

# City Draft Plan 2040 - Consultation response on behalf of the Middle Temple

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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached our consultation response to the draft City Plan 2040.

Kind regards,

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17 June 2024

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Dear Sirs,

**Draft City Plan 2040 – Consultation response on behalf of the Middle Temple**

We write as part of the public consultation process and particularly in respect to Policy TP1 covering the Temple area of the City. We fully support TP1 but would suggest some slight amendments to the first paragraph of the policy text on page 244 so that it reads –

The City Corporation will continue to support the unique functions of the Inner and Middle Temples as places of education and training and providers of common and collegiate facilities for barristers and students, including providing professional accommodation to support the Bar and maintain the Temple area. Development in the Temple area that supports these functions, including improvements to the accessibility of buildings and reduction of carbon footprint will be supported.

The reason for the suggested amendments is to recognise that our estate supports our collegiate activities and we must maintain the estate in order to attract and retain tenants to provide the income necessary to support those activities. Whilst we are recovering well from the effects of the pandemic in terms of reducing vacancies in occupation, there are still improvements which are essential to continue and complete that process. With such a high concentration of listed buildings within a designated conservation area, we will need the City's support in meeting our statutory obligations, particularly in respect of the improvement of accessibility and reduction of carbon footprint.

In respect of sustainability, we would suggest that the penultimate sentence to support text 14.1.2 on page 245 is slightly amended so that it reads:

To enable the continued use of the buildings in the Temple, physical changes to the fabric of the historic buildings, especially for the purposes of improved accessibility and reduction of carbon footprint may be required.

Our colleagues at Inner Temple wrote to you on 29 May setting out their comments on the draft. We fully endorse those comments as they reflect the same challenges that we face in Middle Temple.

We would also strongly support the proposal for the Inns to work with the Corporation's officers to develop a design code to facilitate accessibility and environmental improvements to our buildings. Without such improvements the Inn's accommodation will quickly become less attractive to tenants causing long term detrimental impact to the function of the Inn and the Temple area as a whole.

Yours faithfully,



DAVID ELVIN KC  
Chair, Middle Temple Estates Committee