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Application Ref: **2015/7053/P**
Please ask for: **Tania Skelli-Yaoz**
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22 April 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Full Planning Permission Granted

Address:

**National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery
Queen Square
London Camden
WC1N 3BG**

Proposal:

Installation of mechanical plant to the 8th Floor front balcony of Queen Mary Wing and associated removal of wall section behind installation area (at roof level) (Class use D1)
Drawing Nos: [Prefix: QSWA-MAA-002-XX-DR-A-] (as existing:) 0001 P01, 0002 P01, 0013 P01, 0030 P01, 0031 P01, (as proposed:) 0296 P03, 0295 P03, 0203 P01,
Supporting documents: Noise Survey by Sandy Brown Ref. 15267-R01-B dated 18.11.15,
Design and Access Statement by Medical Architecture dated 15.12.15.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and



Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP24 and DP25 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

- 3 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans [Prefix: QSWA-MAA-002-XX-DR-A-] (as existing:) 0001 P01, 0002 P01, 0013 P01, 0030 P01, 0031 P01, (as proposed:) 0296 P03, 0295 P03, 0203 P01, Supporting documents: Noise Survey by Sandy Brown Ref. 15267-R01-B dated 18.11.15.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

- 4 Noise levels at a point 1 metre external to sensitive facades shall be at least 10dB(A) less than the existing background measurement (LA90), expressed in dB(A) when all plant/equipment (or any part of it) is in operation unless the plant/equipment hereby permitted will have a noise that has a distinguishable, discrete continuous note (whine, hiss, screech, hum) and/or if there are distinct impulses (bangs, clicks, clatters, thumps), then the noise levels from that piece of plant/equipment at any sensitive façade shall be at least 10dB(A) below the LA90, expressed in dB(A).

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policy CS5 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP26 and DP28 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies.

Informative(s):

- 1 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts which cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street WC1H 8EQ, (tel: 020-7974 6941).
- 2 Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Compliance and Enforcement

team [Regulatory Services], Camden Town Hall, Argyle Street, WC1H 8EQ (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or on the website <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/contacts/council-contacts/environment/contact-the-environmental-health-team.en> or seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Act if you anticipate any difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the hours stated above.

3 Reasons for granting permission:

The proposed mechanical plant/air handling unit (AHU) is proposed at the front balcony area at 8th floor level of the building. The proposal includes the removal of a section of wall behind it for structural/load reasons. The additional AHU is required to satisfy increased demand for mechanical cooling within the building.

The proposed plant adjoins listed buildings (the Albany Wing to the east and no. 33 Queen's Square to the west). The proposal has been revised to be lowered in height to match the other adjoining AHUs at this level. The proposal is not considered to harm the adjoining listed buildings.

Whilst the development will have some impact due to its location, size, visibility and cumulative nature, the benefit of the proposal to the community as a teaching hospital in this instance outweighs the less than substantial harm that is caused by the proposal. In this context, the proposal is not considered to detrimentally harm the character or appearance of the host building, street scene or the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Due to its size and location, it would not significantly harm the amenity of any adjoining residential occupiers in terms of noise, loss of light, outlook, enclosure or privacy. Attached conditions in respect of noise will ensure the amenities of the adjoining premises.

No objections have been received. The sites planning history were taken into account when coming to this decision.

Considerable importance and weight has been attached to the harm and special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act (ERR) 2013.

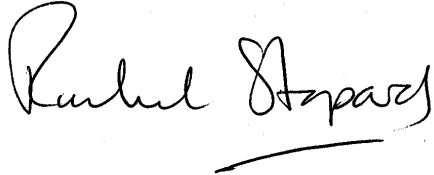
As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies CS5 and CS14 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy, and policies DP24, DP25, DP26 and DP28 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies. The proposed development also accords with policies 7.4, 7.6 and 7.8 of the London Plan 2015 and paragraphs 14, 17, 56-68 and 126-141 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Stopard', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Rachel Stopard
Director of Supporting Communities