



Dear Ms Chagger,

Planning Application 2014/7108/P The Athenaeum, Vale of Health

I wish to object to planning application 2014/7108/P (Installation of an air conditioner condenser on the balcony). I live in the Vale of Health close to the Athenaeum in a house whose only outdoor space is a terrace close to the balcony in question.

1. NOISE

I live in the Vale of Health close to the Athenaeum in a house whose only outdoor space is a terrace close to the balcony in question. This is a peaceful location in a conservation area overlooking the pond and the heath - the reason most residents choose to live here is because it is a particularly quiet and secluded location. The application appears not to include any information on the noise levels of the unit or the likely times of day and hours it will be running, but from past experience it is likely to be intrusively noisy and run in summer when other residents are attempting to peacefully enjoy their own outdoor spaces.

2. VISUAL INTRUSION

Although The Athenaeum is itself not a particularly lovely building, it does reside in a particularly sensitive location on the edge of the heath and within a conservation area. Allowing such units outside the property would damage the visual aspect of the area and set an unfortunate precedent for further future harm.

As close neighbours we ought to have been consulted on this application, along with the other close neighbours in 7-12 Heath Villas. The timing was also inappropriate, with the consultation beginning just before Christmas and ending on New Year's Day when many people are busy or away; this has also been the case with previous applications on the nearby contentious Garden House development, so it's clearly not accidental.

I request that you lengthen the consultation period and consult all close neighbours, and commission an **independent** noise report (which Camden is entitled to do at the applicant's expense) to inform the process, and make this available to consultees.

Yours,

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