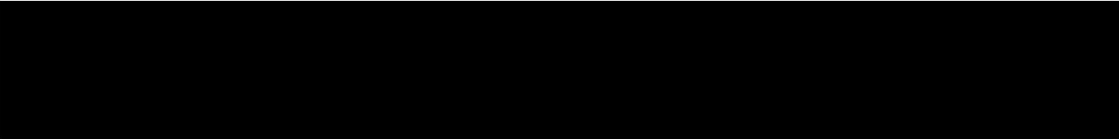




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**Subject:**

2022/4574/P 10 A South Square WC1R 5EU



Dear Amy

This application was discussed at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee.

There is no objection to the principle of adding a new door to the centre bay of the Field Court elevation, but we feel strongly that within its specific context, the proposed pedimented stone door case is far too 'grand' in context. A stripped down, and much simpler Portland stone surround would benefit the specific location and thus the Conservation Area.

As the north elevation of 10A South Square faces on to Field Court, it is the adjacent buildings, ie the whole side of the square - that provides the relevant context. Any new door case in the corner building (10 A) should be subservient to that of the principal building, whose entrance, with steps and an elaborate pedimented stone door case dominates this side of the square. If the new entrance is too grand, it will affect the character of the whole terrace facade. We note the entrance door on the other side of the principal building has a simpler design and is more subservient in character.

The pre-war engraving in the Heritage Statement - which references the pedimented entrance to Field Court in the 1890s - is however of a different building, one that no longer exists, and thus of a different context.

We feel that the design of the door case should be considered in relation to the host building and its neighbour today - as this forms a 'set piece' within the square.

Best wishes

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