

# CONSULTATION SUMMARY

## Case reference number(s)

2015/2813/P

## Case Officer:

Charles Thuaire

## Application Address:

Royal Free Hospital  
Pond Street  
London NW3 2QG

## Proposal(s)

Installation of new emergency generator plant at lower ground floor level with flue pipe extending up to podium roof level plus screen fencing, located on south elevation next to South car park.

## Representations

<b>Consultations:</b>	No. notified	10	No. of responses	1	No. of objections	0
					No of comments	1
					No of support	0

## Summary of representations

*(Officer response(s) in italics)*

Heath and Hampstead Society have commented as follows:

Little visual impact but concerned at potentially considerable noise impact of standby generator equipment which will affect nearby residents. Acoustic report is not clear enough and figures of 62dBA are not explained but seem suspiciously low for this plant. Also not clear about operational hours which surely must be on 24 hr basis. Wish more clarity in report and more acoustic protection.

Officer comment-

Further clarification has been provided by the acoustic consultant. The

	<p>generator is to run in emergencies and testing only in daytime hours. The general rule of thumb for testing is that the generator can exceed the background level by 10dBA as long as it only runs during noisy periods. The existing background is 52dBA so the generator will meet the 62dBA target. This is acceptable for the immediately adjoining hospital ward uses as it will give an internal noise level of 35dBA only during short term periods. However the nearest residential premises are 50m away and will expect to experience noise levels of 31dBA which is more than 10dBA below background. This fully complies with Council standards. A noise condition will be imposed to ensure this.</p>
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**Recommendation:-**

**Grant planning permission**