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2020/3897/P	Clare Sunderland	05/11/2020 15:56:25	INT	I should like to register strong opposition to the proposal to build a basement at No 46 Agamemnon Road, having lived at No 36 for 50 years. The foundations of these houses are extremely shallow, and subject to a lot of seasonal movement, and the stability of the whole terrace could be adversely affected by somebody digging out a basement of this sort. I also recall that in August 1976 No 35 (opposite) suffered a waist-deep flood in their cellar, thought at the time to be cause by a spring. More particularly, the plans are particularly detrimental to the appearance and character of the street, with the proposed lightwell and railings in the front garden. Granting of permission for such a development would set an extremely undesirable precedent.	
2020/3897/P	Peter Coles	05/11/2020 19:49:36	COMMNT	I would like to express my robust opposition to this development as a resident of 38 Agamemnon Road, slightly downhill from 46, which is the subject of this application. There is already long-standing and repeated evidence in several of the houses on this part of Agamemnon Road of the foundations shifting (cracks appearing in walls etc). The prospect of a near neighbour undermining their property - which is part of a continuous terrace - is therefore very disturbing. This particular stretch of the road was hit by at least three high explosives during WWII, with structural impacts on surrounding houses.	
				As we experience more frequent summers with long periods of hot and dry weather, the soil already cracks, sometimes with deep fissures. The owners of No 46 have already paved over their front garden, which further exacerbates this for themselves and their immediate neighbours	
				Our neighbours at No 32 created a basement level extension which led to flooding. With climate change also producing more frequent extreme rain, flooding risk will also likely increase downhill from No 46.	
				This is a charming part of West Hampstead, which has retained much of the character of its 19th c terraced housing as seen from the street and despite developments that are out of character. Out of character development has been conspicuously the case for the owners of No 46.	
				I therefore oppose the proposed extension on both structural and aesthetic grounds. Many of their neighbours have lived in the same houses for decades and are understandably upset by the proposed development.	

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2020/3897/P	Professor Jane Desmarais	05/11/2020 18:21:32	OBJ	I live at No. 38 Agamemnon Road, and received word today of the planning application of No. 46 to build a basement with light well. As a resident of the community since 1996 I absolutely oppose this building application. Not only would it change for the worse the character and aesthetic of the late-Victorian terrace, but it would adversely affect the stability of surrounding buildings and the water table. When No. 32 scooped out their back garden to build a large back extension, there was extensive local flooding and houses up and down the road suffered from an influx of displaced rats and mice. As if Agamemnon Road needed more problems after it was flooded in 2002!
				Our water table is already at risk as people inadvisedly pave over their front gardens. In very dry summers, like the one in 2019, our houses shift and crack. The terrace has already suffered from the bomb blasts of the war. I strongly oppose the development and politely remind Camden of Policy 2 of the West Hampstead and Fortune Green Neighbourhood Development Forum which states that extensions need to be 'in character and proportion with its context and setting including the relationship to any adjoining properties' and Policy A 11 which states that 'streetscape views are important particularly in terraced housing'. The proposed railings around the lightwell No. 46 want to put in would be unsightly and out of keeping with the terrace.
				No. 46 perhaps move elsewhere if they want basement space rather than destroying the local neighbourhood for everyone else.
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