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Hi Nick,

Please find attached a comment, and objection to this planning application.

I ask that my personal details NOT be made public.

Kind regards

The applicant wants to build basements.

Justifying it, the applicant writes, "*The basement area also needs to be dug out and re-filled within the currently approved plans. The process of excavation, foundations, construction and waterproofing, is both extensive and expensive. Filling the void back in would be an underutilisation of available space, and it is a better use of resource to include it within the floorspace of the home.*"

They go on to say, "*The foundations will be reinforced, making them stronger, and it will improve energy efficiency. A basement can contribute to improved energy efficiency*".

My interpretation is, 'I have found a way to save money, which is to add basements. And here are some points that sound good, trying to justify it.'

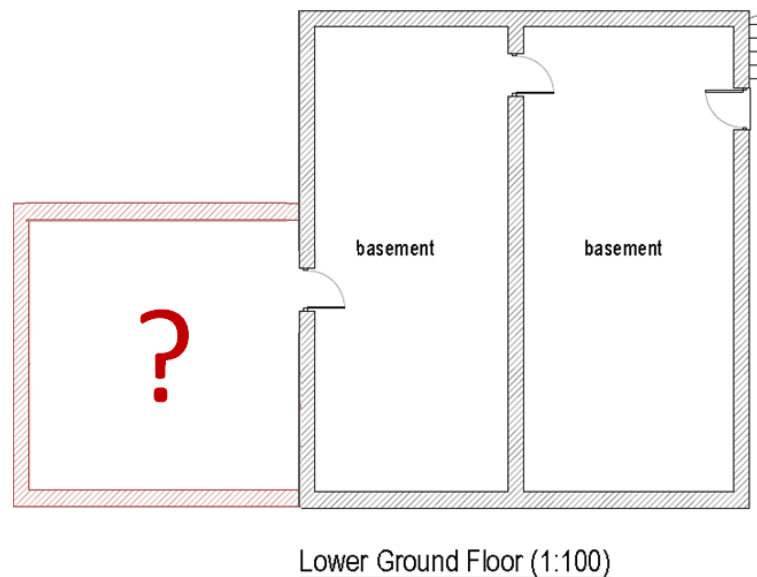
One observation that makes me question the applicant, concerns plot 23.

The kitchen and snug, at plot 23, would be under the garage.

But there would be no basement underneath the kitchen and snug, as there would be underneath the rest of the dwelling.

If a basement is such a wonderful idea, with all the benefits available, as we're being told, surely it would make sense to have one extending underneath the whole dwelling.

Perhaps, the basement is intended to be so extended, but the plans are incorrect.



That would make sense; after all, there are plenty of contradictions across the application.

Or, perhaps it would be more expensive to have a basement underneath the kitchen and snug, so it's been decided not to build one there, regardless of the wonderful benefits that would ensue.

But if the benefits are so worthwhile, it makes no sense not to want the basement extended.

Right?

It is just baffling.

Whatever the reason, this is just a further contradiction, which makes this application hard to fathom.

Good design?

No, I do not believe it is.

The application should be rejected.