

Delegated Report		Analysis sheet		Expiry Date:		12/11/2012	
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Officer				Application Number(s)			
Adrian Malcolm				2012/4823/P			
Application Address				Drawing Numbers			
Institute of Education 20 Bedford Way London WC1H 0AL				Site Location Plan; Drawing No(s) 310			
PO 3/4		Area Team Signature		C&UD		Authorised Officer Signature	
Proposal(s)							
Details pursuant to condition 9 (balustrading) of planning permission dated 16/12/09 (Ref: 2008/1237/P for the erection of rear extension (levels 2-9) for educational use in connection with the Institute of Education including provision of offices, teaching and library archive facilities.							
Recommendation(s):		Approve details					
Application Type:		Approval of Details					
Conditions or Reasons for Refusal:		Refer to Draft Decision Notice					
Informatives:							
Consultations							
Adjoining Occupiers:		No. notified	00	No. of responses	00	No. of objections	00
				No. electronic	00		
Summary of consultation responses:		None					
CAAC/Local groups comments:		None					

Site Description

The site forms part of the Institute of Education (a graduate college for the University of London for training of teachers) which stands on the south-west side of Bedford Way, just to the north of Russell Square, around 250m from Russell Square Underground Station and 500m south-east of Euston Station on a site of 2,914sqm. Much of the surrounding area lies in the Bloomsbury Conservation Area, as does the application site itself.

A four storey (plus basement) grade II Georgian listed terrace immediately abuts the western boundary of the application site (the rear additions of these properties fall in the application site, as works are proposed to these areas as part of proposed development). This terrace is owned by the Institute of Education. These properties are used either as accommodation for students of the College (at no's 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17) or offices for the Institute (at no's 10, 11, 15 and 18). Another Georgian grade II listed terrace at 55-59 Gordon Square is also owned by the college. This is used primarily as offices, but also contains a nursery and student flat, again all in connection with the use of the Institute.

The large six storey plus two semi-basement /basement stories building fronting Bedford Way is often referred to as the Lasdun building, after the architect that designed it and is a grade II* listed building. No 26 is the section of the Lasdun building to the north of the penultimate tower (core B- the service towers are given letters from A to E, going north to south). This part of the building is occupied by the University College of London, or UCL, (which is another college of the University of London). The remainder of the enormous Lasdun building at no 20 Bedford Way is occupied by the Institute of Education. It is a grade II listed building that was completed in 1977 and runs 250m along the western side of Bedford Way. As can be seen in the following section, this building was conceived as an 'urban megastructure' as part of a wider new university precinct following extensive damage in the area during the Second World War. It is considered to be an important example of its type of post-war architecture that is of international significance.

A stepped spur at the rear of the Lasdun building cascades from six/seven stories to the ground from one of the stair towers (core D). A paved pedestrian plaza lies immediately to the north of this. The five stair towers rise the equivalent of around three-four stories above the remainder of the building. These were originally intended to have similar cascading spurs under the original masterplan, however these were never carried out (see section entitled 'background').

In 1993, the Newsam Library extension was added between the second and third stair towers (cores B and C), to the north of the plaza. It rises three stories above the level of the plaza.

The main part of the application site itself is a vacant area of land towards the north of the Institute's complex, much of which is overlain with rubble that has become somewhat overgrown with self-seeded vegetation. It stands above a service road at the rear of the Lasdun building and the two lowest levels of that building. A green area of open space owned by the Institute lies to the south of the aforementioned listed Georgian terrace fronting Woburn Square. This was formerly occupied by the bomb-damaged Christchurch. This area is also included in the application site, though no built development is proposed upon it.

Relevant History

2008/1237/P- In December 2009, planning permission was granted on appeal for the erection of rear extension (levels 2-9) for educational use in connection with the Institute of Education including provision of offices, teaching and library archive facilities.

2012/2991/P- August 2012, refusal of application for submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (plant), 4 (refuse storage and recycling), 5 (landscaping), 6 (cycle parking), 7 (security measures) and 8 (privacy details) to development allowed on appeal (ref: APP/X5210/A/09/2110637) on 16/12/2009 for the erection of rear extension (levels 2-9) for educational use in connection with the Institute of Education including provision of offices, teaching and library archive facilities (ref: 2008/1237/P).

Relevant policies

LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies

CS5 (Managing the impact of growth and development)

CS9 (Achieving a Successful Central London)

CS14 (Promoting high quality places and conserving our heritage)

DP24 (Securing high quality design)

DP25 (Conserving Camden's heritage)

Assessment

Condition 9 reads as follows:

'Notwithstanding the details of the proposed glazed balustrade at levels five and six (enclosing the roof terraces) indicated on the drawings of the development hereby permitted, no development shall commence until full details of a balustrade have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority and thereafter the development shall be carried out in accordance with the details approved by the local planning authority.'

The submitted details show a metal tubular frame to the balustrading to the roof terrace areas of levels 5 and 6 of the development. These are consistent with the balustrading suggested on the plans at the time of consideration of the main application and are considered to be acceptable.

It is therefore considered that condition 9 can be discharged.

Recommendation: Approve details.

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