

# SANDY BROWN

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## Belgrove House

### *Comments on Planning Condition 4 and the proposed generator*

Planning Condition 4 has been stipulated by London Borough of Camden Council. Planning Condition 4 states the following:

*Prior to commencement of the superstructure, details of the emergency generators shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing.*

*Such details to include specification, type, location and exhaust mechanisms for the plant and consideration of application of alternative low-NOx/renewable energy technologies. Emergency plant and generators hereby permitted may be operated only for essential testing, except when required by an unplanned/unforeseen loss of power.*

*Testing of emergency plant and generators hereby permitted may be carried out only for up to one hour in a calendar month, and only during the hours 09.00 to 17.00 Monday to Friday and not at all on public holidays. Noise emitted from any emergency plant and generators hereby permitted shall not increase the representative/typical assessed background noise level (expressed as the lowest 24-hour  $L_{A90}$  15 mins) by more than 10 dB one meter outside any premises.*

Following recent correspondence, it has been confirmed that the proposed generator will not only provide power during emergency scenarios but will also provide back-up power during power outages to allow the building to maintain normal operation. For this reason, the generator is considered to be a normally operating item of plant, rather than an emergency operating item of plant. Therefore, the generator no longer falls under the remit of Planning Condition 4.

The noise emissions of the generator will be assessed separately against the cumulative normally operating plant noise limits in line with Planning Condition 3.