

Planning Application Number 2023/3419/P

I have already written to object in the strongest terms to the above Application for Full Planning Permission 2023/3419P.

I want to reiterate that I believe it is completely wrong and unnecessary to demolish the existing external walls of the new building. Demolition is one of the biggest contributors to a building's carbon footprint. The Applicants argue that they cannot improve the sustainability of the building without taking down the external walls. This is not true. They could replace the windows and build new wall lining inside to meet the environmental targets.

I also object to the proposal to add an extra storey to the building. This will result in the building becoming over bearing and will also mean loss of sunlight and daylight to the existing buildings in the square, especially to Cranley Buildings, The Beauchamp Building, Langdale House and some houses in Brooke's Court.

I also note that the Applicants have issued a revised proposal for the ground floor plan to include a Bar. This is completely unacceptable for the residents in the surrounding buildings. Bedrooms on the South elevation of the Beauchamp Building are only 20 meters from the proposed location of the Bar. There is already a massive amount of noise generated by the pub, The Argyle, at the junction of Leather Lane and Greville Street. A bar in this location will generate even more noise and will make the evenings for the nearby residents intolerable.

We urge the Planning Committee to refuse this application.

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