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Dear Sir,

**Re Planning Application 2015/4408/P  
Lincoln's Inn Under-Treasurer's House and Library Extension**

1. I write to object to the proposal to demolish the Under-Treasurer's House and build a library extension in its place.
2. I am a Barrister of Lincoln's Inn. Although I am resident in Lancashire I visit the Inn frequently to attend social functions and to use the library when I am in London for meetings at Church House, Westminster in connection with my membership of the General Synod of the Church of England and its associated bodies.
3. There is no need for the proposed building. I use the library at various times of day before and after meetings and there is always plenty of space at readers' desks and no overcrowding. I do not, therefore, see the need for an additional reading room.
4. The rest of the proposed building is to be used for office space of which there is plenty around the Inn and its property in Chancery Lane, which could be used instead.
5. The existing house is a self-contained family house of a type rare in that part of London. It should not be lost.
6. The existing building fits in well with the adjacent Library and Great Hall and makes a pleasing view from Lincoln's Inn Fields.
7. By contrast the proposed building does not relate to the Library and Hall but stands out in stark contrast to the rest of the range. The view from Lincoln's Inn Fields is particularly grotesque. The design has tried to mimic the window in the bay of the

Great Hall but it does not work. There are not enough vertical lines in the proposed building to compliment the Library and Great Hall.

Yours sincerely,

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(by e mail)