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Dear Sirs,

## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

### **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION (REF: PP-04563093)**

#### **REPLACEMENT OF PLANT, ROYAL FREE LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST, POND ST, LONDON NW3 2QG**

On behalf the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, we hereby submit an application for planning permission for the replacement of plant (Air Handling Units) on the norther elevation of the Royal Free London Hospital, fronting Pond Street.

#### **The Proposal**

The description of development for which permission is sought is as follows:

*“Replacement of air handling units at ground floor level”*

The air handling units will replace life-expired mechanical plant fixed at ground floor level to the northern elevation of the Royal Free London Hospital. The site is located within the hospital's main grounds and neighbouring buildings to the north of the site are separated by a gap of approximately 35 metres, comprising a road (Pond Street), trees and two brick walls. The location is therefore not considered sensitive to noise. The site is also highly screened from public areas, with the existing plant visible only in glimpsed views from the highway. The proposed replacement air handling units would therefore operate without causing harm to local amenity and satisfy the requirements of **Policy DP28 (Noise and Vibration)** of the Council's 2010 Development Policies.

Notwithstanding the like-for-like replacement of mechanical equipment, the Trust commissioned an acoustic report to ensure that the proposed units conform to the limits set out in Table E of the Council's Noise and Vibration Thresholds guidance, set out in the 2010 Development Policies document. This Report recommends that the plant incorporates moderate inlet and outlet attenuation. The Trust proposes, therefore, to use industry standard KSD50 attenuators, as recommended by the acoustic report and as reflected in the drawings submitted

for approval. Details of this method of attenuation is appended to the acoustic report, and they will ensure that the proposed development is compliant with the Council's noise standards.

### **Application Submission**

In order for you to fully assess this planning application, we enclose the following information:

- this Covering Letter;
- completed planning application form, including certificate duly signed and dated;
- site location plan (@1:1250);
- application drawings, prepared by DHP Architects;
- air handling unit specification drawings;
- Acoustic report, prepared by Conabeare Acoustics; and
- Photographic log of existing site, prepared by Montagu Evans LLP.

### **Application Fee**

Payment of the statutory application fee of £385.00 has been calculated and paid in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012.

### **Closing Remarks**

We would be grateful if the London Borough of Camden could confirm that our application is complete and will be validated shortly. If you have any outstanding queries on this matter, please contact Paul Burley or Tim Chilvers in this office.

Yours faithfully,



**MONTAGU EVANS LLP**