

18/10486/FULL | Installation of new outer gates and railings. | New Palace Yard London

New Palace Yard gates

The present arrangement of gates and crowd barriers is deplorable, so we were delighted to see that there might be an improvement. We are pleased that the original gates are being reinstated, but we are disappointed in the design of the new crowd protection gates, which will reduce the pavement width when closed and will form an inflexible barrier to pedestrian movement across the driveways when open. Will it be possible to move them back quickly enough to prevent a large built-up of pedestrians on this very heavily trafficked route?

We are also disappointed that the railing design is so uninteresting, making no reference to the main gates.

If this scheme is built we would like to see the drainage at the crossings improved so that pedestrians do not have to choose between walking through a deep puddle and walking in the main road. Those pushing wheelchair or buggies simply have to get their feet wet!