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Planning applications:

2015/4408/P 'Library extension'

2015/4404/P 'Education centre'

2015/4402/P 'Works to the Great Hall'

Objection to planning applications.

1. I wish to register my objection to the above applications.
2. The proposed works would significantly damage the environment of the Grade II\* listed buildings, and the Conservation Area to which the existing buildings make a positive contribution.
3. I have worked throughout my career at the Bar in Lincoln's Inn and am a member and bencher. Lincoln's Inn is a remarkable architectural inheritance and it the duty of the current generation of members to protect that inheritance. The proposed works are poor in conception and design.
4. As to the proposed addition to the Library:
  - a. This involves demolition of the existing sympathetic Under Treasurer's house, and its replacement with a glassy block which would be better suited to supermarket or modern office environment.
  - b. The proposed design is incongruous with its surroundings. It is surprising that more thought has not been given to producing a sympathetic structure, perhaps making use of the original designs for the Stewards House.
  - c. There is no need for more space for users of the Library. In the 28 years I have been using the Library I have never known it to be full.
  - d. As for storage space if this is required, a better solution would be to build further underground storage.
5. The proposed educational area will involve damage to the integrity of the terrace, the gardens and the entrance area.
6. In addition the works being proposed by the Inn will involve very significant disruption to the lives of those who work and live in the Inn and its surroundings.
7. In summary, the Inn's proposals would cause significant harm to the existing environment. No exceptional circumstances justify the proposals. There is no clear and convincing justification, and no public benefit. If the Inn, in the future, needs more space for education, which is at present simply unknown, there is plenty of neighbouring accommodation without the need for any new structures.

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2015/4404/P	Amanda Milne	Top Floor Flat 10 Old Square Lincoln's Inn London WC2A 3SU	02/09/2015 14:33:47	OBJ	wish to object to the proposed development but having only returned from holiday on the 1st September have had insufficient time to do so. I am possibly the closest neighbour to the proposed development and need time to evaluate the proposals properly. I will put in a formal objection within the next month having consulted the relevant documents and other interested parties with whom my interests may overlap
2015/4404/P	Andrew Rose	4 Stone Buildings Lincoln's Inn WC2A 3UT	03/09/2015 18:01:27	OBJ	I am a barrister member of the Inn. I work in the Inn and am a regular user of the library. I am deeply concerned that the Inn should have chosen to make this application in the legal vacation period, during which many of those whose interests are directly affected are away. I consider that the consultation period should be extended. I have read the objections to this application which have been made by Messrs McCracken, Crow, Davies, Marquand, Cox, Denton-Cox, Clutterbuck, Streeten and Glossop. It is clear that they all care deeply about the Inn both as a place of great beauty and historical significance and as a place of work and study, as do I. I share the many concerns which they raise. I would particularly draw attention to and echo the criticisms which Mr Streeten makes in relation to the supposed "need" for library and educational space. The Inn's contention that these important functions of the Inn cannot be adequately served either by the Inn's existing facilities or by use of alternative facilities is unconvincing. The committee should reject this application.
2015/4404/P	Joseph Wigley	4 Stone Buildings Lincoln's Inn WC2A 3XT	02/09/2015 16:09:01	OBJ	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This is an objection to this application. The proposed works are unnecessary and would cause substantial harm both to the setting of Grade II* listed buildings, and to the Conservation Area to which the existing buildings make a positive contribution.</li> <li>2. I am a barrister who works in Lincoln's Inn, and have done so for the entirety of my career. I often work in Lincoln's Inn library, which provides a hugely valuable resource to practising barristers, and have done so since I attended bar school in Gray's Inn. I also regularly attend Lincoln's Inn Hall. I am keen to ensure that those who follow me in my studies and in my career, not to mention the visiting public, continue to enjoy the same oasis of excellent architecture and green spaces which the Inn currently provides in the midst of the modern office blocks and busy traffic by which it is surrounded. The Inn's current proposals would significantly diminish these existing qualities of the Inn.</li> <li>3. The Library and Great Hall are listed Grade II *, making an important contribution to the charm of the whole Inn, which is important both from a historical perspective and also for the ambience it offers to those working in or near the Inn, and to the many visitors they attract from outside.</li> <li>4. The Inn's proposals would cause significant harm in causing considerable disruption both in its construction and in increasing the footfall in the Inn.</li> <li>5. No exceptional circumstances justify the proposals. There cannot be said to be a 'clear and convincing justification' (NPPF 132). There are no 'substantial public benefits' (NPPF 133). The ordinary needs of educational and professional institutions can hardly ever be regarded as exceptional in this area because such institutions are commonplace, and there is also an abundance of accommodation within and immediately outside the Inn without the need for any new structures or construction underground.</li> </ol>