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Dear Ms Hazelton,

Further to my letter dated 28 May 2021, I am writing to share my full support of this family home and the repair works carried out to the cellar and ground floor under the listed house. Please upload this letter against the new cellar application:

I am a local artist and Hampstead and Highgate resident and my partner has lived in this area for almost 50 years.

Zoe and Merlin and their children Max and River are a valued local family in the neighbourhood. We are writing to support their listed building and planning applications.

Their children go to local schools and are friends with our child, they swim daily at the Hampstead Heath lido. They are not passing through. Their home at 111 Frognal is not a business project. Rather we can confirm that 111 Frognal is their cherished family home.

We have been to their house many times over the years prior to works starting, and the existing house was in very bad repair. It had a dangerous staircase, the house had mould and was very dilapidated. The rear facade was very ugly and did not match the historic front facade. Works on the house were inevitable.

We are aware that such works on loved, listed buildings need to be done sensitively. Above all, this is why we support this application. We know - and can see from the plans - that Zoe and Merlin have studied the history of the house, its various historic adaptations and thought hard about how to maintain its features and its spirit - they would never consider damaging it in any way. We think they are building an innovative, sustainable, warm family home, whilst restoring lost features. They have built their life around the community in Hampstead and intend to live in the house for many years to come.

The works to the cellar which involved the removal of backfill and reinstatement of the lost cellar under their living room and the structural retainment of the existing cellar walls, was instructed by their engineer and is not now a habitable space. This family were living above the threatened space at the time with their child. We have seen it ourselves and it is accessed via a ladder from the front garden and used for storage.

Apart from stabilising the threatened historic building, this work has reinstated a lost feature in the form of the original ground floor level which is now the same level as the front courtyard which is the only visible manifestation of this work and clearly of great benefit to

the legibility of this historic stable block. Furthermore the structural work has safeguarded the house from collapse whilst also maintaining the original cellar brick walls in place.

We understand that others are calling the repaired cellar a basement, we have seen the repaired space first hand and can confirm firsthand that it is not. It is accessed from outside and via a ladder and not connected or visible from the listed habitable house, and only used for storage.

It is very disappointing to hear that Camden are giving this young family such grief over works which benefit the listed building and which should be supported. We hope that officers grant the relevant consents so that works can resume on site for the benefit of the historic asset and this local family.

Best wishes,

