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## **Development Management**

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Dear Sir/Madam

## DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

## **Full Planning Permission Granted**

Address: National Hospital For Neurology And Neurosurgery Queen Square London WC1N 3BG

## Proposal:

Installation of mechanical plant with associated alterations to Queen Mary wing of UCLH hospital.

Drawing Nos: QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0700-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0701-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0702-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0703-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0704-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0705-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0706-D2 rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0707-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-RP-A-0710-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-01-DR-D-001 Rev C01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-02-DR-D-001 Rev C01; Swat Room The National Hospital of Neurology and Neurosurgery Environmental noise survey report 18077-R02-A dated March 2018; Design and access statement dated April 2018.

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2 All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policy D1 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

3 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0700-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0701-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0702-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0703-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0704-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0705-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0706-D2 rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0707-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-RP-A-0710-D2 Rev P01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-01-DR-D-001 Rev C01; QSMI-MAA-ZZ-02-DR-D-001 Rev C01; Swat Room The National Hospital of Neurology and Neurosurgery Environmental noise survey report 18077-R02-A dated March 2018; Design and access statement dated April 2018.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

4 The cumulative sound level from the proposed external building services and fixed plant shall be 10dB (15dB if tonal or impulsive) below the typical lowest background sound level assessed at 1m outside the windows of the nearest affected noise-sensitive property at any time. The proposed plant shall be installed and constructed to ensure compliance with the above requirements and limits identified in Table 5 and 6 of the Acoustic Report.

Reason: To ensure that the amenity of occupiers of the surrounding premises is not adversely affected by noise from mechanical installations/ equipment, in accordance with Policy A4 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

5 All new mechanical plant should be installed on suitable vibration isolators to minimise structure-borne noise and vibration transfer to adjoining properties.

Reason: To ensure that the amenity of occupiers of the surrounding premises is not adversely affected by noise/vibration from mechanical installations/ equipment, in accordance with Policy A4 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting permission:

The proposed installation of mechanical plant would be located externally, at the

second floor of the building facing the courtyard, part of the Queen Mary wing of UCLH hospital, and would comprise 3no. plant units. This part of the building does not form part of the listed buildings of the hospital and therefore no assessment of the impact of the proposal on the setting of the listed building would be necessary in this instance.

The aim of the proposal is to improve the energy performance of the building fabric, its thermal properties by replacing the existing window with insulated cladding, in order to form a Sweat Test Chamber with associated facilities. Due to the plant's location and dimensions, it is not considered to cause significant harm to the appearance of the host building.

The proposal includes replacement of existing uPVC window, and infill it with metal cladding to match existing. The cladding would step out at higher level to accommodate a steam evaporator unit and pipe work would be added on the external façade facing the courtyard. This is considered acceptable as it would preserve the appearance of the host building. Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

An environmental noise survey was undertaken at two representative locations to determine a noise emission limit for the proposed mechanical plant operation. It has been assumed that the plant will operate 24 hrs. The proposed LOAEL limits in Table 5 and 6 of the report are 10 decibels lower than the typical lowest noise background measured value over the operational period of the units.

Calculations to predict the noise of the proposed plant system operating at the window of the residential properties have been undertaken. To comply with the proposed criterion of background (L90) minus 10dB, no additional mitigation measures are required. A set off conditions are recommended to ensure that mitigation measures are adequate and that the cumulative levels comply with Camden's noise criterion for mechanical plant. Environmental health officers have reviewed the proposals and consider it acceptable.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies A1, A4, D1, D2 of Camden Local Plan 2017. The development would also accord with the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and the London Plan 2016.

- 2 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts that cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (tel: 020-7974 6941).
- 3 Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You are advised to consult the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444 or search for 'environmental health' on the Camden website or seek prior approval under Section 61 of the Act if you anticipate any

difficulty in carrying out construction other than within the hours stated above.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent

Yours faithfully

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