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Subject: K&C Basement builds
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To: bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com

Dear Sir

Re the matters below.

Basement builds in K&C are a large, spiralling, and out-of-control problem. Cash is nowadays king. Apparently seduced by glossy spin and persuasive PR, it seems K&C puts developers' interests before those of its own taxpaying residents: witness the hubristic, utterly flawed, Earl's Court development, rubber-stamped in the face of 11,000 signatures (and rising) against.

People feel disenfranchised, cowed and ill-served by those who should protect their interests. Witness too, the disturbing development whereby K&C reportedly recently allowed developers in W11 to pay £79,000 (a trifling amount if you get your way) to chop down mature trees; tress that must be protected. There is deep unhappiness abroad in K&C about this and the proliferation of 'bling' basement builds

There's too often a sense of entitlement and a cavalier disregard for neighbours' welfare among those that seek to turn houses into underground palaces. A resident's right to peaceable enjoyment of their home now counts for nothing, it seems. Invasive builds that cause utter misery - often for years on end - to those affected. I know of people having to move out of their own homes - at their expense and to their great inconvenience and disruption - as the daily ordeal is unbearable. What was once a lovely borough is now one massive building site, held hostage to greed. The super-wealthy basement 'terrorists' are happily ensconced elsewhere while locals' lives are blighted, their health and sanity compromised. Setting neighbour against neighbour is not a recipe for harmonious living.

Structurally, digging deep is causing an imbalance in the water table I am told; and houses adjacent are being damaged.

So rich and arrogant are many of the new owners, this is but a trivial concern to be massaged away by money.

"I'm all right, Jack" has never been so apt

**The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Basements, Conservation & D
Miscellaneous Matters Examinations**

The Inspector for Basements, Mr. David Vickery, has asked me to arrange the c on the following documents in accordance with Regulation 19 and the Council's of Community Involvement. The Council has agreed to administer this proced behalf.

ID/23	Main Modifications to Basements Submission Planning Policy (BAS
ID/24	Policy CL7 Basements: Monitoring Indicators
ID/25	Correcting Addition to Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmer Assessment, September 2014

The documents will be available on the Council's website on the examina <http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/planningandbuildingcontrol/planningpolicy/developmentplaeqypartialreview/examination-partialreview.aspx> . Printed copies for reference available in local libraries and the customer service centre at Kensington Town Ha

The deadline for responses is **Noon on Thursday 13th November 2014**. It is imp responses are sent to me, The Programme Officer, using the above details. This in the form of two paper copies and one electronic copy, by the stated deadline. not send any response to the Council.

Yours faithfully



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