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Subject: OBJECTION TO PLANNING PERMISSION REF: 2019/0521/P

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Proposed air-conditions units atop 34 Gresse Street

For reasons of the inevitable machine noise pollution affecting the health and well-being; both physical and mental, plus sleep deprivation, to the residential block at 25 Gresse Street (directly opposite this proposed site 34 Gresse St.), please note and act upon this objection.

We are 92 flats, both Camden council tenants and leaseholders, and a petition has been signed by a significant number in support of this objection.

Residents; families, elderly, disabled, we have all been affected by anti-social noise from business- similar a/c units and pre-dawn retail deliveries. Last summer, during the debilitating heat at night we were unable to leave our windows open.

We have a very active Tenants & Residents' Association (**TRA**); I am a long-time member of it, and have been lobbying for several years to curb the intrusive sounds- low-pitched humming- made by a/c units.

We have already lodged complaints with Camden's Environmental Health department for units above the retail shops facing Tottenham Court road that have affected the rear of our block and now we are faced with similar noise issues for the front of it from the proposed machinery at 34 Gresse Street.

The impacts of noise pollution and attendant health problems we describe have been recognised in various scientific journals:

I refer you to Noise Pollution Health Perspectives Vol. 108, Supplement 1, March 2000, pages 123-231. An academic reference widely cited

Long-term health issues from background noise that various scientific studies have identified include: hearing impairment, hypertension, ischemic heart disease, sleep apnoea.

As a TRA we have heard all the promises of noise reduction methods of dampening screens and decibel counts of 100 and below but we have the actuality, not the theory, that these a/c units are a noise blight and an insidious, numbing consequence akin to 'fingers nails scraping down a blackboard.'

Please therefore consider this response as an official objection to planning application **2019/0521/P**

Thank you.

Angela Cooke

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PS Please let me know if you need me to post the original signatures to you. Everybody signed the form who were in at the time. If it would be beneficial I can collect more signatures from the residents who were out at the time I went round collecting the signatures.