

26 Aberdare Gardens
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Since receiving your letter regarding the above planning application I have tried without success to email my comments, hence my resorting to the post.

First, I object in principle to any basement activity, but particularly in this instance where the property is part of a terrace and where houses on both sides will be affected.

I have lived in my house in Aberdare gardens since 1959; during that time I have had plenty of opportunity to monitor the water levels in my garden (which backs onto 154 and 156, Goldhurst terrace). The water table is very high, about 30cms below the level of the garden. After rain, the bottom of my garden is like a sponge and I believe the garden at 156 will be the same.

This area is well known for all its problematic underground water courses and in the past, after heavy rain, houses with cellars at this end of Goldhurst Terrace have been flooded.

Where is all the water to go should permission be given for this basement? Will it drain into the street or into the garden, or will it be removed some other way?

There will certainly be plenty to remove.

Camden should deny this planning request.


Norma Papp.