

Regeneration and Planning
Development Management
London Borough of Camden
5 Pancras Square
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Our Ref: 17/3583

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: 17 Charterhouse Street, London
Application for installation of external CCTV cameras

On behalf of our clients, De Beers UK Limited and Anglo American Services (UK) Limited, please find enclosed an application seeking full planning permission for the installation of external CCTV cameras at 17 Charterhouse Street.

The application consists of the following documents:

- Application Form and Certificate A;
- Location Plan P17-059 A-07-SIT-01 Rev. P1;
- Charterhouse Street Security Devices P17-082 A-68-ELE-21 Rev. P2;
- Charterhouse Street East / Saffron Hill Security Devices P17-082 A-68-ELE-22 Rev. P2;
- Saffron Hill (Sheet 1) Security Devices P17-082 A-68-ELE-23 Rev. P2;
- North Courtyard Security Devices P17-082 A-68-ELE-25 Rev. P2; and
- External Security Camera Installation Detail P17-082 A-68-DET-01 P1.

Planning permission was granted on 24 January 2018 for the refurbishment and extension of 17 Charterhouse Street (ref. 2017/4586/P), the historic headquarters of De Beers, the mining and diamond trading company of international significance. The unique operation of the site and the high value nature of the business requires a considered approach to site security.

Permitted Development Rights exist for the installation, alteration or replacement on a building of a closed-circuit television camera to be used for security purposes, subject to conditions. One of these conditions, Part F.1 (f) states that *“development is not permitted by Class F if any part of the camera would be less than 10 metres away from any part of another camera installed on the building”*.

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Along the principal Charterhouse Street elevation, it is proposed to install four CCTV cameras. Three of these security cameras are focused around the vehicle lift entrance, which requires heightened security protection. These cameras are located 7.2m from each other, less than the distance allowed under Permitted Development, and so planning permission is required.

Other proposed installations satisfy the conditions of Permitted Development but are highlighted for completeness within the application drawings. In effect, however, it is only the three cameras around the vehicle lift entrance that require permission.

The application proposal is considered acceptable because the proposed cameras will not detract from the high-quality building elevation approved under application 2017/4586/P, and so complies with the Council's relevant design policies including Policy D1. The proposal also facilitates the continued occupation of the building by Anglo American and De Beers. With De Beers being integral to the historic development of the Hatton Garden diamond district, their continued presence in the area is a significant benefit, and therefore the proposal complies with Policy E1 (Economic Development), particularly part g (iv) by promoting and protecting the jewellery industry in Hatton Garden. It is therefore requested that this minor proposal, which is nonetheless vital for the applicant, is granted planning permission accordingly.

If you have any issues or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Galgey', written in a cursive style.

Paul Galgey MRTPI

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