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Sent: 18 June 2012 11:16
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listed building submission May 2012 submitted 04.05.12 (099289)
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advertisement consent May 2012 submitted 04.05.12 (099287)

Dear Lisa

I am currently in discussion with your colleague Rebecca Hadfield regarding the above planning applications. The application proposes a change of use of 47 Dale Street (listed building) from an A1 retail / clothing warehouse operation to a sui generis unique health studio. The business will consists of approximately 10 “shaker plates” – see technical information attached. As you can see, the manufacturers have published no acoustic information on the units as the noise given off whilst the units are in operation is virtually silent. Further more the quantity of units proposed prevents there being large amounts of people in the unit at any one point – we would estimate a maximum of 10 people on plates, 2 members of staff and approximately 6 people waiting. The associated break out noise from this many people in this space will be nominal. It is also worth nothing that the operators will be promoting a calm and tranquil environment to maximise the effects of the machine. The previous A1 operation created similar levels of customer traffic and associated break out noise levels in comparison to the proposed use.

Rebecca has requested (as is standard) a full sound assessment and acoustic survey be carried out. However I do not feel that this is necessary considering the existing and proposed use as described above. Can you confirm if this acoustic survey is essential for this application?

I would like to note that my clients are first time business owners and whilst I appreciate this does not mitigate our requirement to submit all information as required, I am keen to establish if this is absolutely essential before I commission a survey report for circa £700 of my clients money.

I trust you will consider the above request and confirm what is required via response at the earliest opportunity.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me direct.

Many thanks

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Regards

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