

# Gordon Mansions Residents Association

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

For the attention of Seyi Enirayetan, Case Officer.

By email to: [planning@camden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@camden.gov.uk)

Dear Seyi Enirayetan,

**Re: Marlborough Arms pub, 36 Torrington Place, WC1**

*New signage and lighting etc.*

**Planning Application ref: 2016/6140/A**

Further to my email alerting you to the drawings not being available on Camden's website, thank for you email making the drawings available.

I am writing on behalf of Gordon Mansions Residents Association (GMRA).  
Gordon Mansions consists of two blocks of flats (77 in total) that are located in Torrington Place at the junction with Huntley Street, and are opposite the Marlborough Arms pub which is on the north-west corner of Torrington Place/Huntley Street.

Please see are **attached our Map Showing Residential**, which shows the large amount of residential that is opposite, and in the immediate areas of, the pub.

**(a). Proposed signage:**

The proposed new signage appears to be similar to the existing signage, but in a different style. Are only comment on the actual signage is that the size of the lettering for "No. 36" on the Torrington Place fascia appears over large/over prominent, and would ask that it is reduced.

**(b). Proposed lighting:**

Our main concern is the lighting, to which we wish to object.

- (1). We are not clear if the level of the proposed lighting (to the signage etc) will be brighter than the existing. If it is going to be brighter, then we wish to object. We are very concerned about the gradual build up in recent years of light pollution that is coming from the commercial buildings in Torrington Place, especially after hours in the evenings and at night time.
- (2). Regardless of the level/brightness of the lighting, we would like to ask that there is a Condition that the lighting (to the signs etc) is turned off after at closing time, in order to:
  - cut down on the light pollution, especially for the flats opposite (both Gordon Mansions flats in Torrington Place, and Ridgmount Gardens flats opposite in Huntley Street); also, over the years, some residents have objected to the pub's lights being left on after hours during the night;
  - encourage customers to disperse at closing time, and not to hang around afterwards disturbing customers.

The **terminal hours** for the current premises license (alcohol) for the Pub are:

11.00pm Monday to Saturday (plus 20 minutes drinking up time);

10.30pm Sunday (plus 20 minutes drinking up time).

Thus, we would like to suggest a Condition that the lights to the signage are switched off at:

11.30pm for Monday to Saturday;

11.00pm for Sunday;

(i.e. half-an-hour after the terminal hour for the alcohol licence).

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**(c). Proposed new barriers:**

(1). Barriers at Torrington Place frontage:

At present, the existing barriers are brought in at 9.00pm, which helps to discourage customers drinking on this forecourt after that time, which makes all the difference for our residents (including myself) in the flats opposite.

(2). Barriers at Huntley Street frontage:

At present, the existing barriers are brought in at 10.00pm, which helps to discourage customers drinking on this forecourt after that time, which makes a difference for the residents in the flats opposite.

In the circumstances, would it be possible to have a condition that the barriers are removed at these times.

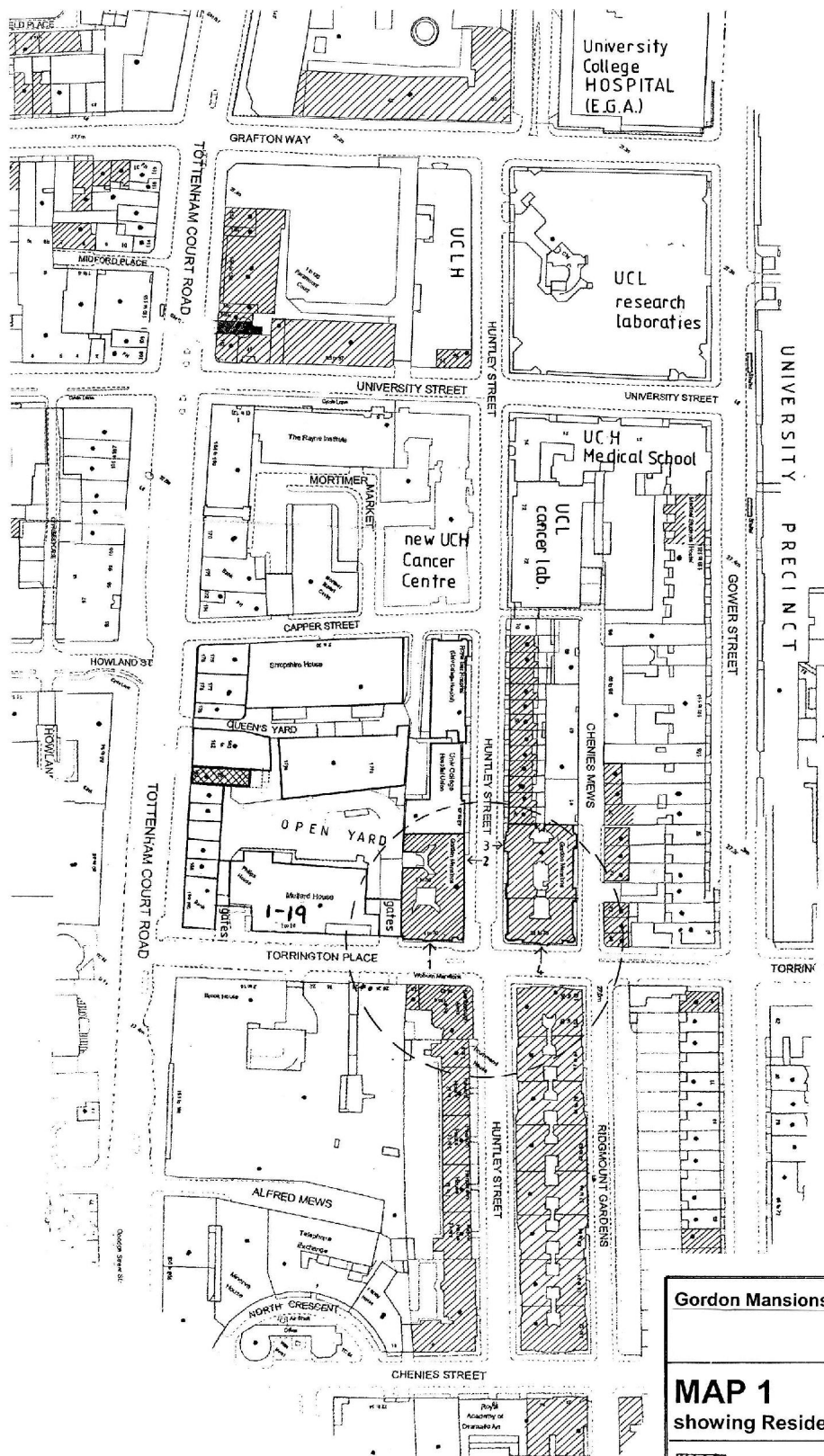
If you have any queries on our objections and comments, I can always be contacted on my mobile [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Clive Henderson,  
Chair,  
On behalf of Gordon Mansions Residents Association.

**Attached: Map Showing Residential.**


Copy: GMRA Committee.  
Gordon Mansions' residents overlooking Torrington Place.  
Local ward councillor: Cllr Rishi Madhani.



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## MAP 1

showing Residential Enclave

 (hatched) = RESIDENTIAL