

# **BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## **COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATION IN BELSIZE PARK**

DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015

re: 2 Akenside Road

FAO: Planning officer for ref 2015/0851/P

Dear Zenab Haji-Ismail

This proposal asks for approval to a proposal: “Excavation of basement level and rear extensions. Conversions of garage use as habitable residential space and associated minor alterations.”

We have objections to this proposal. This reflects a number of concerns raised by our members, especially around the impacts of having two adjacent basement developments. There are concerns about damage to the flats in the same building. Further, the works will result in a number of months of traffic, noise and pollution for those neighboring the developments.

We particularly note resident concerns about the impacts of further basement development on groundwater flow:

- Camden’s flood risk assessment highlights the area as vulnerable to surface water flooding.
- The Officer Delegated Report for 2011/0174/P, an earlier, neighbouring Lyndhurst Road application, notes the importance of adequate mitigation, but the application misses out on this.
- Given the close proximity of recent basement developments, the application should be tested more with regard to cumulative impacts.

Hope that you can include comments on this application from the BRA as you consider this application.

Yours sincerely

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