

Eric Wragge  
Rochester Square LLP

████████████████████  
May 25, 2016

Elizabeth Beaumont  
Camden Council – Planning  
London Borough of Camden  
2nd Floor, 5 Pancras Square  
c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE.

Dear Elizabeth Beaumont:

I write to you with reference to the planning application (ref PP-05153483v1) that was submitted on 18 May 2016 on behalf of Rochester Square LLP, under which permission was sought to place two accommodation units at Rochester Square in order to secure the site against unauthorized occupation.

We are aware that Rochester Square falls within the ambit of the London Squares Preservation Act 1931 (the “Act”) and hereby request any permissions required under that legislation. We believe our proposal to situate units on the square is fully consistent with the intent and provisions of the Act, as outlined below:

1. The Act states that:

*Subject to the provisions of this Act a protected square shall not be used otherwise than for one or more of the following purposes (that is to say) the purpose of an ornamental garden pleasure ground or ground for play rest or recreation (in this Act referred to as “authorised purposes”) and no building or other structure or erection shall be erected or placed on or over any protected square except such as may be necessary or convenient for or in connection with the use and maintenance of such square for one or more of the authorised purposes.*

2. The site has been repeatedly occupied by squatters due to the fact that it has been vacant.

3. It is clear that the site will continue to be the subject of occupation and / or reoccupied without the continuous presence of onsite guardians.
4. Among other things, unauthorized occupation prevents or hinders maintenance and use of the site.
5. The proposal detailed in our planning application is “necessary or convenient for or in connection with the use and maintenance of such square” and is therefore in keeping with the Act.

Following previous feedback, we also hereby amend the maximum duration of the requested permission from 3 years to 12 months. It is likely that continued security of the site will be required beyond this initial 12 month period but we will revert to you in due course with a request for extension, as and when this becomes necessary.

Sincerely,

Eric Wragge  
Rochester Square LLP

