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The Society examiners all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead and assesses them for their impact on conservation and the local environment.

**To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team.**

Planning Ref: 2014/2949/P

Address: 11 Willoughby Road NW3

Description: Roof Terrace plus insulation of Air Conditioning Unit

Case Officer: Karen Scarisbrick Date: 27. 5. 2014

Air Conditioning Units have to be fixed externally and are extremely noisy, particularly in quiet residential areas that are high density, as in this case.

Manufacturers will claim that baffles will reduce the problem but in our experience the noise to neighbours can still be extremely disruptive.

Although often necessary in shops and offices with few windows it is really unusual for it be proposed for domestic use - ventilation without carbon intensive air conditioning can be obtained by opening a window.

We strongly urge that unless the Air Conditioning Unit is omitted this application should be refused.