



Hi there,

The Covent Garden Community Association has the following comments on the planning application for 117 Shaftesbury Avenue WC2H 8AD (2015/3897/P):

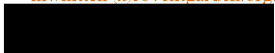
Although CPG1 Design , 7.12, states that existing shopfront recesses should be retained, the CGCA disagrees with the application of the policy at this location. The area has an ongoing problem with the drug scene as well as issues regarding rough sleeping and anti-social behaviour. Recessed shopfronts invite these behaviours and contribute to an unsafe environment, particularly late at night/early in the morning. Given this, the CGCA prefers for the shopfront alterations to include a doorway flush with the shopfront.

Also, sign D, the new large Pret star, is internally illuminated, which contradicts Camden's planning guidance, which specifies that internal illumination is inappropriate in a conservation area.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information from the CGCA.

Kind regards,
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