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From: Jane Collins
Sent: 26 March 2014 22:15
To: Planning Policy
Cc: Anna-Mei Chadwick
Subject: Re Planning Policy on Basement Developments in K & C

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing in support of the Council's proposals to limit the extent of basement developments in Kensington and Chelsea. We are fully in support of your proposals to limit depth and scale of these types of development. The majority are intrusive, noisy, take far too long, cause untold traffic problems with the amount of lorries required to carry out the soil and carry in the cement and are detrimental to the surrounding properties. They are potentially negative for the local environment and devastating for the quality of life of residents in the vicinity.

My husband and I strongly support the Council's proposals to change their policy toward basement developments by limiting them to one storey and no more than 50% of the garden. We would also strongly encourage the retention of trees and environmentally sound developments to reduce the need for pumps, excess water consumption etc. We also would like to see better control over noise and traffic as many of these developments severely impact on residents' quality of life, sometimes over a period of years.

In summary, we are concerned about the scale of these types of developments with more underground space than above ground. We have no way of knowing the long term effect on the water table and the effect on the foundations of surrounding properties.

We would like to have our support recorded in favour of the proposed changes.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Collins and Claes Hesselgren
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