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10 March 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Mr Nicholas Milner

17 Gresse Street

The Charlotte Building

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#### **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

# **Full Planning Permission Granted**

Address:

123 Holborn London EC1N 2TD

### Proposal:

Installation of VRF air conditioning unit and 4 fan condenser unit with louvre screen at first floor roof level in connection with retail unit (Class A1) at ground floor level.

Drawing Nos: Design and Access Statement; Cover Letter dated 15/01/2015 [amended on 09/02/2015]; Plant Noise Assessment Report dated 27/01/2015; Tenant Design Noise Targets Reports dated 08/12/2014; P-124846-101; 222; 301; 310; 315.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

# Condition(s) and Reason(s):

1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).



All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP24 & DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Design and Access Statement; Cover Letter dated 15/01/2015 [amended on 09/02/2015]; Plant Noise Assessment Report dated 27/01/2015; Tenant Design Noise Targets Reports dated 08/12/2014; ]P-124846- ]101; 222; 301; 310; 315.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

A Noise levels at a point 1 metre external to sensitive facades shall be at least 5dB(A) less than the existing background measurement (LA90), expressed in dB(A) when all plant/equipment (or any part of it) is in operation unless the plant/equipment hereby permitted will have a noise that has a distinguishable, discrete continuous note (whine, hiss, screech, hum) and/or if there are distinct impulses (bangs, clicks, clatters, thumps), then the noise levels from that piece of plant/equipment at any sensitive façade shall be at least 10dB(A) below the LA90, expressed in dB(A).

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policy CS5 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP26 and DP28 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

# Informative(s):

- Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts which cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street WC1H 8EQ, (tel: 020-7974 6941).
- Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Compliance and Enforcement team [Regulatory Services], Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, WC1H 8EQ (Tel.

No. 020 7974 4444 or on the website http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/contacts/council-contacts/environment/contact-the-environmental-health-team.en or seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Act if you anticipate any difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the hours stated above.

3 Reasons for granting permission.

The proposed VRF air conditioning unit and 4 fan condenser unit with louvre screen are considered appropriate in terms of design, scale, materials to be used, location and noise level. The louvred enclosure will screen the units and will preserve the character and appearance of the host property and the conservation area.

The site's planning and appeal history has been taken into account when coming to this decision. A comment from a resident from the residential block to the rear of the site has been received following statutory consultation, requesting confirmation that the proposed A/C units will not affect any residents of Vesage Court. The noise report submitted by the applicant has been assessed by the Council's pollution team and demonstrates the equipment can operate at an acceptable level.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area, under s.72 of the Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies CS5 and CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy, and policies DP24, DP25 and DP28 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies. The proposed development also accords with policies 7.4, 7.6, 7.8 and 7.15 of the London Plan 2011; and paragraphs 14, 17, 56 -66, 126 -141 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent

Yours faithfully

Ed Watson

Director of Culture & Environment

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