
Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee

Application ref	2015/4408/P
Address	Library and Under Treasurer's House Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3TL
Planning Officer	Rob Tulloch
Comments by	3 September 2015
Proposal	Erection of three storey plus basement library and administration building following demolition of Under Treasurer's House, with two storey glazed link to existing library, installation of rooflights over existing lightwells, provision of 6 cycle spaces, provision of attenuation soakaway, and associated landscaping. (Application 4)
Objection	Yes
Observations	<p>The proposed two storey extension is in a very ordinary 'polite modern' style and we could not see any way in which it made an effort to relate to its neighbour apart from the choice of brick (to be confirmed I imagine as a condition on viewing samples). The bland fenestration at the rear and the low pitch of the roof are not at all 'Gothic' in inspiration. The existing building does a better job - at least it has steep roofs with a characteristic 'M' gable end, a more 'gothic' vertical emphasis and it does replicate the diaper brick pattern. Most importantly it does not seek to subvert the importance of Hardwicke's masterpiece by introducing another 'style' which would be a completely unnecessary distraction and irritation. We object strongly to this proposal on the grounds that it is detrimental to the setting of the listed New Hall and to the Conservation Area - particularly in views from within the Inn and from Lincoln's Inn Fields.</p> <p>Hugh Cullum for BCAAC</p>

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