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To: Whittingham, Gideon
Cc: 'John Gardiner'
Subject: 2nd Planning Application for Grove Lodge, Admiral's Walk - Ref 2015/4485P and 2015/4555L

Dear Mr Whittingham,

We are desperately worried about the proposed basement being built very close to Terrace Lodge, our house.

We asked Mr Berendsen if the basement could be reduced in size and subsequently move the structure further away from our house. We were told this was not possible. We don't have a problem in principle with the Berendsen's constructing a smaller basement under Grove Lodge, but our professional advisors have shown that the current proposals to be technically problematic and a real danger to the structural safety of our house, which is backed up by our hydrologist and structural engineers, who we instructed jointly with our neighbour, J Gardiner, owner of Admiral's House.

These experts, Michael Eldred of Eldred Geotechnics Limited and Dr. Michael H de Freitas, who have reported separately to Camden on our behalf (attached for reference) on the structural and hydrological aspects of the application. I am told the applicant has an unavoidable duty to preserve the stability of Terrace Lodge and other neighbours and provides a scheme and construction to reduce the risk of damage to a specified level. If underpinning Terrace Lodge were to be necessary, my wife and I would certainly not give that permission.

We believe these reports by our experts quite conclusively confirm that the structural stability of our house, Terrace Lodge, is seriously threatened by our neighbour's proposed basement by its size and proximity to Terrace Lodge. We would expect Camden, who have our structural reports, to have them assessed by a suitable independent professional. We would therefore ask that Camden refuse the application.

Regards,

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