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Regeneration and Planning Development Management  
London Borough of Camden  
(Attn: Kate Phillips)  
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London WC1H 8ND

Dear Madam

**PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION: 2015/7269/P**

I wish to object to the above application on the following grounds. I live at the back of Bristol House facing Old Gloucester Street.

**1. Noise.** There is no Noise Report attached to the application. In the past Bristol House has suffered badly from noise from the plant of the former Bonnington Hotel. The new scheme shows the plant [not specified] moved to the back of the building opening to Old Gloucester Street with a vague statement that “acoustic screening [not specified] to assist with noise reduction”. What other noise reduction will there be? There is already too much plant noise in this area. Surely the Council cannot accept this scheme without better provision for plant likely to be operating all 24 hours. Should it not set permitted noise levels and restricted hours?

**2. Light.** Although they state that the new building will not be higher than the present sloping roof it will fill out a square block shape which will further obstruct the skyline in a Conservation area. The figures in the Light Report disguise the likely darkening effect on lower floors, particularly as it does not take into account the Council’s plan to add another storey to Falcon Building opposite. Old Gloucester Street is likely to become at night an even darker chasm and I feel it will be significantly darker for the listed residential buildings and probably for Bristol House lower floors.

**3. Light Pollution.** The area at the back of Bristol House already suffers quite badly from light pollution. The new design includes translucent glazing panels which will presumably show light all the time and it is stated that blinds in the rooms will prevent added light pollution. This will only occur if the blinds are used and blinds tend to show light round the edges.

I hope that the Council will take these facts into consideration, and would like to be informed of any public hearings or decisions. I will send this letter both by post and electronically.

Yours faithfully,

