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2015/3979/L	Meredith Whitten	Covent Garden Community Association 42 Earlham Street WC2H 9LA	30/07/2015 14:37:12	COMMNT	<p>The CGCA objects to this retrospective application and notes that the applicant was served with an enforcement notice due to unauthorised works on a listed building. In addition to harming the special architectural and historic interest of this listed building on Drury Lane, one of the most historic streets in the area, the air-conditioning units also harm the amenity of adjacent neighbours. As the applicant observes, there are a number of residents in the immediate vicinity, including directly above the barbering school. These residents have complained about noise and disturbance from the non-permitted units currently running. The applicant's noise report finds that the works can only meet Camden's minimum noise requirements if a number of mitigation options are followed. Mitigation measures should be required by condition, but only after the proposed new equipment meets minimum requirements on its own merits. Granting permission for equipment already deemed to exceed noise thresholds would mean that local residents would be reliant on the applicant to consistently maintain the equipment and its mitigation measures. By installing and operating the units without permission, the applicant has demonstrated a lack of adherence to Camden's policies and a lack of concern for neighbouring residents. Thus, Camden should not rely on the applicant's adherence to mitigation efforts to bring the noise within an acceptable range.</p>
