

London Russian Ballet School – Planning Appeal 2017

The Clapham Society gave evidence at the Public Inquiry into the appeal by the London Russian Ballet School (LRBS) against the decision by Lambeth Council in November 2015 to refuse the LRBS planning consent. [Click here](#) for a copy of the statement submitted to the Inquiry, in support of Lambeth Council's refusal, by Philip Ashford and John Adams on behalf of the Society. The LRBS original application was for consent to construct a sizeable extension to the existing listing building (the former Clapham General Dispensary) located at 42 Clapham Manor Street within a Conservation Area. The Inquiry was held between 10 and 17 January 2017. We are unlikely to learn the Planning Inspector's decision before the end of February but will keep you posted about the outcome in the 'Latest News' section. We previously reported on this matter in the newsletters No. 384 February 2016 and No. 393 December/January 2016/17.

The representatives from the Clapham Society explained that they opposed the LRBS proposal because the Society disagreed that the public benefits that the LRBS alleged would arise from the expanded building would outweigh the harm to the listed building. They also argued that the extension would not make a positive contribution to (or better reveal) the significance of the listed building. The Society also considered that such a large extension in the back garden of the LRBS would damage the character of the surrounding conservation area as well as the amenity of neighbouring residents.