To: Haringey Planning Committtee

From: Residents of 3,5,7,9,11 & 13 Southwood & 9,11,13,&15 Highgate Avenues

7th July 2011

Dear Committee Members,

## **225 Archway Road, N6 - Application nos. HGY/2011/0998 & 0999**

Please find attached 4 letters of objection to the application above, one of which is a group response from several concerned residents( and one is letter sent to Haringey Building Control.

These letters were submitted in time within the consultation period but were regrettably not considered by the planning officer who, I understand, compiled his report before the closing date was reached.

You will see that these letters deal with key issues in relation to the site, particularly with regard to the watercourses which run under the site, which require urgent consideration before this application can be properly dealt with. Residents have carried out a lot of research on this matter and have provided detailed information and maps to Haringey Planning Department. We note this issue is barely mentioned in Matthew Gunning's report and its importance is just ignored.

The residents provide further information from Thames Water Utilities Ltd (the responsible regulated water authority for the area.), that clearly shows that the water courses that we have concerns about and have highlighted and referred to are separate to the Thames

Water drains and culverts, which as the only water assets / issues that Loromah, as the developer, had covered in their previous planning submissions.

It is very regrettable that the planning officer's report omitted to include the comments in these letters and I would be grateful, therefore, for your attention to these vital submissions in considering this application.

Although we said in the group letter, signed by 15 residents, that "we have no objection in principle to this planning application", we want to make clear that we are forced to object to this particular planning application because, as it stands, it does not address the major concerns of local residents. These can only be dealt with if certain conditions are imposed, namely:

- 1 That a proper hydrology report is produced for the site and made publicly available to determine whether the deep excavation and basement development would affect the watercourses running through the site which could potentially create problems for local residents and Haringey Council in the future
- 2 That a condition is imposed to prevent any future planning applications for the rear garden of the listed villa ( as the developer indicated on one of his own drawings in this current application). Loromah is now taking a piecemeal approach to planning applications, which is unacceptable and for which it was clearly rejected by Planning Committee at the last meeting in April 2011.

For the avoidance of doubt, we are objecting to this planning application, unless these key issues are dealt with satisfactorily.

## Attachments:

1 The Southwood & Highgate Avenues residents letter dated 24th June.

This was submitted on Fri 24th June at 9.33am copied to the developer and architect. It appeared on the planning website on Thurs 30th June at around 8.00am.

2 Jim Dickson's letter of 11 Southwood Avenue was dated 27th June.

This was submitted by email on Tues 28th June at 23.21pm. It appeared on the planning website on Thurs 30th June at around 8.00am.

3 Stephen Robinson's letter of 13 Southwood Avenue dated 29th June to Haringey building control (copied to Matthew Gunning, the case officer)

This was submitted by email on Wed 29th June. It appeared on the planning website on Thurs 30th June at around 8.00am.

4 Alex's Bannisters letter of 5 Southwood Avenue dated 24th June .

This was submitted by email well before the deadline. It appeared on the planning website around mid-morning Thurs 30th June.

5. A graphic illustrating the watercourse and its exact position with regards to the proposed development site.

The planning department report was noticed on the Haringey website for the first time at 7.00am on Thurs 30th June. The four letters above had not appeared on the Haringey Planning website by then (even though they had been submitted within the deadline) and were not referred to in the planning department report. The Haringey letters to residents were dated 6th June sent 2nd class. Residents received them on 9th June at the earliest. 21 days after this date is 30th June. The planning

department report was wtitten by 29th June. The report omits the objections from the 9 houses in Southwood Avenue & Highgate Avenue, and Jim Dickson's objection too. The only house number noted in the report is that of Stephen Robinson, so the objections of everyone else adjoining this site have been completely omitted.