

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/0135/PVL	Dr walker	13/01/2023 23:06:42	OBJ	<p>I wish to object to the application in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Unlike Lambs Conduit St. where there are numerous establishments with outdoor seating such as La Fromageri, Honey &amp; Co, Tutti Frutti, etc Great James St. and surrounds is a residential area housing homes, flats, embassies, etc where people are working or living their lives away from the bustle of the shopping area.</li><li>2. The delightful, tree-lined square which this proposal threatens is an amenity enjoyed by local residents where they can meet and chat in the shade of the trees and many of us choose to take a chair and sit there to read, etc in the pleasant months of the year. For city dwellers with only limited access to outdoor space it is unfair that a business designed to make money should be allowed to utilise the area for a profit.</li><li>3. The Rugby Tavern has already increased the demand for space from five tables to sixteen leaving only a very narrow thoroughfare for pedestrians to pass between the barriers as more and more of the available area is eaten up for retail purposes. This distracts from the amenity for residents.</li><li>4. The noise from the customers eating and drinking grows throughout the day and evening extending into the night and becomes louder and louder as more alcohol is consumed.</li><li>5. The area becomes littered with discarded cigarette butts, crisp packets, etc as well as spilt food and drinks which in turn attracts vermin, etc to the area. Broken glass poses a hazard to children and pedestrians who traverse the square to reach the nearby school.</li><li>6. The behaviour of some of the customers towards innocent passers by as they charge and re-charge their glasses can and does become unpleasant.</li><li>7. The outside facility is poorly policed and often spills beyond the confines of the barricaded area out on to the nearby pavements causing obstruction and difficulty for pedestrians, Mum's with prams, tourists with suitcases, etc.</li><li>8. Does the council really want children attending the nearby school to witness the behaviour of people worse for alcohol excess on a daily basis.</li><li>9. There have been instances of patrons of the pub relieving themselves near the fences and doorways of nearby properties including that of 23-24 Great James St. where I live.</li></ol> <p>We would be grateful if the planning committee could take these points into consideration when deciding on the merits of this application.</p> <p>Thank you for confirming safe receipt of this e-mail and that it will be available for the planning committee meeting.</p> <p>Regards Dr. Walker</p>