

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2018/1610/P	Rafi Hirsch	15/06/2018 13:58:48	OBJ	<p>Over the past few years we have been subjected to a long series of basement excavations in close proximity to our property (61, 63, 65, 67, 58, 60 and 66 Goldhurst Terrace), each lasting for many, many months. This involved constant and unbearable vibrations and noise of pneumatic drills as well as dirt and dust in huge quantities all affecting adversely the quality of our lives and the air that we breathe. It has been impossible to leave any windows open and there was a feeling of being prisoners in our own homes. Also, lorries that would come to get rid of dug out earth on a daily basis would often arrive well before the 8am permitted starting time and stand outside the premises with their engines running making a lot of noise, and polluting the air with diesel fumes as well. Lorries with deliveries would make the road very noisy and cause congestion, resulting in drivers sounding their horns. In short, it was like living on a building site. The builders take possession of the parking spaces in front of the properties and outside adjacent houses, without getting permission from the council to do so, and this reduces the number of available parking bays, which are already at a premium. The parking attendants don't seem to be able to do anything about this. The builders regularly "reserve" the (unpaid for) parking spaces for themselves by placing palettes, bags of cement etc. on the road so that residents, who have a right to park there are unable to do so.</p> <p>There have been several instances where basement digging started well before planning permission was granted under the guise of "exploratory work". This makes a joke of the whole planning permission system. These "explorations" went on for months with massive amounts of earth being excavated and were just as disruptive as any of the work sanctioned by the council.</p> <p>There have recently been two more such applications at 44 and 59 Goldhurst Terrace which I have objected to. And now 71 is also applying for permission for yet another basement directly opposite our house.</p> <p>I have lived here for over 35 years and it is becoming unbearable. If all three applications are granted it will be hell living here. When will this madness end and when we will be allowed to live in peace?</p> <p>I strongly feel that there should be a limit to the number of basement digs allowed in total on any given street and a time limit between digs.</p> <p>I object to this planning application for the reasons given above.</p> <p>I would like to attend the hearing and I wish to be notified of the committee date.</p>
