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**From:** Peter Woodford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 March 2015 15:33  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Application 2015 0851/NEW; 2015/1207/P

Dear Sir/Madam

This is to object to the proposals at Nos.2 and 3 Akenside Road London NW3 5BS to excavate a basement at each property. My wife (77 years old) and I (84 years old) live at No.1 Akenside Road. Our objections are as follows.

1 The whole of Akenside Road lies on a fairly steep slope leading down from Shepherd's Well situated near the top of the road (the road is along the line of an ancient pathway, used from at least the 16th century until the end of the 19th century by local people to walk up to the Well either to fetch water or to take clothes to wash at the well. There must be a watercourse flowing down the hill under all the houses. Excavating below the level of the basements has the potential to divert the water across the road itself, undermining it to the point of catastrophic collapse. The road is heavily used at present for access to the shops on Belsize Terrace and to Daleham Gardens as an alternative to Fitzjohn's Avenue.

2 The proposed building works will inevitably entail the passage and parking of heavy lorries, with further danger of subsidence.

3 The consequent noise, disruption and dirt would be intolerable to the other residents, as my wife and I are only too conscious, having suffered 6 months of gutting and reconstruction of the adjacent house to ours, even though no basement excavation was involved and there is a convenient driveway where the builders' vehicles could be parked off the road.

I hope these objections are still within the consultation period. I have myself been ill for several weeks and not been able to attend to this matter before.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Susan Woodford