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Subject: Application 2014/0321/P - VQ 24hr Restaurant, Great Russell Street WC1

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To Camden Planning and others:

re: Application 2014/0321/P - VQ 24hr Restaurant, Great Russell Street WC1

I am a resident of Bedford Court Mansions. Since the VQ Restaurant has begun operating and in particular since they upgraded their extraction system in the first week(s) of operating, the quality of life in the area has been greatly affected.

The surrounding streets now smell of cooking burgers and other foods and the increased noise from their newly installed extraction system is most unpleasant.

I have heard that VQ Restaurant are claiming that the extraction was pre-existing so they have the right to use it. However, I ate at the restaurant on the first day they opened and was told by the Manager they could not serve anything grilled for the time being as they were going to close for a couple of days for install a new extraction system as the present one was not sufficient. Following that I then noted VQ Restaurant was closed for at least a couple of days and I saw workmen doing work to the extraction system. Then the noise and smells began!

In a Residential area and an inner city area, it is not appropriate for the added noise and smells. I do not notice smells of cooking from the recent plethora of Bar-B-Que and Burger restaurants in Soho and the surrounding area. Surely this extraction for VQ Restaurant is not allowed for environmental reasons as well as our quality of life.

Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,

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