



Your ref: Flat 170, Bickenhall Mansions...

My ref: 25/03619/FULL

**Please
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Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT (CONDITIONAL)

The City Council has considered your application and permits the development referred to below subject to the conditions set out and in accordance with the plans submitted.

Unless any other period is stated in the Schedule below or by conditions attached; this consent, by virtue of Section 91(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), is granted subject to the condition that the development shall be commenced within 3 years of the date of this decision.

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed Statement of Applicant's Rights and General Information.

SCHEDULE**Application No:** 25/03619/FULL**Date Received:** 28.05.2025**Date Amended:** 28.05.2025**Plan Nos:** BRMSM-P101 ; BRMSM-E001.**Address:** Flat 170, Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, London**Proposal:** Installation of one air conditioning unit within an acoustic enclosure with louvres fitted to the rear of third floor balcony.

See next page for conditions/reasons.

Yours faithfully,

Tracy Darke
Director of Town Planning & Building Control

Condition(s):

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the drawings and other documents listed on this decision letter, and any drawings approved subsequently by the City Council as local planning authority pursuant to any conditions on this decision letter.

Reason:

For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

- 2 All new work to the outside of the building must match existing original work in terms of the choice of materials, method of construction and finished appearance. This applies unless differences are shown on the drawings we have approved or are required by conditions to this permission. (C26AA)

Reason:

To make sure that the appearance of the building is suitable and that it contributes to the character and appearance of this part of the Portman Estate Conservation Area. This is as set out in Policies 38, 39 and 40 of the City Plan 2019 - 2040 (April 2021). (R26BF)

- 3 Contrary to what is shown on the drawings including BRMSM-E001, the louvres must be painted black and maintained as such.

Reason:

To make sure that the appearance of the building is suitable and that it contributes to the character and appearance of this part of the Portman Estate Conservation Area. This is as set out in Policies 38, 39 and 40 of the City Plan 2019 - 2040 (April 2021). (R26BF)

- 4 Except for piling, excavation and demolition work, you must carry out any building work which can be heard at the boundary of the site only:
 - o between 08.00 and 18.00 Monday to Friday;
 - o between 08.00 and 13.00 on Saturday; and
 - o not at all on Sundays, bank holidays and public holidays.

You must carry out piling, excavation and demolition work only:

- o between 08.00 and 18.00 Monday to Friday; and
- o not at all on Saturdays, Sundays, bank holidays and public holidays.

Noisy work must not take place outside these hours unless otherwise agreed through a Control of Pollution Act 1974 section 61 prior consent in special circumstances (for example, to meet police traffic restrictions, in an emergency or in the interests of public safety). (C11AB)

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Reason:

To protect the environment of neighbouring occupiers. This is as set out in Policies 7 and 33 of the City Plan 2019 - 2040 (April 2021). (R11AD)

- 5 (1) Where noise emitted from the proposed plant and machinery will not contain tones or will not be intermittent, the 'A' weighted sound pressure level from the plant and machinery (including non-emergency auxiliary plant and generators) hereby permitted, when operating at its noisiest, shall not at any time exceed a value of 10 dB below the minimum external background noise, at a point 1 metre outside any window of any residential and other noise sensitive property, unless and until a fixed maximum noise level is approved in writing by the City Council pursuant to Part (3) below. The background level should be expressed in terms of the lowest LA90, 15 mins during the proposed hours of operation. The plant-specific noise level should be expressed as LAeqTm, and shall be representative of the plant operating at its maximum.
- (2) Where noise emitted from the proposed plant and machinery will contain tones or will be intermittent, the 'A' weighted sound pressure level from the plant and machinery (including non-emergency auxiliary plant and generators) hereby permitted, when operating at its noisiest, shall not at any time exceed a value of 15 dB below the minimum external background noise, at a point 1 metre outside any window of any residential and other noise sensitive property, unless and until a fixed maximum noise level is approved in writing by the City Council. The background level should be expressed in terms of the lowest LA90, 15 mins during the proposed hours of operation. The plant-specific noise level should be expressed as LAeqTm, and shall be representative of the plant operating at its maximum.
- (3) Following installation of the plant and equipment, you may apply in writing to the City Council for a fixed maximum noise level to be approved. This is to be done by submitting a further noise report confirming previous details and subsequent measurement data of the installed plant, including a proposed fixed noise level for written approval by the City Council. Your submission of a noise report must include:
- (a) A schedule of all plant and equipment that formed part of this application;
 - (b) Locations of the plant and machinery and associated: ducting; attenuation and damping equipment;
 - (c) Manufacturer specifications of sound emissions in octave or third octave detail;
 - (d) The location of most affected noise sensitive receptor location and the most affected window of it;
 - (e) Distances between plant & equipment and receptor location/s and any mitigating features that may attenuate the sound level received at the most affected receptor location;
 - (f) Measurements of existing LA90, 15 mins levels recorded one metre outside and in front of the window referred to in (d) above (or a suitable representative position), at times when background noise is at its lowest during hours when the plant and equipment will operate. This acoustic survey to be conducted in conformity to BS 7445 in respect of measurement methodology and procedures;
 - (g) The lowest existing LA90, 15 mins measurement recorded under (f) above;
 - (h) Measurement evidence and any calculations demonstrating that plant and equipment complies with the planning condition;
 - (i) The proposed maximum noise level to be emitted by the plant and equipment. (C46AD)

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Reason:

Because existing external ambient noise levels exceed WHO Guideline Levels, and as set out in Policies 7 and 33 of the City Plan 2019 - 2040 (April 2021) and the Environmental Supplementary Planning Document (February 2022), so that the noise environment of people in noise sensitive receptors is protected, including the intrusiveness of tonal and impulsive sounds, and by contributing to reducing excessive ambient noise levels. Part (3) is included so that applicants may ask subsequently for a fixed maximum noise level to be approved in case ambient noise levels reduce at any time after implementation of the planning permission. (R46AC)

- 6 No vibration shall be transmitted to adjoining or other premises and structures through the building structure and fabric of this development as to cause a vibration dose value of greater than 0.4m/s (1.75) 16 hour day-time nor 0.2m/s (1.75) 8 hour night-time as defined by BS 6472 (2008) in any part of a residential and other noise sensitive property. (C48AB)

Reason:

To ensure that the development is designed to prevent structural transmission of noise or vibration and to prevent adverse effects as a result of vibration on the noise environment in accordance with Policies 7 and 33 of the City Plan 2019 - 2040 (April 2021) and the Environmental Supplementary Planning Document (February 2022). (R48AB)

Informative(s):

- 1 In dealing with this application the City Council has implemented the requirement in the National Planning Policy Framework to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way. We have made available detailed advice in the form of our statutory policies in the City Plan 2019 - 2040 (April 2021), neighbourhood plan (where relevant), supplementary planning documents, the London Plan (March 2021), planning briefs and other informal written guidance, as well as offering a full pre application advice service, in order to ensure that applicant has been given every opportunity to submit an application which is likely to be considered favourably. In addition, where appropriate, further guidance was offered to the applicant at the validation stage.
- 2 Conditions 5 and 6 control noise from the approved machinery. It is very important that you meet the conditions and we may take legal action if you do not. You should make sure that the machinery is properly maintained and serviced regularly. (I82AA)
- 3 You are advised to permanently mark the plant/ machinery hereby approved with the details of this permission (including date decision and planning reference number). This will assist in future monitoring of the equipment by the City Council if and when complaints are received.

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City of Westminster

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Applicant's Rights and General Information

1. Applicant's Rights (refusals and conditional approvals)

a) *Appeals to the Planning Inspectorate*

If your application has been **refused** by the City Council or **granted subject to conditions** that you are not happy with, you have the right to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or Section 20 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990). The Planning Inspectorate is an Executive Agency reporting to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The time limits for submitting an appeal may vary. The period after the date of the City Council's decision within which an appeal must be received by the Secretary of State is:

- **28 days** in the case of an appeal against refusal of a planning application relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as is already the subject of an enforcement notice.
- **8 weeks** in the case of an appeal against refusal of advertisement consent.
- **12 weeks** in the case of appeals made under s78(1) against refusal of any 'householder application' – that is,
 - refusal of an application for planning permission to alter or extend a house, or for works within the curtilage of a house.
 - Refusal to approve details submitted as required by a condition imposed on a permission granted for a householder application.
 - Refusal of prior approvals relating to dwelling houses, including the neighbours' consultation scheme for larger home extensions under Class A of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order.
- **12 weeks** in the case of 'minor commercial applications that is,
 - refusal of an application for development of an existing building or part of a building currently in use for any purposes in Classes A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 where the proposal does not include a change of use, a change to the number of units, development that is not wholly at ground floor level and/or does not increase the gross internal area of the building.
 - Interested parties have no right to comment on an appeal with regards to a minor commercial development (specifically a shopfront).
- **6 months** in the case of all other appeals made under s78(1) or s20 of the above Acts relating to a decision on a planning application or listed building consent application. The 6 month time limit also applies to any appeal made under s78 (2) of the Act in respect of a failure to give a decision within the statutory period.

With immediate effect, prospective appellants requesting an inquiry into their appeal must

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notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate at least 10 days prior to appeal submission.

If you want to appeal, you must use the correct appeal form from the following list: Planning, Householder, Minor Commercial, Listed Building Consent or Certificate of Lawful Use or Development.

The Planning Inspectorate has an online appeals service: www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals. The Inspectorate will publish details of your appeal on the internet (on the Appeals area of the Planning Portal). This may include a copy of the application form and associated documents and the completed appeal documents. Please ensure that you only provide information, including personal information, that you are happy will be made available to others in this way. If you supply personal information belonging to a third party please ensure that you have their permission to do so. More detailed information about data protection and privacy matters is available on the Planning Portal. Alternatively, you can obtain a form from the **Customer Support Team, Planning Inspectorate, 3/08a, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN Tel: 0303 4440000**. An extension of time for lodging an appeal is unlikely to be granted except in special circumstances. There is a guide and other useful advice about appeals on line at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/makeanappeal

APPROVAL OF DETAILS:

If your application has been granted and is subject to the approval of details reserved by condition please use the form 'Application For Approval Of Details Reserved By Condition' in order to discharge the relevant details. This form can be downloaded from the City Council's web site at www.westminster.gov.uk/planning

b) Purchase Notices

In certain circumstances the owner of a property has the right to serve a Purchase Notice on the City Council or the Department for Communities and Local Government. A Notice may be served if, following a refusal or a conditional approval, the owner considers the land cannot be put to a reasonably beneficial use in either its existing state or through development which has or would be permitted. A Purchase Notice would require the City Council to purchase the owner's interest in the land in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Acts (Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Sections 32-37 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990).

2. General information relating to all approvals

a) Other legislative requirements

This decision has been made by the City Council as the local planning authority. You are reminded of the need to comply with other relevant regulations and statutory provisions and respect the rights of other owners/occupiers provided by relevant property legislation.

Transportation: If your proposal involves works which affect the public highway you should consult the City Council as Highways Authority. This includes works to, over or below any carriageway, footway or public forecourt. You should contact the Highways Planning Team by email highwaysplanning@westminster.gov.uk or telephone 020 7641 3326. If your proposal is related to paving works and/or is associated with an agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 please telephone: 020 7641 2920.

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Highways Licensing: For general enquiries about temporary structures on the highway, such as hoardings, skips, the excavation and storage of materials on the highways, please telephone 020 761 2000.

Building Control: You are advised to contact Westminster District Surveyors immediately to find out whether your proposal will require consent under the Building Regulations: Tel: 020 7641 6500 Email: districtsurveyors@westminster.gov.uk.

Building Regulation forms and further information is available on the Council's web site:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/building-control>

Land Drainage: Where major works are involved, Land Drainage Consent may be required under the Water Resources Act 1991 and Thames Region Land Drainage By Laws 1981. You are advised to contact the Environment Agency, Apollo Court, 2 Bishop's Square Business Park, St Albans Road West Hatfield AL10 9EX Tel: 03708 506 506 or Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

b) Provision of access and facilities for disabled people

Designing new buildings and adapting existing buildings to meet the needs of people with disabilities results in a safer and more convenient environment for all. General advice is available from planning and building control officers who can also direct you to appropriate sources of technical/specialist advice.

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