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To Camden Planning

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My house is directly next to Hillview.

Reading the method statements etc recently posted online by Camden which are very detailed it is clear that the demolition and re-build of Hillview entails works far more in excess of what was detailed earlier in the planning stage.

In addition to the **underpinning** on all 4 sides Hillview is also lowering (excavating ie into basement) the lower ground floor and putting in a lowered concrete slab over the whole area including the rear extension.

Because of the unique circumstances of The VOH's unstable ground type and with a strong constantly flowing stream running just under Hillview's ground floor, this has been seen through test holes by Ellen Solomons Chair VOHS, and more streams flowing under the house particularly from under the hill opposite and down from the lake in the very large garden of Manor Cottage directly opposite Hillview there is a danger that interrupting the current conditions that have evolved over 138 years odd under the whole terrace as well as the change of water flows etc which will affect all the terrace on both sides of Hillview and under Hillview itself which could then result in all of the terrace becoming unstable and subsiding and cracking and basements developing damp or worse from diverted water a FULL Basement Impact Assessment should be carried out. We also have no idea what impact The Garden Houses' very deep excavations happening so close to Hillview's will have on everything.

Some statements from Hillview reports recently posted online by yourselves:

3.3 ...to underpin the entire property down to suitable natural ground. [We know our 'suitable natural ground' is very deep, deep enough to cause similar problems that a basement would cause.]

and will have no adverse effect on adjoining properties. [That is not our opinion. A FULL basement impact assessment should be done.]

We have carried out underpinning and construction of substantial basements within terraces throughout London over the years, without detriment to adjoining properties. [But our ground is substantially different to other terraces ground and there are also many new basements that have caused enormous harm to terraces.... Neighbours having to move out sometimes for years etc.]

Please do all you can to protect our properties and ask Hillview's developers for a Basement Impact Assessment.

I believe that the City of London's Hampstead Heath Managers would also like to see a Basement Impact Assessment. "From our perspective it is critical to understand the impact of these developments on both the Pond and the wider Heath." ('developments' of Hillview and The Garden House) as would The VOHS.

Kind regards

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