

Barnett, Jessica: PC-Plan

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Sent: 28 March 2014 15:26
To: Planning Policy
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Subject: Message from Brian May
Attachments: Consultation response .doc; ATT00001.htm

RE: Consultation on basement building guidelines.

Dear Sir/Madam

I realise that your appeal for responses to the forthcoming review of the Kensington and Chelsea Core Strategy is officially closed. But, having just returned from touring in the Baltic States, I received the notice too late to meet your deadline, and I therefore may I appeal to you take my representation into consideration ?

We currently have TWO giant basement building projects in progress within 50 yards of our house. The works are both employing massive piling augurs and associated heavy machinery, and the the noise and disruption is absolutely intolerable. We have taken steps to improve the already heavy sound insulation in our house, but effectively our whole quality of life in our home, for probably two years, is destroyed.

I believe that in a beautiful and hitherto desirable residential area such as this part of Kensington, such 'improvements' to properties cause an entirely unacceptable level of disruption and stress to a large number of neighbours, and that in future consent for such selfish works should be denied. Otherwise, Kensington simply ceases to be a desirable neighbourhood to live.

If any projects ARE given the go-ahead, perhaps on a smaller scale, it is essential that the contractors are compelled to install sound barriers, and to review methods of excavation and 'breaking out' to ensure as little disruption as possible to the local residents. We are currently in negotiation with the contractors at number 13, the cause of most of our problems, and they are taking steps to minimise their impact on us, but the problem is that they took no precautions until we applied pressure, and really that permission should not have been granted for this entirely inappropriate intrusion in the first place.

Herewith (attached) is my formal response to your appeal.

I have also sent this message by letter, probably to reach you Monday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Brian May, CBE