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## Dear Kevin,

Why do you argue that any construction industry must have representation? I believe that this discussion should be a matter for residents, both for and against the current conduct of basement developments. You will recall that I noted that no pro-basement residents were present. They as residents are the ones whose views must be considered, not the constructors they appoint.

I certainly don't object to you being present to represent the point of view of basement constructors, but I think this was an informal meeting drawn up by the Council. The representative group were those who responded to the consultation document. We in the working group are merely being given a chance to have another go at explaining our position. As a constructor you bring extra knowledge to the table, but policy does not have to based on constructors, but on the differing views of residents in the borough. yours

James

Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 Subject: RE: Basements Wo	3 5:21 PM rking Group Minutes of Meet	tings	
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## Good afternoon Preeti

Many thanks for your email that contained "minutes" of the various meetings

I acknowledge that the meetings are "informal" but they are nevertheless designed to aid the review process and as such the minutes must be an accurate reflection of the discussions that too place

As currently drafted the minutes give the impression that the group generally agreed with all of the draft policy changes when in fact on the majority of critical issues there was a very clear divide between the vast majority of people at the meetings who were generally opposed to basement construction and those from industry

For the purpose of the record it is worth noting that at the final meeting there were 14 attendee's of which only 2 were from the Basement Industry and so the use of phrases such as

"there was general support for a borough wide measure"... to withdraw permitted development rights from householders does not accurately convey the very strong objections to this policy proposal voiced by those opposed

I attach an addendum note to the minutes which is an extremely brief note of the objections raised

Kind regards

Kevin

Sent: 27 February 2013			
Subject: Basements Wo	orking Group Minutes of Me	eetings	
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Dear all,

Please find attached the minutes of all four meetings and revised terms of reference to include everyone who attended one or more meetings. I have included everyone's email address above as agreed at the meeting this morning so you can add them to your contacts.

Thanks to everyone for attending and contributing to these meetings.

Kind regards,

Preeti

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