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Dear Dr Mills

Lovells Wharf, Greenwich

I was interested to receive your letter dated 16 March and although I am no longer actively involved with Shaw Lovell I do have some old records including copies of Lovells Wharf Ltd board minutes from 1978 to 1987 which include items on cranes. It was the big 20 ton Butters crane which came from Dublin in the mid 1970's and it is recorded that refurbishment took place in 1986 at a cost of £30,000. The smaller crane had a capacity of 5 tons. The main activity at the wharf was the discharge of steel, mainly from Belgium, with tonnages often in excess of 100,000 tons a year.

Enclosed are some photographs which you can keep showing cargoes of steel being discharged from vessels alongside Lovells Wharf.

I have mentioned your letter to Harry Gale who before his retirement was the Shaw Lovell Group chairman and the director based at Greenwich for some time therefore he has a far greater knowledge of Lovells Wharf than I have and would be better qualified to assist you for further information. I have sent him a copy of your letter and he will no doubt be able to add to the brief details I have given. If you wish to contact him the address is ~~Little Abbots, Trulls Hatch, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3QL Tel. 01892 2852967.~~

Yours sincerely



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12 July 2000



Dear Ms Mills,

TWO CRANES ON LOVELL WHARF, GREENWICH

I refer to Muj Khan's letter to you of 7 September following your request for the above structures to be considered for statutory listing. I am very sorry that there has been such a long delay in sending you a substantive reply.

As you know, we consulted English Heritage (EH) about your request. EH has advised that the cranes would in fact be more suitable for consideration for scheduling under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. Monuments to be scheduled are being considered in the context of EH's Monuments Protection Programme, but the MPP has not yet reviewed commercial dockyards and transportation systems.

In the absence of a national overview, it is difficult to argue that these modern structures (from the 1950s) in isolation can be considered to be of national importance, and thus merit scheduling, and thus EH does not consider scheduling to be appropriate at this time.

I am sorry to have to send you a disappointing reply, but hope you will be assured that the case for scheduling suitable examples of dockyards and transportation systems will be considered in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Newton'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

Iain Newton

