

Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee	Camden Town
Application ref	2022/0931/P
Address	20 Camden High Street London NW1 0JH
Planning Officer	Tony Young
Comments by	08 May 2022
Proposal	Installation of air conditioning unit and acoustic enclosure to front flat roof at 1st floor level in connection with existing cafe use (part retrospective).
Objection	Yes
Observations	<p>The siting of this air-conditioning unit is very visible from the street and sets a poor precedent (contrary to the supplied documentation which implies it is not visible). See attached photo in this regard. Members consider that the unit causes harm to the host dwelling and significant detriment to the general appearance of the Conservation Area. We note that other a/c units on nearby buildings, illustrated in the DAS as precedents, are in fact not approved installations.</p> <p>As the property is residential above the cafe any such mechanical plant should be sited on the valley roof of the main house (not the first floor flat roof) so as not to cause a detrimental impact to residents. Moving the air con unit closer to the houses' wall so that it is less visible from the public realm would not be supported for this reason.</p> <p>An acoustic hood will make this installation even more visible owing to its larger dimensions and cause greater harm. We note that the proposed acoustic hood comprised of dark grey painted MDF and apparently without louvres will cause the a/c unit to work harder in view of lack of sufficient ventilation and solar gain.</p>

Documents attached

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[A/C unit visible in long and short views on Camden High Street](#)

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