

Dear Sirs

Re : planning application - 2014/7429/P

It is with reluctance and a heavy heart that the HG retail consortium feels the need to make a written objection to the plans on 16-18 Hatton garden

As with most of the shop layouts there is a comfortable " Viewing Area " outside the majority of shops where customers can browse and take in the full delights of each individual shop We are also able to approach them in a friendly and polite manner whilst they are on our premises with it being their prerogative to accept or reject our gentle offers of help or advice.

The withdrawal of this space creates a Street zone in which people are pestered by various outlets whilst they are walking in a public street , never has any respectable retail outlet had to send any street hawkers out touting for business anywhere on the public streets.

We only ask you to consider the planning application as we are led to believe that the premises will be made into another Emporium with up to 25 independent sub-let retail units working from within this location and the withdrawal of a front area would force units inside to send people onto the streets to tout for business, as has been seen in all the other sub-let developments that have popped up over the last few years

By granting permission to extend the front door to the very extreme limits of its boundaries leaves a unit with 25 plus sub-let properties no front area for browsing or gathering and some 75-100 plus people who will now work here to congregate at street level, how can this not cause chaos and mayhem?

We are all for investment and people actively looking to create a more affluent area but as you will be aware some recent developments of this nature if not done correctly create confusion ,mistrust and violence and encourage a general trend of behaviour that once started is very hard to control.

Thank you for your time in considering our points

Hatton Garden Consortium