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The giant stainless steel bra that you'll soon see on a London street (Image: Gazelli Art House)

Giant statues of a bra and corset are coming to **Soho** - even though they were branded "sexist".

The two 8ft tall, stainless steel artworks will be placed in Golden Square gardens near Piccadilly Circus.

Designed by Kalliopi Lemos from the Gazelli Art House in Mayfair, the pieces will be part of this year's City of Sculpture programme, where dozens of unique artworks pop up in central London.

But the statues drew criticism from residents group the Soho Society.

Their members said: "This proposal is presenting an image of Soho that is dated and sexist."





This 8ft corset is coming, too (Image: Gazelli Art House)

But they earned the affection of [Westminster](#) councillors, who gave them planning permission on Tuesday, May 28.

Councillor Matt Noble said: "Public art is there to be challenging... I don't agree that it's sexist, and I don't believe we should scrub the area of its history".

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Kalliopi Lemos is the designer behind the giant underwear (Image: Copyright Unknown)



Remember Kalliopi Lemos' Stiletto Heel? (Image: Gazelli Art House)

The City of Sculptures programme, run by Westminster Council, is now in its eighth year and sees artworks submitted by private galleries and erected for six months.

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A giant stiletto, also by Ms Lemos, was also exhibited in Golden Square in 2016.

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