

# Guidezone Limited

12 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0HX

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Mr Jonathan McClue  
Supporting Communities Directorate  
Regeneration and Planning Development Management  
London Borough of Camden  
Town Hall  
Judd Street  
London  
WC1H 9JE

Dear Mr McClue

**Re: Planning Application No: 2016/3342/P; 1-7 Woburn Walk, London WC1H 0JJ**

I am writing to you in respect of the above application on behalf of my Company which owns and operates Ambassadors Bloomsbury Hotel at 12 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0HX.

I object to the application for the following reasons.

## **Hotel Fire Exit Double Doors – Leading to Woburn Walk**

As per the proposed planning application drawings the applicant is seeking to widen the ground floor entrance to its property as part of the redevelopment. In order for the applicant to do that it will need to encroach into the hotel property which would result in reducing the hotel's existing fire exit from double to a single door.

Firstly, the Company will not agree to or allow any such encroachment into the hotel property in order to improve access to the applicant's property. Secondly, these changes would result in the reduction in the width of the hotel's existing fire exit door which will be in violation of the current hotel fire safety requirement as under The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

All the hotel's fire doors are designed to allow safe and speedy evacuation of all its guests and staff in the event of a fire. In case of a fire the hotel management would need to evacuate upto 200 resident guests, upto 400 conference delegates and upto 60 staff. Any reduction to the hotel fire exit doors would clearly affect the safe and speedy evacuation of these number of hotel guests and staff.

## **New masonry wall construction with parapet and flat roof to infill existing recess**

As per the proposed planning application drawings the applicant is seeking to make the above alterations at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor level above the entrance to its property.

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There are various hotel services (air conditioning, drainage etc) which run within this area. The hotel maintenance team require 24/7 access to these services. Construction as proposed by the applicant will result in the hotel losing access to its services.

Yours sincerely



Prakash Kaneria  
Managing Director  
Guidezone Limited, T/A Ambassadors Bloomsbury Hotel

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