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2019/1618/P	Covent Garden Community Association	05/05/2019 02:13:13	COMMNT	<p>The Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA) supports the replacement of the former metal and glazed double-doors with a single-leaf door. However, we would ask that the design be modified to have more reference to its context.</p> <p>The previous double door was unsatisfactory in two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Disabled access, and access for anyone with a load, was troublesome and required two doors to be wedged open.- The frameless glass could not be adequately locked. <p>The temporary door is single-leaf, made of wood, and has been much better to use. It also looks more attractive, being panelled and in-keeping with the historic facade.</p> <p>We understand that a fully wooden door is not, however, ideal, because of the lack of visibility into the building which is a community facility.</p> <p>The planned replacement comprises an upper and lower glass panel, mounted in a thick metal frame with a cross-bar. But we feel that this is of a style more suited to buildings of the 1960's to 1970's and does not relate to the mid-19th century warehouse building. Nor does it relate to the other glass doors on this elevation, which all have far thinner metal frames with a lighter appearance.</p> <p>We would suggest modifying the design as either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a glass panelled door with much thinner framing to match those alongside, or- a wood framed door, preferably with only its upper parts panelled in glass. The Seven Dials Renaissance Study promotes the use of wood frames where possible as more in keeping with this unique conservation area.
