

Sent Via Email 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

RE: Planning Response: Artemide – 106 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3NB

FAO: Miss. Lauren Ford – Planning Officer – Camden Planning Authority

Dear Lauren,

Thank you for your email received on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Please find below our responses in respect of the proposal submitted:

1. A specialist report by arboricultural consultants Barnes + Associates was undertaken in February 2012 to assess the condition of the existing London plane tree.

The conclusion from the assessment by Tomography shows the tree has been affected by advancing decay which is confirmed by the resistograph trace at sensor 4.

In addition to the above the tree at the time offered a significant foreseeable nuisance to the nearby adjoining walls and paving.

The canopy attachment is affected by localized decay in addition to developing tight unions and based on this it is expected to suffer main limb failure.

The specialists at the time recommended based on the findings that the tree retention is unsustainable and offered reasonable risk to both site users and neighbours, therefore for this reason it was recommended that the tree be removed and replaced.

Please find enclosed the report to substantiate the above commentary.

2. The composite decking proposed would be suspended and supported from the existing walls. Adequate rainfall would be dispersed within the gaps/spacing of the composite decking planks.
3. The proposed kitchen is only for cold preparation, catering for private viewings, there are no cookers to be installed, therefore no services are to be installed.
4. Please find enclosed the external side elevations as requested.
5. Please find enclosed revised drawings of the rear basement doors illustrated in timber including low level timber panels.

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7. Please find enclosed revised drawing to the lower rear lightwell as stone.
8. The front door and reveals into the existing showroom as described within the application, drawings and heritage statement seeks to be repaired and painted to match the existing façade. This area of the front façade contrary to your comment, doesn't appear to be original, please see enclosed photographs. The remaining timber fronted façade also doesn't appear to be original, however as described within the application, light repair work and re-painted is all that is intended to be executed to bring the current façade maintained to house the Artemide world class lighting showing for clients and visitors from all over the world.

We trust the above response including supporting documentation, photographs and revised drawings satisfy Camden LPA's current review of the application/s

Kind Regards

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