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London WC2B 5LF

Planning Department  
Camden Council  
Town Hall  
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August 15th 2015

Dear Patrick Marfleet

Re: 186 Drury Lane WC2B 5QD: Air conditioning Plant

Thank you for informing me that a planning application has been made concerning works that have been carried out without the benefit of either planning or listed building consent. This follows notification over a two years ago that these units had been installed without the benefit of any planning approval.

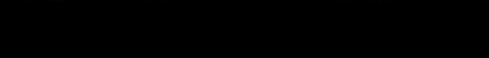
The owners of this property have a sorry history of ignoring all planning controls and carrying out work without permission causing considerable disruption to their neighbours. They fully know what is required with regard to planning control but they consistently fail to comply with planning legislation. (Currently the restaurant in this building is discharging its kitchen smells and ventilation directly into the rear yard of Goldsmith Court without planning or environmental health approval).

I strongly object to the application. The condensers are very visible and clearly adversely affect the settings and view of the listed buildings in the immediate vicinity not least the rear elevation of 186 Drury Lane, which is a particularly fine late 18c Georgian building. 166 Drury Lane is listed. In addition the units do make considerable noise especially at night when they often kick in very late at night making quite a noise.

I note that the application is for planning approval, but it would appear that no listed building application has been made. As this building is listed, surely listed building approval is also required. Please can you ensure that no action is taken until a listed building application is formally submitted and the two applications then should be considered together. Planning procedures make clear that a listed building application should be considered first and if the Council is minded to turn it down then the planning approval would automatically fail. I would appreciate clarification on this matter by return.

I would hope that Camden refuse to grant both listed building and planning consent and arrange for the removal of the air conditioning units as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Jim Monahan  
cc Councillor Sue Vincent  
Rhu Weir Covent Garden Housing Co-op  
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