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The Planning Department
The London Borough of Camden
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Dear Mr Tulloch
Planning and Listed Building Consent to redevelop the Under Treasurer's House at Lincoln's Inn, 2015/4408/P

I write on behalf of the Committee of the Friends of Lincoln's Inn Fields. The Committee has resolved (with the exception of Committee members who are members of Lincoln's Inn who did not participate in the discussion) that we are opposed to the proposal to demolish the Under Treasurer's House and replace it with a new building. We are aware of and persuaded by the representations in opposition made by distinguished conservationists such as Philip Davies.

The present building is built in the style of a rural large cottage or farm house, an example of 'rus in urbe', entirely in keeping with the Inn and the immediate surroundings of Lincoln's Inn Fields. Its red brick with blue banding is designed to harmonise with the adjacent Grade 2* listed Library and Great Hall, and blends in well when viewed over the wall from Lincoln's Inn Fields, part of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

In our view the new design is banal and uninspiring, unsuited to its setting and will diminish visual amenity for those seeing it over the wall from Lincoln's Inn Fields. No attempt has been made to render it in keeping with the rest of the building either in materials, ie the diagonal blue brickwork and the stone quoining; or roofline or the design of the windows.

We therefore request that the proposal to demolish the Under Treasurer's House and replace it with offices and a new reading room be rejected.

Yours sincerely


Susan Palmer, on behalf of the Committee of the Friends of Lincoln's Inn Fields