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To: Rachel English,  
Regeneration & Planning Development Management,  
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from: Rhoda Atkin,  
19c, Downside Crescent,  
London, N.W.3. 2 AN.

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015.

Dear Ms.English:

Re. My Objection to Planning Application 2014/7587/P.

1. I am opposed to the proposal for the 'excavation of single storey basement' in the property of 23 Downside Crescent(application above) as a large scale underground building incursion that can only exacerbate the movement of clay soil subsidence and akin problems of the water table that will create problems for homes, housing structures,internal walls, gardens,drains,etc in the short and long term.
2. The North side of Downside Crescent(site of No.23) exhibits two unusual geographical aspects that combine to materially effect its housing structures in terms specific to subsidence, water table problems, etc. as follows:
  - (a) The land from Downside Crescent(notable in its name) falls sharply East towards Lawn Road below, and this is noticeable particularly from No.23 onwards;
  - (b) At the same time, the land from Downside Crescent falls from North to South (i.e. parallel Nth to Sth. with Haverstock Hill), and this is most marked and felt on the North side of the Crescent.
3. It is inevitable that the large scale and extensive excavation in the Proposal would disturb a wide underground vicinity. In my own experience, my ground floor flat at 19c has already suffered extensive dry rot damp due to ingress of external water from the North side - only solved by capital repairs. It still suffers from underground damp. Other neighbours have other experiences and concerns.
4. Downside Crescent is part of a Conservation Area. Its viability depends not solely on its architecture, but also on the reliability of its tenants, householders and property owners to conserve its material resources for the amenity, well-being, interest and consideration of others. Camden Council (Planning) has the overall responsibility, however, to Object to this Proposal and honour its trust.

With thanks,  
Yours sincerely,

  
Rhoda Atkin.