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## **PARTIAL REVIEW OF THE CORE STRATEGY: BASEMENTS**

Dear Sir,

We would like to express our concern at the number of basement developments in the area. Victoria Grove and its adjoining streets does not have substantial foundations to our knowledge. These developments are very disruptive to the neighbourhood both in terms of the great nuisance caused by the work being carried out (which can drag for far too long), as well as the impact it can have on the soil and surrounding structures.

Could you kindly note that we support the following points:

- to reduce the scale of basements by limiting them to one storey and no more than 50% of the garden, except for listed buildings where there is already a restriction about building under them;
- to be more explicit about the need to:
  - ensure proper drainage through soakaways,
  - retain trees,
  - ensure that buildings are adapted to a higher level of performance in respect to energy, waste and water consumption,
  - ensure better control of the traffic and parking problems due to the demolition, excavation and construction process
  - ensure better control over noise, vibration and dust
  - ensure structural stability

These points are essential to us as we know these developments are damaging to our quality of life as well as the wildlife that there is in our gardens.

Yours,  
Jean & Jean-Paul Berthoin