

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2020/5938/L	Covent Garden Community Association (Elizabeth Bax, Chair of Planning Subcommittee)	15/02/2021 00:30:22	COMNOT	<p>Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA) supports this application for the gate lock with concealed wiring. However, we have to object to the specification of the associated bell-plate on the principal elevation of the building, and ask that it be modified.</p> <p>Given the high levels of street crime in the Seven Dials area, features that increase security without compromising either heritage assets or their setting (in this case the Seven Dials conservation area) are welcomed. We believe that the proposed lock mechanism on the gate of 55 Monmouth Street achieves this. The drawing does not explicitly show that the wiring will be concealed, but we understand from the applicant that this is the case and ask that you ensure the final installation achieves this.</p> <p>The associated bell panel has not been included in the application, but we believe that it should be. Currently the wiring is hanging loose on the Monmouth Street elevation and a bell panel will be fitted. We understand from the applicant that the specification is currently for 'brushed stainless steel'. However, we believe that this is out-of-keeping with the character of this part of Monmouth Street and the row of historic shopfronts at number 53 & 71 Monmouth Street. There are some utilitarian bell panels in recesses on the street, fitted some years ago, and their replacement would be welcomed. However, this panel will be clearly visible on the face of the building and we believe that the opportunity should be taken to fit a panel in polished brass, or in black to match the majority of the ironwork.</p>
