

Regarding 2024/1364/P

Dear Camden Planning Officers,

Please can you preserve the light of the valley of saffron street, in particular the morning sun comes over the top of the car park and allows the plants to flourish giving the valley a gentle feeling and the air is perhaps cleaner, despite the proximity of busy Farringdon road.

I am an old professor with a terrible disease that will definitely not benefit from a reduction of light, air, privacy, and calm. I make intensive use of my outdoor terrace. My home is where I will soon spend almost all of my time. Across the way is a little baby growing up in the same pleasant valley of saffron street as I grow old in it. We need the new building to set back and preserve the entrance of morning light over Farringdon station into the valley of saffron street. For its own benefit too. So each of the terraces catches morning light and preserves its passage to the existing thriving plants. To work with us to preserve and improve this special architectural space—firstly by giving it space. And giving it plants to clean air and preserve privacy.

If the beam of morning light is blocked and terraces are right up close the light will not be sufficient for the plants that allow the saffron street to work, and daylight to get to the many people living in the sheer part of the building below the terraces.

On the other side of the building by the current car park entrance the building will receive allot of sun. please step back the side on narrow saffron street. To not make it crowded and cheap and reduce our privacy and light and air. Let it remain gentle and green and clean.

Thank you for your urgent attention to the current passage of eastern/morning light over Farringdon station into saffron street, and let it determine the height and set back of the terraces of the new building, for the quality and value of the new flats and to preserve the lucky amenity of light that allows saffron street to be bright, green, and private despite its being so narrow.

Please also beware of anything that will cause noise as the narrowness –soon to be without the openings of the carpark... will then resound loudly. As it does when some noisy thing happens.

The street works despite its narrowness. But it is in a delicate balance that catches the morning light and does not place demands of loud things... that any good design must preserve this with clarity and specificity. Build high and do noisy things on the much wider and more commercial other side of the building. Preserve the light as it now falls and the calm of saffron street where so many people draw their light, air, and privacy..

Thank you,

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