

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2022/0675/P	Malcolm Roberts	05/04/2022 16:21:06	OBJ	<p>Malcolm & Maroulla Roberts are the closest neighbours to the applicant. While we do not wish to stand in the way of a sensible plan to extend our neighbour's house, we have two significant concerns that need to be fully addressed.</p> <p>1. The proposed basement extension sits on an aquifer. The hydrology report does not deal with this issue to our satisfaction, but instead describes at great length only the possible effects on the proposed basement. There is no discussion about the impact of a blocked aquifer that is forced to migrate upstream - meaning under our house. Overall, the report is notable for its vague statements about risks which we regard as totally unsatisfactory.</p> <p>2. We welcome the improvements to the ground floor extension plan (compared to the plan rejected last year). But the "Sunlight Report" finds through its "computer model" that the availability of sunlight to our small NE-facing back garden will be almost as seriously reduced as before. We are unimpressed by the report's finding that this loss is "acceptable", as the methodology reeks of naivety and undoubtedly ignores multiple factors such as the presence of very large trees and foliage just behind our garden in houses owned by the Council.</p> <p>In addition, the proposed ground floor extension appears to take up just over one third of the distance between the rear wall of the existing #12, which is the source of the loss of sunlight. We know that Camden Council guidance was that rear extensions could not take up more than one third of the garden's depth, so perhaps you could let us know whether this has changed recently.</p>
