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From: Sandra Wheen, Secretary, Gordon Mansions Residents Association, 56 Gordon Mansions, Torrington Place, WC1E 7HG.



Dear Edward Hodgson

I am writing on behalf of Gordon Mansions Residents Association to ask that Gordon Mansions is taken into account when this Planning Application is considered. As I will explain in my e-mail, we may be more affected by the additional plant noise anticipated by the Noise Impact Assessment than will the 'nearest sensitive point', Arthur Tattersall House.

I attach a map showing the location of the roof plant being considered (edged pink) and the location of Gordon Mansions (edged green).



I also attach a photo of the roof of the Engineering and Darwin Buildings. It was taken from my flat which is on the 6th floor of Gordon Mansions. The new and replacement plant will be situated in front of (and I think to the right of) the tall chimney on the left of the picture.



I would like to make the following points:

One face of Gordon Mansions, with around 21 flats, looks towards the Roberts and Darwin Buildings.

The roofs of the Roberts and Darwin Buildings are stacked with air conditioning equipment all along the frontage on Gower Street much of it pointing our way.

Our upper floor flats are on a level with the air conditioning equipment and not shielded by the Gower Street houses which are lower than us.

We face a barrage of air conditioning noise from those roofs, day and night. It is particularly intrusive at night and close to not being liveable with.

We are concerned that a lot of powerful new equipment (7 additional units) will be added to the roof of the Darwin Building if this permission is granted.

Although most of the noise we experience may come from the Roberts Building some seems to come from the Darwin Building. We would be particularly concerned about any new or replacement units that will face West or South with a direct sight/sound line to Gordon Mansions and no shielding, such as those pictured in Figure 9 of the document entitled '*Further information on Plant Units*'

The Noise Impact Assessment identifies Arthur Tattersall House Student Hostel, as the nearest sensitive point to the plant. I wonder if it really is, as its sight-line to the plant is much less direct than ours at Gordon Mansions.

The Noise and Impact Statement says that the readings for background noise at Arthur Tattersall House Student Hostel were made at street level. Noise from street traffic is acknowledged in the Assessment to be the main source of noise at this location. Thus background noise at street level is being transferred to roof level.

In consideration of our vulnerable position and the large amount of additional equipment being installed to meet government standards for laboratories, we would like to ask if the effect on Gordon Mansions can be considered when this planning application is decided. We are asking for noise mitigation to benefit us; for noise producing machinery not to be pointing in our direction; and for background noise levels from the street not to be treated as though they were normal at roof level.

I wonder if you could kindly acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Regards

Sandra Wheen

Secretary, Gordon Mansions Residents Association