

**REDINGTON FROGNAL**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

4 September 2023

Dear Ms Baptist,

**2023/1332/P: 46 Platt's Lane - objection**

The application for two external condenser units is not in compliance with Camden's Local Plan Policy CC2. The proposed carbon-intensive non-natural cooling will add to the urban heat island effect, in addition to causing noise nuisance to neighbours.

Para 8.39 of the Local Plan states that, *"The Council will discourage the use of air conditioning and excessive mechanical plant. In addition to increasing the demand for energy, air conditioning and plant equipment expel heat from a building making the local micro-climate hotter"*.

This is an area where a large number of trees have been felled, including

5 x Lombardy Poplar, 11 x Silver Birch, 10 x English Oak, 9 x Sweet Chestnut, 3 x Horse Chestnut,

as indicated in Evidence Base item 61 ii) of the Neighbourhood Plan. To cool the building naturally, para 8.40 of the Local Plan notes that, *"Trees near buildings to mitigate the urban heat effect are best placed to the west, south-west or south of buildings with small leafed species likely to offer the greatest impact."*

The Neighbourhood Forum supports this policy and objects to the proposed use of air conditioning plant.

Tree planting here would also be in accordance with Neighbourhood Plan policies SD 2 and BGI 2.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary

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