



# *The Heath & Hampstead Society*

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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: 2015/0851/P

Address: 2/3 Akenside Road, NW3

Description: Basement.

Case Officer: Zenab Haji-Ismail

Date 6 March 2014

This has the appearance of being a straightforward application for a basement extension under the house footprint, and the Applicant has provided all the information called for.

However, in view of the rather special nature of this site, we ask you to call for an independent assessment of the BIA. The site is quite steeply sloping, and has a history of soggy ground, indicating that the subsoil is incapable of accepting rainwater run-off satisfactorily. Adjoining houses are close by, and there is a good deal of local concern about the stability of adjoining buildings, and the likelihood of flooding.

Without such reassurance, we must call for refusal.