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Dear Mr. Philips

Re: 4671 -16 Ornan Road

Further to your instructions I visited the above site on 26th September 2013 in order to inspect the masonry retaining wall to the front of the property (at back edge of pavement). The wall currently retains the front garden of No.16 and ends in a substantial pier by the entrance path and continues (as a single structural element) to a similar pier to No.14. At the junction of the two properties another masonry wall forms the boundary.

It is immediately clear that the wall is in very poor condition. There a number of cracks to the wall, piers and coping and there is a pronounced outward lean. The cracking continues along the wall to No.14. The outward lean has caused a corresponding outward and upward displacement of the boundary wall between the two front gardens.

Whilst the wall is currently not dangerous, it will rapidly become so in the foreseeable future. The loose copings and bricks should be removed now.

Consideration should be given to remedial measures. Complete replacement is one option, but this would entail significant temporary propping of the wall to No. 14. New foundations would be necessary in order for the new structure to comply

with current building regulations. An alternative would be to demolish the upper 10 to 11 courses of brickwork, cast a mass concrete counterbalance behind and then rebuild the masonry wall whilst tying it into the concrete. It is likely that a significant number of the bricks could be reused. The piers should be rebuilt in their entirety.

I trust the above is sufficient for you at this stage. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require working details.

Yours Sincerely

Marek Glowinski

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