

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2017/0046/P	Meredith Whitten on behalf of the Covent Garden Community Association	Covent Garden Community Association 42 Earlham Street WC2H 9LA	01/03/2017 17:07:35	COMMNT	<p>Camden's planning policies observe that air-conditioning units can disturb the amenity and quality of life of residents and workers through noise, as well as harm the visual appearance of an area, particularly a conservation area (see CS5.8; DP28, including DP28.1 & 28.3; DP22.18; and CPG5 6.7-6.9). This includes cumulative noise levels (CPG6 4.7).</p> <p>To protect the amenity of nearby residents (CS5) and to ensure that the unit does not cause undue noise and disturbance, any permission granted must include conditions that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) restrict the amount of noise (measured in decibels) emitted from the units to within Camden's thresholds (DP28; CPG5 6.9); (2) require the applicant to ensure that equipment is kept working efficiently and is not causing disturbance to nearby residents, as verified through annual maintenance checks performed on all equipment throughout the life of the development (DP28.3); (3) specify that failure to conduct annual maintenance checks and failure to maintain all equipment to levels specified in planning permission is a breach of planning regulations and voids planning permission granted; (4) limit the hours of use to business hours of the premises (currently an estate agent), to reduce the impact of noise and vibration on residential amenity during evening, late-night and weekend hours (DP28.3); and (5) require automatic time clocks to be fitted to the equipment approved, prior to commencement of the use of the units, to ensure that the plant/equipment does not operate at any time other than that permitted. The timer equipment shall thereafter be permanently retained and maintained and retained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. (Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies CS5 and DP26 and DP28.) (For precedent, see 2015/5148/P, condition 4, & 2014/6130/P, condition 3.) <p>Provided these conditions are included in any permission granted, the CGCA has no objection.</p>