

The Society examines all Planning Applications relating to Hampstead, and assesses them for their impact on conservation and on the local environment.

To London Borough of Camden, Development Control Team

Planning Ref: 2014/1938/P Address: 35 South Hill Park NW3 Description: Basements. Case Officer: Neil Quinn

Date 11 April 2014

We couple these two applications together, since they concern contiguous basement excavations of a virtually identical nature. We note that the applicants in each case say that each proposal could be constructed independently.

Our previous objections to similar proposals for both sites referred to the absence of Basement Impact Assessments. These have now been provided.

However, we are not convinced that the potentially serious consequences of these excavations, whether carried out independently or together, have been fully appreciated. The relationship with the foundations of No 37, next to No 35, is particularly questionable. We understand that the owners of No 37 have consulted an expert specialist engineer (Michael De Freitas), who will be reporting in the near future. We would trust his advice fully, and you can assume that our concerns over both excavations will be based on his opinions.

Please read this as an interim objection to both applications.