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Dear Jude,

Thank you for your recent communications dated 8th and 15th August.

First, let me say we are of course willing to seek to understand your financial and cultural justification for the elimination of the undercroft. However, I must say that so far we do not accept that there is any such justification.

In anticipation of your proposed meeting "to go through the figures and the artistic ambition", it would be useful if you could send any documents and information (including financial information) in advance so that we could prepare for, and have, a more meaningful and constructive meeting.

There are a couple of general background points I would like to mention.

I always try my best to respond to emails as quickly as possible, even though they come from different quarters of the SBC, with different and sometimes conflicting messages. Unlike the SBC, LLSB does not have large administrative resources or funds at its disposal; it is a shoe string organisation, basically comprising of volunteers. Unlike you, I don't have a plethora of assistants to help me, or to write letters on my behalf, (e.g. your "administrative co-ordinator", and your "executive assistant", to name just two of your assistants).

The SBC's imposition of arbitrary deadlines measured in hours or a day or so, is not a particularly helpful way to conduct discussions. Furthermore, angry and high-handed letters from various members of the SBC (including Mr Bishop and Mr Haythornthwaite) are not very constructive. For example, whilst parts of the SBC (including you) ask for meetings and discussions, Mr Haythornthwaite writes, mis-interpreting our correspondence and questioning the "credentials" of the LLSB campaign, even though it is supported by over 50,000 members, and already officially recognised by you and Mike McCart.

None of this is very helpful, but I am willing put it all this to one side in order for us to have a constructive dialogue, which will hopefully enable the SBC to realise how misconceived its plans for the undercroft are.

Kind regards,

Henry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Edwards-Wood', written in a cursive style.

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On behalf of the Long Live Southbank members and supporters