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Camden Planning Department

Dear Sirs.

Mount Vernon House, Mount Vernon, Hampstead - Link corridor between the Lodge and the Main House.

We are the Consulting Structural Engineers who have been asked to provide structural design and advice in connection with the proposed link corridor between the existing Lodge at the above and the main section of the house.

We attach indicative drawings of the proposals for you information.

The corridor is an above ground reinforced concrete link between the two buildings which retains on one side only the existing ground and foundations of the existing corner of the house but does not retain the ground on the other side of the corridor. It is not a subterranean structure since it provides an extension and link to the lodge at ground floor level.

We were the original project engineers for the swimming pool and basement area that was constructed 2009. Consequently we are very familiar with both the existing properties and the ground conditions prevalent at the site.

Based on this experience and knowledge, we, therefore, consider that the proposed link corridor is a simple intervention which replaces existing retaining walls and does not undermine the lodge. The new retaining walls have been shown in the attached drawings to be constructed in a manner that limits any undue damage to the corner of the main house.

We trust the above clarifies our view and that this is not, therefore, subject to the requirements of Camden's Planning Guidance-CPG4.

Yours sincerely

Gary Povey For Elliott Wood Partnership