From: Nelson, Olivier

**Sent:** 24 October 2014 12:26

To: Planning

**Subject:** FW: Planning Application Ref 2014/5725/P

Objections to both 2014/5724/P & 2014/5725/P

Olivier Nelson Planning Officer

Telephone: 5142

From: Heitham Safieddine Sent: 20 October 2014 21:45
To: Nicholls, John; Nelson, Olivier

Subject: Planning Application Ref 2014/5725/P

Dear Mr Nelson

Re: Flat 1, 45 Maresfield Gardens, NW3 5TE

I am the owner of Flat 4, 47 Maresfield Gardens. Our building is adjacent to 45 Maresfield Gardens. I am writing to object to the following planning applications:

2014/5725/P - Extension of existing basement level

We are most concerned how such a sizeable project could have been carried out over the last 8 months without any planning permission. As you are aware a very serious accident occurred on site at no. 45 in July 2014 and we are not confident that the construction team in charge will build a sound and stable structure. We are concerned about the affect that this will have on the foundation of neighbouring buildings.

By granting permission for this retrospective application the council will be setting a precedent and giving a green light for other developers to start excavating basements without planning permissions. The developers of this property are experienced (at least 2 projects at 38 Netherhall Gardens are known to us) and knew that they did not have permission for the extensive work they were carrying out, yet they chose to blatantly ignore planning law.

 $2014/5724/P-E rection\ of\ a\ side\ extension\ at\ first-floor\ level,\ including\ rear\ alterations$ 

This extension, which has nearly been finished, is not in keeping with the neighbouring Victorian houses. The extension's modern design with a glass balustrade is more akin to the bulky structures built in the 1960's and 1970's and is wholly unacceptable in our Conservation Area. Furthermore the extension nearly closes the gap between no. 43 and no.45 which is not in keeping with the other houses on the street.

I should be grateful for the council's consideration of my objections.

Yours sincerely

Heitham Safieddine

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