

**Planning Proposal 4/02590/15/FHA – 38 Meadow Road Berkhamsted
Agenda Item 5.06
Development Control Committee Meeting 15 October 2015**

My name is Patricia Hearne and I live at, and own, 40 Meadow Road, Berkhamsted, which is the semi-detached house paired with No.38.

I have lived in the house since I was born so do know the area very well.

I have submitted my Objections to this Planning Proposal and have spoken at the meeting of the Berkhamsted Town Council Planning Committee on 7 September.

I realise that the applicant has responded fully to all of the Objections made by me, and other concerned neighbours. I also understand that approval or rejection of the construction of a Basement under an existing semi-detached property is not a Planning issue, under current Government legislation.

However, if approval is now given for the work to go ahead, I do wish to record my serious concerns about the structural impact on my own property due to the creation of the Basement.

The applicant states that the footings of his house are 2.7m deep. This fact needs to be confirmed as a matter of urgency by Building Control before any work commences.

The houses in Meadow Road were built in the 1930's and at that time I am sure Building Regulations were not as strict as they are now.

On Page 61 of the Agenda of this meeting, the applicant states that he does not anticipate any under-pinning of my property being necessary and I would hope this statement to be correct.

I would point out that the terrain is porous chalk.

On Page 59 of your Agenda the final sentence states that: "Conditions can be included to try to minimise impacts". I would like to be assured that these conditions would be implemented and I do wish to register my concerns that despite any precautions taken, the excavations, and associated building work, may damage my property.

Patricia Hearne