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2015/1580/P	Meredith Whitten	Covent Garden Community Association 42 Earlham Street WC2H 9LA	12/05/2015 01:14:16	NOBJ	<p>The CGCA has no objection to the proposed new early-years classroom or the internal changes to improve the accommodation at ground-floor level. Additionally, the CGCA welcomes the improved and added play space, as such space is essential for schoolchildren, yet is considerably lacking in Covent Garden.</p> <p>The CGCA is concerned, however, about the choice of materials for the early-years building, particularly the use of translucent polycarbonate. We support the use of polycarbonate as a way to bring light into the classrooms. However, whilst we appreciate the applicant's efforts to mitigate the proposed building's visual impact, we are concerned that polycarbonate is too lightweight to be a long-term solution and, thus, the material will need to be replaced before too long. Polycarbonate is frequently used in such applications as car dashboards, mobile phones and garden equipment, according to the British Plastics Federation. These applications do not equate to the same level of needed strength and endurance as an exposed building such as the one proposed. Thus, whilst we do not object to the proposed design, we are concerned that applicant should propose a sturdier material.</p>

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