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Your comments on the planning application

I object to the proposed change to the entrances to Neal's Yard because it will change the unique character of the Yard. One of the characteristics is diversity and the proposed changes will tie into the newly decorated buildings, making them all follow the same style which homogenises the area and creates a inner city development/shopping centre look instead of the interesting, alternative look for which Neal's Yard has been known. The application describes Neal's Yard as "an attractive shopping and dining area" which is misleading as a larger area of Neal's Yard is residential and used for businesses

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operating in the therapeutic field. They require a calm and peaceful atmosphere. Creating big entrances will not help this.

The charm of Nealâs Yard is that people can discover it. We already are overloaded with people in this part-residential courtyard with more than 60 people at any one time on sunny days. The space is pushed to the seams. Attracting more people is an exclusive commercial idea whoâs merit is disputable in the light of the character of Nealâs Yard as it has been preserved. Neither can Nealâs Yard be used as a through way as the space is simply too small to accommodate this.

As far as the special features are concerned, whilst some may seem interesting, they do not strengthen the unique character of Nealâs Yard. They make a concept of it. Especially the fake wooden doors with over the top signage and illumination create a Disney land type atmosphere. Functionality has beauty in it. What is the point of a door that can not open or close? Something that is only created to display an image has no substance and therefor adds only to the packaging of Nealâs Yard as opposed to supporting its authenticity and history. It seems to me that these plans reveal a developers agenda rather than offer an improvement to the unique space that is Nealâs Yard and that many of us hold dear in our hearts.

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