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**Lincoln's Inn**

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## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**

<b>Name And Address of Site:</b>
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2 STONE BUILDINGS, 3 <sup>RD</sup> FLOOR WEST, LINCOLN'S INN, LONDON, WC2A 3XB
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<b>List Description:</b>
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Grade I
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<b>Proposed Development Or Works:</b>
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Minor external works to enclosed courtyard elevation to replace three sets of a steel window and door frames to match existing.
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<b>Consultation:</b>
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N/A
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<b>DESIGN COMPONENTS</b>
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<b>Layout:</b>
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The replacement metal French doors are to match existing visually, as close as possible.
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<b>Scale:</b>
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The proposed replacement doors will match the scale of the existing doors
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<b>Appearance:</b>
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The existing French doors are painted white with enamel paint. The proposed door design will match the existing dimensions. The proposed doors will be steel framed and powder coated to a white matte finish. The powder coat finish is more durable than enamel paint and application allows for a more consistent finish
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<b>HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION ISSUES</b>
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<b>Historic and Special Architectural Importance of Building:</b>
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Nos 1 to 11 Stone Buildings - all excepting no. 7 were built to the designs of the architect Sir Robert Taylor. Nos 1 and 2 were constructed c1787.
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The Stone Buildings were damaged during the Second World War and were refurbished shortly after. Nos 1, 2, 3 and 9 suffered the most severe damage and had to be largely re-built. On that occasion, the buildings were modernised, the mansards over Nos 1-6 were replaced with a modern concrete structure housing residential flats lit by dormer windows and lifts were introduced in Nos 2-6.

In 1951 the Stone Buildings were entered on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest at Grade I.

**2 Stone Buildings West Elevation:** The north flank of Taylor's original design for Stone Buildings. On a Palladian theme, it is built in Portland stone with a giant Corinthian order of six engaged columns on first and second floors, five bays wide, surmounted by a pediment. In the case of the 1959 plan of the flat behind the pediment (the western flat) the former room in the southwest corner was replaced by an open courtyard overlooked by the metal windows and French doors of the living room and dining room.

The existing single glazed metal framed French door sets are in poor condition and do not properly close due to bent and warped parts. It is proposed to replace the French door sets with like for like modern equivalents as per the sample drawings included as part of the application. The replacements will match the existing in visual appearance, design and finished colour save for the introduction of double-glazed windowpanes

**Setting:**

The Stone Buildings are a group of two terraces arranged around a central cul-de-sac access road in the northeast corner of Lincoln's Inn. Nos 1 to 7 form an L-shaped terrace with the long segment facing the Lincoln's Inn gardens to the west and the short segment forming the north end enclosure of the access road. It is built in Portland stone and presents an imposing symmetrical elevation towards the west with projecting pedimented and pilastered flanks.

The west elevation of Nos 2-7 faces the north lawn at Lincoln's Inn. This conjures the most significant and indeed impressive view of the Stone Buildings from across the lawn.

Obscured by the pediment, and the height of the stone balustrades, the existing doors do not affect the visual aesthetics of the elevation, and neither would the current proposed works.

**ACCESS COMPONENTS**

**Technical Advice:**

N/A

**Degree of Access:**

2 Stone Buildings, Third Floor West is accessed by the building's the main staircase as well as a small lift.

**Future Access Requirements:**



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**Emergency Access:**

In the event of an emergency, the site can be accessed via the main stairs or lift. The flat also can be accessed via the courtyard from the western elevation or via the many roof lights within the flat.