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Planning Application Details

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Letter P

Planning application address 39-49 Neal Street

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Your comments on the planning application

I write to part support and part object to the proposals. I will start by supporting the proposed changes to the facade of 41-45 Neal Street. The current proposals are a significant improvement over the previous plan (2015/1615/P) if the generated images in the Design and Access Statement are accurate. I do, however, have four main objections to an application that will cause significant change to one of the main streets in the Seven Dials Conservation Area which, in relative importance are: (1) The roof addition to 39 Neal Street is far too high and seriously detracts from a building noted to make a positive contribution in the Conservation

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Area Statement. The extension is far too massive and weighty given the current height of the building and its prominent corner location and results in a structure far too top-heavy. Removing the top story of the proposed addition could remedy this. (2) It is unclear whether a change of use from retail to commercial entrance/lobby is intended for the ground floor of 39 Neal Street. If so, the retail use should be retained given the prominent corner location and the need to keep premises at street level interesting for residents and visitors alike. (3) In the renderings of the Design and Access Statement, it does not appear as though the top floor roof extensions of 41-45 and 47-49 Neal Street will be very noticeable at street level. It should be confirmed that the front wall of these extensions will be set back far enough from the front wall of the lower floors that this will be the case. (4) It would be preferable if the new third story to 45-47 Neal Street, while in keeping with the lower stories, could also be set back somewhat from the front wall of the lower stories as is the current third story addition. One of the charms of the Conservation Area is that the buildings are of different height and width and the differences in height are lost in the current proposal. This is an important application please consider the above

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