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Number 9 and 11 are both well maintained properties, and both will incur damage despite the puerile statements of 'negligible and very slight damage' from the engineer's assessment - they will experience a higher degree of fallout than we did across the road from a development that didn't even include a sub-basement. We are opposite and we will be affected by the massive amount of excavation a small, indulgent cellar will require, but their lives will be much more disrupted and invaded. This level of disproportionate development is much more stressful for the neighbours and the street than the ordinary level of expected development these properties require with a new owner.

All the responses to this planning application mention that this is a Conservation Area and appeal on that basis, but what does that in actuality really mean? I cannot see any evidence that conservation has any meaning at all in your planning process. The Conservation Society, and likewise residents, submit their objections to many planning applications in the area and they are virtually always ignored by Planning. The submission document states 'The proposed works to Number 10 will seek to improve the accommodation amenity and general standard of living within the building...the proposals seek to preserve a building...' Is a cellar, in a building that already has a basement and which by most people's standards is a big house, necessary, let alone proportionate? What about preserving the neighbours' buildings? What about the impact big building projects have on the surrounding people and the environment? If the houses on St Mark's Crescent aren't big enough then they should buy one on Regent's Park Road, where they are, or in Hampstead. Sub-basement developments are being turned down now in Chelsea because of the lessons Planning have learnt there – why can't those learnings be adopted here?

Then there is the issue of all our health. I have already mentioned what happened to No 20's previous owner and their health. The pollution that is generated from disproportionate excavation of these old buildings is significant, and is never, ever touched on. When the planning application flippantly states that 'the scheme has no impact on transport or traffic levels to the site' I can hear a collective cry from everyone who lives here. In real life the traffic levels to the site will be high and the impact on the road and its residents significant, up and down the road, especially if the sub-basement is approved. In addition, there is no oversight on how many and how frequently these projects are occurring in our vicinity. We have just had the HS2 development at the end of the road with noise and pollution all over the Christmas period. We recently had 2 years of No 31's extensive sub-basement development. Around No 10 there have been 3 houses fully refurbished over the last

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2023/0160/P	Lisa Bolt	23/03/2023 15:50:16	OBJ	This application should not be granted. This is a narrow street in a conservation area. To dig under the existing basement is likely to cause damage to the surrounding houses and the We live virtually opposite the address concerned and will find the noise, pollution and traffic disruption extremely difficult to endure. works themselves will cause excessive noise and disruption. The proposed works are out of character for the surrounding area and are unnecessarily extensive for the type of house involved. This street can only take single lane traffic and would inevitably cause the street to close with the deliveries and rubbish removals.