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2016/4511/P	Alexandra Sufit	32 Pilgrims Lane Hampstead NW3 1SN	12/10/2016 11:07:49	OBJEMAIL	<p>1. The environmental report indicates that the London Clay contains a higher than normal amount of water, which would require more specialised foundations to be used, including piling. This means more noise and disruption. Construction would take longer and there is more chance of disturbing something deep-lying as the piles would have to go down a long way.</p> <p>2. Under the proposed plans, due to the creation of a large basement, there will be a substantial underground structure that is likely to impact subsurface water run-off. This could potentially create water and damp related issues at neighbouring properties, and impact the integrity of the underlying soil and foundation structure upon which houses lie.</p> <p>3. The strip of land between the houses has a vibrant ecological footprint that may be permanently damaged by extensive works.</p> <p>4. The extension on the ground floor would mean the owner clears much of the land border at the back, thereby reducing the privacy of neighbouring properties.</p> <p>5. The excavation and works might also affect the large root system of tall trees which lie between the border, potentially increasing the chance of a tree falling.</p> <p>6. The extension would also bring the living space closer to our border, potentially making it easier for noise to travel and impact our quality of life. It is likely to impede on our privacy.</p> <p>7. The noise and disruption from the proposed works will impact the quality of life of the neighbouring properties. As I work from home, this disruption will almost certainly affect my working life and may lead to additional business costs.</p> <p>8. Other neighbours have previously carried out major works and not always respected weekends nor early mornings.</p> <p>9. Finally, the actual use of the basement hasn't been clarified and one would question the wisdom or precedent for continuing to allow properties to dig down into the earth for what appears to be a non-essential reason such as creating added value for the owner, regardless of the effect on the surrounding environment and residents.</p>
