

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/4075/PVL	Richard Friedhoff	28/09/2022 17:54:32	SUPC	As I live about 20 feet from this location, and often have had, in the past, to squeeze past chairs, or try to jump over them, I would think it a better plan not to have the backs of the chairs facing the curb. A safer plan for all is to have the pairs of chairs parallel to the front of the building. This will keep the sidewalk clear, and prevent accidents when people pull their chairs out, unable to see passersby.
2022/4075/PVL	Covent Garden Community Association (Elizabeth Bax, Chair of Planning Subcommittee)	28/09/2022 23:59:27	OBJNOT	<p>The Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA), as the recognised amenity society for the area, objects to the layout proposed in this application. However, the problem presented by the layout can be very easily resolved by returning to the configuration of tables and chairs that the premises uses at present. If this were done, we would withdraw our objection as the premises has generally managed things well.</p> <p>The issue with the layout is that 2 of the 3 tables have their chairs facing in a line perpendicular to the building line. This creates 2 problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The configuration leaves much less room for clear pedestrian passage than when the chairs are set in a line parallel to the building line. 2. One chair at each table is set with its back to the kerb. When customers move the chairs to sit down, or get up, they move the chairs backwards towards the kerb whilst being unable to see who is behind them. This can cause conflict with other pavement users, and is particularly dangerous for disabled people and those with children or dogs. Also, less than the 1.8m minimum required clear pavement width remains when the chairs are moved from their initial position in this way. <p>Please ask the applicant to alter the layout so that all the chairs face each other parallel to the building line, which is likely to cause no problems.</p> <p>(We have discussed with your enforcement team the desirability of making this type of configuration preferred in the Tables & Chairs guidance so that applicants and pavement users can benefit.)</p>
2022/4075/PVL	Alison Swan Parente	28/09/2022 13:52:11	COMMNT	Layout of chairs has changes so some are with backs to pedestrians and sticking out more. This is less manageable than the chairs facing up and down the street, where diners are more likely to stay in place, thus causing less of a hazard. On the whole these are good neighbours.