

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/1446/P	Covent Garden Community Association (Elizabeth Bax)	04/05/2019 23:13:48	OBJNOT	<p>The Covent Garden Community Association does not object to the idea of improving this area of public space.</p> <p>However, we do object to two elements of these proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The removal of two trees without replacing them with at least the equivalent trees nearby, and general insufficient use of greening opportunities.</li><li>2. Installation of benches that are not removed at night.</li></ol> <p>This part of the West End is subject to noise, traffic pollution and very, very high levels of street crime related to drugs.</p> <p>As much greening as possible at ground level is needed to counter the noise and pollution. Tree numbers should be increased in each small locale, not reduced. We also feel that the decorative screen could be made into a 'green wall' which would enhance the area tremendously.</p> <p>Furniture that is left out at night attracts drug taking and antisocial behaviour. In the Seven Dials and Covent Garden areas all street furniture is now being designed to be removed once the area quietens down, and is put out again in the morning after deliveries have taken place. We would ask the applicant to redesign the furniture accordingly, and to present a management plan for it to be removed by 9pm at night and not put back out until 9am on weekdays and 10am at the weekend. If the furniture were to attract problems even during the day then it could be removed completely without damage to the public realm.</p>

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