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Subject:

8a Fawley road basement, Application 2020/0455/P

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To the Planning Department

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Basement development at 8a Fawley Road Application No: 2020/0455/P

We have just learned about the detailed plans of the basement development at the adjacent/attached property to ours and want to express our serious concerns and objection.

First, would like to note our concern that Camden, in its capacity as a freehold owner of 8 Fawley road, has allowed to proceed with such application.

Our objection is on the following grounds:

1) Such a big excavation, 3.5m deep at the adjacent and connected property will inevitably cause cracks and structural damage to our house. The whole house is a century old big structure, sharing a common wall - we (from 6 Fawley Road) can hear the neighbour's washing machine and TV (at 8 Fawley Road). They are proposing to alter the foundation of their part, which is going to affect the balance of the whole building.

We have had an experience in our previous home, when a basement was excavated at a neighbouring, stand-alone/detached, not like here adjacent house, situated at least 2 meters away from our former property, yet it caused deep cracks in the side and frontal walls and years later the cracks kept re-emerging. But in this situation, a large basement area is being built in only a part of the same building.

2) If the development of their basement requires under-pinning of our structure, it will negatively and materially impact both the value/ sales price of our property and likelihood of finding a willing buyer.

This home is our life saving and we cannot allow it to be subjected to such risks.

3) Such works will create intolerable disturbance, very high levels of both dust and noise pollution for an extended period of time and will adversely affect our quality of life and potentially job situation - both my spouse and I are working from home and inability to hold virtual meetings in reasonably quiet space is likely to cause us financial problems and loss of clients. I run meditation and well-being sessions by zoom requiring serene environment - such excavation next door can easily cause me a loss of big part of my income. My wife works [REDACTED] and she [REDACTED] holds important meetings with firms which would become impossible with all the expected noise.

4) Our house had settlement, so the structure is already vulnerable and may sustain a very serious damage due to either ground movement or other effects of this development.

We request you to carefully consider the potentially disastrous impact of this development on the attached and adjacent properties.

Thank you and kind regards,

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Shared freehold owners of 6 Fawley Road, Ground floor flat