

Hazelton, Laura

Subject: FW: 106 Highgate Road

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My address: 102, Highgate Road.

Dear Laura,

thank you for speaking to me this morning. I have had a look at the plans. There is nothing there that directly changes our lives providing that the digging (foundations etc) is confined to the garden. I take issue, however, with the Basement Impact Assessment of 5 September that has turned a very blind eye to subsidence in this - Fitzroy Terrace (I don't need to remind you that it is Grade 2-listed). The effects of subsidence on no. 100 are quite visible on the facade and the house was recently underpinned as a result. The entire back section of no.104 was rebuilt c20 years ago because of subsidence. Our house has a number of major, structural cracks as a result of subsidence. Any major works would risk causing structural damage, and my neighbour at no. 104 recently had to scrap plans to remove a retaining wall as a result of the danger to us and indeed - no. 106!

I am also curious that the water assessment says there is no water within 100 metres of no. 106. The Fleet River, which crosses the railway line not far from the east of us in a pipe, actually flows under Burghley Road. I would be surprised if, at some point, that it doesn't come within a hundred metres of no.106!

With my best wishes,

Giles MacDonogh

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