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2020/3931/PVL	Covent Garden Community Association (Elizabeth Bax, Chair of Planning Subcommittee)	04/09/2020 23:34:11	OBJNOT	<p>Covent Garden Community Association objects to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the late hours of this application,</li> <li>- the unsafe configuration of the tables and chairs,</li> <li>- the obsolete map used on the plan.</li> </ul> <p>Our business and residential community all appreciate the needs of business to re-start after lockdown, but residents' needs must be respected. Whether or not each 'streatery' site is acceptable very much depends upon 5 factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proximity to dwellings.</li> <li>2. Hours applied for.</li> <li>3. The nature of what is to be served.</li> <li>4. Safety of the layout for users and for passers-by.</li> <li>5. Reliability of the applicant.</li> </ol> <p>Hours</p> <p>The site is sensitive, being surrounded by several mansion blocks and other flats in West Central Street and Grape Street. 11pm is therefore too late to be serving outside, for people to be drinking and talking loudly, and for furniture to be being put away.</p> <p>We see no reason to make an exception to policy for these premises because the late hour already causes some problems. For example, noise from patrons can also be clearly heard in flats in West Central Street when the area quietens down.</p> <p>Configuration</p> <p>The applicant's plan shows tables &amp; chairs much closer than recommended for social distancing. The two blocks of tables also do not leave enough space for pedestrians to pass between them at a safe distance.</p> <p>The plan does not show the distance from the furniture to the kerb. We believe that this is far less than the required 1.8m and is therefore unsafe for pedestrian passage on this side, too. Also, some furniture is shown encroaching on a pedestrian crossing, just below traffic lights.</p> <p>Map</p> <p>The plan is in any case incorrect as the kerb is being altered as part of the West End project. The correct form is shown at <a href="https://www3.camden.gov.uk/westendproject/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/West-End-Project-Parking-Map-West-Central-Street.pdf">https://www3.camden.gov.uk/westendproject/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/West-End-Project-Parking-Map-West-Central-Street.pdf</a></p> <p>As you can see from the snip below, the corner shown on the applicant's plan no longer exists. The road instead sweeps round in a curve to join Shaftesbury Avenue to West Central Street. It is therefore not</p>

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possible to place the block of 4 tables and 12 chairs are shown.

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We ask that amended plans be submitted to take account of these changes.

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