

From: Chaggar, Mandeep
Sent: 19 January 2015 18:14
To: Stewart Purvis
Cc: Planning; Planning
Subject: RE: Planning objection

Dear Stewart

Thank you for your email. Your comments will be taken into consideration.

Kind regards

Mandeep Chaggar
Planning Officer

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From: Stewart Purvis [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Stewart Purvis
Sent: 19 January 2015 18:12
To: Chaggar, Mandeep
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Subject: Planning objection

Dear Ms Chagger,

I sent the email below at the end of December but have received no acknowledgement and I understand it does not appear to be in your system:

This email is in connection with planning application 2014/7108/P

I am writing as Vice Chair of the Vale of Health Society to register the Society's objection to the installation of an air conditioning condenser on the balcony of Flat 2, Athenaeum Hall, Vale of Health.

May I first record that the Society is concerned at the limited time that has been available to formulate its response. The application was registered on 11.12.14 but I understand the consultation document was not received by those entitled to be notified until Saturday 20th December. In those circumstances a deadline for objections of 1.1.15, a Bank holiday, is not reasonable. Furthermore your website does not appear to include a noise report which I believe was submitted and is highly technical. The Association would like to be advised further about the contents of the report but with Christmas and the New Year intervening this has not been practicable. Accordingly we reserve the right to submit further or amended objections in due course.

The Society's objection to the condenser arises because it believes that such a unit if allowed would set an unfortunate precedent since we consider that such units are out of place in a conservation area such as the Vale of Health and are particularly

inappropriate in a multi residential building - I understand Athenaeum Hall comprises 4 flats and Flat 2 is on the first floor between flats 1 and 3.

There are 2 specific objections. The first is the appearance of the unit which is a Daikin 5MXS90E7V3B which can be seen in the manufacturer's hand book. It appears to measure in mm some 900 (possibly more) by 770 by 67 so it is hardly unobtrusive. The drawings which I believe were submitted to you seem to suggest it will be hidden from Heath view to some extent by railings but the railings, I am informed, are being replaced by glass. Whilst one such unit might not have a great effect on views from the Heath this would certainly not be the case if their use became more common.

The second objection is noise. The rear of Athenaeum Hall and surrounding buildings are in an area not only of great natural beauty but of great peace. There is inevitably going to be some noise from the unit which will disturb residents' enjoyment of their balconies/ gardens.

I understand from Mrs Solomons, a resident of Athenaeum Hall, that the noise report which she has seen was commissioned some time ago and that the owner's expert visited the site in October. Since the existence of the report was not known to anyone prior to the application being issued there has been no time to take advice on it. I consider this most unfortunate.

Yours sincerely

Stewart Purvis