

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/0456/P	B. Bennett	13/04/2021 20:37:45	OBJ	<p>Dear Obote Hope</p> <p>I am writing to object to the alterations to this conservation area building. These are described as minor alterations, however they are not minor alterations, as they seriously affect not only the appearance front and back of a historic 19th century building which has survived in reasonable condition, in Camden Square Conservation area.</p> <p>The housing for the air conditioning units building is clearly visible from the street, and blocks part of the front of this conservation area building.</p> <p>The proposed 4 air conditioning units seem suited for an industrial or commercial building, why have these been installed in a supposedly residential building with UK temperate weather? Is the building being used for commercial purposes?</p> <p>They are a major impact on neighbouring buildings regarding noise and air pollution. Intermittent and long term noise is extremely annoying and severely impacts the quality of life for neighbours.</p> <p>These air conditioning units are not appropriate, front or back of the building. There are already extreme problems with noise in this area.</p> <p>The front is not always busy with traffic to help drown out noise, it would be even more noticeable with future less proposed traffic, and at night. The back can be a rare escape from noise, so units at the back would disturb even that.</p> <p>Even the quoted levels, or below, in the World Health Organisation's "Guidelines for Community Noise" quoted in this application would be an extreme nuisance and are not suitable in a residential area, with a high concentration of residents.</p> <p>Even in that WHO report it is quoted "critical health effects for outdoor living spaces: the onset of serious annoyance is 55dB LAeq daytime and evening hours (07:00 – 23:00 hours), and the onset of moderate annoyance is 50dB LAeq daytime and evening hours (07:00 – 23:00 hours)" The 4 air conditioning units are described as 60dB(A) which is well over the onset of serious annoyance in those quoted guidelines.</p> <p>Four units presumably adds even more impact to noise levels.</p> <p>There are potentially even more problems with nuisance noise, rattling, whistling, high pitched squealing from air conditioning units such as faulty bearings, debris, loose parts, dirty or damaged blades etc causing further noise nuisance to neighbouring residents.</p> <p>There is also health danger from air pollution to neighbours from circulated air being expelled, one risk of which can be Legionnaire's Disease.</p> <p>The proposed 4 air conditioning units seem suited for an industrial or commercial building, why have these been installed in a supposedly residential building in the UK with temperate weather? Is the building being used for commercial purposes?</p> <p>The polycarbonate canopy added above the door at the front of the building, clearly visible from the street, is not appropriate for this 19th century conservation area building.</p>