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Dear Camden team,

I am writing to express my concern as part of the consultation for the 'Pavement Licence' application by Amelia Café at 9 Monmouth Street to put 5 tables & 10 chairs in amongst what is currently a row of residents bays. Planning application number 2022/2095/PVL. I have submitted a copy of this through your online portal too.

Whilst I of course understand the conceptual appeal of outdoor dining, this is a skinny part of Monmouth Street, accessed immediately as traffic swerves off Shaftesbury Avenue and therefore tables and chairs in the road do not seem like a sensible or safe offer at this establishment.

In addition, I'd like to point out that the café's offering is very suited to takeaway food and drinks since it installed its hatch (which I gather was done without permission), so the need to have customers sitting and eating in the road is diminished.

The consideration for residents in the area feels particularly neglected when the space for parking, or indeed just driving or walking, in and around seven dials is already incredibly scarce, as more tables, chairs, and even decorative pianos pop up in the streets. I applaud the success of the Seven Dials Market, in the basement of the food court, in what it has done for the local economy and gastronomic food offering, but the spillover into Earlham Street and the respective traffic chaos is an example of how this is already a mounting local access issue.

Please can you consider this as you review the application which I understand has a deadline for comments as of midnight tonight.

With best wishes,
Phoebe Reith

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