

Dear Mr Versluys,

I am emailing comments as when I entered into the comments box the links below do not work, which is a bit odd. Are you able to add to the Portal in a way where the links do work?

2023/4972/P TOWER COURT

The Seven Dials Trust agrees that the entrance to, and Tower Court itself, are less than inviting, and the Court badly lit.

However we feel that permanent festoon lighting is not appropriate as it makes this part of an important Conservation Area into a form of tinsel town. Festoon lighting is appropriate at Christmas for a limited period, otherwise this would set an unacceptable precedent for the Conservation Area. We refer you to the Trust's new web study (now a material consideration for planning matters) on the issue of festive type lighting:

https://sevendialsoventgarden.study/streets/managing-the-public-realm/on-street-commercial-activity/?_gl=1%2A954kd5%2A_ga%2AMjEwODUwMzEzMC4xNzA2OTc1ODYz%2A_ga_CC2YZ217WG%2AMTcwNjk3NTg2My4xLjEuMTcwNjk3NTkwMC4wLjAuMA..

We recall there as a previous proposal along the lines of the alternative approach outlined below.

ENTRANCE BOLLARDS

Replace the existing bollards with the Seven Dials bollards as in the other entrances to the core Conservation Area.

<https://sevendialsoventgarden.study/streets/street-furniture/harmonising-street-furniture/>

COVENT GARDEN LANTERN

<https://sevendialsoventgarden.study/streets/lighting/the-covent-garden-lighting-partnership/>

All the surrounding streets have the Covent Garden Lantern ®, either post mounted as Tower and West Streets, or façade ones as in all the other streets off the Dials and beyond into Westminster. We suggest that facade mounted ones be used in this part of Tower Court rather than what amounts to the precedent of permanent festive type lighting.

We recall the above was suggested some time ago when Delfont Mackintosh was to acquire the Ambassadors Theatre.

Best,

David Bieda