From: ARigby@CoventGarden.org.uk
Sent: 28 January 2024 22:58

To: Jaspreet.Chana@Camden.gov.uk.

Cc: Planning;

Subcommittee)

**Subject:** 2023/4836/P - Objection from Covent Garden Community Association.

Attachments: winmail.dat

## Dear Jaspreet,

We apologise for the lateness of these comments due to having missed the initial alert. Please find our objection attached. We have copied your colleague Jessica as she has been involved and helpful in recent cases involving hanging signage etc. We would appreciate our objection being uploaded to the Planning portal with the application documents.

I am not sure whether we have corresponded before, although I saw that you were listed as case officer on a Drury Lane application that we looked at in November. If you are new to the team, you may be interested to know a little about the history of the area and the Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA).

We were founded in 1971 to oppose the plans for wholesale redevelopment of the area in concrete. These included driving a 4-lane road through Seven Dials, London's only remaining neighbourhood from Stuart times! Although the plans seem unbelievable now, the battle was won against great odds, or the World would not have Covent Garden today. A lot of our archive material and social history can be seen here:

http://www.coventgardenmemories.org.uk/category id 47.aspx?path= We have continued to work ever since for the improvement and protection of the area and the amenity of the residents who make it so special.

Here at CGCA we look forward to working with you going forward. And please let us know when you are next in the neighbourhood, and we can give you a tour.

With good wishes,

Amanda.

Amanda Rigby

(Voluntary) Co-Chair and Exec. Member for Seven Dials area Covent Garden Community Association

 $\textbf{My email:} \ \underline{ARigby@CoventGarden.org.uk < mailto:} \underline{ARigby@CoventGarden.org.uk > mailto:} \underline{ARigby@CoventGarden.org.uk > mailto:} \underline{ARigby@CoventGarden.org.uk < mailto:} \underline{ARigby@CoventGarden.org.uk$ 

[CGCA Rooftops and Cranes logo]

Established in 1971 to save Covent Garden - working ever since to keep a thriving community at its heart.

Charity number 274468