

Planning Department  
London Borough of Camden  
Town Hall  
Argyle Street  
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21 November 2013

Our ref. 236601

Dear Sir/Madam

**Full planning and listed building application for the replacement of 58 existing wall-mounted air conditioning units with 5 air condensing units and associated works at the Academy Hotel, 17 – 25 Gower Street, London**

**Submitted via the Planning Portal**

On behalf of our client, RW Gower Street Ltd, we hereby enclose details in support of a full planning and listed building application for the replacement of 58 existing wall-mounted air condition units, together with 5 air condensing units and associated works. The application has been submitted on-line through the planning portal (ref. PP-03021075).

The application is made subsequent to on-going discussions with your department following the serving of an enforcement notice in March 2013. These discussions have informed the proposals and have aimed to secure a positive solution that ensures the Academy Hotel can continue to function with minimal disruption and that any proposals will improve the appearance and historic integrity of the listed property, and will not detract from the overall character and appearance of the Bloomsbury conservation area.

The Academy Hotel is a four-star boutique hotel providing high quality accommodation in a central London location. It caters for both business and leisure guests. The proposal is part of a continual strategy to improve the hotel's existing services and replaces older wall-mounted air conditioning units with higher quality modern air condensing units. The upgrading is an essential element of our client's policy of continual reinvestment and improvement to provide the very highest standard of facilities, accommodation and service, to increasingly expectant patrons in a very competitive market.

The scope and content of this application has been discussed with the London Borough of Camden Planning Department. In line with these discussions, the following information has been submitted:

- Completed application forms and certificates of ownership (Terence O'Rourke)

# Terence O'Rourke

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- Planning design and access statement including:
  - Heritage statement (November 2013, Terence O'Rourke)
  - Planning history schedule (November 2013, Terence O'Rourke)
  - Photos and annotated floor plan showing existing air conditioning units (November 2013, Terence O'Rourke)
- Site location plan (ref. 236601-02) (November 2013, Terence O'Rourke)
- Site plan (ref. 236601-01) (November 2013, Terence O'Rourke)
- Scale drawings and plans:
  - Existing External Ground Floor Plan (ref. 2745-M201) (August 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Existing Rear Elevation (ref. 2745-M202) (August 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Proposed External Ground Floor Plan including manufacturer specifications for air condensing units (ref. 2745-M203) (August 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Proposed Rear Elevation (ref. 2745-M204) (August 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Proposed Basement Floor Plan – Refrigeration Pipework Routes including illustrative photographs (ref. 2745-M205) (November 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Proposed Ground Floor Plan – Refrigeration Pipework Routes including illustrative photographs (ref. 2745-M206) (November 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Proposed First Floor Plan – Refrigeration Pipework Routes (ref. 2745-M207) (November 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Proposed Second Floor Plan – Refrigeration Pipework Routes (ref. 2745-M208) (November 2013, KSL Ltd.)
  - Proposed Third Floor Plan – Refrigeration Pipework Routes (ref. 2745-M209) (November 2013, KSL Ltd.)
- Environmental Noise Surveys and Condenser Plant Noise Assessments (ref. EPL/3144/ENA/01) (August 2013, Equus Partnership Ltd.)
- Manufacturers details for proposed controller boxes and condenser units.
- Requisite application fee (£385 full planning application for erection of replacement plant and machinery; no fee for listed building consent) which has been sent to the council under separate cover.

I trust that the enclosed details are sufficient for the application to be registered and determined. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further details or clarification of any of the information submitted.

Yours sincerely



**Haydn Morris**  
Director

Cc. Neil Kirk, Westmont Management Ltd