option altogether and wishes to hold open the possibility of securing the Saffron Hill site. On the face of it, there appears to be no meeting place between these contesting views, and it looks, increasingly, as if the BFI will continue with the Dunn & Co. plan without the participation of the Co-op. This, I think, would be a deeply regrettable outcome.

In order to avert this, I suggest that we meet very soon to discuss a way out of this impasse. The date I have in mind is Friday 23 August at 2.00pm in the BFI Boardroom. The BFI would be represented by me, Jim Pines, Steve McIntyre and Ian Christie, who I will ask to chair the meeting. I would expect that the Co-op would wish to involve the Building Committee and the Co-op Administrator (max. number 6). I will ask LVA to provide a similar mix of staff and executive members.

The agenda would be:

1. Dunn & Co./Saffron Hill: the BFI position
2. The London Film and Video Development Agency: its function in the relocation scheme

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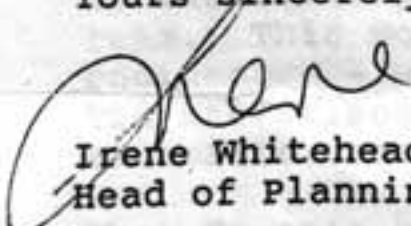
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3. The way forward:

- a) Specialist team: LFMC/LVA recommendations and contact nominees
- b) Timetable for future progress

I very much hope that this will be acceptable to you and look forward to receiving the names of the Co-op representatives to attend the meeting. It is urgent and necessary that the considerable time and money already invested by the BFI in this project is not wasted.

Yours sincerely


Irene Whitehead
Head of Planning Unit

cc. Sandy Weiland
Doug Foot
Karl Harrison
Wilf Stevenson
Ian Christie
Jim Pines
Steve McIntyre

In order to avert this, I suggest that we meet very soon to discuss a way out of this impasse. The date I have in mind is Friday 21 August at 2.00pm in the BFI premises. The BFI would be represented by me, Jim Pines, Steve McIntyre and Ian Christie, who I will ask to chair the meeting. I would expect that the Co-op would wish to involve the Building Committee and the Co-op administrator (max. number 5). I will ask LVA to provide a similar mix of staff and executive members.

Agenda items would be:

1. West & Co./Saffron Hill: the BFI position

2. The London Film and Video Development Agency: its function in the relocation scheme