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Dear Sir,

Re: (Job No. 10098) 15 St Marks Crescent, London NW1

Further to your enquiry regarding underpinning the party wall of the adjacent part of the house, this is considered to be standard practice and quite normal. The borehole shows the underlying soil to be the London Clay which extends to some depth below the proposed basement. This is a stiff material and the same as at the level of the existing foundations. We would not expect any post construction settlement to occur.

We would be more concerned if the existing foundation were on soft clay and the basement was to be founded on an underlying layer of gravel. In those circumstances it is conceivable that there might be differential movements between the two halves of the property.

We trust that this is sufficient confirmation to alleviate any concerns that the planners may have.

Yours faithfully



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