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Dear Mr Purchase

**THE ROYAL HOSPITAL, ROYAL HOSPITAL ROAD, KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA, GREATER LONDON, SW3 4HS**

Dear Mr Purchase,

Thank you for your letter regarding the restoration of the Soane Shelter in Ranelagh Gardens.

I realise that this is something of a long running saga but both my predecessor, Mrs Elson, and I feel quite strongly that the re instatement of the copper rain chains is an important aspect of your commendable restoration of this important garden pavilion and that the substitution of down pipes will, apart from anything else, sit awkwardly with the gutters.

Fear of vandalism, as you point out, is of course always a consideration in a public place such as this but I would have thought that the chains would be sufficiently robust and the area sufficiently exposed to make the risk a slight one. I would urge you to reconsider your approach. You might also wish to discuss the matter with Mrs Bennes, the Conservation Officer from The Royal Borough who is responsible for this site.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further,



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