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Dear Householder

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**SURVEY OF THE IMPACT AND EFFECTS
OF SUBTERRANEAN DEVELOPMENTS IN KENSINGTON**

This is to ask you for your help by contributing to a survey of the effects of subterranean developments in private houses to construct such things as swimming pools, cinemas, gyms etc. Under existing planning regulations, if the proposal is well-prepared the Council is usually obliged to give permission for the development. We often hear that the lives of people living near these developments are very badly affected during construction and it is also said that there are sometimes long lasting effects on neighbouring houses and gardens. However facts about this are hard to come by.

The Ladbroke Association, a registered charity, aims to promote high standards of planning in the Ladbroke Conservation Area and to encourage high standards of general public amenity for residents. We have decided to carry out a survey on the impact of subterranean developments on neighbours and their properties. In order to get a wide spread of developments we have selected over 100 sites in Kensington where such development is taking or has taken place.

Our aim is collect your experiences and views so that hopefully we can pass to RBKC some findings based on fact. We also hope to propose some improvements to the controls exercised over these projects by both the Council and by the Contractors involved. This will probably not benefit you unless another development appears close by but it should help other residents of the Borough in the future.

Attached to this letter is questionnaire which we are asking you to complete and return to us by 31 March 2009. You can also download a copy of the questionnaire from www.ladbrokeassociation.org. Please let us know if the development we are inquiring about was not proceeded with after planning permission had been granted.

We will not allow any one but our Committee members to see your responses but we may want to contact you for amplification of specific points.

I should make the point that we cannot get involved in any ongoing disputes which may have arisen a result of the development you are reporting on.

If you have any questions about the survey, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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