**Somerset Court, Aldenham Street (the “Residence”), Camden – Non- Student Management Plan**

# Introduction

* 1. This Non-Student Management Plan has been submitted in connection with the variation of S106 application made to the London Borough of Camden under LPA Ref. 2016/6763/P.
  2. The purpose of this Non-Student Management Plan is to regulate the occupation of the Residence by non-students outside of the academic team.

# About this Non-Student Management Plan

* 1. To ensure that the Residence and the out of term time occupants integrate successfully into the wider community we have drawn from our collective experience in managing buildings of a similar kind in commercial and residential areas.
  2. This document sets out the key principles, methods and working practices that will be adopted by the end operator to enhance the management of the Residence outside of the academic term.
  3. This plan supports and is integrated with the term time Student Accommodation Management Plan, associated with the Residence. This Non-Student Management Plan is secured by the amendment to the s106 under the application reference 2016/6763/P.
  4. Particular emphasis has been placed on how we will continue to manage the accommodation and engage with local stakeholders to ensure that the Residence and its occupants respectfully enjoy the local area and contribute to the local economy on an on-going basis.
  5. We are mindful that the Residence is in a predominantly residential area with a primary school located at ground floor level and have taken this into account when preparing this management plan.

# Partnership approach to summer use management & community liaison

* 1. To ensure that the residence makes a positive impact outside of the academic term on the local community, we will continue the dialogue and beneficial relationships established with neighbours, businesses and others in the local community during term time.
  2. Undertaking this approach will be vital to the long term success and sustainability of the Residence and will ensure that the broad range of local interest groups co-exist harmoniously.
  3. The Residence will be fully staffed all year round. During the commercial lettings (outside of the academic term) additional staff will be employed due to the higher turnover of occupants. As with all the jobs at the Residence, these jobs will be advertised locally in the first instance.
  4. We are committed to and will be resolute in the drive to mitigate the impact of day to day operations on the local residential and business neighbours.
  5. Noise management will be a key theme and we will provide a manned 24 hour phone line for concerned neighbours to contact suitable staff. There will also be a target time to resolve noise-related issues. The access control system will operate throughout the Residence and can effectively be used at part of the target time noise management.

# Contact with the Facilities Management team

* 1. In addition to the 24 hour phone line, the site-based management team will be available to listen to and discuss any issues or concerns raised by the local community, providing points of contact with the site team for neighbours and businesses.
  2. Concerns or specific problems will be dealt with quickly and effectively. Contact details for our on-site management team, the management office and other key members of staff will be circulated to all neighbours and business occupiers in the immediate vicinity.

# Operational management

The welfare and pastoral care team from the Residence will also have responsibility for guests and visitors hospitality outside of the academic term. There will be a member of the team on duty every day to assist the staff and management to engender a pleasant environment as well as dealing with any incident of negative behaviour.

# On site management and staff

* + 1. The structure of the team outside of the academic term will be identical to the term time arrangements.
    2. Overall responsibility for the management of the Residence will be with the Management and Services Team. Every member of staff, regardless of role or position, will be trained to be a first line of support for guests in relation to the day to day operation of the Residence.
    3. The Residence will be fully staffed throughout the year. There is usually and will continue to be an increased staffing outside of the core academic period to support the needs of the business, such as periodic work and the deep cleaning that takes place at this time. The local community will therefore see no lessening of service, presence or communication outside of term time. All employment opportunities at the Residence will be advertised locally in the first instance.
    4. All staff both permanent and temporary will be regularly briefed on the services, facilities and local businesses that may be of interest to guests and will promote local businesses and services throughout this period.
    5. The site will have a 24 hour front of house service staffed by receptionists during the day and by two members of the security team during the night and at weekends.
    6. This enables one person to patrol the building or respond to call outs while the other will maintain a presence at reception and vigilance on CCTV feeds.
    7. The Residence’s hospitality needs outside of the academic term will be delivered through the roles and responsibilities assigned to the Services team. The structure will be reviewed annually, with the most appropriate mix and number in each role being determined to ensure the highest standards of welfare, hospitality and management of guests.
    8. A key responsibility of the team will be to monitor and deal with issues relating to uncontrolled behaviour, 24 hours a day.

# Building access arrangements

* + 1. The layout of the Residence will allow staff to monitor access, with a visible staff presence and a clear point of contact for guests.
    2. Each guest will hold an access card for the building. This will allow staff to monitor guests and visitor access to the building and will provide a visible staff presence and point of contact.
    3. A comprehensive internal and full external CCTV installation will be provided with night vision capability. Live feeds will be monitored from the main reception desk by the security team.

# Day-to-day monitoring: a discreet but effective security and behaviour monitoring role, encouraging appropriate behaviour, will be provided by all staff moving around the Residence during the day.

* + 1. To maintain a good quality living and working environment for all guests, bedrooms and communal areas of the building (including lifts, kitchens/lounges, laundry and all entry and exit points) will be inspected and cleaned regularly by a team of directly employed cleaning staff. This provides a further effective method for monitoring the welfare and behaviour of the students and guests.
    2. As part of their role the General Manager and their service management team will perform daily inspections to ensure that;
       - Operational staff are performing in accordance with applicable service level agreements;
       - Guests are benefiting from a good living and working environment free from the inconveniences caused by poor service delivery and disruptive behaviour;
       - Guests and neighbour issues are dealt with promptly and appropriately.
    3. This will help guarantee that service delivery is to the management and guests’ satisfaction. A focus on high quality service delivery, reducing response times and promoting a beneficial living environment for guests will have a positive impact on the local environment.

# During occupation

* 1. **Terms of occupation**
     1. All business outside of the academic term will be pre booked and no ‘walk in’ business will be allowed.
     2. The guests staying during this period will, as part of the check in process, agree to a code of conduct included within the terms and conditions of the booking both group and individual.

# Acceptable Behaviour

* + 1. The encouragement of acceptable behaviour is critical to the success of the Management Team.
    2. A living environment where all guests can enjoy their stay, considering and respecting others will be promoted. For example guests will be encouraged to bring headphones with them to listen to music.
    3. The site management team will have complete discretion to decide immediately if the disturbance caused warrants further action such as formal warning, additional charges or termination of stay. Should a local resident have raised an issue with the site team and after their action remain dissatisfied with the decision of the site management team they will have the opportunity to appeal directly to the Operational Director or if on leave a nominee will investigate the issue and respond within no more than a week.
    4. This will take a tiered approach and the management team will work closely with local residents who put forward a complaint such as when there is an individual within the premises making a persistent level of noise or disruption.
    5. Procedurally and in the first instance the on site management team will investigate the grounds of the complaint and intervene by communicating directly with the disruptive individual. Should the problem persist, the incident will be reported to a senior staff member who will take action as appropriate. During this process, feedback on action will be given to the local resident and a full investigation will be tabled. If there is clear misconduct, disciplinary procedures will be implemented which may result in the guest being asked to leave.

# Maintenance issues

* + 1. Where room repairs and/or maintenance is required, the front helpdesk will log the requirement and schedule a repair by the on-site maintenance staff, according to urgency.
    2. Information relating to all Service Level Agreements and response times for maintenance repairs will be communicated to guests via their welcome packs.
    3. Once a maintenance issue has been reported, information relating to progress and the outcome is updated by the helpdesk administrator, enabling those logging calls to be advised of progress.

# Enhanced security

In addition to the 24 hour on-site security presence at the Residence, the following security measures will be put in place to enhance the safety of guests at all times.

# Electronic access control

* + 1. The Residence will feature an electronic access control system. This centrally managed system will allow areas for guests to be restricted to particular rooms or areas and can be time-sensitive**.**
    2. Entry to and from the Residence, all common areas and individual flats, and bedrooms will be controlled. All guests will be issued with personal fobs, individually registered to the person and strictly controlled, at check in.
    3. Access to areas not in use during the evening, will be prevented.
    4. In the event of a key being lost or stolen, the system will cancel the original key and a new one will be issued to the guest.

# CCTV & external lighting

* + 1. A comprehensive perimeter CCTV system with night-vision capabilities will act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. It will also make it easier to identify anyone making a disturbance.
    2. The Residence will have a comprehensive internal and external perimeter CCTV installation with full night-vision capability. Experience shows this to be a major deterrent.
    3. Live feeds will be monitored on-site and can also be viewed remotely if required.
  1. Recorded video data of all activity in and around the building will be stored for 1 month. This will support the on-site security presence.

**Emergency contact**

* 1. The reception desk will be manned 24 hours per day, with contact details provided to neighbours, should they need to contact our site security team in an emergency.

# Operational processes

* 1. **Operational procedures**
     1. The team will deliver the services all year round, not just during term time.
     2. A set of standard policies and procedures will be utilised to ensure there is clarity and consistency in the way the management team operates. This will ensure guests have a positive and safe experience during their stay.
     3. The policies and procedures cover all aspects of the management of the accommodation, from managing individual/group booking arrivals and departures to planning building maintenance and cleaning procedures.
     4. Deliveries will be managed in line with the existing approved arrangements. Actual performance will be regularly audited.

# Waste management

* + 1. Waste generated at the site will be contained in a storage area located on the ground floor. Site management will ensure that waste collections will be at times that do not disturb neighbours unnecessarily early in the mornings.
    2. A full preventative pest control regime will also be in place at the site.

# Vehicle management

* + 1. Postal deliveries will be made directly to the reception post-boxes with parcels being handled by reception staff.
    2. No parking will be provided at the Residence; guests will be reminded of the excellent transport links in the area, and will be encouraged to arrive by, depart by, and use public transport during their stay. There will be no coach drop off and pick- ups to ensure there is no adverse impact on the local highways. There will be no dedicated facility for taxis to pick up and drop off.

7.3.2The residence benefits from an on-site laundry. Any additional servicing required in connection with non-student use would be synchronised with the Residence’s usual servicing regime.

# Health & safety

* 1. An external Health & Safety consultancy will undertake risk assessments of the Residence in the following areas:
* Fire Risk Assessment (Fire Safety Regulatory Reform Order 2005);
* Health and Safety Risk Assessment including Control of Hazardous Substances;
* Health (COSHH), Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) testing and Gas safety certification;
* Legionellosis (water) Risk Assessment.
  1. Comprehensive reports will be commissioned annually and all site safety issues will be managed in-house. The initial assessments will be undertaken annually, and will enable all required safety measures to be put in place as soon as possible.
  2. To safeguard staff safety and compliance, all on-site staff at the Residence will undertake training in general Health & Safety issues as appropriate for their area of responsibility. All employees required to work during the night will be eligible for night working health assessments as required under the Health & Safety at work Act 1974.
  3. Health & Safety procedures will be regularly audited both externally and internally to ensure compliance with legislation and best practice.