



We regret overlooking an email sent to us by the applicant's agent in April. This has meant that we have been unable to visit and assess the detailed of the application as it affects the Wilkins Building and the Slade. However, we are sufficiently familiar with the quadrangle to form a view on the application for its reconfiguration and planting. We feel that the proposal is totally inappropriate for the quiet grandeur of the surrounding buildings and also historically rather out of character. What it seems Wilkins had in mind originally was a subdued and symmetrical layout which was totally subservient to the facades of the surrounding buildings and allowed them to 'form the enclosure' of the quadrangle. The ground plane of the quadrangle was essentially flat but the currently proposed amphitheatre would be a totally foreign and disruptive element. The overall effect is very cluttered and too prominent and would, in our view, detract significantly from the setting of the surrounding listed buildings. The planting too seems over-done and again overly prominent and likely to obscure the simple plain view of the facades surrounding the space.

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