



5<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Planning Officer  
Camden Council  
Town Hall Extension, Argyle Street  
London WC1H 8NJ

**Ref Planning application 2013/4006/P 8 Lindfield Gardens**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to raise our objections to the proposed 2 floor extension submitted in the planning application above on the following grounds:

- **Risk of further subsidence on the existing building**  
Recent subsidence has already occurred in 2011
- **Scale and size of the proposed extension**  
The application proposes a 2 storey extension, visible from the street, wrapping around the side of the building, and significantly altering the look of a historic building in a conservation area. Local conservation groups already have recommendations that extensions should not exceed 1 storey

- **Impact on surrounding trees**

The extension would cause adverse effects to surrounding trees, whose roots, if not completely destroyed, would be damaged at the very least. I believe the Council's policy is to preserve precious trees

- **The risk of soil slippage**

The soil is clay and the building lies on a double hill, north-south and east-west

- **Water tables and drainage could be affected**

- **The extent of the works will cause significant annoyance**

The proposed works would likely take well over a year, causing noise, air pollution, and disrupting traffic and parking. In regards to this, and other reasons, we would refer you to the following planning appeal from 2010, APP/X5210A/10/2120205, lodged with the Planning Inspectorate. Here, a similar basement proposal was rejected for 10 Lindfield Gardens. If the proposal for No 8 were accepted, then the failed proposal may be resurrected, with terrible consequences for our street. It would be fairer for all parties if any disruptive basement work were rejected.

Yours faithfully

Suzanne Grundy

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