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Sent: 03 February 2021 09:10
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Land Adjacent to 39 Priory Terrace, London NW6 4DG - Planning Application No: 2020/2839/P

Morning please log the attached above as an objection.

Obote Hope
Planner
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London: 3rd February 2021

Good morning Obote Hope,

I am writing once again today to express my concerns and strong disappointment about the poor support we are receiving by Camden Council with regards to the following application that myself and several fellow neighbours have been steadily objecting to:

RE: Land Adjacent to 39 Priory Terrace, London NW6 4DG Planning Application No: 2020/2839/P

Along with my neighbours I also noticed that Campbell Reith's Revised Basement Impact Assessment has been logged on the Camden Planning Portal a few days ago. After reviewing the document I have a number of serious concerns as listed below and would appreciate an exhaustive response to each one of them:

1. CAMPBELL REITH'S REVISED BASEMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

I am concerned to note that the only additional documents considered by Campbell Reith are those mentioned at paragraph 2.7 of their report:


- *Desk Study and Ground Investigation report prepared by Geotechnical and Environment Associated Ltd, dated 25th September 2020;*
- *Email from applicants engineer (engineerHRW) dated 18th January 2021.*

How is it possible that this can even be an accurate and reliable report when it seems Campbell Reith did not consider the revised proposed drawings logged on the 13th.November.2020? This proposal includes an increase in the height of the Basement which appears as 2,600 on the original drawings, and it is 2,750 on the revised proposed drawings.

Also, despite we submitted at least 36 objections to this Application which have been logged, only the 8 here below have been considered by Campbell Reith. How can this be happening?

Please see the screenshot below:

39a Priory Terrace, NW6 4DG
BIA – Audit



Residents' Consultation Comments

Surname	Address	Date	Issue raised	Response
Moses, Jane	-	27.07.20	Land Instability, ground movements and structural damage due to basement excavation to properties across Abbey Road.	This is queried in the audit.
Antonlioli Monia	-	03.08.20	As above	As above
Gallone, Luca	-	03.08.20	As above	As above
Kingshill Sophia	Fiat 3, 132 Abbey Road, NW6 4SN	03.08.20	As above	As above
Pelekanos, Panayiotis	39 Priory Terrace, Ground Floor	06.08.20	Comments not relevant to the audit.	Comments not relevant to the audit.
Reidy, Kenneth	75 Priory Park Road	24.07.20	Comments supporting development.	Comments supporting development.
Claire, Marie	37a Priory Terrace	20.11.20	Comments not relevant to the audit.	Comments not relevant to the audit.
Cameron, Hayley	-	08.08.20	Comments not relevant to the audit.	Comments not relevant to the audit.

As I stated in my previous objection, myself and several of my neighbours have taken the time and made huge efforts to dutifully read all the documents submitted and write factual and precise objections.

Sometimes we also noticed that the objections submitted were not logged, even after a long time and we had to get in contact with Camden Council several times to get the personnel to do their job. This is

unacceptable and very unprofessional, as well as disrespectful. Not to mention that this careless approach in uploading our objections can turn into massively detrimental consequences on our lives, houses and investments. Therefore we all expect that our objections are treated with the respect and professionalism we deserve.

In addition, under paragraph 3: *Basement Impact Assessment Audit Check List* the following information is still required. When will it be provided?

Land Stability Screening: Have appropriate data sources been consulted? Is justification provided for 'No' answers?	Yes	However, confirmation has not been provided regarding the depth of basement/foundation to 39 Priory Terrace.
Is the presence/absence of adjacent or nearby basements confirmed?	No	Presence/absence assumed. Confirmation required regarding the depth of basement/foundation to 39 Priory Terrace.
Do the base line conditions consider adjacent or nearby basements?	No	Confirmation required regarding the depth of foundation to 39 Priory Terrace. Presence /absence of basements in other structures not confirmed.

2. REVISED DESK STUDY AND GROUND INVESTIGATION REPORT

The Revised Desk Study And Ground Investigation Report lodged 7.12.2020 mentions the following potential impacts, so it is no wonder that local residents are greatly concerned by the proposed basement excavation so close to existing properties, pavement and roads.

Moreover, having lived at 39 Priory Terrace since 2004, I have disclosed previous episodes of strong building shaking due to minor issues on Abbey Road.

This point is extremely worrying to me as I have already witnessed the adverse consequences my flat suffered, and also other parts of the building. I can only be horrified by the thought that an excavation of such depth could even be considered in such proximity to my building, as that will surely generate massive instability to

both n. 39 and 37 Priory Terrace which are already suffering and being damaged by the movements of clay soil underneath, not to mention other buildings around the area, which will be also affected.

What is the need of creating further instability to us inhabitants? In an area where there's no need for further housing... but where green spots would be surely welcome.

4.1 Potential Impacts

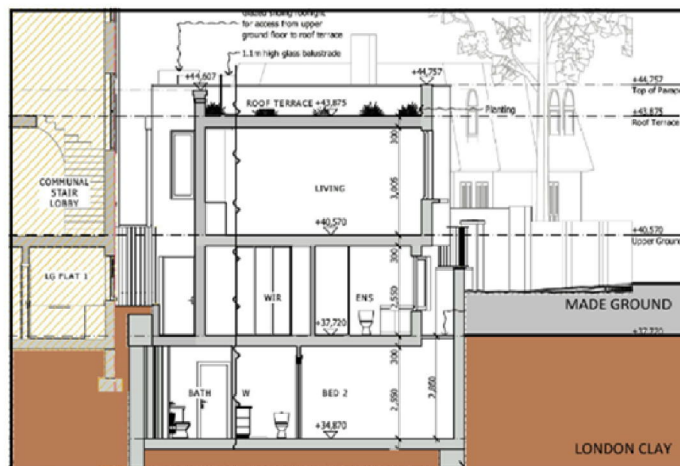
The following potential impacts have been identified by the screening process

Potential Impact	Consequence
London Clay is the shallowest stratum at the site.	The London Clay is prone to seasonal shrink-swell (subsidence and heave).
The site is within an area prone to seasonal shrink-swell which can result in foundation movements.	Multiple potential impacts depending on the specific setting of the basement development. For example, in terraced properties, the implications of a deepened basement/foundation system on neighbouring properties should be considered.
The site is located within 5 m of a highway or pedestrian right of way	Excavation of a basement may result in structural damage to the road or footway.
The development will significantly increase the differential depth of foundations relative to the neighbouring property to the north, No 75	Excavation for a basement may result in structural damage to neighbouring properties.
The proposed development will result in an increase of the proportion of hardstanding at the site	The proportional increase in hardstanding could potentially reduce rates of recharge reducing groundwater flow to a nearby watercourse.
The site lies within an area at very low, low and medium risk of surface water flooding	A Flood Risk Assessment may be required

This revised report references yet another Basement height of 2,550, not 2,750 as shown in the Revised proposed drawings lodged on the 13th.November.2020.

7.1 Conceptual Site Model

A section through the proposed scheme with the above ground model is shown below.



The report also raises the following issues which can arise if Planning Permission is granted for this Basement excavation of approximately 4.5 metres:

Of course the reports are important... but the experience of the inhabitants must also be considered as a tangible proof of how fragile and unstable the soil is in normal conditions or in presence of minor issues such as the tiny depression in the asphalt on Abbey road (2-3 cm deep) I mentioned previously. This example that I largely described in my objections before can give an idea of how dangerous an excavation of this sort can be, no matter how many reports or precautions the constructor claims to take. The calculable risks and the unexpected issue that may arise make this plan way too dangerous to be performed.

8.1

The proposed construction will result in foundation depths being increased relative to the neighbouring No 39 Priory Terrace, Priory Lodge and the garage immediately adjacent to the site and careful workmanship will be required to ensure that movement of the surrounding structures does not arise. The contractor should also be required to provide details of how they intend to control groundwater and instability of excavations, should it arise.

8.4 Shallow Excavations

On the basis of the borehole findings it is considered that it will be generally feasible to form relatively shallow excavations terminating within the made ground or the London Clay without the requirement for lateral support, although localised instabilities may occur where more granular material or groundwater is encountered.

Significant inflows of groundwater into shallow excavations are not generally anticipated, although seepages may be encountered from perched water tables within the made ground, although such inflows should be suitably controlled by sump pumping.

However, if deeper excavations are considered or if excavations are to remain open for prolonged periods it is recommended that provision be made for battered side slopes or lateral support. Where personnel are required to enter excavations, a risk assessment should be carried out and temporary lateral support or battering of the excavation sides considered in order to comply with normal safety requirements.

9.0 INTRODUCTION

The sides of an excavation will move to some extent regardless of how they are supported. The movement will typically be both horizontal and vertical and will be influenced by the engineering properties of the ground, groundwater level and flow, the efficiency of the various support systems employed during underpinning and the efficiency or stiffness of any support structures used.

3. SUMMARY

The documents provided and referred to in reports are based on 3 different Basement heights 2,550, 2600 and 2750 - as in the latest drawings. These errors inevitably raise concerns about the accuracy of the various reports.

In the circumstances expressed until now, I agree with my neighbours in saying that there's no reason why this planning should go ahead, therefore this application should be refused asap.

Unfortunately, as facts tell us, developers and contractors have repeatedly shown indifference to public safety and they keep doing that still. Neither have they adhered to appropriate construction methods as the enquiry into the Grenfell fire has exposed, to mention one. In fact, additional investigations of suspect cladding have disclosed that there are other areas of defective workmanship in already compromised structures.

It is only fair to consider that such reckless and speculative behaviour must not be tolerated anymore and must be stopped.

It is for all the above reasons, plus what I expressed in my previous objections logged on [3rd August 2020](#) and the last one sent on the [14th January 2021](#), in addition to those of my neighbours, that I have factual reasons to be extremely concerned about the proposed building plan and believe it should not take place. Considering we live in a conservation area, green spaces should be protected and preserved as much as possible, as they have a positive impact on the inhabitants lives and the area too. This space should be potentially turned into a looked after green space that the community can access and enjoy. Favouring the preservation of sites where the community members can get together and create bonds, has a number of positive effects on everyone's life and even on the security of the area. These values should be protected, instead of being disregarded in favour of the potential benefit of 1 constructor, whose plans are already negatively affecting our lives and peace.... not to mention how absurd it is that the benefit of one individual (who has been warned since the beginning about how hard we will fight to protect our area) will have tremendous detrimental effects on a whole community who has been caring for the area since a long time before he set his eyes on this tiny land for mere speculations.

Please, kindly lodge my objection on the website as soon as possible.
I would appreciate to receive a message once this objection of mine has been logged.

With kind regards

Monia Antonioli