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2014/5329/P	Meredith Whitten	Covent Garden Community Association 42 Earlham Street WC2H 9LA	02/11/2014 03:51:10	OBJ	<p>The CGCA strongly objects to an openable shopfront at this, and any, premises. We note that Camden planning policy explicitly opposes openable shopfronts, as stated in Development Policy (DP) 30.8 and Core Strategy (CS) 7. Folding and openable shopfronts create a void at ground level that can harm the appearance of a building and that can detract from the character of the street and the Conservation Area, as well as the architectural integrity of the building. When open, they erode the appearance of the shopfront, creating a visual void, and can have a negative impact on local amenity, for example in terms of noise and disturbance.</p> <p>Additionally, an openable shopfront is inappropriate in the Seven Dials Conservation Area. The Seven Dials Renaissance study comments on the shopfront of 9-11 Monmouth, noting that the contemporary shopfront is inappropriate on this early 19th-century stock-brick building (see page 50). An openable shopfront would not contribute to restoring this historic building.</p>

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