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2022/4403/PVL	Covent Garden Community Association (Elizabeth Bax, Chair of Planning Subcommittee)	19/10/2022 16:39:11	OBJNOT	<p>The Covent Garden Community Association (CGCA), as the recognised amenity society for the area, OBJECTS to this application.</p> <p>We ask you to refuse it as it stands, and to give consent at most for 1 table and 2 chairs (facing along the building line) until 21:00 hours.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The premises most recently had consent for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 tables & 2 chairs immediately outside the premises until 30/09/22, ref. 2021/5376/PVL. - 4 tables & 8 chairs in the middle of Neal's Yard until 30/09/22, ref. 2022/2540/TC (for joint use by its sister restaurant, The Barbary). <p>There are two main issues with the application: excessive amount of furniture for the location, and too late a terminal hour.</p> <p>You will also be aware from numerous complaints that the premises has failed to keep to their pavement licence as listed above, showing no respect for the rules or for their neighbours.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>OBSTUCTION CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF FURNITURE FOR THE LOCATION</p> <p>The unit is located at the South East corner of Neal's Yard, just before the alleyway to Shorts Gardens which is only 2.1m wide. The area where tables & chairs are proposed is a 'pinch point' and it can hardly accommodate any items without narrowing the space needed for pedestrians. It is worrying that the edges of buildings in Neal's Yard are not shown on the plan. They should be shown in the bottom right corner.</p> <p>The furniture immediately outside the premises has already caused problems. The premises has put out 2 tables & 4 chairs all Summer, which is 2 more chairs than consented, but 1 less than now being applied for. These block clear passage for pedestrians when they are actually being used by customers rather than in their initial position.</p> <p>Footfall has increased in Covent Garden since the pandemic. The volume of pedestrian traffic requires far more than the 1.8m minimum free width required in the council's Tables & Chairs guidance and Condition 2 of Camden's Conditions of Pavement Licences. However, even this amount will be unavailable with 5 chairs in this spot, once they are in use by customers. The impact on wheelchair and pushchair users in these situations is particularly upsetting.</p> <p>At a push we believe that the space immediately outside the premises could accommodate 1 table and 2 chairs facing along the building line. This configuration has less potential to cause obstruction when moved around by customers, because chairs do not have their backs facing across the direction of pedestrian flow.</p>

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2022/4403/PVL	Simvar LACH	18/10/2022 11:45:03	OBJ	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I strongly object this application for Tables and Chairs from this restaurant.</p> <p>First, the passage between Neal's Yard and Short Gardens is narrow so having tables and chairs would obstruct it.</p> <p>Second, there are so many table and chairs in the Yard that it becomes a food court rather than a place where people can just hand around.</p> <p>Last but not least, the owners totally disrespect the residents not respecting their current license which only allows 2 Tables + 2 Chairs as they have continuously been installing 4 chairs.</p> <p>Regards.</p>