



Dear Tessa

The Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee met last week to discuss recent planning applications, including the one under consideration (2017/6230/P). I note that we have missed the last date for on-line comments on this application, but I hope the following will be considered.

The Advisory Committee objects to the proposed development at 195-199 Gray's Inn Road.

The additional height will compromise the view of the rear elevation of Mecklenburgh Street. Despite a mixture of fenestration, there is a clear horizontal pattern of elegant windows with rounded headers. The view of these arched details will be completely lost if an additional storey is added. As the application site will be viewed in the context of the rear elevation of Mecklenburgh Street, which is identified as contributing positively to the character of the conservation area, the additional storey is clearly intrusive.

The design of the proposed horizontal oblong windows are completely out of keeping with the character of the conservation area. They also jar with the fenestration of the listed Eastman Dental Hospital on the other side of Gray's Inn Road.

The design of the proposed structure sits extremely uncomfortably within its historic setting, and the application should be rejected.

Kind regards

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