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2020/4413/P	Noel Hart	18/12/2020 10:32:40	OBJ	<p>Our family own the house 41A Belsize Lane against which the refuse bins have been recently placed and to which this planning application refers. This is a residential home and the bins are only for the benefit of the commercial shops and restaurants. It is therefore completely inappropriate that the large amount of waste from these activities are placed as far away as possible from the commercial generators of the rubbish and against the wall of a private residence. We have complained incessantly against the siting of these bins on this side of the square and have forwarded alternative suggestions to everyone concerned which would not interfere with anyone.</p> <p>The history of this location over the last 9 months clearly prove that wherever the bins are located, this becomes a place where others feel free to dump their rubbish and that is why the heaps of rubbish are frequently piled up against our house wall. There have been issues with a fire against the wall and gate, and rats.</p> <p>The bins against our wall is also a big health and security risk for our home.</p> <p>This proposed location against the sweep of the curved wall and pavement is badly conceived and interferes with the natural pedestrian foot flow and obstructs the movement along the pavement curve.</p> <p>Finally, the commercial users generating the rubbish should not be able to push their rubbish far away against a private residence. Two bin stores will never accommodate the amount of rubbish storage needed and overflowing will happen continuously. The proof is clear as can be seen by the constant overflowing and dumping issues since the bins were placed against our wall in the spring.</p> <p>We have previously suggested a location at the end of the cul-de-sac Belsize Terrace, with an enclosure, where there is no pedestrian flow to and from the centre of the road.</p> <p>For the reasons above, we object to the current location of these commercial bins, however it is dressed up and enclosed.</p>
2020/4413/P	Tim	19/12/2020 15:49:09	COMMNT	<p>A further point:</p> <p>Do we know what kind of base or footing these bins will stand on if they are to be permanently fixed to the ground? There is a slight slope eastwards at this point. Will the bins follow the angle of the slope?</p>
2020/4413/P	Janine	18/12/2020 22:34:52	SUPPRT	Great for Belsize Village, fully support this! Well done and big thanks to those involved.

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2020/4413/P	Sydney	19/12/2020 08:49:53	SUPPRT	<p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I am writing to show my support for the application of the planters and the bins. As I work each week in the Royal Parks planting, I have truly come to understand the importance of green areas to the residents living in a city mostly comprised of concrete and other manmade materials. Even the smallest doses of Nature can enhance one's well being. That being said, although the planters may not be on the same scale as one of the Royal Parks, their contribution to one's mental health can be immense. For that reason I believe it is necessary addition. Furthermore, aesthetically speaking, they are a lovely addition. With regard to the necessity of bins, I am not quite sure why the council hasn't made this mandatory as their presence has shown that since their implementation there are no longer piles of debris inviting rodents and foxes to tear apart. Prior to these bins being added, that was a problem. The problem no longer exists. It would be really nice if we could keep it this way.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2021.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Sydney Kelly</p>
2020/4413/P	C. G.	20/12/2020 11:09:02	SUPC	<p>In principal this is a good idea. however fundamentally if this space is given over to restaurant eating space it reduces the space for those not wishing to use restaurant facilities. specifically this is an area widely used for children to play an gather. it also increases outside visitors and reduces residents parking spaces which we are already subjected to a premium cost.</p>

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2020/4413/P	Jane Lyons	18/12/2020 10:21:20	SUPPRT	<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I write to support the application for the 2x bin stores and 10 x planters in the strongest possible way. Firstly, the planters have greatly enhanced the square and have brought great joy to the community. They have acted to make the square a much safer place for the enjoyment of the community. Having greenery and pretty flowers has really helped people enjoy nature and there has been an incredible number of volunteers keen to help to maintain this wonderful asset. The planters have brought people to the village and enabled the businesses to flourish at a very difficult time. The bins have enabled the rubbish mound which blighted the village for many years to be removed. Now the square is fresh and clean for the children who live nearby, many of whom help with the watering of the planters. By removing the disgusting leakages which seeped onto the square itself (prior to the bins being put in place) the square remains clean and fresh. Indeed the jet washing which was carried out prior to The Streatery being put in place has been a huge triumph and children can happily be there without the worry that their small hands will find themselves in revolting residue. These leakages and the rubbish mound attracted foxes and again this lead to the rubbish mound being ripped into by foxes which again made for vile trails of waste that on many occasions was all over the square making it foul. I have lived with my husband and three children in Belsize Village for over 16 years and have never seen the square look as lovely as it has since The Streatery came into existence, with the beautiful planting and the rubbish mound removed. The enhancement to this area is I'm sure why the village has gone from having three empty premises to full occupancy at a time when many businesses are struggling. Belsize Village is lucky to have small, family run businesses who have been only too keen to supply water. Indeed the Crescent Fruiterers supplied water for the planters throughout the summer and couldn't have been more helpful. Calici massively supported the square by helping with staffing whenever asked and have also offered to help with plants going forward. I do not have space to name each one, but all the businesses have been tremendously supportive of the planters and bins/bin storage and now we have a strong team of volunteers that are supporting and willing to put in as much work as required we are well placed. More and more members of the community are keen to get involved and the village is a place that includes all members of the community from the very young to very old. A job can be found for anyone keen to be part of it.</p> <p>The thanks that the gardening volunteers have received from members of the public and the business owners is wonderful. Comments such as, 'Why hasn't the square always been like this?' 'It reminds me of being abroad, now I can staycation and feel that I am somewhere exotic!' 'Feels very like an Italianate Piazza.' 'Wow, thank you. My children always want to come to the square now.'</p> <p>I also have to mention Bob, Richard and Aya who have tirelessly worked to keep the square looking amazing. The improvement in this area is a joy for so many local residents. It is also an important amenity for children as many don't have gardens and this represents a key space that now it is clean and fresh is lovely for families to use. I have also spotted many elderly people sitting socially distanced and enjoying the plants. Moreover, several residents have asked which plants have been used and have gone on to plant these themselves as they have seen how they have flourished. The main planting that was done for 1st July has been refreshed as the months have gone by and the one planter that had problematic drainage has been completely sorted out, so all are fit for purpose and looking very smart with some additional red and white cyclamen to give them a festive feel. The plants have all been well tended and it is fantastic that they have flowered many times and have continued to flower long beyond what could have been hoped for. A kind volunteer spent many hours out in the square the other day trimming and tending the plants so they look as good as when they were planted. Clearly, winter isn't the best time for plants, but happily with the addition of a little extra winter colour the plants are looking good. Throughout the summer they needed watering at least once a day when it was really hot and keen volunteers were on hand. They said how being part of something for the community has helped their mental health and continues to do so. The sense of community they feel has really helped them get through</p>

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				<p>the various lockdowns and tier restrictions and has given them an oasis to escape to. The benches have been used far more than I have ever seen previously and their new location, whereby they look in on the square really helps people sitting on the benches to feel part of what is going on, as they now face into the square (as opposed to looking down at the road previously).</p> <p>Having fit for purpose bins is clearly much better than having a rubbish mound that gets attacked by foxes and that spreads repulsive residue on the square. The businesses have adapted well and when a local resident asked for the collection times to be changed Bob was quick to make this happen. Reacting to the needs of the community. This did cause the odd hiccup as changes do, but everything is now running smoothly again. The resident is happy with the collection times and the businesses have adapted to emptying their rubbish so it works for this new collection time. This further underlines how quick the Belsize Village Business Association is to respond to the needs of the community and to tweak things to work for them. Given what a very difficult time this has been, it is wonderful to see the joy that the planters in the square have brought and the fact that the square has been cleaned up has made it a place where people can stand in a socially distanced way and enjoy their environment.</p> <p>Removing the blight of the rubbish mound has also encouraged many members of the community to go on litter pick ups. This has meant that Belsize Village is cleaner than I have ever seen it in the 16 years that I have lived here.</p> <p>The more people that want to get involved and help to make the village a nicer place the better. Everyone living in the community and the businesses benefit from a beautiful clean square with plants growing.</p>
2020/4413/P	Andrea Casasole	19/12/2020 10:33:58	SUPPRT	<p>The streatory helped our business tremendously.</p> <p>It would be said not have it again and the feeling of our clients was that it should be made permanently.</p>
2020/4413/P	Linda Carol Cooper	19/12/2020 10:34:13	SUPPRT	<p>I support this application.</p> <p>Planters and proper refuse handling have both been integral to the success of the Belsize Streatory, and are of huge aesthetic and practical benefit to the area.</p> <p>The planters are attractive, with an informal yet tidy look that complements the Conservation Area and the rest of the street furniture.</p> <p>The proposed bins would fit in well visually, and would improve hygiene by reducing the problems with rubbish sacks and foxes.</p> <p>This in turn should further increase the enjoyment of this part of Belsize, as well as the pride and care that locals have in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>This application should be approved.</p>

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2020/4413/P	Jeremy Seigal	18/12/2020 11:49:08	OBJ	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I wish you object strongly to the above application. The proposed permanent location of commercial rubbish bins alongside our garden wall is unacceptable.</p> <p>While we support the concept of an eatery space in the square, these bins are a nightmare for us at 41A Belsize Lane. Over the past six months they have blocked the public footpath and created an environmental disaster. They are smelly, as well as insect and rat ridden. They are also a security hazard, facilitating entry into our garden over the wall.</p> <p>Commercial waste is the duty of care of the businesses that create it; for months they have lost control of their waste. This ill-thought through proposal places trade waste on the doorstep of our home.</p> <p>We have never been consulted about the bins and it is only by chance that we are able to comment before the deadline.</p> <p>Please do not allow for commercial and industrial waste to be permanently located on our garden wall, blocking the public footpath. There are many other suitable locations in the square for the bins - we have already proposed these to the council.</p> <p>Yours,</p> <p>Jeremy</p>
2020/4413/P	Tim Salmon	17/12/2020 20:49:09	COMMT	<p>IMPORTANT NOTICE:</p> <p>This application was registered on Nov 20th, without any notification. Notwithstanding, a number of almost identical support comments followed at the beginning of Dec. How did they hear of it? I only heard about the application on Dec 12 and made my critical comments, only the second person to do so. I have to point out that since I and a couple of others made adverse comments there have been a further 15 expressions of effusive enthusiasm for the "beautiful" Streatery, beginning on Dec 14th - out of total to date (Dec 17th) of 39. Coincidence or a put-up job?</p>
2020/4413/P	Felice Renna	19/12/2020 10:11:02	SUPRT	It would be much better for the businesses to add on this. Definitely in support

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2020/4413/P	J Perl	20/12/2020 21:38:58	COMMNT	<p>The planters have enhanced the local environment and have created a lovely border to the square. They make the square feel more enclosed and safe as well as providing green shielding from the traffic. It also provides a place where volunteers can improve their mental health as they garden and can benefit from additional time spent outdoors.</p> <p>The bins have removed the rubbish mound that has been on the square for many years. It meant that foxes were attracted and often ripped the mound apart. Leading to a very messy situation. Also food leakages on the square were vile and again meant the square was not as pleasant as it is now. Having the bins has encouraged people to pick up litter and keep everything tidy.</p> <p>The planters and bins have massively improved the feel of Belsize Village the three empty shops have now been taken and it has helped the local, independent businesses survive a very difficult time.</p> <p>It is difficult to image any downsides to keeping these lovely planters and helpful bins in place on a permanent basis.</p>
2020/4413/P	benjamin vicas	20/12/2020 15:54:09	NOBJ	This is a great idea and will greatly improve the village.
2020/4413/P	Justin Barrington	18/12/2020 17:17:27	SUPPRT	<p>I am a local resident for over 30 years.</p> <p>I fully support this application. How fantastic to improve the street scene in Belsize Village.</p> <p>Well done everybody involved.</p>
2020/4413/P	Justin Barrington	18/12/2020 17:17:08	COMMNT	<p>I am a local resident for over 30 years.</p> <p>I fully support this application. How fantastic to improve the street scene in Belsize Village.</p> <p>Well done everybody involved.</p>
2020/4413/P	larissa	20/12/2020 15:51:14	NOBJ	We are in support of the planters and bin stores, this is a great idea. We have to walk past this area many times a day and this will greatly improve it.

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2020/4413/P	Alan Lyons	20/12/2020 21:41:10	SUPPRT	<p>Belsize Village has been utterly transformed by the planters. They make the square feel screened and enclosed which makes people want to sit there. The fact that there are now live plants in the square gives joy to old and young alike.</p> <p>The plants are beautifully maintained and are refreshed from time to time. The bark keeps them looking smart and the gardening volunteers are to be seen out there frequently tending the plants. The square looks really well cared for.</p> <p>I think the planters and bins have been instrumental in the three empty shops in the village being taken and the fact that despite such a hard time the lovely independent businesses have all kept going and have actually done well.</p> <p>The foul rubbish mound has been removed due to the bins. Foxes no-longer rip apart the rubbish bags and the leakages and foul scent that accompanied it have gone. The square is now clean enough for children to play and enjoy the wonderful amenity. Adults sit and pass the time of day.</p> <p>It is as if one is in a Mediterranean capital and it has enhanced the feel of the whole area. People now pick up litter and take extra care because the whole area looks cared for.</p> <p>Keeping the planters and bins is vital as these have enabled this regeneration and upgrade of this square that is so important to people's mental health. The diversity of the garden volunteers is a joy to see. This is a whole community (old, young and everywhere in between) effort and encourages cohesion.</p>
2020/4413/P	Mr + Mrs Feldman	18/12/2020 11:27:22	COMMNT	<p>As long time residents of Belsize Village we fully support this application</p> <p>The planters and bins store were installed to define and enhance the communal area and help to create a pleasant environment encouraging a village atmosphere</p> <p>The planters have been well maintained and a worthwhile improvement, The trash control in the area has improved with the bin store</p>
2020/4413/P	Beverley Southgate	18/12/2020 16:52:46	COMMNT	The well-maintained planters have made a huge improvement to our environment in Belsize Village. Thank you - and may they continue to cheer me up as I pass them every morning.
2020/4413/P	Laura Cablero	19/12/2020 10:30:45	SUPPRT	We Loved the streatory. It must go on. Pls
2020/4413/P	Daniel Cohen	18/12/2020 15:03:04	SUPPRT	This is a great idea. Rubbish has been left in the past to pile up in the road. Please will you approve this plan

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2020/4413/P	Patricia Pearce	20/12/2020 21:03:29	SUPPRT	<p>I write as a resident of Belsize Village for the last 56 years. I have never seen the village looking better than with the beautiful planters, which are well tended and a delight. They make the square feel safe and enclosed. Shielded from traffic by a green curtain and add a much needed continental feel.</p> <p>Given that I am 86 years old, I have spent a huge amount of time this year shielding. Going to The Streatery has been essential for my mental health and indeed I celebrated my 86th birthday there. The greenery that the planters bring has enabled me to connect with nature and I have found myself keen to walk to the village to see how the plants are doing. Sitting in the square with the new improved seating arrangement for the benches has been a pure joy and vital for my well-being. To be honest I simply don't know what I would've done without the square looking so attractive and providing a much needed focal point for my necessary walks.</p> <p>The fact that the rubbish mound that has been there as long as I can remember, associated foxes (brought in by this) and the leakages that have occurred, has gone is amazing. The new bins keep the village fresh and clear. I am now proud to walk into the village and to sit there, admire the lovely plants that get seasonally updated.</p> <p>I also love the fact that people bring children there to water the plants or just enjoy the vibe. The jet washed square is now clean enough for them to play, previously it was often vile and unsuitable. However, the bins have totally changed that.</p> <p>Please, please can we keep the planters and bins. Can we also massively thank the very hard working planter volunteers and person who organises it. They are simply charming and make my day. I live alone and having this so close by is a lifeline for me. Please allow it to continue. Due to this the village is flourishing and looks better than at any point in the last 56 years. That is testament to how hard the volunteers and council have worked. Well done to the councillors for having great vision and for supporting this most fantastic project.</p>
2020/4413/P	Diego Pistellato	19/12/2020 10:08:17	COMMNT	I think it's essential to be added. I strongly support this