



Dear Heather

2015/4408 P and L

Like both other ward councillors I am opposed to the above application and would be most grateful if you could read out this letter of objection at the relevant meeting of The Development Control Committee, which I understand is due to meet [on 26 November](#).

I certainly wish Lincoln's Inn well in its general redevelopment aspirations, but this particular application will in my view have an adverse effect both on the setting of the Hardwick listed buildings and on the Conservation Area. The contrast in style between it and the Hardwick buildings will be discordant and will jar, when viewed both from Lincoln's Inn Fields and from the North Garden of Lincoln's Inn. The current house although not the same architectural style as the Hardwick buildings, does not jar and of course our own policies say it makes a positive contribution to the Conservation Area. The proposal has many defects in this setting. The fenestration is far too large for a building of such a size. This along with the asymmetric roof and the glazed link will detract the eye of onlookers and cause visual jarring of this proposal along with Hardwick's architecture (which is remarkably consistent Tudor Revival). It is noteworthy that the applicants have not provided a montage of the building from Lincoln's Inn Fields, at a straight angle; the submitted one is oblique and thereby it does not show the glazed link. Its oblique angle hides a full appreciation of the roof as seen immediately in front and looking at a straight angle. The applicants should be asked to provide such a montage. The modern box type of architecture may work in other settings but not in this one.

I note that the Covent Garden Community Association, The Friends of Lincoln's Inn Fields and the Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee have all objected, as also have Save Britain's Heritage. I have also read the many other objections from members of Lincoln's Inn and the letters from Philip Davies, Paul Velluet and Liam O'Connor and would agree with their views. I would respectfully ask the Committee to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

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