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Subject: Objections to Planning Application 2022/1538/P
Attachments: actual depth wall to kerb 2 meters new bin depth to yellow wrapper with doors closed shows notice boards and street signage.JPG; empty bin restaurant rubbish on pavement June 2022.JPG; Bambi Wall Art bins appear to have damaged protective covering.jpg; Letter from environmental services Dec 2020 - Copy.pdf; Members Briefing Pack extracts.pdf

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Objections to Planning Application 2022/1538/P

Dear Sirs,

I strongly object to this application on the grounds listed below with attachments supplied.

Not to be misunderstood there is no doubt that a solution for the bins is needed and this objection is specifically to the proposed location and the plans themselves which are inaccurate and misleading to say the least.

I have noted that the vast majority of the supporters have commented multiple times, and have made little or no comment regarding the location of the bins. Those that have include at least 10 that are directly either the Applicants, Trustees or the restaurants themselves !!

1: The plans accompanying this application are factually wrong. They are not correctly scaled and imply that even with doors open the bike park is clear, this is not accurate nor are they correctly labelled, a public highway is marked as the square. They do not show the location of the 2 Notice boards adjacent to the tree, The Street signage or the "Bambi" wall art that has historically attracted tourists who photograph this important artist. *See Photos.*

The dimensions are inaccurate, not correctly scaled and misleading. Having taken accurate measurements ourselves we have learnt that it is impossible to open the bin housing doors without either trespassing over the bike park and/or abutting directly the Notice Boards. The one opposite the notice boards by dint of a tree also being in situ leaves the public footpath completely inaccessible to wheelchair users, pram users, the disabled, leaving even single file Pedestrians cut off to access of Belsize Lane. It should also be noted that at certain times of day the local schools use this pavement with children in crocodile formation to avoid the tables and chairs of the Streatery. The attached photos show what an obstacle course it is at present with the smaller bins in place. They also show how the street signage will be covered, your own report states that the new bins will be higher than the wall.

We firmly believe that if a site visit was made by the Planners to take accurate precise measurements including the swing area needed for the doors along with the fact that straight backed bin housings cannot physically lay flush to a curved wall, they would understand how intrusive and overpowering this situation in reality is. We would be pleased to meet with you on site if you felt it would be appropriate. *See Photos.*

2: The application is for a permanent construction but the License for the Streatery is a temporary 3 year License which, in meetings I have attended with the Licensing Officers, may at any time be revoked for any reason the Licensing Officers may see fit.

Bear in mind that as a "Streatery" it accumulates additional refuse to that of the normal restaurant businesses, should the Streatery become defunct at any point in the next 3 years then the 8 restaurants will have to by default revert to the traditional method of refuse collection as is their legal responsibility pointed out in the letter from the Environment Services which also points out very firmly that this location contravenes 'local regulations' and commandeers 'Public Land' for their own commercial benefits. *attached above.*

The present application PP1538 is wholly unnecessary as the suggestion, from the Members Briefing Pack, on PP 4413 section 3.3 states that the present temporary arrangement could stay in place as long as the Streatery License is valid. This report makes it very clear that this location should only be used as a temporary solution and is far from ideal 4.5. *attached above*

This in our view would be an ideal solution firstly the businesses would not lose the facility they need come September and secondly it would give time for a more suitable location to be found that would release the present location back to its intended use an unencumbered Public Pavement.

Hopefully the Planning Committee will heed the advice of all its own consultees and dismiss the permanent application but allow the temporary location to continue until a more mutually acceptable location can be agreed.

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For and On Behalf of
The Friends of Belsize Village Committee