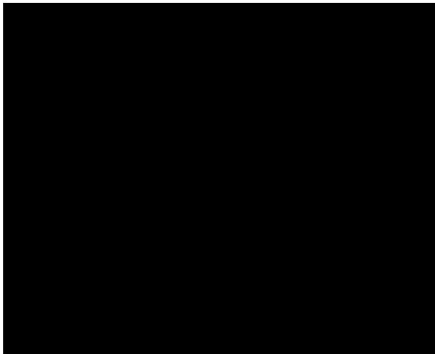


Young, Tony

From: Fowler, David
Sent: 20 September 2016 08:15
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Application number: 2016/4605/P
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From: Bill Reed [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 19 September 2016 09:43
To: Fowler, David
Cc: Bushell, Alex
Subject: Application number: 2016/4605/P

Re Town Hall extension, WC1H 8NN.

Dear David,

On behalf of the Kings Cross Conservation Advisory Committee and the Friends of Argyle Square I would like to object to this application in relation to discharge of Condition 15 granted under reference 2014/7874P on 25th August 2015.

This Condition states that a plan showing the limits of the roof terrace (at the front/northern side of the building) shall be submitted to and approved by the Council. Only the part of the roof marked as terrace on the approved plan shall be used as such, with no other part of the roof being used for the enjoyment of staff or patrons of the hotel.

The reason was 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.

The plan submitted shows that the proposed terrace extends to the East and Southern corner of the building overlooking the Listed residential terraces of Argyle Street. The reason the condition refers to the front / northern side of the building only is that this faces the relatively noisy Euston Road, and it is unlikely that noise from that side will disturb anyone. This is not at all the case with the three other sides of the building, where nearby buildings are residential, and noise from a high level travels a very long distance.

Paragraph 2(e) of the FoAS constitution states that one of our aims is “to maintain and enhance the peace and quiet of the Square”, and this peace and quiet has already been shattered by parties on the roof of nearby Derbyshire House, shown next to the Annexe in the attached photograph from one of our children's bedrooms.

I attach correspondence with Claire Parsons, Camden Environmental Health Officer following two previous events on the Derbyshire House roof. This office building spans between the terraces of Argyle Street and Argyle Square / Belgrove Street. These terraces amplify the noise from the roof, making it much louder than one might imagine. Even if music was banned the noise from people drinking / talking / shouting would still be unacceptable, and when parties have occurred we closed all the bedroom windows in our house when our children went to bed to no avail.

Having occasional parties outside in the Summer is normal in any residential area, and we all put up with them so that we may have our own parties. However, this is quite different as it is a commercial building run for commercial gain, with drinking and associated nuisance of noise occurring seven days a week. Even worse, with the noise emitting from such a high level, there is no shelter from it, and it travels a very long way indeed, where many are trying to sleep.

The Square has traditionally been an oasis of quiet at the heart of Kings Cross. Please help us keep it that way and ensure that the Annexe terrace is limited to the North side only, as suggested in Condition 15.

Yours Sincerely,

Bill Reed.
Chairman, Friends of Argyle Square & Ctte. of Kings Cross CAAC.



From: Bill Reed [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 June 2014 22:26
To: Parsons, Claire
Cc: Richenda Walford
Subject: Re: DERBYSHIRE HOUSE, ST CHAD'S STREET, WC1

Dear Claire,

There is another party on the roof of Derbyshire House, with a band playing very loudly that is keeping our children awake.

When this happened before, we were anxious that there would not be a repeat of this, and were under the impression that there wouldn't be.

It is currently 10.25pm on Sunday night. Surely the Council can prevent this sort of activity on an office building in a residential area.

I would be grateful for your comments.

Kind Regards,

Bill Reed.

On 1 Aug 2013, at 15:08, Parsons, Claire wrote:

Dear Mr Reed,

Thank you for your e-mail. I apologise for the delay in responding, I have been on leave.

I have checked our records and I confirm that further to your complaint a letter was sent to Derbyshire House on the 9 July advising them a complaint was received regarding the party and asking them to take steps to prevent similar problems in future.

Kind regards,

Claire Parsons (nee Shepherd)
Environmental Health Officer

Telephone: 020 7974 2638

From: Bill Reed

Sent: 08 July 2013 14:09
To: Shepherd, Claire
Subject: DERBYSHIRE HOUSE, ST CHAD'S STREET, WC1

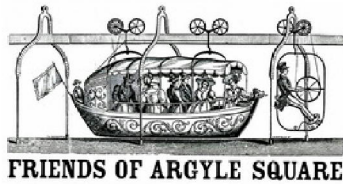
Dear Claire,

As you may have gathered, there was a roof party on an office building near here last night that involved a large sound system, and kept many people awake.

Although we complained directly to the people having the party and the Council at the time, there was nothing we could do to get the sound turned down. However, we are anxious that there is not a repeat of this, and wondered whether you were the correct person to deal with this.

Kind Regards,

Bill Reed.



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