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Trustees of Queen Square Gardens

8 November 2022  
Mr Patrick Marfleet  
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Dear Mr Marfleet,

**Re: Cumulative noise pollution in Queen Square Gardens  
in conjunction with proposed Hospital development at Great  
Ormond Street**

In the past few years, Queen Square Gardens has gone from a place of peace and tranquillity to an area of quite severe noise pollution, due to numerous installations of air conditioning and other noise emitting plant in multiple areas around and near the Square.

Some of these installations have been fully permitted by Camden Planning without consultation of the Trustees of the Garden as a Freeholder and Neighbour.

Other noise emitting installations have unknown planning status.

Installations, such as the two “temporary” MRI Scanners parked on ambulance bays in Queen Square regularly disturb residents, waking many up at night. The Trustees have never been consulted on these scanners either, despite their significant noise pollution.

The Trustees and many residents have made complaints to Camden Noise Control on all these issues but nothing has been resolved. The standard response has always been offering of advice and 'talking' to emitters. Their advice is also, that they are unable to consider noise pollution outside in the Garden - only inside premises. Their remit, apparently, does not include outside spaces and advice was to speak to the Planning Department.

I am therefore attaching an overview of the current issues and requesting these are urgently considered, particularly in light of and in conjunction with Great Ormond Street Hospital's new planning application (which involves even more additional noise emitting plant being installed in the immediate vicinity).

The cumulative noise pollution in Queen Square is significantly reducing the amenity value of this important and historic inner city green area for all, as well as residents in this long standing residential area experiencing incessant disturbances day and night.

We request Camden commence an investigation into the issues we have highlighted as soon as possible with a view to reducing the cumulative effect of noise pollution in this important and historically important square to a noise level not above permitted levels from 11pm to 7am and remove any noise sources that present a statutory nuisance.

### GOSH development

We further note that the proposed GOSH development involves two entire floors of noise emitting plant (one at a high level) and that there is no specification for this plant currently detailed.

We would request and hope that the problems in Queen Square can be resolved before any additional planning applications are considered that involve significant additional noise emitting plant.

Should planning permission ever be granted, you must ensure that a detailed schedule of plant is included and that as a condition of planning a maximum amount of noise pollution can be emitted from areas around the building that is <10db above background noise, and that no additional discernible noise can be heard in the Gardens of Queen Square.

We look forward to hearing from you on these issues.

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Chair  
Trustees of Queen Square Gardens