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Sent: 02 May 2022 15:14
To: Miriam Baptist
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Subject: NO OBJECTION 2022/0079/P

Dear Miriam,

The Bloomsbury CAAC has no objection to make to this application.

As noted in the application, the site has been rebuilt and amalgamated, with the rear garden and elevation bearing little resemblance to the appearance of the original building. As such it is considered that this area of the site contributes very little to the significance of the listed building and wider CA. The condenser units are small in comparison to the size of the garden and located discreetly. The visual impact upon the CA and listed building is considered negligible. As such we have no objection.

However we note the concern of neighbours and the very detrimental impact that noise, even of a background and relatively quiet nature, can have upon residential amenity. It is the Council's longstanding policy that listed buildings retain single glazed windows where they still exist and that secondary glazing is unacceptable where that would impact upon the functioning of shutters. This results in poor thermal and acoustic performance. Paragraph 002 of the Government's PPG on the Historic Environment states '*generally, the risks of neglect and decay of heritage assets are best addressed through ensuring that they remain in active use that is consistent with their conservation*'. As such, it is important to protect residential amenity to safeguard the conservation of Georgian terraces in residential use. We therefore recommend that the Council carefully considers the submitted noise report in conjunction with the acoustic performance of neighbouring Georgian terraces as part of the determination of this application.

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