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2015/4404/P	Albert Sampson	4 Stone Buildings Lincoln's Inn London WC2A 3XT	28/08/2015 11:37:09	OBJ	<p>The Education Centre will not preserve or enhance the appearance of the character and appearance of the Inn. In fact, it will do substantial harm to the character and setting of the Great Hall, and therefore detract from the overall aesthetic appearance of the Inn.</p> <p>The design is ill thought out and requires substantial interference with the fabric of the Inn's collegiate buildings. Where there is currently a large open patio, which is an important thoroughfare between the entrance to the Inn and the Treasury Office and Library, there will instead be a small wall surrounding sky-lights that are necessary because the proposed development is subterranean. This will diminish the character and appearance of this part of the Inn.</p> <p>Further, this particular development is wholly unnecessary. The Inn does not need a lecture hall to seat 150 people. In my experience, it rarely gives lectures to a cohort of that size and in any event it has the Old Court Room, the Great Hall and the Old Hall, which all serve well as large lecturing spaces.</p> <p>The Inn provides advocacy training, but this only takes place on a few occasions throughout the year and is run off-site. The Inn has accommodation in Rolls Passage off Chancery Lane, which it could use for these purposes. Rather than complaining that the current facilities are inadequate and therefore ripping up the fabric of the Inn, it would be less damaging to upgrade existing facilities.</p> <p>Finally, these developments do not confer a benefit on the public at large; they are supposedly designed for the educational purposes of the Inn. However, those purposes are limited; the overwhelming majority of training for students coming to the Bar is done by the various professional institutions in this area of London, notably City University (in Gray's Inn), BPP (on Red Lion Street) and the University of Law (on Store Street).</p> <p>There is therefore a great deal of provision in this area of London for the purposes to which the proposed development will be put. In those circumstances, there is no "clear and convincing justification" for the development.</p>

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