

From: Mira Bar-Hillel [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 September 2015 22:26
To: Planning
Subject: FAO Rob Tulloch: Lincoln's Inn: The listing status of the Under-Treasurer's House- fwd to RT 10/09 SE
Importance: High

Good morning Rob,

I understand that you are the officer in charge of the Lincoln's Inn application which seeks to demolish the Under-Treasurer's House and replace it with a Modernist design.

I also understand that you are under the impression, from Historic England, that the U-T's House is not listed and/or that it does not matter whether it is or not.

This is of course totally incorrect. The U-T's House is physically attached to the Great Hall and its use has always been ancillary to it.

Historic England's own guidelines say: In general, a structure attached to a building, such as adjoining buildings or walls, will also be covered by the listing if the structure was ancillary to the principal building at the date of listing (or possibly 1 January 1969 for buildings listed before that date).

Under these criteria the U-T's House is listed Grade II*. As such, you cannot determine its demolition without consulting the Secretary of State regardless of how you – or others – perceive its merits or otherwise.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and I would appreciate your response on this specific matter as soon as possible as I am writing an article about Lincoln's Inn for this weekend.

I attach a recent email exchange with Historic England as evidence of my claim that they have this completely wrong.

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From: Mira Bar-Hillel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 September 2015 19:06
To: Ryder, Rosie
Subject: Re: Lincoln's Inn: The status of the Under-Treasurer's House

So your answer to my question "Is the House listed?" is "Er, we don't know" because "Well, It's very complicated..."

I find this very shocking. If the law is unclear, then surely it needs clarifying before you approve the demolition of what could be Grade II*-listed?

In view of recent events at Smithfield and The Strand, would it not be sensible to give the Under-Treasurer's House a proper assessment regarding its listed status?

Mira

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the EE network.

From: Ryder, Rosie
Sent: Wednesday, 9 September 2015 17:56
To: Mira Bar-Hillel
Cc: Grice, Katharine
Subject: RE: Lincoln's Inn: The status of the Under-Treasurer's House

Dear Mira,

We are aware that Under Treasurer's House is attached to New Hall Library but we are clear that it is not integral to that building's special interest. This is not a straightforward question to answer as the law in this area is acknowledged to be difficult to apply to particular circumstances.

In our advice to Camden Council, we said that this case merits special consideration because of the contribution Under Treasurer's House makes to the conservation area and the setting of the listed New Hall Library. We acknowledge that the current building contributes to the special character of the conservation area, but in our view it is not integral to it. We do not think that the character of the conservation area and the setting of New Hall Library is put at risk by the demolition and replacement of Under Treasurer's House.

Best wishes,

Rosie Ryder
Communications Manager
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From: Mira Bar-Hillel
Sent: 09 September 2015 13:04
To: Ryder, Rosie
Cc: Grice, Katharine
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From: Mira Bar-Hillel
Sent: 08 September 2015 22:01
To: 'Ryder, Rosie'
Cc: GRICE, Katharine
Subject: Lincoln's Inn: The status of the Under-Treasurer's House
Importance: High

Good Morning.

I attach a recent layout by Lincoln's Inn own architect, Rick Mather.

It shows clearly that the Under-Treasurer's house directly adjoins the turret of the Grade II*-Listed Library with no gap between the two. The use is ancillary to the principal building, as it has always been and its proposed successor is intended to be.

." Your own guidance says it all: " In general, a structure attached to a building, such as adjoining buildings or walls, will also be covered by the listing if the structure was ancillary to the principal building at the date of listing (or possibly 1 January 1969 for buildings listed before that date)

Under your own guidelines, therefore, the U-T house MUST be listed in the same grade as the principal building.

In view of this, please explain to me why you continue to maintain that the U-T building is unlisted and merits no special consideration in terms of the current proposal to demolish it.

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