

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

**Change of use to Suis Generis
Motorcycle Showroom
98 Chalton Street, London NW1**

Introduction

A planning application was made in June 2003 to change the above premises from video rental shop into a motorcycle showroom. Consent was granted on 29th August 2003, but with a one year only condition. It was simply not viable to invest in the shopfitting and staff costs to run a showroom for one year. The main reason for the condition was concerns from the residents about scooter riders.

The showroom is for high value Austrian motorcycles and clothing which have no connection with scooters or their riders. An application was made to remove the condition, which was granted in November 2003, extending the time limit to 31 August 2008.

The Proposal

This application seeks to remove the time limit condition altogether and make the permission permanent.

Neighbouring Amenity

The shop conversion was completed in 2004 and has been trading since successfully since. To the best of our knowledge there have been no incidents or complaints in the last 3 years relating to scooter riders, noise complaints, police complaints, problems with deliveries or unloading or parking.

Motorcycle Parking

On 3 December 2004 we wrote to Transportation Engineering requesting a motorcycle parking bay outside the premises. We followed this up with numerous phone calls to no avail, and a letter on 14 January 2005. On 18th February Alex Djan responded claiming that investigations would be made on our behalf. By 10th May there had been no action. We followed this with a chase up letter on 19th July and received a response on 16th August, stating that nothing had been done yet, and nothing was about to be done. On 20th December we were informed that the consultation procedure had begun, we are not aware of any further progress since then.

A motorcycle parking bay would be of great assistance to the business. We wish that Camden would be more helpful in this matter. We were instructed not to continue chasing the Transportation department due to mounting professional costs to the applicant, but this could be progressed further.

Conclusion

We hope that permanent permission can be granted for this business.

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