

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2017/2979/P	Meredith Whitten on behalf of the Covent Garden Community Association	Covent Garden Community Association 42 Earlham Street WC2H 9LA	15/06/2017 13:44:27	OBJ	<p>Whilst the CGCA welcomes the proposed restoration works, we object to the installation of fixed canopies and drinking shelves.</p> <p>The proposed development would result in visual street clutter that detracts from the character of the building itself and the conservation area and that goes against Camden's aim of reducing visual street clutter (see Streetscape Design Manual, Chapter 4). Such street clutter has a significantly adverse effect on the appearance of the streetscape and the amenity of the area.</p> <p>The drinking shelves would greatly increase the number of vertical drinkers, which would cause an obstruction at this high-traffic area. The location is at a corner near Holborn station and, as such, there are consistently large crowds at the crosswalk/traffic light directly in front of the building. Kingsway experiences exceptionally high footfall, which led the Council to widen the pavement. This public realm improvement was not meant to increase space for private businesses to extend their areas of use.</p> <p>The applicant already places street furniture on Kingsway. Adding vertical drinkers to this would create a further obstruction.</p> <p>Further, Remnant Street is much narrower than Kingsway. On the proposed plan, the applicant shows two large benches and four tables with eight chairs, but does not indicate any measurements, as less than the Council minimum of 1.8m would be left. Remnant Street experiences high footfall as well, with workers and students going between Holborn station, and the offices, school and open space around Lincoln's Inn.</p>
2017/2979/P	Andrew Green	3 Lamtern Court	12/06/2017 15:57:08	OBJ	<p>I work near this location, and so I already know how busy the corner of Kingsway &amp; Remnant St can be for pedestrians. This is already made much worse by the customers of All Bar One typically blocking the pavement on that corner and along the narrow Remnant St. The application is clearly intended to make customers more inclined to drink outside on the pavement, exacerbating an existing problem. (I have no faith in the bar's management ability of desire to ensure their customers do not block the pavement having raised it with them previously.) I therefore object to this proposal - not least for the safety issue it will cause by forcing pedestrians to walk in the road along Remnant Street in order to avoid the crowds from the bar.</p>