27 Meadowbank London NW3 3AY

21st December 2021

Planning - Development Control Camden Council Camden Town Hall LONDON WC1H 8ND

Dear Sirs

Objection to the construction of a basement at 34 Meadowbank NW3 3AY

We have lived at 27 Meadowbank since 1982. We face Ainger Road and our house is lower down the hill than our Meadowbank neighbours.

In the garden there are eight houses on two sides of a quadrangle all backing on to the same garden. Four of them including No.34 are on the west side and their ground floor/patio levels are all higher than the four houses on the east side.

There is no drainage system in place, surface water drains to the west side specifically to houses 28 and 27 in the NW corner this being the lowest corner of the garden. Having borne the brunt of several incursions of surface water flowing over our patio in the 1980's that threatened to engulf our ground floor we raised the level of our patio as a precautionary measure.

However, this was found to be inadequate and following a particularly heavy downfall Meadowbank management agreed to install a channel to the patio edges of Nos 28 and 27 around 2005 that allowed excess water to run off into a drain in the adjacent access alleyway to No 27.

This assists but is prone to blocking by excess sediment during heavy rainfall and needs frequent clearing.

Allowing a basement to be built at No.34 Meadowbank or indeed in any of the four houses on the west side of the garden will reduce the area that can soak up excess water and considerably increase the risk of flooding of the ground floors of numbers 27 and 28 Meadowbank NW3 3AY.

Accordingly, we strongly object to the application of Mr and Mrs Goldenberg dated 13-12-2022(assumed 13-12-2021) to excavate a single storey basement at 34 Meadowbank NW3 3AY.

Yours faithfully

MJ Brace