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2017/6997/P	Simon oliver	25 Mercer Street.	19/01/2018 14:54:19	COMMNT	I am an owner of 25 Mercer Street. We have a problem in the area with people sleeping in door recess and often the people who do this are drug addicts seeking a quiet spot to hide. The recess area in the doorways in this application would seem to continue to encourage this. i would like this eliminated if possible and unless it can be done I object to the application.
2017/6997/P	Kenton Price	7 Fielding Court 28 Earlham Street London WC2H 9LN	19/01/2018 00:04:44	OBJEMAI L	As a neighbour I object to this, because this recessed design will encourage criminal antisocial activity, specifically drug-taking which has become rife around Seven Dials. The applicant is fully aware of this problem, having hired its own 24/7 private security for the area, and should know better than to submit a planning application in contravention of Camden's DES1-7.12 policy, which says that recesses in shopfronts will be strongly discouraged due to their potential for attracting anti-social behaviour. Please reject this application and remind the applicant of their responsibilities to the neighbourhood. Once a redesign has removed the recesses, I will remove my objection.
2017/6997/P	Deborah Loth	Flat 3 13 Shelton Street London WC2H 9JN	19/01/2018 15:29:14	OBJ	I live at 13 Shelton Street, just down the road from this site. We are going to eliminate inset areas from the building's façade, rendering it almost flush with the walls, in order to discourage drug abusers from hanging out in our doorways on our our doorsteps. Any works to entries to buildings in this area should do the same. I should take this opportunity to observe that there is a residents' parking bay in front of this building, and would like external works to be carried out without interference to this bay. Residents' parking bays are frequently suspended on a very temporary basis. But occupying it for a long construction project would acerbate the shortage of residents' parking spaces relative to the number of residents' parking permits.
2017/6997/P	Mr T R Berman	Flat 5 17. Shelton St. London WC2H 9JN	19/01/2018 11:33:20	COMMNT	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I reside at 17 Shelton St. WC2H 9JN -very close to this application site, which I know well.</p> <p>I am writing to OBJECT to this planning application on the grounds that it fails to implement the necessary alterations to prevent anti-social behaviour along the frontage of the site..</p> <p>My wife and I have been subjected to frightening confrontations with drug addicts and dealers, who are attracted to the recessed (and therefore somewhat hidden) areas of entrances and doorways along Shelton Street. As a result we are now having the expense and inconvenience of redesigning our own recessed entrance to 15/17 Shelton St.so that it is flush with the pavement and offers no shelter to anyone misbehaving.</p> <p>I submit that, if we have taken the trouble to undertake this "designing out crime" exercise, the applicants in this case should be required by you to do the same and make their doorways/entrances flush with the pavement. This would not only demonstrate a consistent approach to preventing local anti-social behaviour, but would also be in their own interest.</p>

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2017/6997/P	Rick Fisher	flat 3 19 mercer st. WC2H 9QR WC2H 9QR	19/01/2018 23:50:18	OBJ	<p>I want to object to this planning application on the grounds that it does not do enough to design out the opportunity for anti-social and illegal activities that have come to plague our neighbourhood in the last year.</p> <p>As a neighbour to this property and a resident of Camden we have been actively trying to arrange for the nooks and crannies in our properties to be made flush with the overall frontage of the buildings. Too many people are taking advantage of even the slightest indentation or alcove to actively deal and take drugs, and to hang out and actively threaten resident, businesses and passer -bys while either under the influence or while waiting for their next fix.</p> <p>The proposed works offer an opportunity to design out the places for people to linger at 25 Shelton St. and if this does not happen as we seal off the areas in the neighbouring properties the problem will persist at 25. This will create a real danger in our area and cause public nuisance.</p> <p>I would urge the proposers of these works to look again at how to design out space for anti social behaviour and activities on this property while they make alterations.</p>
2017/6997/P	Ching Court Association	21 Mercer Street	19/01/2018 20:26:26	OBJLETT ER	We have submitted a separate objection letter by email to the officer overseeing this case. It includes photographs.
2017/6997/P	Peter Pleydell-Bouverie	Flat 11 25 Shelton St	19/01/2018 19:46:24	COMMNT	As a resident of 25 Shelton Street I have the greatest concern and would make an objection to any plans that do not address a 'design out' of any potential recesses and other areas that would provide shelter for drug-taking and other misdemeanours. This is clearly prevalent (and increasing) in the immediate vicinity. Permission to change should only be on condition that any recesses are 'designed out'.
2017/6997/P	Peter Pleydell-Bouverie	Flat 11 25 Shelton St	19/01/2018 19:46:42	COMMNT	As a resident of 25 Shelton Street I have the greatest concern and would make an objection to any plans that do not address a 'design out' of any potential recesses and other areas that would provide shelter for drug-taking and other misdemeanours. This is clearly prevalent (and increasing) in the immediate vicinity. Permission to change should only be on condition that any recesses are 'designed out'.

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2017/6997/P	Michelle Zini-Lopes	Flat 2 14 Shelton St	18/01/2018 21:09:12	OBJ	<p>I totally object to these plans and think that the door ways should seriously be re designed to ensure there are no recesses which only encourages anti social behaviour and drug users which then prevents danger and a nuisance to local residents especially and the public.</p> <p>Since ching court has had the doors it has completely changed our life as a resident opposite. I was scared to walk home once it was dark with five drug users sitting there staring at me or shouting at me. I had my windows smashed twice and they tried to get in which was very scary as it on the ground floor and have children in the house.</p> <p>There should be no recesses within the area as this is a prime location for this sort of activity to take place and we are only encouraging it which then means more resources staff/security, special cleaning services to clean up after the drug users which is normally left in a terrible state .</p>
2017/6997/P	Kim Poster	Flat 4 19 Mercer Street London WC2H 9QR	19/01/2018 11:03:20	COMMNT	<p>We must object to this application UNLESS the following is addressed. It is vital that this application only be approved if the redecoration, replacement of 3 doors opening from the street, all of which have currently has wide recesses, eliminates orates off the recesses from drug users and / or homeless people using these recesses for their drug activities and sleeping areas. the street drug activity around Seven Dials, and the whole 'designing out crime' exercise that we are collectively trying to make happen around the area - in particular around the Shelton Street / Mercer Street junction area where we live. This exercise includes the re-design of the gateway to Ching Court on Shelton Street (where there is a temporary door at the moment), and some plans that the theatre and other flats like this one have to eliminate recessed doorways. Also, since many of the local residents including myself are spending money and effort redesigning our own doorways to discourage loitering for drug crime, we need this building to do the same or the problem won't go away and our own exercises will be far less effective. Camden policy DES1-7.12 was quoted, which says that recesses in shopfronts "will be strongly discouraged due to their potential for attracting anti-social behaviour." Even though this is not a new build but a re-design the council will need to apply the policy in this case.</p>
2017/6997/P	Rebekah MacLeary	Flat 4 19 Mercer Street Covent Garden London WC2H 9QR	19/01/2018 07:20:33	OBJEMPE R	<p>I have a real concern over recessed doorways as we have a major problem with drug users in this area and recessed doorways act as a magnet to them at night. Not only do they get used as meeting points but they also are used as toilets which becomes a health hazard to neighbours.</p>

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2017/6997/P	Lord Rochdale	13 Shelton Street	19/01/2018 15:33:25	OBJNOT	<p>Put very simply this application must be seen in the light that Shelton Street is no ordinary London Street.</p> <p>Shelton street specifically attracts Drug Addicts, Drug Dealers and Criminals in large numbers, the problems have increased over the past few years and continue to increase.</p> <p>This is because the street is a 'backwater' compared with neighbouring streets, it is darker, more 'dingy' and this environment attracts these dangerous people and provides them an access route through the area.</p> <p>The second reason it attracts these very dangerous people is because of recessed doorways, and in particular recessed doorways at the buildings in question. The recessed doorways here are particularly deep.</p> <p>This is a real problem for residents, their guests, businesses nearby, employees, visitors to the area and their children.</p> <p>The reasons why the danger is so great:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Because of new illegal drug development (in particular crack cocaine and spice), these Drug addicts, Drug dealers and Criminals are becoming more and more unpredictable, threatening and violent, they will do anything to get money, they will attack if threatened, they will sometimes attack for no reason at all.</li> <li>2) The drug addicts, many of whom are mentally very ill are suffering psychosis, when under the influence of these drugs, they will also hallucinate, believe they are invincible, are prone to violent outbursts and will cause self-harm. If they attack you they are immune to pain and as such will not stop the attack (an incident in Wales recently illustrates the extent of the problem, a police officer was bitten on his arm by a spice addict, the pain was such he was going into shock and it took 7 other police officers to get the spice addict off him)</li> </ol> <p>The current design of these doorways is resulting in</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Endangering the health and safety of residents</li> <li>2) Exposing the residents to immediate crime, namely assault, robbery, burglary, rape...</li> <li>3) Causing fear of crime 24/7 to those who must use these entrances regularly</li> </ol> <p>In 2018 and for the foreseeable future, residents, their guests, local business, employees and visitors have either no way of dealing with this and no or very little recourse</p> <p>Traditional ways of dealing with this problem are either of no or limited use, namely</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) CCTV cameras – the drug addicts, drug pushers and criminals just ignore them</li> <li>2) Local security – they are trained in the safety of buildings, they have no training in</li> </ol>

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dealing with violent drug addicts and criminals (and no legal powers to do so)

3) Service such as Police 101 numbers are a waste of time – they are often not answered and in any case, are for reporting crime

4) The police and 999 calls – of limited value to residents as Police are likely only to respond if a serious crime is in progress. Police resources in 2018 have been cut to the bone and continue to be so. Limited manpower, limited finances and limited resources mean they must focus much of their greatly reduced capabilities and capacity on major crime and large public order events

5) Increased security patrols by local security or police (the latter is highly unlikely anyway) – are of very limited value. Let's say the patrol is every hour, this means they will spend about 10 minutes to walk down Shelton Street, the criminals will see them first and move on, they will then return knowing they have 50 minutes to do as they wish

6) Best case scenario is not much use either – the drug addicts, drug pushers and criminals are arrested, charged and go to prison. A – they will be immediately be replaced by others B – prison is no deterrent what so ever as these new and highly dangerous drugs are sometimes more available in prison than on the street (to the extent prison officers are going on strike for fear of their own safety). The said criminal will then be released, is likely to be more addicted than before and to stronger and more dangerous drugs and will immediately return to their old haunts namely Shelton Street and its recessed doorways and bin areas.

Considering the terrible events at Grenfell Tower the awareness of unsafe buildings (and recessed doorways in an overwhelmed drug addict, drug dealer and criminal area are unsafe buldings) means this issue can not be ignored.

These recessed doorways and bin areas are a severe health and safety risk.

The Grenfell Tower event has also highlighted the corporate and legal responsibilities of landlords and local authorities to ensure that they protect people who have to use and come in contact with their buildings.

Health and safety risks are no longer acceptable.

To that end the only way to deal with these immediate dangers and health and safety risks is to 'design out crime'.

This application is to upgrade the building. If the landlords wish to do so, they must include the removal of all recessed areas, doorways and bin areas at the street level in Shelton Street.

This is not a 'nice to have' it is a basic necessity to prevent immediate risk of crime and

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					<p>immediate health and safety issue (which in addition to those mentioned above one must include infected drug paraphernalia, drug needles, urine and faeces, some of/all of which are likely to be contaminated by highly infectious, dangerous and life-threatening diseases, were a resident to fall on them and or young children touch them).</p> <p>Therefore in light of the responsibility of landlords and councils to protect their residents and their health and safety this application must be returned and when resubmitted include the necessary and urgently needed 'design out immediate crime' features, namely all doors, bin areas or other wall indents to be made flush with the walls of the building, either by moving doorways, or putting in appropriate gates and removing any steps which the addicts sit on.</p> <p>Only when this is done will these very dangerous drug addicts, drug dealers and criminals stop, congregating outside this building to do their criminal activities to the detriment of the lives of residents, business owners and employees, visitors and their children.</p> <p>This result will also support further 'design our serious crime' initiatives in Shelton Street, such as the emergency boarding of the entrances to 13 and 17 Shelton street and Ching Court pending a formal application to bring the doorways and gate flush to the street.</p>

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