

Dear Matthew,

The Bloomsbury CAAC objects to application 2021/5885/P for the replacement of a shopfront at 307 Gray's Inn

The objection is on the basis of insufficient information. Camden's requirements and the NPPF require both a design and access statement and a heritage statement in support of such alterations. It is of particular importance that replacement of a shopfront in a conservation area is rigorously justified and the date of construction of the shopfront should be properly researched and presented. The replacement of railings and infilling/covering of a traditional lightwell space is also proposed. All these things impact upon significance of the conservation area and therefore require proper justification. It should not fall to decision makers and external conservation groups to undertake this research.

Should you be minded to process this application despite lack of information, please inform us so that we can visit the site and judge the heritage impact of the alterations ourselves.

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