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Dear Sofie,

I am a neighbour writing to object to retrospective application 2020/5187/P, submitted by 14 Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3 2PL, to make alterations to rear garden landscaping including excavation and installation of artificial grass. I am a neighbour and the back of our garden comes close to the back of 14.'s garden.

First we were astonished to see how much of the earth in 14's back garden has been removed. The level of the garden at 14 is now roughly 2 metres below the level of our garden, and the retaining wall that has been built doesn't appear to be very substantial. We're very concerned about the the potential for movement of the ground in our own back garden. We have had cracking and some signs of subsidence in the past.

We understand that the depth to which the garden has been dug (for the garden excavation as well as for the extension to the property, for which retrospective permission is also being sought), would appear to be such that a Basement impact assessment should have been conducted.

There would also appear to be the potential for flooding if water can no longer easily flow down the hill during heavy rains, be absorbed by the trees that were removed without permission, or soak into the ground because of the use of artificial grass.

Finally, we are disturbed by the way in which this work was conducted, with a retrospective application being submitted only after the work had been completed (under cover of a tarp) and all of the earth that was removed had been taken away. It would be very unfortunate if Camden were to set a precedent by which developers can make serious changes such as these without having sought permission before starting work.

Thank you very much,

Audrey Mandela

2 Hampstead Hill Gardens, NW3 2PL

