Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:		Comment:	Response:
2019/0484/L	Elizabeth Bax, Covent Garden Community Association	10/03/2019 16:43:31		COMNOT	The Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA) has no objection to the installation of small light fittings on these listed buildings per se.

The Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA) has no objection to the installation of small light fittings on these listed buildings per se.

However, we do have concerns:

a) about any potential impact on the residential flats whose windows are between and above the lights, and

b) that the design could be more sympathetic to the conservation area.

We therefore feel that a full planning application would be helpful, and comment beyond purely listed building aspects.

The applicant has written a 3 page letter to support his application, but only two short sentences refer to the potential light spill ("The proposed uplighter locations have been carefully chosen in between the existing windows. The lighting illlumination will be concentrated on a narrow 15 degree beam so as to avoid unnecessary light pollution or spillage.").

The drawing shows the light beams not overlapping neighbouring residential windows, but these things are difficult to be sure about before installation.

There are 6 flats at 16-18 Monmouth Street, and a further dwelling at 14 Monmouth Street. We have been unable to confirm whether residents whose windows may be affected are aware of the application. It is really for them to be asked whether the lights may damage their amenity. Certainly the Christmas decoration lights have had a detrimental affect on some flats' amenity.

We therefore suggest that permission is granted initially for a 3 month period. And, if the light beams are indeed no problem in practice, we would have no objection to the permission being made permanent.

Secondly, the light fittings themselves are not of a design that is sympathetic with other fittings on these and neighbouring buildings. Local features tend to be in black ironwork, and it would be nice to see something similar here.