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Environmental Noise Survey- Birkbeck - 39 - 47 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PD

Dear Sir/Madam

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarifications regarding the strategy adopted for the environmental noise survey and associated noise impact assessment for external plant at the above site, in line with the planning requirements of London Borough of Camden.

Due to the measures imposed to mitigate against the spread of Covid-19, it was deemed appropriate to postpone the environmental noise survey on site as noise levels are currently considered atypical, and difficult to justify as representative when surveyed. Therefore, in order to ensure a robust assessment exercise, close consultation with the Environmental Health Department on an agreed methodology is required.

Founded upon the guidance provided by the IOA (Institute of Acoustics) and ANC (Association of Noise Consultants) on how to proceed under the current circumstances, it is suggested that the above noise assessment is undertaken based on existing noise surveys and background noise levels in the vicinity where these are available. From this, atmospheric plant noise emission limits at the nearest noise sensitive receptor will be established enabling the plant noise assessment to be carried out. If deemed necessary, upon submission of the noise impact assessment, a suitable timeframe could be requested from the LPA for later verification via detailed noise surveying and a report "addendum".

Further consultation with the Environmental Health Officer will need to be undertaken in order to confirm the suitability of the proposed methodology described above.

We hope the above are sufficient and remain available should you require any clarifications.

Best regards

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