

Agenda Item number:	6.2
Reference number:	PA/14/01897
Location:	Silwex House, Quaker Street, London, E1 6NS
Proposal:	Demolition of the roof and part side elevations, the retention and restoration of the southern and northern elevations and the construction of a 3 storey roof extension to provide a new hotel (Class C1) development comprising approx. 250 bedrooms over basement, ground and 5 upper floors with ancillary cafe space and servicing on the ground floor, associated plant in the basement and roof, improvements to the front pavement and associated works.

1. FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE SPITALFIELDS SOCIETY

- 1.1 The Spitalfields Society have confirmed that following the revisions to the plans they now support the scheme.
- 1.2 The Spitalfields Society further state that they consider the proposed additional storeys to the north and south elevations are of an interesting and sophisticated design and urge the Council and applicant to ensure that the design and construction of these elements is of the highest standards and remains in accordance with the current proposals. Previous comments around the need to further resolve the gable end treatments still stand.
- 1.3 Officers welcome the Spitalfields Society's support for the revised scheme and recommend that full details of the gable end treatments to the additional storeys is secured by condition.

2. FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Following publication of the committee report, one additional letter of representation has been received, in which objection is raised to the scheme on the grounds that the proposals would involve the demolition and restructuring of a beautiful building and that London's old buildings are historically important. In addition, the East End Preservation Society has submitted further representations reaffirming their previous objection to the demolition works, alteration and extension of the building. These issues are discussed in the main report.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Officer' recommendation remains as set out in paragraph 12.1 of the Committee Report.