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Sent: 05 April 2022 13:50
To: Planning Planning

Subject: FW: Objection to Planning Application 2021/1337/P

Hi

From: Stephan Davis
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To: Sofie Fieldsend <Sofie.Fieldsend@camden.gov.uk>
Cc: Planning Planning <Planning@camden.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2021/1337/P

Dear Ms Sofie Fieldsend,

Apologies but due to a fault with the website that is preventing me from sending you my objections to the planning application at 130 Boundary Road London NW8 0RH (2021/1337/P) when I press the submit button I have had to send you a direct email instead.

I live on Boundary Road and I object to the planning application for the "Erection of single storey front structure with removable front/side awning to enclose footpath" for the following reasons:

The proposed structure will take up too much space from the footpath resulting in a remaining width of less than a metre of footpath.

The photos below show this. The black object on the pavement is a rubbish sack propped up against a lamppost

I have experienced the constriction of the footpath's width by the restaurant's external tables and chairs etc because the restaurant currently uses concrete planters to capture the area of the footpath that the proposed structure will capture. Presumably the planters will be placed adjacent to the proposed structure and thus further reducing the width of the remaining footpath.

Less than a metre footpath width remaining



Constricted footpath



Pesdartian reading the Menu lecturn blocking the footpath



Gouged pavement from moving the concrete planters



This proposed structure along with the retention of the current concrete planters (whose final positions in relation to the structure are not displayed on the planning application) will take up too much of the remaining width of the footpath, constricting the space for pedestrians to pass by one another or be able to walk side by side and will also be an obstacle for wheelchair users forcing them to cross the road in order to pass.

The Design and Access Statement states that the concrete planters, "will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate any new proposed structure." This is too vague and is proposed to be left to the discretion of the restaurant management. This is unacceptable because there are no controls set by the council regarding the final positioning of these obstacles on the footpath. I have noticed that the plans give measurements of the remaining footpath width to the kerb but the existing lampost will further reduce the space available which will be compounded by the addition of rubbish sacks awaiting collection as shown in the photographs and the restaurant's A-board.

Furthermore the dragging of the concrete planters by the restaurant staff has left the footpath's paving slabs scratched and gouged as displayed in one of the photos

The Design and Access Statement states that the structure is required for Covid resilience? How can this be when the structure will include "removable awning fabric sides for colder weather". This will result in an almost completely enclosed space. How can that offer Covid resilience in periods of colder weather when Covid is more prevalent? I suspect that Covid is being used as an excuse to increase the restaurant's customer capacity by extending on to the footpath.

In addition the restaurant's staff have positioned the restaurant's A-Board on the footpath adjacent to the kerb (when it should be adjacent to their property walls) and also their lectern mounted restaurant menu is also positioned beyond the concrete planters on the footpath creating another obstacle that further constricts the width of the remaining footpath. When people stop to read the menu on the lectern they inadvertently block the remaining space of the footpath. I suspect that both of these fixtures will continue to be positioned as I have described despite the advertising elements that the proposed structure will display.

To sum up the proposed structure, plus the concrete planters, plus the A-board, plus the menu lectern will take up too much of the width of the footpath, constricting the footpath and obstructing pedestrian traffic. The Covid resilience of the structure's almost enclosed area cold weather configuration is also negligible. I believe that the real reason for the structure is to increase the restaurant's customer capacity by occupying the footpath.

I also ask that the council considers the future utility of the footpath for pedestrians should other businesses make similar applications to occupy sections of the footpath.

Thank you for taking the time to read the reasons for my objection to this planning application.

Your sincerely

Stephan Davis

ps your colleague advised that I send you a photo of the error message that I encountered when I tried to send you my objection by pressing the Submit button on the Planning Depts webpage.



