

The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref:	2014/7497/P 2014/7496/A	
Address:	5 South End Road, Starbucks Café	, NW3
Description:	Fascia and pavement seating work.	
Case Officer:	Obote Hope	Date 31 December 2014

We have no objection to the fascia alteration proposals.

We do object, however, to the proposals to augment and protect the pavement tables and seating. The pavement here in South End Road is narrow, and the present table eating obstructs the free movement of pedestrians. The addition of the side "screens" gives permanency to the table layout and, coupled with the proposed new awning, extends the Starbucks occupancy unacceptably.

We assume that approval has been given to the use of pavement space by tables, but is this not a matter for the Licensing department? If such a licence was withdrawn, or the café changed hands, the screens etc would remain with a valid Planning permission; this would be an anomaly, which can be corrected by amendment or refusal of this application.