

## COVER LETTER

**03 Hampshire Street  
London  
NW5 2SS**

**APPLICATION FOR RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING APPROVAL FOR  
INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING CONDENSER UNITS ON THE  
WALL OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING.**

The existing building is a three storey contemporary development with commercial units on its ground floor and residential flats above. The site is surrounded by a mix of uses and architectural styles. To the North is a large commercial building accessed from Hampshire Street. To the East is a 2 storey commercial building and beyond that the rear of the shops and flats to Brecknock Road. To the South is the rear garden of 215 Camden Road. To the West is commercial fronting Hampshire Street. To the South-East is a private car park serving the rear of 217-225 Camden Road, a block of residential flats. It is to this rear, secondary elevation at number 03 Hampshire Street that 9 air conditioning units have been installed.

Planning approval should be granted for the reasons to follow: The immediate surrounding environment consist of a mix of buildings with different services units facing to the same car parking area. This area itself lacks any architectural value, as it is a car park accessed by a secondary rear alley and surrounded by services plants. There is also a bin storage point for the residential flats.

Similar air conditioning units have been installed in similar locations by surrounding buildings, setting a precedent (see attached photos). As the units are located at the rear elevation of the building, we understand there is no visual impact on the street scene of the building and Hampshire Street.

The leasehold responsible for installing the units is at ground floor only, so there is no option to locate them elsewhere, and because of weather conditions, these units have proven to be essential for comfort of workforce.

Being a commercial leasehold, the units are not going to be used at hours other than 08:00-18:00 Monday to Friday.

In terms of disturbance for neighbouring properties and flats, an acoustic report has been undertaken and conclusions show that the site is not considered to be in a low noise area, and based on Camden's local plan guidance, the absolute level of the installed plant would not be expected to have a material adverse impact on neighbouring dwellings and are compliant with national noise and planning policy objectives.

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For flats above 3 Hampshire St, the report states that considering the background sound level, the sound caused by the machines does not even reach the minimum level for being considered “low impact”.

For 215-225 Camden Road, the noise rating level measured is even lower, so again, the sound level does not even reach the consideration of “low impact”

For the reasons above, it is concluded that there is no disturbance to the neighbouring properties caused by this units and it is understood that they are located at the only feasible spot for them, as they are needed for the occupants of number 03 to work in a healthy and comfortable environment, and we request that planning approval is granted for this case.

PHOTOS OF EXISTING:



Rear elevation and car park



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Existing air conditioning units in neighbouring properties



Existing surrounds and bin storage units





Existing car park



Existing rear elevation 217-225 Camden Road