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FAO Jonathan McClue,

Thank you for allowing me to comment on planning application 2019/5407/P which relates to the temporary change of use from an office (B1a) to a Twenty-Five (25) bed cold weather shelter for EEA National rough sleepers until the 31st March 2020.

I have reviewed the application and have no objections to the proposal but have the following comments and recommendations to make.

Comments and Recommendations

- ∞ The main consideration for this proposal is how strong and robust the management strategy will be in dealing with any incidents within the location if they arise. It appears there will be a thorough vetting and assessment process for residents to establish their suitability for the accommodation and to address each particular individual's needs. The resident will be positively engaging with support staff at this time with them wanting to seek help and assistance will reduce the risk of issues occurring when they become a resident.
- ∞ Unfortunately the location is in heart of the Chalk Farm night time economy and this could lead to potential issues if the resident is dependent on drugs or alcohol. Certainly I would recommend that with any risk assessment this is taken into consideration if the resident has these vulnerabilities.
- ∞ Once again with the nature of the location and the already high street population present the potential for 'non-residents' trying to enter the premises without permission or assessment is high. Whether this is a direct attempt by sneaking in via the primary entry point or by any vulnerable fire exit which could be opened from the interior by another resident.
- ∞ Staff to be aware of potential conflict between residents and to be able to deal with conflict resolution.
- ∞ Consider individual lockable storage locations for residents to keep belongings safe... this will reduce the opportunity for theft.
- ∞ The premises should have a no drink or drugs policy whilst the building is use and to have robust strategy with dealing with any person breaking the rules. This is a great opportunity for vulnerable people to have access to a number of services which will assist them greatly and it is important that this chance is not spoilt by others not so willing to engage with support services.
- ∞ I would recommend that the staff contact the Local Police Team – Camden Town and Primrose Hill – so that they are aware of any issues or any residents who have been barred. The Police can be discrete in this contact as it is appreciated that it could cause concern for any resident with a distrust of authority. But I feel as this is multi agency approach they should be kept in the loop so that any response is appropriate.

If the applicant wishes any further advice or support regarding this application then I will be more than happy to assist.

Kind regards

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