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To: Planning Planning
Cc: Sylvia McNamara (Cllr)
Subject: Cllr Slater comments - Application: 2023/0776/P

For the attention of the Duty Determination Team as the Case Officer,

Planning reference: 2023/0776/P

I am writing as the ward councillor for Kentish Town North, which covers this workshop on Fortress Grove, NW5 2HB.

I have received considerable correspondence in the past about the noise which has been reported by neighbouring residents due to the previous roof cowls system and have made representations to Camden on this in the past.

Therefore, I commend the applicants for this attempt to find a quieter solution, meaning that the roof cowls will no longer be required. As the alternative features a silencer, and having read the accompanying Noise Report, I am satisfied that this will be a drastic improvement for the residents of Fortress Road, Fortress Grove and Railey Mews who have been affected by the existing system.

Overall, I support this application.

I also support that in its reports, the applicant suggests that the proposed HRUs will be switched off between the hours of 11pm and 7am. This is welcome, but because of the site's proximity to residential properties and the previous noise issues that have existed here, I would like to request that this is added as a condition to the planning permission. This would allow for proper enforcement of the rules.

I am also pleased that the applicant provided drawings as to the location of the HRUs earlier today which shows them as being central on the second floor. From memory, three of the roof cowls were on the Railey Mews side. The plans do not indicate what will happen to the existing cowls. I would ask that, if possible, they are removed completely to stop any potential for noise, or that a condition be placed on this application that prevents their usage. Further clarification on this from the applicant would be welcomed.

With those points in mind, I do support the overall application but would ask for those points to be clarified to ensure that the noise issue can be abated for good.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Kind regards,
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