



To: **Allison Borden** South Area Planning Team

Reply from: Thorney Island Society
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Reference: **14/10636/FULL**
TP/21563 : PP-03757050

Address: Mansion House, 4 Cowley Street, London, SW1P 3NB,

Proposal: Installation of lighting scheme comprising of wall mounted up-lighters, recommissioning of existing entrance lamps and pediment lighting to illuminate features of front elevation; recessed floor lamps, foliage lighting and planter bed spike lights to illuminate rear terrace; and LED strip lights to roof terrace.

Thank you for consulting our amenity group on this application. It has now been considered and our observations are detailed below. The application documents and plans are returned herewith.

Objection **No objection** **No Comment** **Further details required (as stated below)**

(Please tick appropriate box)

COMMENTS:

The Thorney Island Society objects strongly to the application to floodlight the façade of 4, Cowley Street, both the wall-mounted uplighters and the pediment lighting.

Cowley Street is part of the early eighteenth century Smith Square Conservation Area and No. 4 stands at the pivot between Cowley Street and Lord North Street, with a view of the building from the steps of St John's Smith Square. The building itself is not undistinguished, but it is not typical of its surroundings and should not be given the dominance that floodlighting would bring.

An additional objection is that at night Lord North Street, Cowley Street and Barton Street are lit by gas lamps, providing unusually subdued street lighting. Floodlighting of any building in this area would spoil this attractive feature.

The recommissioning of the existing entrance lamps is unobjectionable, provided that they match the level of lighting on the other buildings in the street that have entrance lights.

The Society has no view on the lighting in the rear terrace except to note the danger of light pollution that might affect neighbouring properties.

Signed: *Lucy Peck*

Date: 19th November 2014