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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: Austin Friars House 1 Stephen Street London W1T 1AL

Proposal: Installation of condenser unit to roof level (Retrospective).

Drawing Nos: Cover Letter, ML3147-905 A, ML3147-R-901 A, ML3147-R-900 A and Noise Impact Assessment (ref. 19083.PCR.01)

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:

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

4 The external noise level emitted from plant, machinery or equipment at the development hereby approved shall meet the minimum Green noise criteria set in The Camden Local Plan, Table C at the nearest and/or most affected noise sensitive premises, with all machinery operating together at maximum capacity.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies A1 and A4 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

5 The machinery, plant or equipment and ducting at the development shall be mounted with proprietary anti-vibration isolators and fan motors shall be vibration isolated from the casing and adequately silenced and maintained as such.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies A1 and A4 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting permission:

The application site consist of the Austin Friars House at No. 1 Stephen Street which is a twelve-storey office building at the junction between Tottenham Court Road and Stephen Street. The roof levels has various kinds of plant equipment installed and is accessible only by trained personnel for maintenance purposes. The application is for a retrospective permission for the installation of an external condenser unit at roof level.

The building is not listed nor is it within a Conservation Area. The nearest residential properties is a block of residential flats to the rear of the application site along Gresse Street.

The size of the external condenser unit is considered to be acceptable for units of such kind and insignificant when compared to the overall mass of the building. The unit is installed in the middle of the roof level, adjacent to two existing identical units. Given the discreetness and height of the location, it would not be visible from street level.

Overall, the development would not result in an incongruous addition and

would not have harmful impact on the amenities of neighbouring properties.

The Council's Environmental Health officer has reviewed the application and is satisfied that the proposal meets the minimum noise level requirements, with no requirement for additional mitigation measures. The proposed units would not have a harmful impact on the amenity of neighbouring residential properties in terms of noise and would be considered acceptable.

No objections were received prior to making this decision. The site's planning history and relevant appeal decisions were taken into account when coming to this decision. As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies A1, A4 and D1 of the Camden Local Plan. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2016 and the NPPF 2019.

- 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 This approval does not authorise the use of the public highway. Any requirement to use the public highway, such as for hoardings, temporary road closures and suspension of parking bays, will be subject to approval of relevant licence from the Council's Streetworks Authorisations & Compliance Team London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No 020 7974 4444). Licences and authorisations need to be sought in advance of proposed works. Where development is subject to a Construction Management Plan (through a requirement in a S106 agreement), no licence or authorisation will be granted until the Construction Management Plan is approved by the Council.
- 4 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements a copy is available on the Council's website at https://beta.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/1269042/Camden+Minimum+Re quirements+%281%29.pdf/bb2cd0a2-88b1-aa6d-61f9-525ca0f71319 or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

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 must secure the approval of the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team prior to undertaking such activities outside these hours.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.

Yours faithfully

Daniel Pope Chief Planning Officer