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Dear Irene,

Re: 2-4 Hoxton Square, London N1

Following a telephone conversation with David Nicholson of Glasshouse Investments Ltd I understand that there is as yet no date fixed for executing the engrossed contract for the BFI's agreement to lease premises at the above site.

Since Glasshouse are applying for substantial funding from ourselves in 1995/96 to develop this site, we are extremely alarmed at the slow progress of these arrangements. Glasshouse cannot submit the formal request for City Grant (the grant regime that will allow us to fund the project) until the agreement for leasing has been signed with yourselves. In turn we cannot submit the project as part of our 1995/96 Action Plan until we are confident that the project will take place that year.

The draft Action Plan is to be presented to the DCP Board tomorrow evening (3rd November 1994) and thereafter will be worked up for submission to the Government Office for London and for approval by Hackney Council at the end of November. Unless the City Grant application is submitted by Glasshouse in the next 21 days the project will be severe jeopardy as far as City Challenge funding is concerned.

This would be a great pity, as you will be aware that we regard this project as an outstanding contribution to our urban regeneration strategy. It would help us significantly if a definitive and early date could be set for the signing of a lease and thus set the City Grant process in motion. I would appreciate it if you could inform me of progress on this matter as soon as possible.

