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**Response:**

I think the proposed infill of the ground floor to be utilized for offices extension is very recommended, especially that this extension is not just useful in terms of usage, but it is also useful in terms of visual and environment aspects and qualities.

On the other hand, I think transforming the two small rooms of the Eding House into offices is not recommended, especially the users of the proposed offices will share the corridor and the kitchen with the floor's students and will then affect the students' convenience. In addition, the users of these two proposed offices will have visual access towards the students and their rooms in the Martin House in the opposite side. It might be more appropriate if the two small study rooms united into a single/ twin study bedroom, which in turn will give the opportunity for more one/two students to find accommodation in the Central London, where lots of colleges and universities locate.

Regarding the three rooms in the Martins House, the same negative aspects risen from the proposal for the Eding House are applied here as well. I think keeping the rooms as study bedrooms for students will give opportunity for more students to have accommodation in such strategic location. The only issue here in my suggestion is that the kitchen of this floor is relatively small to serve the needs of 8 students.

I think many spaces in the basement area are not utilized properly, so I would suggest to consider the proposed offices in the basement area rather than in the students residence areas. Thus, the building will be, for harmonic uses, divided into the following uses: the Laundry, Church activities, and the new offices in the basement area. The administration offices, the reception area, and the mailboxes in the ground floor. The students' study bedrooms in the floors one to five in both Martins and Eding Houses.

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**Response:**

I'm sorry I don't think it's a good idea to turn the 1st floor of Martens House and the 1st and 2nd floor of Eding House into office. As far as I know, residences here are all postgraduate students, which means that our coursework covers a whole calendar year. Thus it would be extremely difficult and inconvenient for us to move to another place during the term year, especially in May, which is the exact time for final examination and the start of final dissertation! Also, I'm a bit confused as to why the center has to occupy as many as three floors for office only, as it seems to me that there're not many staff here. At least for the past month, I seldom noticed that there was any staff in the Chaplaincy's office on Martens House (which was on the same floor of my room). On the contrary, the need for student accommodation is extremely high. A better alternative for office area would be the TV/game room and common area at the basement near laundry room. I've also noticed that for the past month, the chapel and the common area at the basement were not used effectively and efficiently. The chapel was barely occupied except on Sundays (but not every Sunday, always locked during the rest of the time). The TV/game room and common area were not in frequent use either. In this case, why not combine the chapel and common area and TV/game room into one, and make use of the rest of the area for office? In my opinion, working space and accommodation should be separated into different area. It would not be appropriate to mix the working student living area into the same building as what the planning application suggested. Imagining a vigorous office staff in formal suit climbing stairs with an all-nighter student in messy pajamas and slippers on a Monday morning, what an awkward and amusing moment for them to walk together... So my suggestion is that offices are better to be separated and move to the basement.

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**Response:**

I completely agree with the plan they want to make in the building. With it, students' quality of life will improve.

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