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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 December 2016 13:00  
**To:** Jones, Evelyn  
**Subject:** 4-5 Bernard Street - 2016/6272/P

Dear Evelyn

I am writing on behalf of the Marchmont Association to object to the proposal to remove the railings and create forecourts in front of the two commercial properties at 4-5 Bernard Street.

Grounds for the Council refusing a recent application for the same alterations to No. 5 were published on your web site and included in the decision letter which resulted in consent for the removal of railings and infilling the light well at No. 5 being refused.

The same grounds, including the detrimental effect on the character of the conservation area, must surely apply equally to this latest application.

Residents living above No. 5, objected to the recent application on the grounds that the introduction of customers to the commercial forecourt at No. 5, due to the inherent noise and environmental pollution which would accompany customers of the restaurant using the forecourt as a smoking area. The same concern is likely to apply to the proposed alterations to the front of No. 4.

I should emphasise that these residents rely on ventilation for their homes from the windows on the Bernard Street elevation because noise from the underground station's extraction plant makes it impossible for them to open their rear windows.

To our knowledge, no application has been made by the proposed tenant of No. 4 with regard to any alterations they might wish to make to the shop front, including awnings and signage.

If and when such an application is made we would anticipate submitting our comments in the usual way.

Yours sincerely

Ricci de Freitas

Chair – Marchmont Association