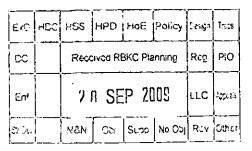


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Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Planning Department

Re: 2A PELHAM STREET, LONDON SWT.

Dear Sir / Madame,

I have been a resident of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea for over 30 years, currently residing at Flat 61, Chelsea Reach Tower, Worlds End Estate, London SW10 0EG.

I have been studying with the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University UK for 20 years and have been a volunteer teacher with them since 1991, both at the national centre in North London and in Kensington and Chelsea. For the past eight years small groups and one to one classes have taken place at two locations in the borough, in Queens Gate Gardens and Cadogan Gardens. As the number of people attending are increasing steadily, it has become necessary to find a larger place as a base for our activities.

For the past 15 years every Monday, I have been holding weekly talks held, for the first three years, in Pineapple Studios in South Kensington (now a health club) followed by the Brompton Library and then for the past 10 years at Kensington Central Library. Last year we were given notice that the central library would be closing for refurbishment (subsequently postponed due to the credit crunch) but by then we had already moved to The Atrium Lounge in The Rydges Hotel in Gloucester Road, SW7 as we needed to keep the continuity of the public and community at large taking benefit.

The classes and talks we offer take up a variety of topics including Peace of Mind, Anger Management, Conquering Fear, Self Esteem, Stress Management and Healthy Relationships. These along with Raja Yoga Meditation courses have provided practical tools for people to make positive changes in their daily living, so enhancing quality of life. The aim of our activities is to educate people in developing a positive attitude to life, contributing to a healthy lifestyle as the basis for well being.



Many people with serous health problems have also been able to empower themselves to cope more easily with pain and keep a positive mental attitude. This has greatly supported their families.

Over the years, many people have benefitted from these activities which are open to everyone regardless of culture or background. The activities are offered free of charge as a service to the community.

I trust that you will make it possible for us to continue to expand our range of services, in order to fulfil the growing demand from the community in the Borough.

Thank you for you assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Gizi Pruthi

Co-ordinator for Brahma Kumaris, Kensington