

**London Borough of Camden  
District Management Committee**

**Funding Application Form**

<b>Name of Tenants and Residents Association or group</b>	<b>Tavistock Place, Seymour House TRA</b>
<b>DMC area</b>	<b>Holborn</b>
<b>Contact for application (email/phone)</b>	<b>Patricia O'Malley</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Name of Project – Make Seymour House Better</b>	
<b>Project Category</b> (building works, communal improvement, H&S/Security, grounds mtn/garden,	Communal improvements
<p><b>Description of project</b> Improving communal areas in building is an initiative that will enhance both the functionality and aesthetic appeal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Replacing Flooring in the Lift:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Action:</b> Install durable flooring to replace the soiled flooring from constant use as a pet toilet.</li> <li>○ <b>Additional Ideas:</b> Consider placing a “no pet toilet” sign in the lift with friendly reminders for pet owners to use designated areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Installing Bike Racks that Double as Planters in the Courtyard:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Action:</b> Opt for custom-designed bike racks that incorporate planter boxes to improve courtyard and provide a safe place for bikes to be stored.</li> <li>○ <b>Additional Ideas:</b> Choose plants that are hardy and low-maintenance, such as succulents or native plants. Ensure the bike racks are secure and provide ample space for residents to safely store bikes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Replacing Notice Boards in Both Entrances:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Action:</b> Install modern, easy-to-read notice boards and a community board for resident to post notices.</li> <li>○ <b>Additional Ideas:</b> Consider adding a QR code that links to a digital bulletin board for real-time updates.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- **Deep Cleaning Communal Stairwells and Entrance Floors and Walls:**
  - **Action:** Schedule a professional cleaning service for a thorough scrub of the stairwells, floors, and walls. Focus on high-traffic areas.
  - **Additional Ideas:** After cleaning, we could also touch up the walls with a fresh coat of paint if needed. Adding plants or artwork in the stairwells can make the space feel inviting.
  
- **Repaint the entrance doors of the building.**

**Action:** to restore their appearance and preserve the wood. The doors are currently in need of redecoration due to wear and weathering. A comprehensive process of preparation, painting, and preservation will be undertaken to improve their overall condition, enhance the building's curb appeal, and extend the life of the doors. Clean and sand the doors to remove any dirt, old paint, and imperfections. Repair any minor wood damage or issues

Why is the project needed and desired outcome?

It will make the building a welcoming place for residents which will result in a sense of pride and community respect for where we live. There has been a tendency to neglect our communal areas, the places often used are in disrepair, dirty and neglected. This has resulted in increased use by rough sleepers and drug users and illegal dumping. The outcomes would be to improve our building security and be a nicer place to come home to. Increase awareness of Camden council contribution to community and our newly formed TRA proving that together we can make lasting changes to where we live and thrive. It will encourage other residents to get involved in plans through volunteering and joining the TRA. Additionally, it will be an opportunity for tenants and leaseholders to become involved in decision making processes.

**Equality Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)**

**Will the project have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected characteristic groups below?**

sex	P		gender reassignment	P		disability	P		sexual orientation	P		Being pregnant	P	
race	P		marital status	P		religion	P		age	P				

**Funds held in TRA account**

**£0**

**Method of consultation**

We posted notices on our noticeboards and requested community participation team to email residents with electronic copies of this notice.  
We have held several TRA committee meetings to discuss what is needed.

	Committee members have spoken to neighbours about our planned proposal.		
<b>Number of residents consulted</b>	70 plus		
<b>Number of responses</b>	20%		
<p><b>Summary of responses</b> (those in favour and against)</p> <p>The planned proposals have been met with welcomed response from the majority of neighbours consulted. There has been an overwhelming sense that it's about time positive changes and improvements are to take place. There has been no against responses.</p>			
<p><b>Council Officer Comments</b></p> <p>Other quotes were sought by colleagues in the lift team but not received at the time of going to print.</p> <p>These cosmetic improvements should brighten up communal areas at a reasonable cost, at a time of uncertainty for residents while major structural issues are still being worked through.</p>			
<b>Estimated cost of project</b>	<b>Quote 1</b>	<b>Quote 2</b>	<b>Quote 3</b>
Replacing Flooring in the Lift	£800 – Floors Direct Ltd	£1,000 - Bt construction projects limited	
Installing Bike Racks that Double as Planters in the Courtyard	£780.84 - Front Yard Company		
Soil and plants	£133.92 – Camden Garden Centre		
Replacing Notice Boards in Both Entrances	£517.96 - Eco Noticeboards		
Deep Cleaning Communal Stairwells and Entrance Floors and Walls	£1,482 – Monster Cleaning	£1,020 – Proactive Cleaners	
Repaint entrance doors to building	£1,950 Decorwise Ltd		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,664.72</b>		

<b>Source of quote(s)</b>	See above		
<b>Signed and dated</b>			
<b>Date submitted to DMC</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		