[Ham and High February 2016](http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/environment/hampstead-calls-for-independence-from-camden-council-1-4400913)

comments from the above link on basements in Hampstead :

“Fed up residents are calling for Hampstead to be given independence from Camden Council.

They are furious at recent decisions by Camden councillors to approve basements which fly in the face of public feeling.

In the most recent decision to spark outrage, planners gave permission for a 13-room basement to be built under Grade II-listed Grove Lodge despite a flood of objections to the scheme. (see page 16.)

“In constantly allowing these basement schemes, we feel Camden is unable to give sufficient scrutiny to the peculiar geography of Hampstead, with two rivers running underneath the surface.

‘‘The council also seems not to care about or understand Hampstead’s specific conservation status and unique heritage.”

Meanwhile, 50 notices have gone up around Hampstead to mimic planning notices and list a host of complaints about Camden’s treatment of Hampstead and asks: “Might it be time for the Borough of Hampstead?”

The notices have been put up by Sebastian Wocker, editor of satirical magazine The Village Voice.”