

APPLICATION NO: 13/00637/FUL		OFFICER: Miss Chloe Smart	
DATE REGISTERED: 24th April 2013		DATE OF EXPIRY : 19th June 2013	
WARD: College		PARISH: NONE	
APPLICANT:	British Telecommunications Plc		
LOCATION:	British Telecom, Oriel Road, Cheltenham		
PROPOSAL:	Installation of 6no. air conditioning units on roof		

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	2
Number of objections	2
Number of representations	0
Number of supporting	0

Flat 1
Douglas House
Vittoria Walk
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 1TL

Comments: 14th June 2013
Letter attached.

Comments: 6th August 2013
Letter attached.

26 Imperial Square
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 1QZ

Comments: 30th July 2013

Having seen the proposals I do not think consideration has been given to the provision of sound baffles to minimize noise levels which would be projected towards the residential properties in Trafalgar Street, or to Douglas House.

If the units were to discharge over the BT roof and have baffles provided to direct the noise away from residential properties, the line of the safety handrail would appear suitable, this would appear to be a possible solution.

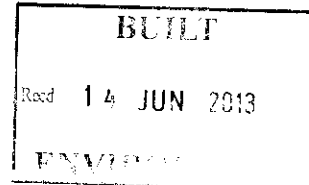
I do not see any reference to operating hours, the bedrooms in my property are all at the rear.

I note that noise level readings were taken at ground level. The units proposed are some 45 feet higher i.e. bedroom level. I understand that that sound travels in a fan shape with the maximum impact in line with the epicentre i.e. bedroom level

1 Douglas House,
Vittoria Walk,
Cheltenham,
Gl 50 1TL
13th June 2013.

Head of Planning,
Cheltenham Borough Council.

Dear Madam,



Re: 13/00637/FUL

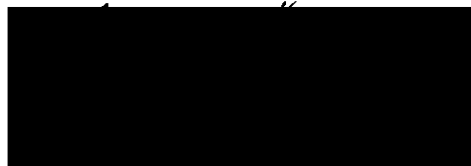
I recently visited the planning department regarding the Noise Assessment report concerning the above application. I was informed that this had been passed to the appropriate department for further assessment and that their views were not available at that time.

I would like to make the following comments regarding the possible noise which may occur as a result of the operation of six air conditioning units.

1. How long will the units operate during each 24 hour period?
2. Will all the units be operating at the same time or will there be a phased schedule of unit operation?
3. Do the units have to be situated where the plans show or can they be sited elsewhere on the roof? The reason for this query is that they seem to be situated very near to residential property where six apartments can be adversely affected by noise levels.
4. The level permitted is within a limit above the natural noise of the surrounding environment, which is considerably different when comparing the hours between say 8am and 6pm and say 3am in the early morning. I feel that if the units are to operate on a 24 hour basis or during the night hours the level of noise could be unacceptable especially during the night time period.

I will be sending a copy of this letter to our local councillor.

Yours faithfully,



c.c. Councillor K. Sudbury.

Cheltenham Borough Council Environment Group			
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Initials of Responder		File Ref.	

1 Douglas House,
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5th August 2013.

Head of Planning

Cheltenham Borough Council.

Dear Sir,

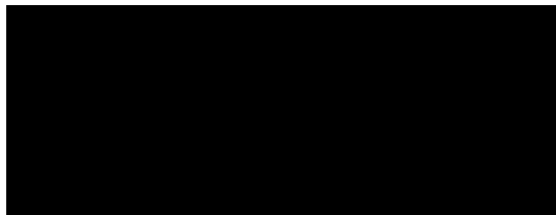
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Thank one of your staff for seeing me this morning, and informing me that proposed units will be operating 24 hours a day. I raised the question of the sighting of the units on the roof and whether these could be moved further down the roof away from Douglas House. She informed me that this was a matter for the planning committee.

I would comment that the level of night time noise affecting the flats in Douglas House could be reduced if the units are moved further away from our building.

I will be sending a copy of this letter to our local councillor.

Yours faithfully,



c.c. Councillor K. Sudbury.