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2017/2347/P	Parvez Sobhkhiz	14C Avenue road St Johns Wood NW8 6BP NW8 6BP	15/06/2017 17:10:15	OBJNOT	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I would like to oppose the application of 14D Avenue road to make a basement excavation for the following reasons:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As the owner of the neighbouring property this excavation would be putting my life and property most at risk as a result of the likely digging, grinding and excavation works that would be required night and day for many months to complete this project and would directly affect the quality of life for the tenants and occupants living on the estate consisting of 2 banks of 4 terraced houses located on a common plot of land opposite to each other. 2. The Noise and pollution generated by such works would be disastrous. As it stands I can hear the tenants in 14D on a typical night if they are talking and the volume rises or when they listen to music or their children are playing and even doors slamming or toilets flushing, so you could only imagine what it would be like if large equipment and machinery were being wheeled in and operated all day, every day during the week when my wife will be at home (I am generally out of the house during the week but sometimes also need to work from home) and would be trying to get on with domestic activities like preparing food or reading or talking to friends and relatives on the phone when the ground around her will be shaking and the noise deafening?? It would be like torture you can only imagine, as previously when 14D made illegal extensions to the house as mentioned by others the noise then was unbearable and lots of cracks appeared in my walls and ceiling which are still there today and if someone from the council would like to come and see them I would be more than happy to show them? 3. The disruption caused by so many lorry"s, earth removal vehicles, diggers, grinders and lots of other equipment will be immense. As I"m sure you are aware, this is a very small and quiet estate of 8 terraced houses and the parking facilities as they stand on the lower ground entrance to the estate are very tight and congested and having any type of extra vehicle traffic coming and going will cause major disruptions for any of the 8 households trying to go about their daily lives coming onto and exiting from the parking areas whether its toing and froing to work or taking kids to school and back etc. it will have an enormous impact on these type of activities. 4. Potential damage to the structural integrity of the surrounding properties and as the neighbouring property especially to mine. As mentioned due to the fact that these houses are terraced and built over 50 years ago we have no guarantees as to the state or strength of the structure and bricks and how they will respond to constant drilling, digging and excavating that would per sue and also how the foundations will react to the evacuation of all of the soil adjoining to the foundations of my property? Basically I believe that it is a huge and very risky undertaking and I am not prepared to bet my life on it, especially if it resulted in the collapse or partial collapse of my property? Where would I live and who would pay for the damages incurred? It"s simply not acceptable in my mind to have to go through all this and I"m sure most reasonable people would say the same!

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5. Finally we have the possibility that by digging under the foundations and in the back garden of their property it will put at risk many of the utilities and services that are shared by us all, like electricity, gas (my meter is in the rear garden), water, drainage etc. as I have not seen any plans of the existing layout of these pipes and wires I cannot be sure but I can believe that it is very possible that the proposed works could impinge on some if not all of the above mentioned utilities/infrastructures.

Therefore because of all the risks involved in this excavation work and the small gain for the owners (who incidentally don't live on the estate) especially the likelihood that it would impact negatively on me and my family and the surrounding households peaceful enjoyment of our property, our time and our quality of life for many months even years to come, I would strongly recommend to reject this application and proposal forthwith. Thank you.
