

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2014/5946/P	Katherine Darton	1c Kin Edward Mansions	14/01/2015 20:21:22	OBJ	I commented in this proposal previously. The resubmitted plans do not sufficiently answer my previous objections - in most cases they do not answer them at all, and therefore y previous objections still stand.
2014/5946/P	J Torzewska	36 Museum Chambers Little Russell Street WC1A 2JA WC1A 2JA WC1A 2JA	14/01/2015 17:57:44	APP	<p>I wish to object to the planning application for several reasons.</p> <p>The proposed bulk and height of the development, adding extra mass, and the increase requiring the existing large building to be higher would cause the building to tower over and dominate the Covent Garden and Bloomsbury conservation areas, causing less light, and would be damaging to the existing listed buildings, such as the iconic St George's Church and The British Museum; not to mention overwhelming the neighbouring streets where there are many residents.</p> <p>Furthermore, I feel that the proposed office space, and retail and restaurant space is out of proportion with the needs of the local area. There are no plans for social housing, only "affordable" housing which is "unaffordable" for the average household.</p> <p>As well as this, there is no provision at all for any of the numerous invigorating and creative suggestions which have been made by the local community, apart from a small roof terrace and a small space for an NHS practice, with no guarantee for the rental costs.</p> <p>Ideas put forward by people who live and work in the area include workshop/gallery spaces and pop-up shops for creatives who deserve an opportunity to try to carve out a career for themselves, as do other small business-people. A theatre museum and fresh food market have also been suggested. More recently, the idea of a new home for the V&amp;A textile archives which will be needed in the near future, has also been voiced, this would blend perfectly with the environment and setting of the surrounding area and reinforce its cultural status.</p> <p>A fairer distribution of the space on such a large site would take all these into account. Not only would these considerations assist people to launch or improve their career opportunities, but help to create a more diverse, just and interesting environment, much more suited to this historic area than just more offices and chain stores. This would be an investment in the future rather than a plan for short-term gain.</p>