

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 25/0003/HOT

Address: 26 Amyand Park Road Twickenham TW1 3HE

Proposal: Creating a basement with front light well.

Comments Made By

Name: Ms. Linda Lonsdale

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: I live at 19 Devoncroft Gardens, directly behind 26 Amyand Park Road. I object to this development due to structural concerns and stability. I feel this development could lead to instability to our property should the basement works proceed, given the close proximity of the proposed development, during or after construction. There have been incidents in Richmond & Chelsea where houses have collapsed due to basement work and we are concerned that the same could happen to our house - see. a) (Collapse of Richmond houses undergoing basement extension a serious incident - 19/09/2024) b) <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/two-houses-collapse-basement-work-chelsea-b43428.html>).

Could the council be confident that these works will not adversely affect the foundations and stability of 26 Amyand Park Road or the surrounding houses if they approve the application?

I am also concerned about the Environmental Impact "Groundwater and Flooding". The area is prone to issues with groundwater, and I am worried that the excavation works could disturb the natural flow of water or exacerbate flooding risks. The potential for waterlogging or flooding as a result of these works would not only pose a risk to the structural stability of both properties but could also negatively affect local drainage systems and the surrounding environment. Drains for sewerage and waste water run between this property and ours and I am concerned that the likely increase in water usage will exceed the levels for which current piping exists.

Amyand Park Road is located within a conservation area, and I believe the proposed basement construction would significantly alter the size and nature of the property, which may not be in keeping with the character of the surrounding area. I would expect the council to consider whether the approval of such a development would set a precedent for similar works that could alter the historical and architectural integrity of the conservation area.