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Subject: DM/26/1940

Hi Anna,

I have several concerns regarding this application.

1. The consultant has only considered the impact of noise from the ac unit on the adjoining neighbour at number 39 and not the residents at 41A and 41B. I have checked the calculation carried out by Scott Ellisdon and believe that he has underestimated the predicted noise level from the ac unit at the nearest residential dwelling (39). This is because the proposed unit will be positioned in a corner, and therefore there are three reflective surfaces to consider, but Scott has only factored in one. I do however accept that this resident will largely be shielded from noise by the structure of the building at number 40.
2. Without further details, it is difficult to predict the impact of noise on residents at 41A and 41B with certainty, but a basic calculation indicates that it is likely to have an impact on amenity.
3. Although the applicants have indicated that the ac unit will be used between 07.00 and 23.00, this would be difficult to regulate through the planning regime. If the unit were to be used at night, and a complaint subsequently received by the Environmental Protection team, we would be duty bound to investigate and take any necessary enforcement. It would therefore seem prudent to ensure that the unit is suitable for use at night to avoid possible issues in the future.

If the applicant would like to proceed with the ac unit in its current proposed location, can they please provide a BS 4142 assessment to accurately predict how noise from the unit will affect neighbours. Alternatively, they may wish to consider relocating the unit, installing a quieter unit or providing some form of enclosure or screening.

Please will you put these points to the applicant.

Thanks,

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