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Dear Planning Strategy Team

I am sorry to be late in submitting this response to your Planning Strategy document.

I am concerned about that part of it which concerns Basement development. This arises from my interest in a planning application to construct a basement to provide further accommodation at 5 Exeter Road 4SJ, which is next door to my property at 3A Exeter Road. I have already submitted a detailed response to No 5's planning application, but this email concerns the broader issue of Brent's policy regarding basement extensions.

It has come to my attention that Brent's policy is much less rigorous than that of other neighbouring boroughs in regard to technical issues. Basement development in close proximity to other dwellings surely does raise structural issues especially in regard to potential subsidence. The issue is how do Brent's procedures in regards to proposals like this one take account of such risks to neighbouring properties.

I would be grateful if this issue could be given consideration in the revision of your Planning policy.

Yours sincerely

Michael Rustin

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