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Dear Sirs

Planning Application - 2016/1091/P

We act for Richard and Martin Vainer, the freehold proprietors of the building at 15 Greville Street, London EC1 which they occupy for business purposes through their company, M. Vainer Limited. Our clients wish to object to the proposed development at 12-14 Greville Street.

Our clients have operated from the building at number 15 for over 35 years from which they sell high quality diamonds and provide a specialised diamond polishing service. These are their sole premises and having considered the above planning application, they are extremely concerned about the adverse impact the development will have on their business. The equipment used to polish diamonds is highly technical and sensitive to vibration. Our client's building joins number 12-14 Greville Street and it is inevitable that extensive vibrations will be caused by the demolition and redevelopment and in particular by the creation of a new slab and underpinning works which will be required if additional storeys are to be created and the basement extended. We understand that the development will take approximately 18 months to complete and will seriously impede our client's ability to maintain a diamond polishing facility thereby affecting their trade.

In addition, given the nature of their business, our clients provide a bespoke selling service to their customers, many of whom are high net worth individuals who regularly arrange appointments with our clients in the evenings and at weekends. The noise that will emanate from the neighbouring works will cause a nuisance and create an environment which is not conducive to meeting prospective customers. It is likely that our clients will have to arrange meetings off-site which raises security issues as well as being very inconvenient.

Finally, the additional two storeys, if built, will reduce the light that our client currently enjoys to the workshop at the rear of its building where diamond polishing is carried out. The workshop currently benefits from natural light which will diminish if the development works proceed.

We are currently advising our clients on their rights and their ability to seek injunctive relief if, as

anticipated, they are unable to continue operating.

Yours faithfully

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Blake Morgan LLP