

# CONSULTATION SUMMARY

## Case reference number(s)

2018/3387/P

## Case Officer:

Nora-Andreea Constantinescu

## Application Address:

19 Mercer Street and 21 Shelton Street

London

WC2H 9QR

## Proposal(s)

Erection of security gates at ground floor front entrance of existing flats at 21 Shelton Street and 19 Mercer Street.

## Representations

Consultations:			No. of responses		No. of objections	
	Site notices	29/08/18-22/09/18		2	0	
	Press notices	30/08/18-23/09/18			2	
					No of comments	2
					No of support	

## Summary of representations

The Ching Court Association is in support of the proposed scheme for the following reasons:

- Serious safety issues have escalated in Seven Dials area since 2016., mainly related to street drug crime.
- The two recessed doorways to this building have suffered from a high

level of drug-related activity and sometimes violence

- The gates design is sympathetic to the important architectural features of Ching Court and represents the minimum intervention required to be effective.
- The glass backing is a feature of the design whose importance we would like to highlight, being essential for reasons of both security and amenity.
- The community is under a lot of pressure finding the situation with street crime quite difficult and often frightening.

Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA) is in support of the proposed scheme for the following reasons:

- The gates design fits well into the context of the building and wider context of the whole development of Ching Court that took place in 1984-1985.
- It is understood that the applicant engaged with the architect worked on the original building, and therefore the gates are as close as possible to what would originally have been installed, part of 1984 specifications.
- The gates would not detract from the listed building nor the area as a whole.
- Due to the increase in antisocial behaviours, local people have to add elements to “design out” unwanted activity.
- The local police have indicated their support for measures that prevent such activity.
- The Covent Garden area is likely to see an increase in planning applications for features whose primary purpose is crime prevention, and the CGCA would be supportive of such proposals.

**Recommendation:-**

**Grant planning permission  
Grant listed building consent**