

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2014/7288/P	Linus Rees	Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Centre 39 Tottenham Street London W1T4RX	16/01/2015 14:00:03	OBJ	<p>Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association objects to the installation of gates in front of the two doorways of this Grade I listed building. We recommend that the listed building consent and the planning application be refused.</p> <p>We also note that this is a retrospective application and that it is a criminal offence to make alterations to a listed building without consent from a planning authority. We also note that the applicant in the covering letter states, incorrectly, that the gates were installed in September 2014. The gates were in fact installed during July and our association made an enforcement complaint on 5 August 2015.</p> <p>Fitzroy Square is a very important part of the conservation area and 34-35 Fitzroy Square is among its most important heritage assets. These gates are installed across the two side by side doorways and obscure the view of the doors and doorways from many viewing angles across the square. Gates are not installed at any of the other frontages in the square and to our knowledge gates were never part of the original design or concept for the terrace.</p> <p>We also note that there is a dividing railing erected across the single forecourt at right angles to the doors. This splits the single footway in front of two doors and divides the single forecourt into two. The effect is to create a cluttered look across a simple and beautiful entrance piece.</p> <p>We urge the council to refuse the application and take immediate enforcement action to make the applicant remove the gates and make good any damage to the forecourt area.</p>
