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Mr and Mrs Patel have applied to build a single story basement . I have seen all their plans and they have been very cooperative and open with me.

However I feel I have to protect my own property and the community at large so I am objecting to this planning application.

As stated in the long letter on your planning application site by the immediate neighbours at 3 and 5, Vane Close was built in 1970 and the building spec is poor.

We do NOT have individual foundations but share the load. Inevitably this basement will affect all the 10 houses attached to number 4 Vane Close. The houses are interconnected with a spiral staircases that is intertwined with the next house. This design saves space but weakens the whole structure. We are a community of interconnected houses. We share the gate to the front of all our houses as well as a large communal garden. The work envisaged will certainly affect us all, particularly the vulnerable members of the community. The immediate neighbour of number 4 is blind and has dementia and another member of our community is confined to a wheel chair with severe MS. Disruption to paths, noise dirt etc will affect these people deeply.

The school at the end has objected and I support their objection. It will be very chaotic for the children coming and leaving school. The pavements will be affected which could cause accidents for children, teachers and residents, plus the dangers of the skip and lorries removing the basement dirt.

I am concerned about the affect this work will have on the garages. They are 3 metres away from the work. All of us on the side of the work park in this large garage space and of course walk into it to collect our cars or items from our individual garages. It already leaks so any other problems such as flooding would be serious. I am also worried about the effect this plan will have on the complex water levels of not only the garages but our whole estate. Camden has seen the consequences and dangers of giving permission to too many basements in the past and has learnt lessons on the affect of these basements have on the water levels and structure of houses.

It is imperative that the work does not affect the look of the whole estate and I believe the front and back areas of number 4 will be changed in height after this work. That is not acceptable. Vane close is a private estate and any changes should be subject to the agreement of the head Lessor. I believe this has not been done. We are not subject to Camden parking restrictions and access to our road is there for private.