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From: Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 December 2014 10:58
To: Nigel Rickard; Dean, Katrine; catherine croft
Cc: Michelle; Heide Eyles; Wesley Skow
Subject: BCAAC- Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee deep concern Re: FITZROY SQUARE GARDENS

Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee

c/o Hugh Cullum Architects
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Dear Mr. Rickard,

Thank you for sending these through. Although you and the Camden planners might consider the new gate to be 'minor' I think that with the proposed steps, changes to planting and 'view' by Naomi Blake (which I take to be a sculpture) there really needs to be an application for conservation area consent for these works.

I have a recollection that Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe was involved in the design of the garden and sculpture, and these details should be properly documented and considered. We are sceptical as to whether brick steps are appropriate given the predominance of Portland stone in the Square and features such as the 'view' sculpture should have a full size maquette made and mounted in place to allow their impact to be assessed.

Recent examples of less minor interventions in Bloomsbury's Squares have sought Conservation Area consent and the value of having done this has been evidenced in the healthy debate which has followed. Interventions such as this should be properly and fully described, advertised and available to be considered by the public and the relevant consultees.

Fitzroy Square is one of the most important squares in Camden. It is particularly sensitive as the centrepiece of an ensemble including grade one listed buildings and any changes to their setting should be extremely carefully considered and fully debated.

Could I suggest you withdraw the application and resubmit it along with an application for Conservation Area Consent. I think otherwise the applicants will be seen as not acting in an entirely open and proper manner.

Kind regards,

Hugh Cullum

cc Mr Neil Phoenix, Chairman of the Fitzroy Square Frontagers & Garden Committee
cc Katrine Dean, Camden Council
cc Twentieth Century Society

On 20 Dec 2014, at 13:42, Nigel Rickard wrote:

Mr Cullum,

I have been asked by Neil Pheonix to send you details that have been submitted to Camden Council regarding the installation of a new gate to the above gardens along with the introduction of a new pathway and steps from the gate to the garden.

I attach the following drawings for information;

- 1 Location Plan
- 2 Metalcraft gate drawing
- 3 Plan showing position of the gate
- 4 John Brookes drawings showing the garden pathway and steps.

I hope you will find this clear and should you wish to look at the application on line, you can do so with the planning reference 2014/7082/P.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me.

Kind Regards

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Director



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