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**Sent:** 27 January 2024 21:51  
**To:** Planning; Elaine Quigley  
**Subject:** Planning application 24-28 Bloomsbury Way London WC1A 2SN - 2023/3777/P

Dear Ms Quigley,

I am writing as Secretary of the South Bloomsbury TRA, with which the Russell Chambers R.A. is affiliated, to object to the above application.

As an area-wide residents' association situated within a mixed residential and commercial area, we aim to ensure that residents' needs are not overlooked when planning applications are submitted.

It is surely incumbent on any business applying to install an air conditioning unit to take into account the immediate environment and the people whom it is likely to impact, particularly where it abuts a residential building. Russell Chambers is a Victorian mansion block with integral light wells which also provide insulation from noise, and so the majority of bedrooms face onto them. However, any noise disturbance in these narrow light wells, particularly at ground level, reverberates around this enclosed space and is consequently amplified upwards, so it is extremely intrusive to all residents.

The problem of noisy air cons has come up before and was resolved most recently for residents living in a similar mansion block on the opposite side of the street from Russell Chambers, by reaching an agreement with the proprietor of, Yang's Palace (now Sichuan Grand) on the corner of Bury Place, to replace the air con with an internal conditioning system instead.

Couldn't this precedent be used as a sensible way forward for 24-28 Bloomsbury Way?

Kind regards,

Helen Mc Murray  
Secretary, South Bloomsbury TRA