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**Attachments:** Objection to approved application 2022 0780 P.doc

Dear Mr. Aref-Adib,

Thank you very much for all your hard work to improve living conditions in Camden.

We would like to raise an issue, which is of great concern to us and other neighbours in the area. Our next-door semi-detached neighbours have received an approval to excavate a basement to the full footprint of the house, despite our and other people's strong objections (Planning application 2022/0780/P, 32 Langbourne Avenue N6 6PX).

The effects of climate change are already evident, with severe flooding damaging thousands of homes and businesses and according to recent studies a significant portion of London's infrastructure and properties will be at risk of flooding in the future.

Our two properties are located in Highgate, on a steep slope and excavation of the hill will disturb groundwater conditions, given the proximity of some major subterranean waterways and historical water seepage in the area. According to Camden Geological, Hydrogeological and Hydrological Study, published in November 2010, sources of four large river systems are located in the Hampstead Heath area. The course of one of them, the River Fleet and a number of its tributaries runs from Hampstead Heath south south-east and lies beneath the Highgate, including the Holly Lodge Estate (HLE), which is located on one of the steepest slopes in North London, along Swains Lane and West Hill.

We are deeply concerned about the potential consequences of this project, particularly in regards to flooding and subsidence. A notable risk of subsidence due to the proposed development can have severe consequences for nearby properties.

We kindly request that the local council re-evaluates the approved planning application, taking into account the concerns about flooding and subsidence. This would not only protect our community but also contribute to a more sustainable and resilient future. We appreciate your attention to these concerns and urge the local council to prioritize the safety and well-being of the community.

Please keep us informed about any further developments related to this issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours

Yuri and Natalia Makarov

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