

Subject: Objection, Edel, 355-4,1 155 Gray 5 min Roa

Importance: High



Dear Sofie,

The Bloomsbury CAAC strongly objects to the application at 133 Gray's Inn Road, for the addition of 7 residential units atop a mews building + rooftop extension.

The application proposal is of such exceptionally poor quality it makes little sense to write a detailed objection at this stage. We can summarise our main points as follows.

SCALE

The scale of the proposed development is wholly unacceptable and would dwarf and overwhelm the existing historic buildings on the site. There is no precedent whatsoever for development of this disproportionate scale in the conservation area.

DESIGN

The design is exceptionally poor and is in no way sympathetic to the fine grain, and characterful and traditional appearance of the host buildings or wider conservation area, or indeed of any quality at all. The construction is presumably lightweight to avoid substantial underpinning but the use of excesses of glazing and perforated steel sheets as an exterior cladding material is absolutely unacceptable.

I sincerely hope this application is withdrawn promptly and that clear advice is communicated to the applicants that this sort of development is totally unacceptable anywhere in the country, least of all in what is supposed to be an 'internationally significance example of town planning' (para 2 Bloomsbury CA Statement 2011).

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