

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/3841/P	Sacha Thacker	02/10/2020 18:57:06	OBJ	<p>Dear Camden Planning.</p> <p>I am a resident of Macklin street and have some concerns/objections to the planning application for 8-14 Macklin street. These objections primarily surround some of the aesthetic proposals and their impact on the streetscape particularly as much of the change is at ground floor and in a conservation area on a street with multiple listed buildings.</p> <p>As for the change of use and the proposal to replace the ground floor shutters and doors with Crittal style glazing, I support these changes in principle. If executed well they will be an improvement to the streetscape, but the current proposal has some distinct shortcomings.</p> <p>I have objections regarding the gold tiles to the entrance, the gold beading for the windows and the proposed blue colour for the windows and front render.</p> <p>The applicant's heritage statement dated 21 August 2020, notes "The proposed changes to the paint scheme to the façade will reflect the muted colours of the streetscape"</p> <p>Unfortunately there is nothing muted about gold and blue, those are the colours of an IKEA shop, not a central London conservation area. If anything, these are a distinct and unwelcome contrast to the muted streetscape. The main archway entrance to the building is already clear and distinct with banding details in the render that set it apart, it does not need to be covered in imitation gold tiles to be noticed.</p> <p>The Applicant also notes the gold is consistent with the vibrant yellow late 90's roof extension. As that is barely visible from the street unless you purposefully look up, that "consistency" is hardly a reason to introduce something garish to the streetscape. I cannot imagine Camden would have allowed a large yellow intrusion at street level.</p> <p>I also note that the Applicant wishes to replace an existing Crittal style window immediately east of the main entrance with an aluminium utility door. If they wish for another door to access storage or other areas, it would be far better for them to have a new utility door, as well as the current one to match the style of the new Crittal doors being installed, this will allow for much greater facade consistency. This would be very similar to what has been done across the street at 15 Macklin Street, when that building was renovated and changed its use.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p>