

Note

Project UCL Temporary Facilities - Chenies Mews

Subject Response to Planning Application Objection

Project no 033111

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This note has been issued to provide responses to the objections received relating to Planning Application: 96A-98 Chenies Mews, WC1: ref. 2015/3414/P. The responses relate solely to comments made with regards to the Noise Impact Assessment conducted by Buro Happold.

Comment	Response
1.3 Description of the Proposed Development Site "The surrounding area is of mixed use with student accommodation and University Buildings".No mention of residential property.	Noted. However, comfort should be taken from the fact that the student accommodation is treated as comprising rooms for residential purposes and therefore require the same level of consideration with respect to noise intrusion as the residential properties in the area.
2.1 Noise Sensitive Receptor Locations "Existing noise sensitive receivers (NSRs) include a combination of student accommodation and UCL buildings as shown in Fig 2". There are families with young children living 10 to 15 metres from the property.	The Buro Happed noise assessment calculations assumed a distance between the mechanical plant and the nearest NSR was 10 metres. Therefore, the maximum calculated noise levels shown in the report would also apply to the additional residential premises located 10 to 15 metres from the property identified by the objection.

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3 Acceptable Noise Levels 3.1 Policy Background: The key planning policies for the London Borough of Camden include...Planning policies and decisions should aim to: "avoid noise from giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life as a result of new development".

If the Application is successful, the Consolidated Construction Welfare facility will have an adverse impact on health and quality of life of residents for a period of 5 years.

The report titled Chenies Mews, UCL Temporary Facilities; Noise Impact Assessment dated 18 May 2015 is an assessment of the noise emissions from the mechanical plant and equipment installed to serve the temporary facilities.

With this in mind, the assessment was conducted in accordance with British Standard 4142:2014 – methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound.

A noise survey was conducted on-site over a 24-hour period to establish the background sound level of the surrounding area. The lowest measured L_{A90} background sound level was used to establish the acceptable noise emission assessment criterion. Selecting the lowest L_{A90} level found in a 24-hour period is considered to be the most stringent approach to establishing an acceptable noise level criterion.

In Section 11 Assessment of the impacts of BS 4142:2014, an initial estimate of the impact of the specific sound is obtained by subtracting the measured background sound level from the Rating Level (noise emission from the mechanical plant).

BS 4142 goes on to say that the lower the Rating Level is compared to the measured background sound level, the less likely it is that the specific sound source will have an adverse impact. Where the rating level does not exceed the background sound level, this is an indication of the specific sound source having a low impact, depending on the context.

The London Borough of Camden has acceptable noise level criteria of 5 dB lower than the L_{A90} background noise level. Therefore the specific sound will have **low impact**, depending on the context.

Noise mitigation measures have been put in place such that noise emissions from the plant are 5 dB below the lowest L_{A90} background level. Therefore the background sound level will increase by 1 dB, during the quietest period, which is not perceptible by most people.

It should be noted that this increase will only occur during the lowest background period (typically during the early morning) and not for the remainder of the day/night.

4 UCL Temporary Facilities Noise Emission

4.1 Mechanical Plant and Equipment selected to serve UCL Temporary facilities include: 1 Heat Recovery Ventilation Unit, 1 Variable Refrigerant Flow Condenser Unit and 1 Close Control Unit Condenser Unit.

Table 4 shows there is "No Spectrum Available for the Uniflair CAP0251 Close Control unit Condenser unit"

- When will this information be available?
- Are there any spectrum data on similar Control Unit Condenser units?

Noise emission spectrum data has been obtained for the CAP0251 (attached). The sound pressure level at a distance of 5 m has been converted to a sound power spectrum for direct comparison with the assumed data used in the noise impact assessment. The comparison is shown in the table below. Although there are differences in individual third octave spectrum levels, the overall noise level emitted by the CAP0251 is the same as that assumed in the assessment. Bearing in mind that overall levels are used for comparison with the lowest measured L₉₀ the outcome of the assessment remains the same.

Table 1 Comparison of Uniflair Noise Spectrum

Description	Octave Band Frequency - Hz								dBA	
Description	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	UDA	
Uniflair spectrum used in calculation	76	76	76	68	64	60	57	49	71	
Noise spectrum provided by Uniflair	77	70	75	71	60	60	55	N/A	71	

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	Velocità ventilatori Fan Speed Ventilatordrehzahl Vitesse de rotation Velocidad de rotación	Portata d'aria Air volume Luftleistung Débit d'air Caudal de aire								
	[%]	[m³/h]	63 Hz	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	dB(A)
	43	1343	44,9	37,9	43,4	39,2	28,6	27,8	23,6	39,4
0.8.0.0054	56	1863	48,9	41,9	47,4	43,2	32,6	31,8	27,6	43,4
CAP 0251	70	2323	51,6	44,6	50,1	45,9	35,3	34,5	30,3	46,1
	100	3049	54,6	47,6	53,1	48,9	38,3	37,5	33,3	49,1
	43	1242	44,5	37,5	43,0	38,8	28,2	27,4	23,2	39,0
	56	1710	48,5	41,5	47,0	42,8	32,2	31,4	27,2	43,0
CAP 0331	70	2116	51,1	44,1	49,6	45,4	34,8	34,0	29,8	45,6
	100	2743	54,2	47,2	52,7	48,5	37,9	37,1	32,9	48,7
	43	1404	45,2	38,2	43,7	39,5	28,9	28,1	23,9	39,7
	56	1966	49,3	42,3	47,8	43,6	33,0	32,2	28,0	43,8
CAP 0361	70	2480	52,1	45,1	50,6	46,4	35,8	35,0	30,8	46,6
	100	3299	55,1	48,1	53,6	49,4	38,8	38,0	33,8	49,6
	43	2633	47,0	40,0	45,5	41,3	30,7	29.9	25,7	41,5
	56	3654	51,0	44,0	49,5	45,3	34,7	33,9	29,7	45,5
CAP 0511	70	4594	53,7	46.7	52,2	48,0	37,4	36,6	32,4	48,2
	100	6113	56,8	49,8	55,3	51,1	40,5	39,7	35,5	51,3
	43	2477	46,5	39,5	45,0	40,8	30,2	29,4	25,2	41,0
CAP 0661	56	3416	50,5	43,5	49,0	44,8	34,2	33,4	29,2	45,0
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	70	6926	55,1	48,1	53,6	49,4	38,8	38,0	33,8	49,6
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	43	3727	48,1	41,1	46,6	42,4	31,8	31,0	26,8	42,6
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	100	8252	57,7	50,7	56,2	52,0	41,4	40,6	36,4	52,2
	43	4953	48,5	41,5	47,0	42,8	32,2	31,4	27,2	43,0
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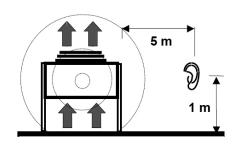












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