

Existing Site (External View)

Capital & Counties are bringing forward a proposal to convert the Russell Street Kiosk, located at the corner of Russell Street & Bow Street, into new retail space, bringing the unit, which has stood vacant for much of the last 23 years, back into an active use.

TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS

We are hoping to submit our application to Westminster City Council. We want to hear our neighbours' thoughts on our proposals for this Kiosk. Further information on the proposal is set out in this document.

If you would like to provide us with your feedback, or have any questions on our proposals, please do not hesitate to get in touch at:



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PROPOSED CHANGES

THE EXISTING UNIT

The Russell Street Kiosk was originally created to act as an information centre as part of the Royal Opera House redevelopment in the late 1990s, located on the corner of Russell Street and Bow Street.

However, the kiosk has never fulfilled its designated function, with limited interest in its operation, apart from being used for short periods of time as a theatre ticket office and as a temporary gift shop.

With most Royal Opera House tickets now being sold online and the original, internal gift shop having re-opened within the theatre, the unit has been unused and sat vacant since June 2019.

OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE RUSSELL STREET KIOSK INCLUDE:



Facilitating new employment opportunities in Covent Garden, with an estimated 8-10 employees being required to run the unit (assuming 7-day trading, with respective shift patterns).



Minor interior works to convert the unit into a high-quality, modern retail space.



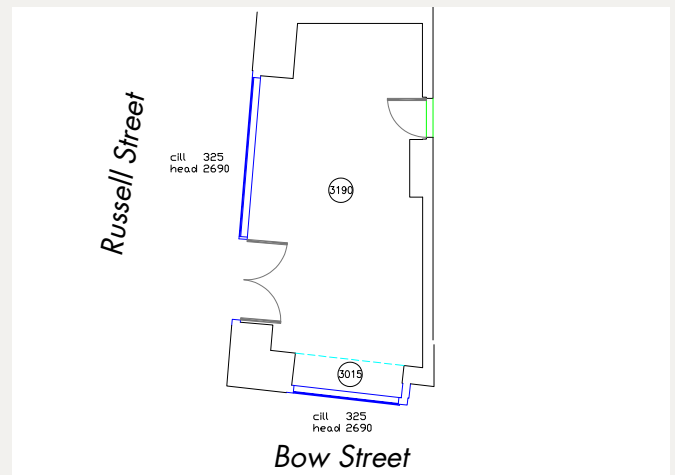
Changing the use of the unit from a gift shop (which is restricted by a modified permission in 2015 - to gift shop use with requirement for provision of information ipad) to unrestricted commercial use (Class E), making the most of its full opportunities and bringing its inactive frontages to life.



Through the removal of the current restrictions the unit will become an attractive opportunity to animate the space. Introducing a high-quality operator that will complement and support the surrounding offers and be a positive addition to the wider area by supporting its economic growth and activate this key gateway unit.



Existing Site (Internal View)



A ground floor plan of the existing unit