

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/2656/P	Stuart Perry	08/07/2024 10:21:52	OBJ	<p>I'm writing to object to the air source heat pump installation only.</p> <p>The garden-side area of the houses on this side of Cannon Place is surrounded by tall buildings that shield the gardens from any traffic noise from Cannon Place itself, as well as almost all the noise from East Heath Road, emergency services vehicles being the only exception. For the vast majority of the time one can sit in the garden and hear nothing but birds tweeting and the occasional short-term use of garden-maintenance equipment, which is one of the main reasons I imagine why many people choose to live in this neighbourhood. There is one unfortunate exception, which I believe is one aspect that voids the Plant Noise Assessment undertaken, and that is the installation (without planning permission) of a similar ASHP unit at Langtree House 19f, East Heath Road, NW3 1AJ, which backs on to the rear garden of 15 Cannon Place. I'm probably 25 metres from the device, and for the periods during the year when that property is occupied and the unit is running the noise is horrendous, there's a loud whirring fan-noise and bass hum that travels long distances and through even modern double glazing such as my own, and ruins the tranquility of the space and disturbs my sleep. Camden Planning for some reason powerless to order its removal or even mitigation.</p> <p>So I would question the stated background noise figures in the report, as I do not believe it's fair to have a 'reference level' that's potentially polluted by what is essentially an illegal noise source. The other aspect that I believe voids the noise assessment is its use of a simple blended noise number, rather than a proper frequency-by-frequency assessment of the sort undertaken for application 2024/0989/P. That one clearly shows that bass frequencies dominate, and have almost no attenuation by any noise enclosure. Given I suffer interrupted sleep from an installation that's 25 metres from my bedroom, the room in No. 3 Cannon Place that's only 3 metres away is going to be essentially uninhabitable.</p> <p>Finally I would object to the possible precedent-setting, a world in which the rear of every Cannon Place house has these units, particularly with the aforementioned surrounding tall buildings 'trapping' any noise, is not one I wish to contemplate.</p>

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