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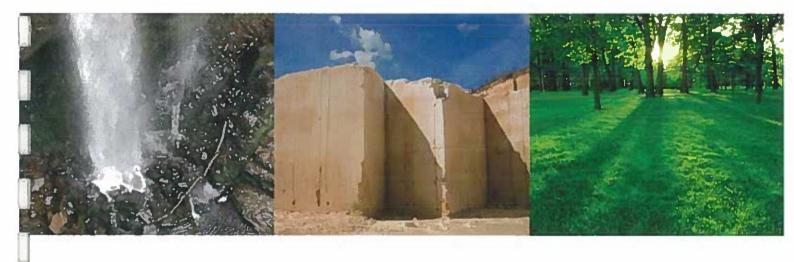
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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Site Location	231 Goldhurst Terrace, London NW6 3EP
Site Description	Semi-Detached 5 storey house
Historical Land	Open land and House constructed by 1935.
Use	
Current Land Use	Residential house
Potential	Low Risk
Contamination	
Archaeological Potential	Low Risk
Hydrogeology	Non productive Aquifer
Hydrology and Flooding	No risk of flooding from seas and rivers
Underground rivers	None that could affect the site or be affected by the basement
Critical Drainage Areas	Within a CDA of West Hampstead and Flood Risk Assessment undertaken, Low risk of Flooding identified, mitigating measures of rainwater harvesting/
Flooding from Surface Water	Low Risk
Flooding Incidents	None recorded in Goldhurst Terrace
Flooding from Sewers	Low Risk
Flooding from Reservoirs	Low Risk
Flooding from Groundwater	Low Risk
SUDS	Ground not suitable for soakaways, rainwater harvesting recommended
Geology	London Clay, highly plastic use of material to accommodate heave required
Landfill gas potential	No landfill within 250m, no methane or radon gas protection required
Contamination	Low risk
Geotechnical Properties	Clay strata at 7.20m bgl has shear strength of 95kPa.
Extra hard cover	25-50m2
Groundwater	Borehole dry to 7m bgl, no dewatering required, sump pump may be necessary during and after heavy rainfall
Concrete	Underground concrete to be designed as Design Class is DS3 ACEC Class AC-2s.
Ground Movement	Category 1 according to Burland and Boscardin and Cording
Waste Disposal	Waste disposal is responsibility of owner to ensure it is disposed appropriately to landfill. Likely to go as inert waste.
Tunnels	A further search for underground services required before demolition





### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report describes the results of a Basement Impact Assessment undertaken for the development of a basement at 231 Goldhurst Terrace, Swiss Cottage, London, NW6 3EP. The work was undertaken on behalf of Mr and Mrs Zur-Szpiro and was carried out by the Ashton Bennett Consultancy. Plans of the proposed development are provided in Appendix A.

The purpose of this Report is to ascertain the potential impacts that the proposed basement may have on the ground stability, the hydrogeology and the hydrology in the vicinity of the site. The site lies within the Administrative Boundary of Swiss Cottage within the London Borough of Camden. The assessments were carried out in general accordance with the London Borough of Camden Development Policy 27 "Basements and Lightwells" and Camden Planning Guidance 1 "Design Note prepared by London Borough of Camden for New Basement Development and Extensions to Existing Basement Accommodation" (LBC, 2010).

As stated in Camden Development Policy DP27 paragraph 27.1, LB Camden "will only permit (basement and other underground development that) does not cause harm to the



built and natural environment and local amenity and does not result in flooding or ground instability".

The approach followed in this report was initially to undertake screening of the site and provide a full site characterisation by a desk study of available geological, hydrological, hydrogeological, environmental and historical and topographic information together with a site visit. The results of the screening enabled scoping which determined that a ground investigation was required to establish ground conditions. The Basement Impact Assessment (BIA) is provided in full and is undertaken in general accordance with the recommended methodologies highlighted in Arup document "Guidance for Subterranean Development", prepared for the London Borough of Camden Planning Guidance CPG4.

The five stage approach taken comprises of:

- Screening Identification of matters of concern using checklists.
- Scoping Definition of the matters of concern identified in the screening.
- Site Investigation and Study Establishment of the baseline conditions
- Impact Assessment Determination of the impact of the proposed basement on the baseline conditions.
- Review and decision making Undertaken by London Borough of Camden and independent reviewer.

The assessment was prepared by Frances A Bennett an engineering geologist who is a Chartered Geologist CGeol, Chartered Environmentalist CEnv and Chartered Water and Environmental Manager C.WEM. Te structural Report was prepared by Croft Structural Engineers Ltd and the Flood Risk Assessment was undertaken by rab Resilience and Flood Risk as detailed in the Quality Management at the front of this Report.

#### 2. THE SITE

#### 2.1 Site Description

The site is located at number 231 Goldhurst Terrace which lies between the A41 Finchley Road and the A5 Kilburn High Street to the north of the B509 Belsize Road. A site walkover was undertaken on Friday July 11th 2014 in order assess the property and assess the access for drilling rigs.

The site area comprises the house and garden of 231 Goldhurst Terrace which is a private semi detached residence of 0.05 hectares. The house is attached on the west side by house no 233. There is a side entrance along the east side of the house leading to the rear garden.

The site fronts onto Goldhurst Terrace to the north with a partly grassed and partly hard covered front garden, a hard covered side pathway to the rear and a partly hard covered patio and lawned rear garden.

It is proposed to extend the house to the rear and construct a basement beneath the house and part of the rear garden.



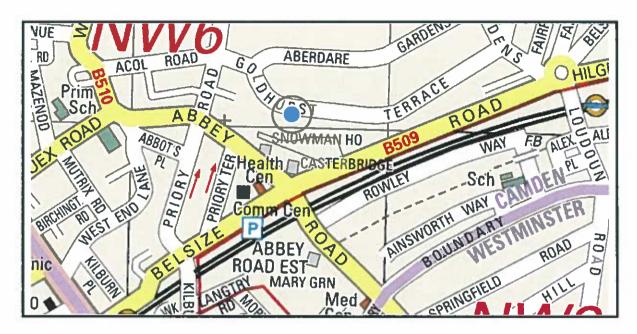


Figure 1 Site Location Plan

The site is bounded to the north by Goldhurst Terrace, to the south by the grassland of the tower blocks fronting onto Abbey Road, to the east by number 229 and to the west by number 233 to which it is attached. The rear garden lies to the south of the house.

All land on the site was relatively flat. The ground level in the rear garden is at a slightly lower elevation than the front garden and is unlikely to cause any landslip.

Roof drainage from the existing property is taken via down pipes into a drainage system in the front of the property which is understood to run west to east collecting drainage from the adjoining properties.

There are existing lawn areas to the front and rear of the house which allow infiltration of rainwater into the ground.

A check was made of the bomb locations in Goldhurst Terrace and the nearest to the property was a distance to the east and therefore there is unlikely to be unexploded Ordnance beneath the house.



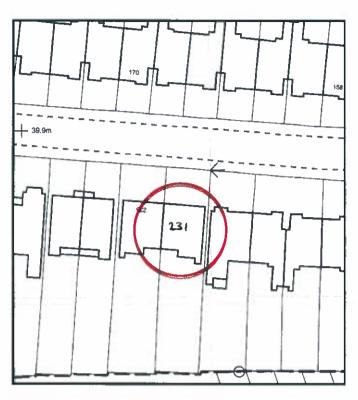


Figure 2A Site Plan



Figure 2B Existing Rear Elevation



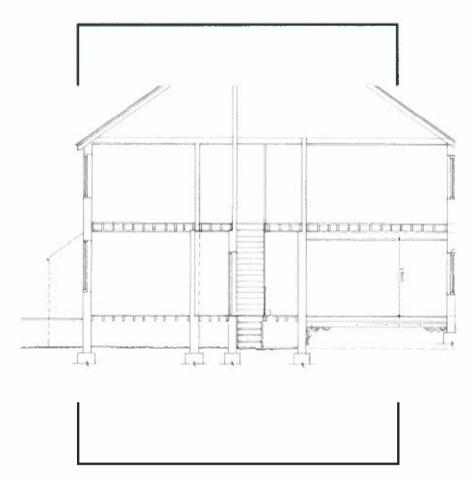


Figure 3 Existing Rear Section



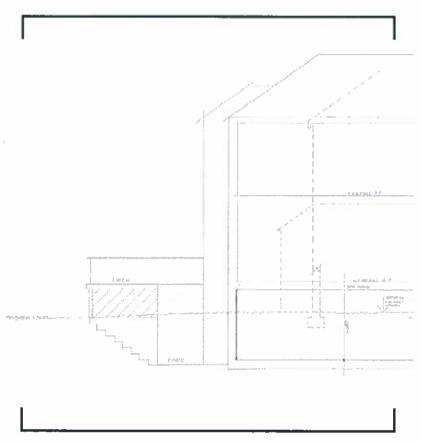






Figure 5 Proposed Rear Elevation

The site lies around National Grid Reference 525893<sup>E</sup> 184006<sup>N</sup> at a height of around 30m above Ordnance Datum. A Site Location Plan is presented as Figure 1 and a Site Plan is presented as Figure 2A and an Existing Rear Elevation Photo as Figure 2B. The Existing Rear Section is presented as Figure 3 and the Proposed Rear Section as Figure 4. The Proposed Rear Elevation is presented in Figure 5.

A Geology Plan is presented as Figure 6, and a Landslip Plan as Figure 7. A Local Borehole Plan is presented as Figure 8. A Hydrogeology Plan is presented as Figure 9. Surface Water Flood Risk is presented as Figure 11 and Flooded Roads 1975 and 2002 as Figure 12. The NW Storm Relief Sewer Location is presented as Figure 13 and the EA Flood Risk from Reservoirs as Figure 14. The EA Risk of Flooding from Groundwater is presented as Figure 15 and The EA Recorded Landfill Sites within 250m is presented as Figure 16.

Drawings of site proposals are presented in Appendix A and archival maps are presented in Appendix B. Borehole Logs and Geotechnical Test Results are presented in Appendix C. The Flood Risk Assessment is presented in Appendix D and the Structural Engineering Report is presented in Appendix E.



### 3. SITE HISTORY

The following maps and plans were inspected to assess the history of the site and its past environments. The archival Ordnance Survey maps are presented in Appendix B.

TABLE 1
Historical Maps Inspected

	Historical Maps Inspected						
DATE	SCALE	DESCRIPTION					
		SITE	SURROUNDING AREA				
1868- 71	1:1,056 & 1:2500	The site is undeveloped open fields	There are houses with garden along Belsize to the south of the site.				
1873	1:10,560	No significant change.	No change to the surrounding area.				
1893	1:2,500	The road outline for Goldhurst Terrace is marked out, but the site is undeveloped	No change to the surrounding area.				
1894	1:10,560	No significant change.	Houses to the east of the site Goldhurst Terrace have been built.				
1896	1:2,500	No significant change.	No change to the surrounding area.				
1915	1:2,500	Goldhurst Terrace and the houses thereon have been built with the exception of the site and that of the three properties adjacent and to the west	The surrounding area has been developed.				
1920	1:10,560	No significant change.	No change to the surrounding area.				
1935	1:2,500	The house, 231 has now been built	The three properties to the west have been built				
1948- 51	1:10,560	No significant change.	No change to the surrounding area.				
1957-8	1:10,560	No significant change.	No change to the surrounding area.				
1965-8	1:10,560	No significant change.	The houses to the south fronting onto Belsize and Abbey Road have been demolished				
1969	1:2,500	No significant change.	The two tower blocks to the south of the property have been built				
1973-6	1:10,000	No significant change.	No significant change.				
1989- 93	1:10,000	No significant change.	No significant change.				
2002	1:10,000	No significant change.	No significant change				
2012	1:10,000 & 1:1,250	No significant change.	No significant change to the surrounding area.				



In summary, the site was open fields until 1893, when Goldhurst Terrace road was formed, most of the houses in Goldhurst Terrace were built between 1893 and 1920, but this house, No 231 and the three properties to the west were constructed later – before 1935.

#### 4. POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION & ARCHAEOLOGY

With the exception of made ground that may have been associated with the past residential development on the site and in the surrounding area, the historical map search has not identified any potential sources of contamination or archaeological features that could be present on the site.

A search of environmental databases via an Envirolnsight report (provided by Centremaps) did not reveal any offsite sources of contamination that are considered likely to pose a risk to the site and the proposed development. It was not considered necessary to undertake tests for contamination.

#### 5. SITE GEOLOGY

### 5.1 Geology

The published 1:50,000 scale British Geological Survey (BGS) geological map of the area (Sheet 256 "North London") shows the site to be underlain by the London Clay Formation (up to 85m thick) of the Eocene geological epoch. The London Clay is underlain by further clays, sands and chalk. An extract of the BGS Geological Map is provided in Figure 6 below.

The London Clay is shown not to be overlain by any superficial deposits. Given the historical development of the site and surrounding areas, there may be made ground present on the site.





Figure 6 Geological Plan

No geological faults are shown to be present within close proximity to the site.

### 5.2 Mining

There is no evidence of past or present mining or quarrying activity in the vicinity of the site. The site does not lie in a mining area for coal, tin, gypsum, stone or other recorded mineral works.

### 5.3 Landslips

The site is shown not to be within an area of significant landslide potential as shown in Figure 7 Landslip Plan. (reference Figure 17 of Arup Report for London Borough of Camden "Guidance for Subterranean Development", 2010). This is reinforced by the low slope angles recorded during the site walk over and the geology of the London Clay with no overlying deposits.



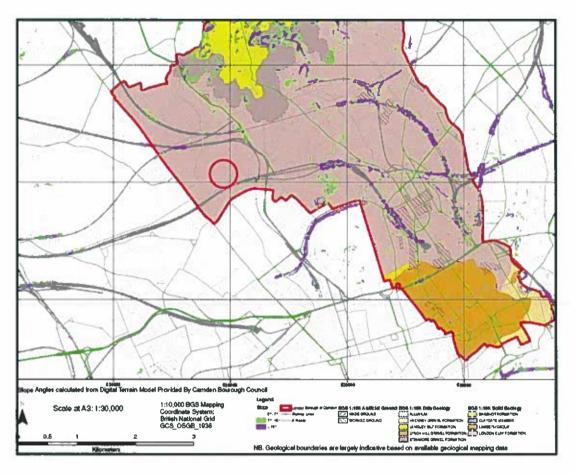


Figure 7 Landslip Plan

### 5.4 Local Boreholes

A number of relevant available historic borehole logs have been obtained from the BGS website and are summarised in Table 2 below. A plan showing the available local borehole locations is presented in Figure 8.

TABLE 2 Summary of Historical Borehole Logs

BGS Reference	Depth bgl in m	Brief Summary of Ground Conditions	Water Supply
TQ28SW11	85	London Clay to 85m sand thereafter	RWL 40m
TQ28SE360	45.72	London Clay	
TQ28SE46	177	London Clay to 81m, sand to 96 and	Water details not
		Chalk thereafter	recorded

These boreholes confirm the geology of the area surrounding the site and confirm that any local water abstraction wells are from generally >100m depth into the Chalk aquifer.



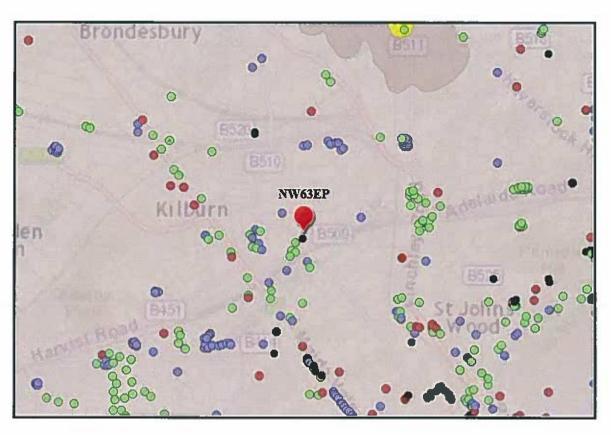


Figure 8 Local Borehole Plan



#### 6. HYDROGEOLOGY

The above referenced geological map indicates the site to be underlain by the London Clay Formation, which is relatively impermeable. The Environment Agency have designated the London Clay Formation beneath the site as an "Unproductive Aquifer" which means the strata has a low permeability and negligible significance to water supply or base flow to rivers. Permeability of the London Clay varies from 5 x10<sup>-6</sup> to 1 x10<sup>-10</sup>m/sec.(BS 8004, 1986). The site does not lie on a Groundwater Vulnerability Zone.



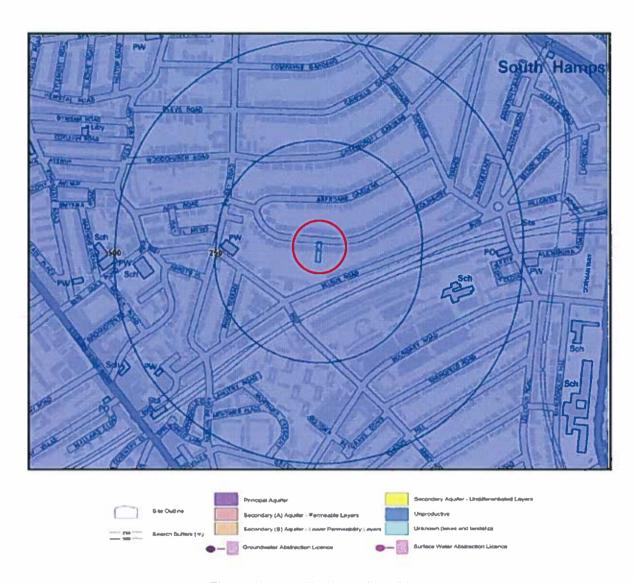


Figure 9 Hydrogeology Plan

The natural soils underlying the site are likely to comprise a superficial covering of made ground (potentially absent) overlying weathered London Clay (clay soils). The London Clay soils have very low permeability and do not readily permit the downwards transfer of surface water or percolating groundwater.

The development of a basement is unlikely to detrimentally affect any groundwater which lies circa 100m bgl in the Chalk Aquifer. There are no Superficial Deposits overlying the London Clay which could hold perched water.

There are no groundwater or potable water abstraction licences within 500m of the site. There are water abstractions 881m and 934E for spray irrigation and at 1762m E for potable



water from Barrow Hil Pumping Station. The site does not lie within a Source Protection Zone for a potable water supply.

Other unrecorded or unlicensed wells may be present close to the site, however abstractions are unlikely to be from the London Clay Formation and likely to be from the underlying Chalk Formation at circa >100m bgl. The development is unlikely to detrimentally affect any water abstractions.

### 7. HYDROLOGY AND FLOOD RISK

# 7.1 Hydrology

Prior to the commencement of the redevelopment of the site, the rainfall over the area of the site drains in one of the following ways:

- Surface water from the rear roof drains into the drainage system via underground pipes leading to the front of the site.
- Surface water from the front roof drains into the drainage system that runs under the front area and to the north east of the site.
- Surface water from the rear yard drains into surface drains.

On completion of redevelopment the rainfall will drain in the same manner to public sewers.

There are no surface water features within 250m of the site.

There are no biological river quality assessments within 1.5km of the site. There are no surface water abstraction licences within 1.5km of the site. The closest is 1909m E from Regents Canal for non evaporative cooling.

#### 7.2. Flood Risk From Surface Water

The site is shown by the Environment Agency to lie within a low risk for flooding from rivers and very low from the sea.

Camden is primarily at risk from surface water runoff (i.e. rainwater that is on the surface of the ground and has not entered a watercourse, drainage system or public sewer), groundwater or flooding from sewers which have either burst or gone beyond capacity due to heavy rainfall. All of these situations are only likely to occur in extreme rainfall events such as in 1975 and 2002.

The site lies within the Critical Drainage Area of West Hampstead and a Flood Risk was therefore carried out and is presented in Appendix D.



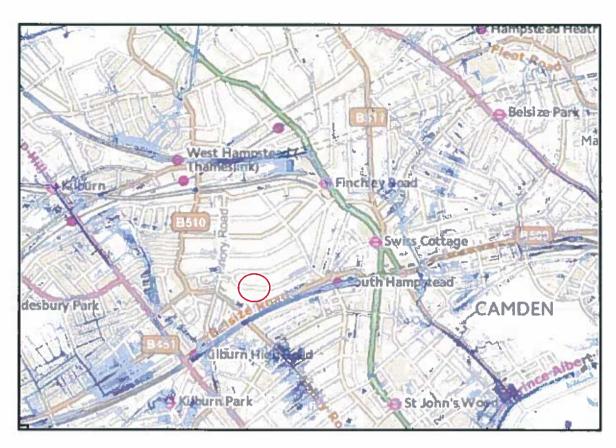


Figure 10 Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (EA 2014)

The history of flooding in this area is that Goldhurst Terrace was affected by flooding in both 1975 and 2002. However after the 2002 floods, Thames Water invested in significant new flood risk infrastructure as part of the West Hampstead Flood Relief Scheme. The project involved larger diameter sewers and a holding tank both of which have substantially reduced flood risk in the area.

The recent Environment Agency map reproduced in Figure 10 indicates a very low risk from flooding from surface water.



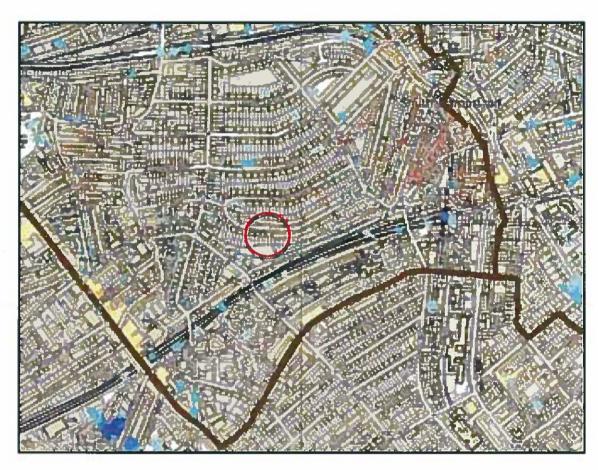


Figure 11 Detailed Surface Water Flood Risk

This map indicates potential flows and areas of ponding for a flood event with a 1.33% chance of happening once in any year.



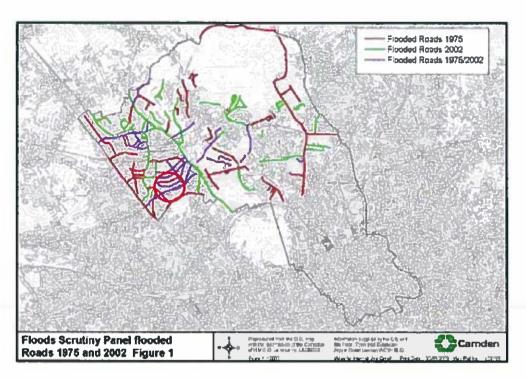


Figure 12 Flooded Roads 1975 and 2002

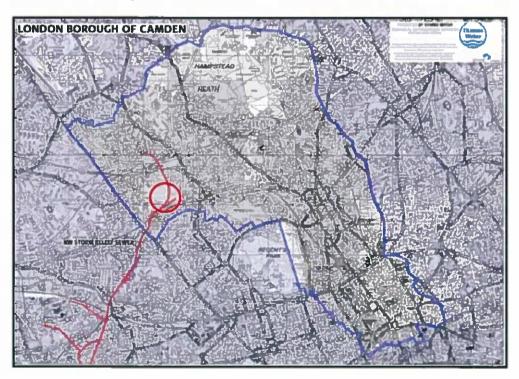


Figure 13 NW Storm Relief Sewer (shown in red)



#### 7.3 Flood Risk From Rivers

The Flood Zone maps produced by the Environment Agency provide an initial assessment of flood risk. The Flood Zones are divided into four categories of flood probability and do not take into account any flood defences. PPS25 defines the flood zones as:

Zone 1: Low Probability-This zone comprises land assessed as having a less than 1 in 1000 annual probability of river or sea flooding in any year (<0.1%).

Zone 2: Medium Probability-This zone comprises land assessed as having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1000 annual probability of river flooding (1% to 0.1%) or between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1000 annual probability of sea flooding (0.5% to 0.1%) in any year.

Zone 3: High Probability- This zone comprises land assessed as having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding (>1%) or a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of flooding from the sea (>0.5%) in any year.

Zone 3B 'The Functional Floodplain' - This zone comprises land where water has to flow or be stored in times of flood.

Camden is not at risk from flooding from rivers. The closest surface water is the Regents Canal almost 1000m to the south.

#### 7.4 Flood Risk From Reservoirs

The Environment Agency are the enforcement authority for the Reservoirs Act (1975) and all large reservoirs are inspected and monitored by reservoir panel engineers. The risk of flooding from reservoirs is therefore very low. The Environment Agency Reservoir Flood Risk Maps for large reservoirs (>25,000m3) for this area indicate the site is at very low risk of flooding from reservoirs. There is a very low risk from the Hampstead Heath Reservoir 760m to the north west of the site as detailed in Figure 14.



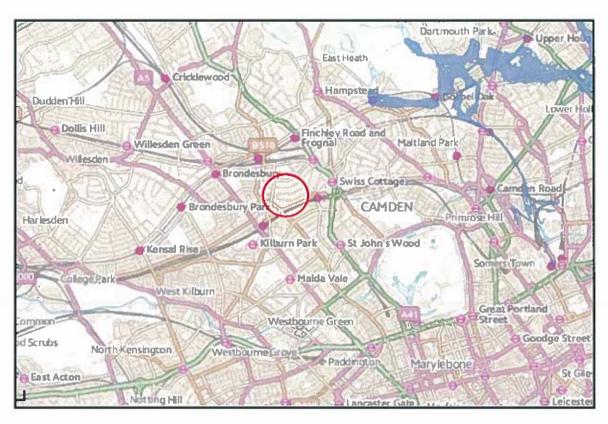


Figure 14 EA Flood Risk From Reservoirs

Reservoir Owner: Corporation of London

Reservoir location (grid reference):527210, 185750

Environment Agency Area: North East Thames Area in South East Region

Local Authority:Camden

Reservoir flooding is extremely unlikely to happen. There has been no loss of life in the UK from reservoir flooding since 1925. All large reservoirs must be inspected and supervised by reservoir panel engineers. As the enforcement authority for the Reservoirs Act 1975 in England, the Environment Agency ensure that reservoirs are inspected regularly and essential safety work is carried out.

#### 7.5 Flood Risk From Groundwater

According to the BGS there are no groundwater flood susceptibility flood areas within 50m of the site. There is according to the BGS a negligible risk of groundwater flooding based on the underlying geology.



The Environment Agency Map reproduced in Figure 15 indicates there is no risk of flooding from groundwater on the site.

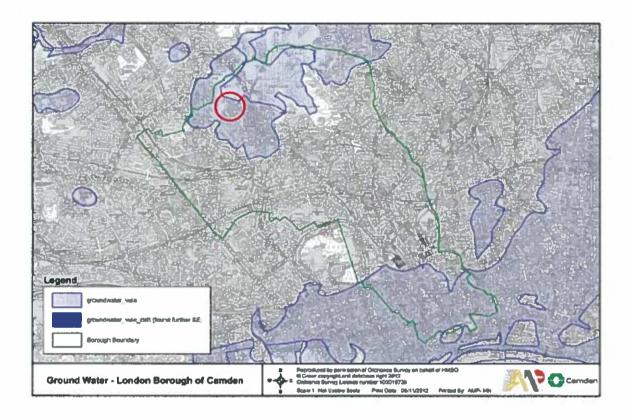


Figure 15 EA Risk of Flooding from Groundwater

### 8. LANDFILL

According to the Environment Agency there are no landfill sites within 250m of the site and therefore the site does not require monitoring for landfill gas and does not require landfill gas protection in construction of the basement.



There is a very low risk that the site is affected by radon gas and as such, radon protection measures will not be required in the basement as part of the proposed development.

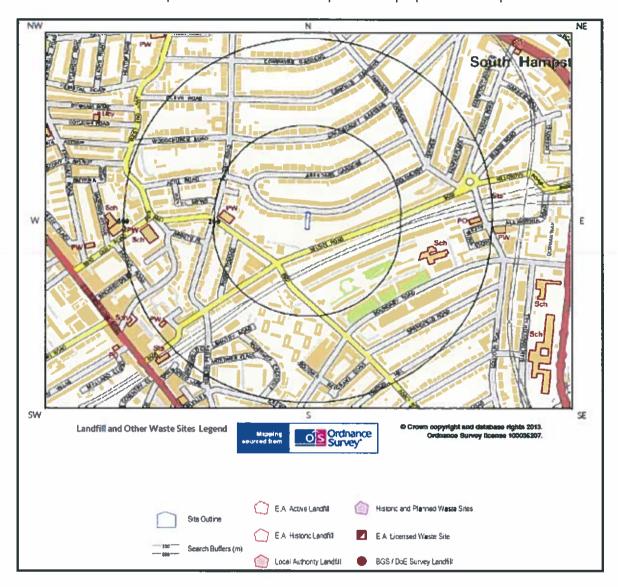


Figure 16 EA recorded Landfill Sites within 250m



### 9. REGULATED INDUSTRIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

# 9.1 Regulated Industries

Results of searches for regulated industries are presented in Table 3.

TABLE 3
Authorisations, Incidents and Registers

Regulated Industry	On SITE	Within 250m	DETAILS
Historic IPC Authorisations	None	None	•
Part A(1) and IPPC Authorised Activities	None	None	-
Water Industry Referrals	None	None	-
Records of Red List Discharge Consents	None	None	-
Records of List 1 Dangerous Substances Inventory Sites	None	None	<u>.</u>
Records of List 2 Dangerous Substances Inventory Sites	None	None	-
Records of Part A(2) and Part B activities and enforcements	None	None	-
Records of Category 3 or 4 Radioactive Consents	None	None	-
Records of Licensed Discharge Consents	None	None	•
Records of Planning Hazardous Substance Consents and Enforcements	None	None	•
Records of COMAH and NIHHS sites	None	None	-
Records of National Incidents Recording System List 2	None	None	-
Records of National Incidents Recording System List 1	None	None	-
Records of sites determined as contaminated land under Section 78R of EPA 1990	None	None	-
Records of Made Ground	None	None	•
Records from EA landfill Data	None	None	•
Records of Operational Landfill Sites	None	None	*
Records of EA historic landfill sites	None	None	-
Records of non operational landfill sites	None	None	-
Records of local authority landfill sites	None	None	-
Records of operational waste treatment, transfer or disposal sites	None	None	•
Records of non operational waste treatment, transfer or disposal sites	None	None	•
Records of EA licensed waste sites	None	None	•



Current Industrial Land Use	None	4	114NE Electricity Substation, 161m SW Musical Instruments, 161m SW Giftware, 200m NW Electricity Substation.
Petrol and Fuel Sites	None	None	-
Underground High Pressure Oil and Gas Pipelines	None	None	-
Residential Property (within 250m)	Yes	Yes	Residential and commercial
Radon Protection Required	No	-	The property is not in a Radon Affected Area, as <1% of properties lie above action level.

Results of searches for regulated industries, pollution incidents or registered authorisations are presented in Table 3 above and indicate that potentially contaminative land uses are not present on and within close vicinity to the site and there are no records of an environmentally sensitive nature which could be detrimentally affected by the construction of a basement.

#### 9.2 Infrastructure

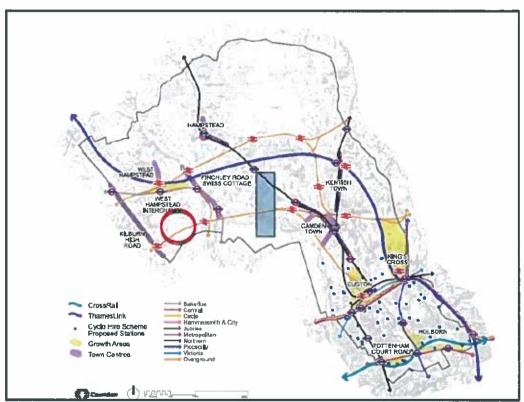


Figure 17 Transport Infrastructure

The map in Figure 17 reproduced from the Camden Geological, Hydrogeological and Hydrological Study (Figure 18) indicates there is no transport infrastructure beneath the site.



### 10. SCREENING AND SCOPING

#### 10.1 Screening

Screening is the process of determining whether or not there are areas of concern which require further consideration and / or investigation for a particular project. In order to undertake screening a site characterisation was undertaken in the previous sections. Scoping is the process of producing a statement which defines further matters of concern identified in the screening stage. This defining is in terms of ground processes in order that a site specific BIA can be designed and executed by deciding what aspects identified in the screening stage require further investigation by desk research or intrusive drilling and monitoring or other work.

The scoping stage highlights areas of concern where further investigation, intrusive soil and water testing and groundwater or gas monitoring may be required.

A series of flowcharts have been used in the screening process to identify what issues are relevant to the site. Each question posed in the flowcharts is completed by answering "Yes", "No" or "Unknown". Any question answered with "Yes" or "Unknown" is then subsequently carried forward to the scoping phase of the assessment.

The results of the screening process for the site are provided in Table 4 below. Where further discussion is required the items have been carried forward to scoping.

Scoping often indicates that a ground investigation is required to establish more fully the base conditions. The Basement Impact Assessment determines the potential impacts of the proposed basement on the baseline conditions, taking into account any mitigating measures proposed.

Table 4
Screening For Basement Impact Assessment

Ref	Question	Response	Details				
	Surface Flow and Flooding						
1	Is the site within the catchment of the ponds chain on Hampstead Heath?	No	Refer to Maps				
2	As part of the site drainage, will surface water flows (e.g. volume of rainfall and peak run-off) be materially changed from the existing route?	No	Developer to provide proposed drainage details				
3	Will the proposed basement development result in a change in the proportion of hard surfaced / paved external areas?	Yes	Refer to Appendix A drawings. A reduction in lawned area Carried forward to Scoping				
4	Will the proposed basement result in changes to the profile of the inflows (instantaneous and long-term) of surface water being received by adjacent properties or downstream watercourses?	No	Surface water originating from the site is not received by adjacent properties or downstream watercourses (other than run-off to sewers).				
5	Will the proposed basement result in changes to the quality of surface water being received by adjacent properties or downstream watercourses?	No	Surface water originating from the site is not received by adjacent properties or downstream watercourses (other than				



Table 4
Screening For Basement Impact Assessment

Ref	Question Screening For Basement Imp	Response	Details
Kei	Question	Response	run-off to sewers).
6	Is the site in an area known to be at risk from surface water flooding, such as South Hampstead, West Hampstead, Gospel Oak and King's Cross, or is it at risk from flooding, for example because the proposed basement is below the static water level of a nearby surface water feature? Does site lie within Critical Drainage Area?	Yes	The site was affected by surface flooding in 1975 and in 2002.  NW Relief Sewer constructed to alleviate surface water floods.  The site does not lie below the water level of any surface water feature.  Carried forward to Scoping
Les also	Subterranean (groundwater) Flow		
7	Is the site located directly above an aquifer?	No	Site underlain by London Clay with Chalk Aquifer >100m bgl.
8	Will the proposed basement extend below the surface of the water table?	No, may be below perched water	Site underlain by London Clay. Water table >100m bgl. Carried forward to Scoping
9	Is the site within 100m of a watercourse, well (disused / used) or a potential spring line?	Yes within 100m of former watercourse	Historic watercourse of River Westbourne identified from "Lost Rivers of London" Now culverted in NW Relief Sewer.  Carried forward to Scoping.
10	Is the site within the catchment of the pond chains on Hampstead Heath?	No	Refer to Appendix A
11	Will the proposed basement development result in a change in the proportion of hard surfaced / paved areas?	Yes	Refer to Appendix A drawings. A reduction in lawned area Carried forward to Scoping
12	As part of the site drainage, will more surface water (e.g. rainfall and run-off) than at present be discharged to the ground (e.g. via soakaways and/or SUDS)?	No	Refer to Appendix A. Soakaways unsuitable in London Clay discharge will be to public sewer.
13	Is the lowest point of the proposed excavation (allowing for any drainage and foundation space under the basement floor) close to, or lower than, the mean water level in any local pond (not just the pond chains on Hampstead Heath) or spring line?	No	No surface water feature within 1000m of the site.
1	Ground Stability		100000000000000000000000000000000000000
14	Does the existing site include slopes, natural or manmade, greater than 7°?	No	Refer to site description.
15	Will the proposed re-profiling of landscaping at site change slopes at the property to more than 7°?	No	Developer to provide details. Refer to Appendix A.
16	Does the development neighbour land, including railway cuttings and the like, with a slope greater than 7°?	No	Refer to site description.
17	Is the London Clay the shallowest strata at the site?	Yes	London Clay has the potential to shrink and swell under varying moisture conditions  Carried forward to Scoping
18	Will any trees be felled as part of the proposed development	No	No trees to be felled as



Table 4
Screening For Basement Impact Assessment

	Screening For basement impact Assessment				
Ref	Question	Response	Details		
	and / or are any works proposed within any tree protection		part of proposed		
	zones where trees are to be retained?		development.		
19	Is there a history of seasonal shrink-swell subsidence in the	Yes	London Clay has potential		
	local area, and/or evidence of such effects at the site?		Carried forward to scoping		
20	Is the site within an area of previously worked ground?	No	Unlikely		
21	Is the site within an aquifer? If so, will the proposed	No	Site underlain by		
	basement extend beneath the water table such that		impermeable London Clay		
	dewatering may be required during construction?		a non productive aquifer		
22	Is the site within 50m of the Hampstead Heath ponds?	No	No it is 1000m distant		
23	Is the site within 5m of a pedestrian right of way?	No	Goldhurst Terrace lies >5m		
			from the basement.		
24	Will the proposed basement significantly increase the	Possibly	Adjacent properties are		
1	differential depth of foundations relative to neighbouring		unlikely to have		
	properties?		basements. Depth of		
1			foundations to be		
			confirmed.		
			Carried forward to scoping		
25	Is the site over (or within the exclusion of) any tunnels, e.g.	Unlikely	Site is not located over any		
	railway lines?		railway tunnels. Developer		
			to confirm site does not		
			overlie other tunnels such		
		1	as water / Royal Mail / NW		
			Sewer		
			Carried forward to		
			scoping		

In summary the issues carried forward to scoping include those associated with surface water flow and flooding, groundwater levels and the impact of the basement on the ground and on the ground supporting adjacent properties.

#### 10.2 Scoping

Scoping is the activity of defining in further detail the matters to be investigated as part of the BIA process. Scoping comprises of the definition of the required investigation needed in order to determine in detail the nature and significance of the potential impacts identified during screening.

The potential impacts for each of the matters highlighted in Table 4 above are discussed in further detail below in Table 5 together with the requirements for further research and / or investigations. Detailed assessment of the potential impacts and recommendations are provided where possible.

Table 5
Scoping for Basement Impact Assessment

Reference	ISSUE Surface Flow and Flooding	Potential Impact and Action
3	A reduction in lawned area	Impact: Increase in hard cover and surface water runoff. Action: Use of rainwater harvesting or drain



		to public sewer as soakaways unsuitable in London Clay.
6	The site was affected by surface flooding in 1975 and in 2002.  NW Relief Sewer constructed to alleviate surface water floods.  The site does not lie below the water level of any surface water feature.  Site Lies within CDA of West Hampstead.	Impact: Potential for future surface flooding. Action: Design basement as waterproof building. Flood Risk Assessment required, and presented in Appendix D.
	Subterranean (groundwater) Flow	
8	Site underlain by London Clay, water table >100m, perched water at <1.00m bgl.	Impact: Flooding of basement Action: Design basement as watertight. Install sump pump in basement patio if necessary.
9	Historic watercourse of River Westbourne identified from "Lost Rivers of London" Now culverted in NW Relief Sewer	Impact: Flooding of basement.  Action: Flood Risk Assessment see Appendix D and see above in 8.
11	A reduction in lawned area of 25-50m2	Impact: Increase in hard cover and surface water runoff.  Action: Use of rainwater harvesting or drain to town sewer. Ground unsuitable for soakaways.
T=2=9000 0000	Ground Stability	
17	London Clay is the shallowest strata	Impact: Shrinkage and swelling Action: Soil Tests
19	London Clay has ability to shrink and swell under varying ground conditions. No evidence of damage to existing house.	Impact: Disturbance to foundations. Heave on excavation of basement.  Action: Basement foundations will be below vulnerable zone. Suitable compressible material to be used in basement floor to accommodate heave.
24	Adjacent properties are unlikely to have basements. Depth of foundations to be confirmed.	Impact: Differential settlement to attached house.  Action: Check depth of foundations to 231 and 233. Structural Report presented in Appendix E.
25	Site is not located over any railway tunnels.  Developer to confirm site does not overlie other tunnels such as water / Royal Mail / NW Sewer	Impact: Stress changes in ground, damage to tunnels  Action: Check to be made on location of Royal Mail/NW relief Sewer and other potential tunnels.

The scoping stage highlighted the need for:

- a ground investigation including soil testing
- groundwater monitoring
- Flood Risk Assessment
- SUDS to offset increased hard standing
- Geotechnical design
- Underground concrete design
- Search for underground tunnels
- Design of temporary and permanent works
- Check of foundation depths of attached property
- Rainwater Harvesting or other rainwater disposal



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It was recommended that an intrusive investigation should be undertaken to confirm ground conditions, test the London Clay for plasticity and sulphate content and monitor for groundwater levels and to undertake a Flood Risk Assessment. These are reported in Sections 11 and 12.

#### 11 FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

#### 11.1 Flooding by Surface Water and Reservoirs and Underground Rivers

Planning Policy Statement PPS25 "Development and Flood Risk" seeks to protect development from flooding as well as preventing flooding. PPS25 states that developers are responsible for providing a flood risk assessment:

- demonstrating whether any proposed development is likely to be affected by current or future flooding from any source;
- satisfying the local planning authority that the development is safe and where possible reduces flood risk overall;
- demonstrating whether the development will increase flood risk elsewhere;
- demonstrating measures proposed to deal with these effects and risks.

A Flood Risk Assessment is provided in Appendix D.

#### 12. GROUND INVESTIGATION

#### 12.1 Fieldwork

In order to confirm ground conditions beneath the site and to collect soil samples for testing for engineering properties of the strata a ground investigation was undertaken.

The ground investigation comprised the drilling of two 80mm diameter window sampler boreholes (WS1 to WS2) on Thursday August 21st 2014 and included insitu soil tests for strength and sampling of the soil for geotechnical testing.

12 soil samples were sent to a UKAS accredited laboratory and three were selected for testing for redox value and sulphate content. One window sampler borehole (WS2) was allocated for testing for groundwater and installed with a standpipe to facilitate monitoring.

Borehole results are presented in Table 6 and in Appendix C. Geotechnical Test Results are presented in Table 7 and Table 8 and Appendix C.

All exploratory points were marked out on site by reference to existing physical features on the site.



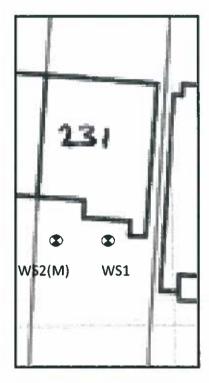


Figure 18 Borehole Location Plan

### 12.2 Ground Conditions

The ground conditions encountered in the window sampler boreholes comprised of a superficial covering of topsoil overlying made ground down to 0.75m to 0.80m bgl. The topsoil and made ground were everywhere underlain by low strength orange brown grey silty clay with flint gravel, underlain at 3.45m to 4.45m bgl by medium strength orange brown grey clay.

The ground conditions encountered are summarised in Table 6 below.

TABLE 6
Ground Conditions Encountered in WS Boreholes

Hole Ref.	TOPSOIL Depth in mbgl	MADE GROUND Depth in mbgl	CLAY (low strength) Depth in mbgl	CLAY (medium strength) Depth in mbgl
WS1	GL to 0.20	0.20-0.75	0.75-3.45	3,45-5.45
WS2	GL to 0.20	0.20-0.80	0.80-4.45	4.45-5.45

All soil samples selected for geotechnical testing collected were sent to Structural Soils Limited (SSL), The Potteries, Pottery Street, Castleford, West Yorkshire, WF10 1NJ for geotechnical testing in order to determine engineering properties. SSL hold UKAS accreditation for the testing undertaken as detailed on the testing certificates.



A suite of geotechnical tests was scheduled by Ashton Bennett and redox value and sulphate content in accordance with BS1377:1990. The results are presented in full in Appendix C.

### 12.3 Geotechnical Test Results

### 12.3.1 Standard Penetration Test Results

The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) is undertaken in boreholes by means of a standard 50.80mm outside diameter split spoon sampler to determine the approximate in situ density of soils and when modified by a cone end (CPT) the relative strength or deformity of rock.

TABLE 7
Standard Penetration Test N Value Results (SPT)

Depth in m	Made Ground	Clay low strength	Clay medium strength	
GL-1.00				
1.00-1.45		4, 5		
2.00-2.45		8, 8		
3.00-3.45		9	10	
4.00-4.45		8	15	
5.00-5.45			15, 16	

The SPT N values indicate the clay to be low to medium strength. Made ground should always be considered as in a loose state of compaction.

### 12.3.2 pH and Sulphate Test Results

Two soil samples were tested for redox value and sulphate content to assess the design of underground concrete.

TABLE 8 pH and Sulphate Test Results

Sample	Depth in mbgl	рН	Sulphate mg/l
WS1	1.50	7.87	2410
WS2	2.50-3.00	8.02	939

The results indicate that considerations are required for design of underground concrete for foundations. According to BRE Special Digest 1 the ACEC Class for underground concrete is DS3-AC-2s. The elevated sulphate encountered is due to selenite, a calcium sulphate in the London Clay.

### 12.3.3 Atterberg Limit Test Results

Atterberg Limit Tests were undertaken on two samples from WS1 at 2.00m and WS2 at 3.00m bgl. The results indicate the clays are clays of high plasticity and likely to shrink and



swell under varying moisture conditions in the ground. This should be taken into account in design of expanding material beneath the floor slab.

TABLE 9
Atterberg Limit Test Results

BH No	Depth in m	Moisture Content %	Liquid Limit %	Plastic Limit %	Plasticity Index %
WS1	2.00	33	78	26	52
WS2	3.00	34	74	24	50

### 12.4 Engineering Properties of Strata Tested

### 12.4.1 Topsoil and Made Ground

Topsoil and Made Ground are very variable both laterally and vertically and no test results should be assumed to represent the entire sequence. The made ground is likely to be in a loose state of compaction and highly compressible.

Topsoil and Made Ground are unsuitable material on which to place foundations without ground treatment.

### 12.4.2 Clay

SPT results in the clay indicate it to be generally low to medium strength with N values of 4 to 16. The clay was tested for plasticity and found to have a high plasticity and highly likely to shrink and swell under varying moisture conditions in the ground.

Based on the SPT results the clay has an allowable bearing capacity of 28 to 63kN/m<sup>2</sup> increasing to 70 to 112kN/m<sup>2</sup> below 4m bgl, taking into account a Factor of Safety of 3.

### 12.5 Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater was not encountered during drilling. Groundwater was encountered during monitoring at depths of 0.25m to 1.56m bgl. The water was proven by laboratory testing to be foul water from a sewer. The sewers will be reconstructed as part of the new development.

In summary it is expected that limited perched groundwater may be encountered within the made ground during construction, however inflows into excavations are unlikely to be significant and are expected to be dealt with by sump pumping.

### 12.6 Gas Conditions

As there are no recorded landfill sites within 250m of the site and no significant made ground, monitoring for landfill gas was not required. There is a very low risk that the site is affected by radon gas and as such, radon protection measures will not be required in the basement as part of the proposed development.



### 13. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### 13.1 Introduction

The BIA has been undertaken for the proposed construction of a new basement. The depth of the basement is anticipated to be 1.5m to 2.5m bgl. The anticipated bearing pressure of the new structure has not been provided.

The comprehensive desk based assessment together with the site inspection and ground investigation and flood risk assessment have been sufficient to allow the potential impacts of the issues identified during the screening and scoping stage of the project to be assessed.

This section of the report provides an interpretation of the findings of the Desk Study and Ground Investigation, in the form of a ground model, and provides advice and recommendations with respect to temporary and permanent works and foundation options. The detailed Flood Risk Assessment and Structural Engineers Report are appended.

### 13.2 Geological and Hydrogeological Setting

With regard to the geology and hydrogeology of the site, the report concludes that the site is immediately underlain by up to 0.80m of topsoil and loose made ground, underlain by 4.65m of low to medium strength silty clay representing the weathered surface of the London Clay. The London Clay is highly plastic in nature and has a high sulphate content due to the included selenite.

The London Clay is relatively impermeable and is classified by the Environment Agency as a non-productive aquifer. There are no recorded abstraction licences which could be detrimentally affected by the basement development.

There was no recorded groundwater during the ground investigation, groundwater was monitored at levels of 0.25m to 1.56m bgl in the standpipe in weeks following the ground investigation. This is a high level considering the impermeable nature of the London Clay and was proven by laboratory testing to be from the foul drains. These will be relaid during the new development.

### 13.3 Hydrology and Flood Risk

There are no surface water features within 100m of the site which could affect the development. The River Westbourne used to flow circa 100m to the east and is now culverted and unlikely to detrimentally affect the site or be affected by the site.

There is a small proposed change of hard cover which could slightly increase run off. The site is not suitable for soakaways due to the underlying impermeable London Clay.

Goldhurst Terrace was affected by the 1975 and 2002 floods and a Flood Risk Assessment has been completed and is presented in Appendix D.



### 13.4 Contamination

Ordnance Survey maps inspected indicated the site was an open field before construction of No 231 house around 1935. As such there is a low risk of contamination being present on the site. The ground investigation did not reveal any soil that contained potentially contaminating or odourous material. As a precaution all builders should also use gloves when handling soil for Health and Safety and work in accordance with HSE and CIRIA guidelines.

### 13.5 Basement Excavations

The excavation for the basement will be 2.50m below existing ground floor level or 1.50m below existing ground level in the rear garden. The basement floor formation level will be on the London Clay. In order to form the floor beyond the influence of the zone of shrinking and swelling in the London Clay it is advisable to form the floor at least 0.90m below ground level.

Excavation in the made ground and clay could be achieved by mechanical excavator.

Groundwater is unlikely to be encountered except during and after heavy rainfall when a sump pump is expected to deal with the water ingress. If rainwater falls into the excavation it can easily be dealt with by sump pumping. If this occurs the softened surface of the clay strata should be removed prior to any pouring of concrete for the basement floor.

Excavations for the proposed basement structure will require temporary support in all strata to maintain stability of the surrounding structures and to prevent any excessive horizontal ground movements. Refer to Structural Engineers Report in Appendix E.

Construction of the proposed basement will need to be supported by new retaining walls. Formation level for the proposed development will be the London Clay beneath any topsoil or made ground which are unsuitable bearing strata. The London Clay should provide a suitable bearing stratum for underpinned foundations, a box construction or piles whichever is required based on the bearing pressure or ground loading of the structure.

The basement support for the temporary and permanent conditions must take account of maintaining the stability of the excavation and the stability of the adjacent properties and surrounding structures. Design of the walls may be decided as to whether the temporary support is also incorporated into the permanent solution.

The potential for ground movement during the excavation and construction of the basement has to be considered. Any significant ground movements could cause structural damage to adjacent properties. Ground movement could occur from heave of the ground following removal of overburden. For clay subsoils this effect is not usually significant and results in circa 10% reduction in the soil capacity locally.

Following the excavation of the basement, it is possible that the floor slab for the proposed basement will need to be suspended over a void to accommodate the anticipated heave, unless the slab can be suitably reinforced to cope with these movements or a layer of



compressible material added to accommodate the heave. In accordance with Eurocode 7 (BSEN 1997-1) groundwater should be taken at ground level for short and long term design. Such design must resist the buoyant uplift pressures generated by groundwater at ground level. For this basement the uplift pressure used for design should be 25kN/m2.

### 13.6 Basement Retaining Walls

The following parameters are recommended for design of retaining walls:

Made Ground: 1600kN/m2 Bulk Density, Effective Cohesion of 0kN/m2, 20 degrees Effective Angle of Friction.

<u>London Clay</u>: 2000kN/m2 Bulk Density, Effective Cohesion of 0kN/m2, 26 degrees Effective Angle of Friction.

Groundwater should be taken as ground level. The basement should be designed as water proofed and to accommodate groundwater pressures in line with BS 8102:2009.

### 13.7 Foundation Design

Foundations should be placed below the shrink and swell zone of the London Clay and in unweathered strata where a net allowable bearing pressure of 70 to 112kN/m² can be used for design.

### 13.8 Adjacent Structures

The development of the basement may impact on adjacent properties if mitigating measures and appropriate temporary and permanent design are not undertaken.

Care should be taken to design a retention system that maintains stability to all adjacent structures at all times during the works. It would be prudent to investigate the depth of foundations of the adjacent property before construction.

It would be prudent to undertake a structural condition survey of adjacent properties on both sides of No 231 before work commences.

The proposed basement will not lie within 5m of the pavement of Goldhurst Terrace. Lateral movements associated with the basement excavations must be controlled during temporary and permanent works so as not to impact adversely on the stability of any footpath or services.

### 13.9 Underground Concrete

Results of testing for the presence of pH and sulphates in the clay indicate an elevated level of sulphates due to the presence of selenite. The recommendations for design of underground concrete is ACEC class DS3-Ac-2s from Table C2 of BRE Special Digest 1 Part C (2005). This assumes a static water condition on natural strata.



### 13.10 Service Excavations

Shallow excavations for services and the like are unlikely to be stable in the made ground in the short or long term and may require battering. Excavations within the clay may be stable in the short term but not the long term. Some sump pumping may be required to keep the trenches dry.

### 13.11 Waste Disposal

Any spoil arising from excavations or landscaping works will need to be disposed of to a licensed tip. Under the European Waste Directive landfills are classified as accepting inert non-hazardous or hazardous wastes in accordance with the EU Waste Directive. Based on the technical guidance provided by the Environment Agency it is considered likely that the soil from this site, would be classified as INERT waste

The local waste regulation department of the Environment Agency (EA) should be contacted to obtain details of tips that are licensed to accept the soil represented by the test results. The tips will be able to provide costs for disposing of this material but may require Waste Acceptance Criteria Tests (WACS) testing.

### 13.12 Existing Tunnels

The proposed basement excavation will not be within the zone of influence of any of the London Underground (rail) tunnels shown on Figure 18 of Arup Report for London Borough of Camden "Guidance for Subterranean Development", 2010).

It is possible that other tunnels owned and maintained by other service providers may exist beneath the site that could be affected by the proposed excavation and construction works.

It will be necessary to undertake a full search of potential tunnels that may underlie the site. On the assumption that it is confirmed that the site is not within the "zone of influence" of any underlying tunnels then no further activities in this regard will be required (the zone of influence is normally defined as the strip of land present above a tunnel with boundaries defined from a line drawn at 45° from the invert level of the tunnel to the ground surface). Alternatively, it will be necessary to liaise with the tunnel owner and undertake further engineering analysis to determine the potential impacts that the proposed basements could have on the tunnel.

### 13.13 Recommendations

The development of the basement if unlikely to impact on groundwater, surface water or flooding, unlikely to impact on drainage or ground infiltration of rainwater.

It will be necessary to ensure that the basements are designed in accordance with the NHBC Standards and take due cognisance of the potential impacts highlighted above. This may be achieved by ensuring best practice engineering and design of the proposed scheme by competent persons and in full accordance with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations. This will include:



- Establishment of the likely ground movements arising from the temporary and permanent works and the mitigation of excessive movements;
- Assessment of the impact on any adjacent structures
- Determination of the most appropriate methods of construction of the proposed basements;
- Undertake pre-condition surveys of adjacent structures;
- Monitor any movements and pre-existing cracks during construction;
- Establishment of contingencies to deal with adverse performance;
- Ensuring quality of workmanship by competent persons.

Full details of the suitable engineering design of the scheme in addition to an appropriate construction method statement are presented in Appendix E.

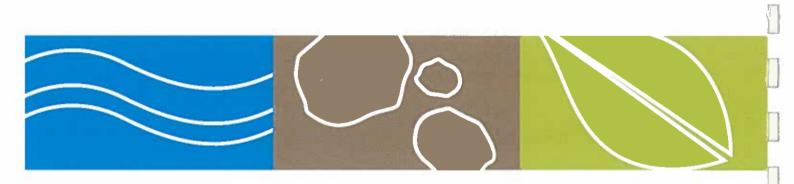
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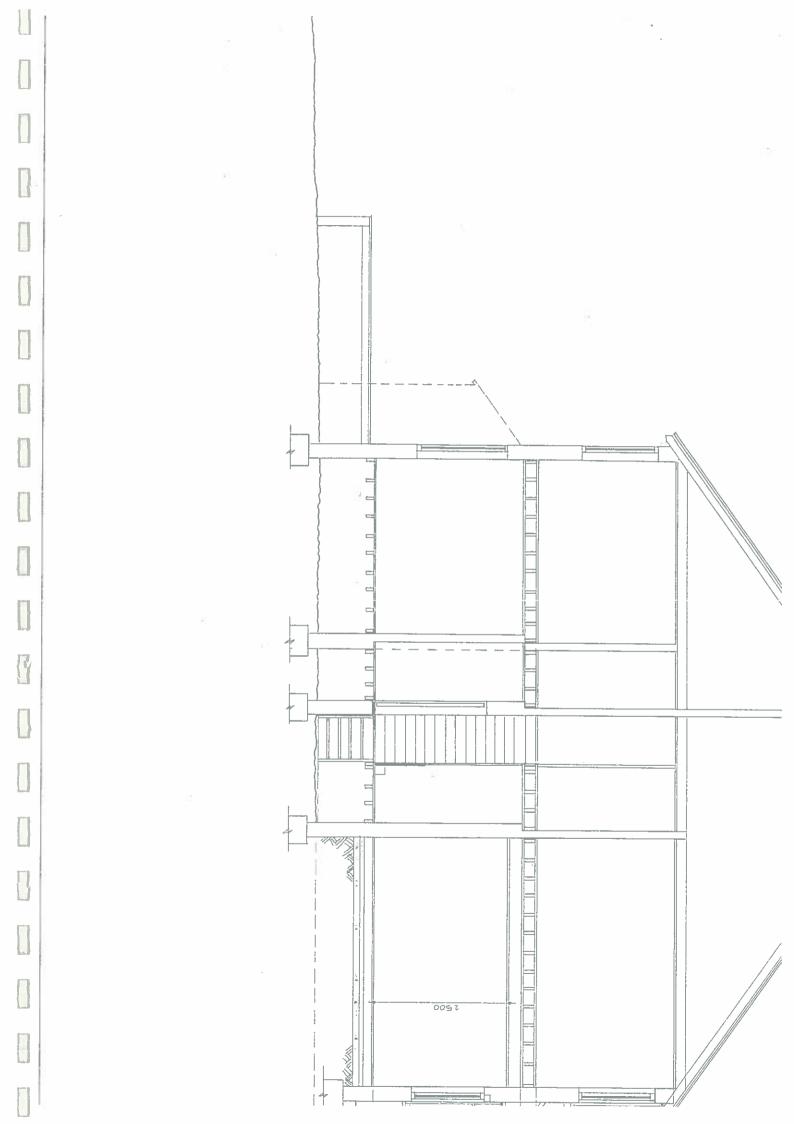
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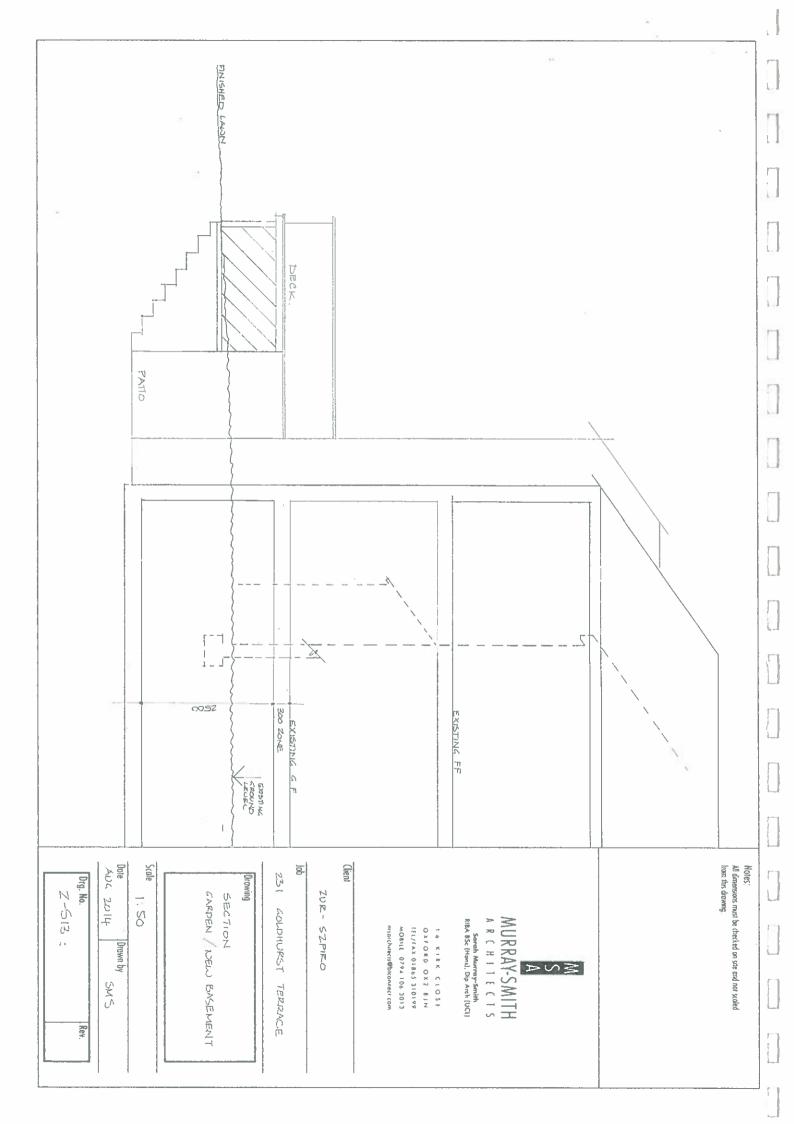
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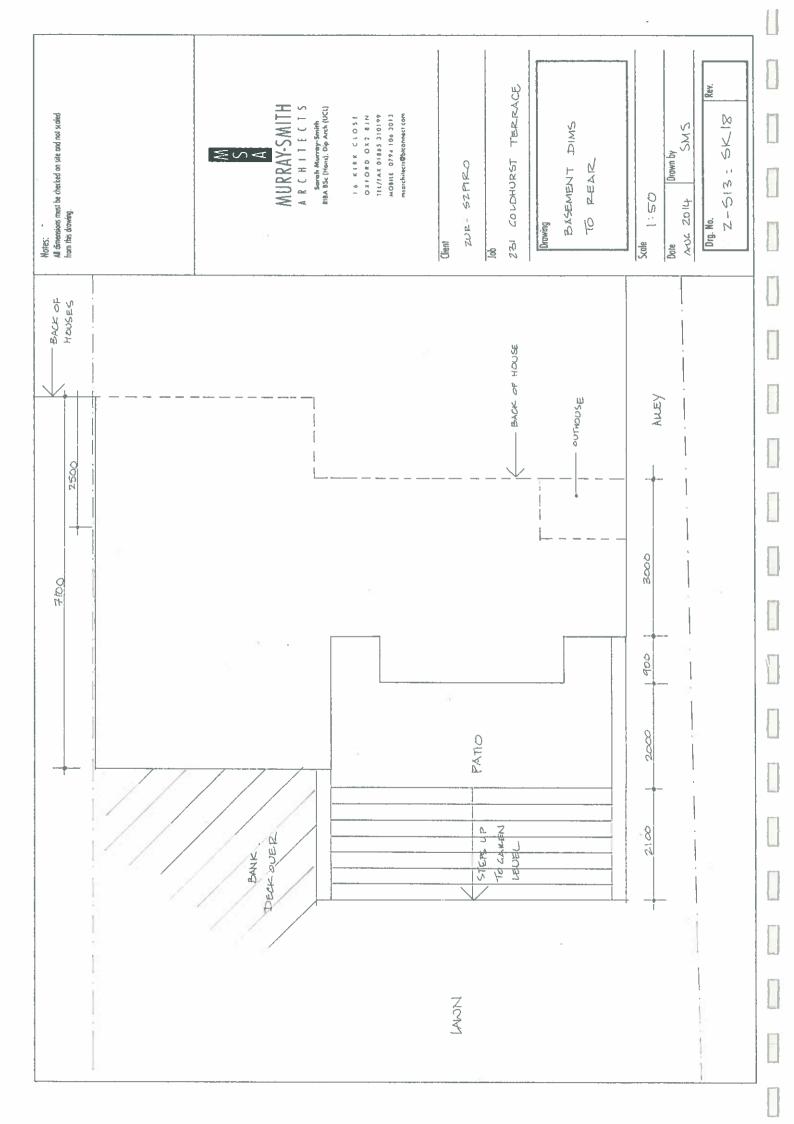
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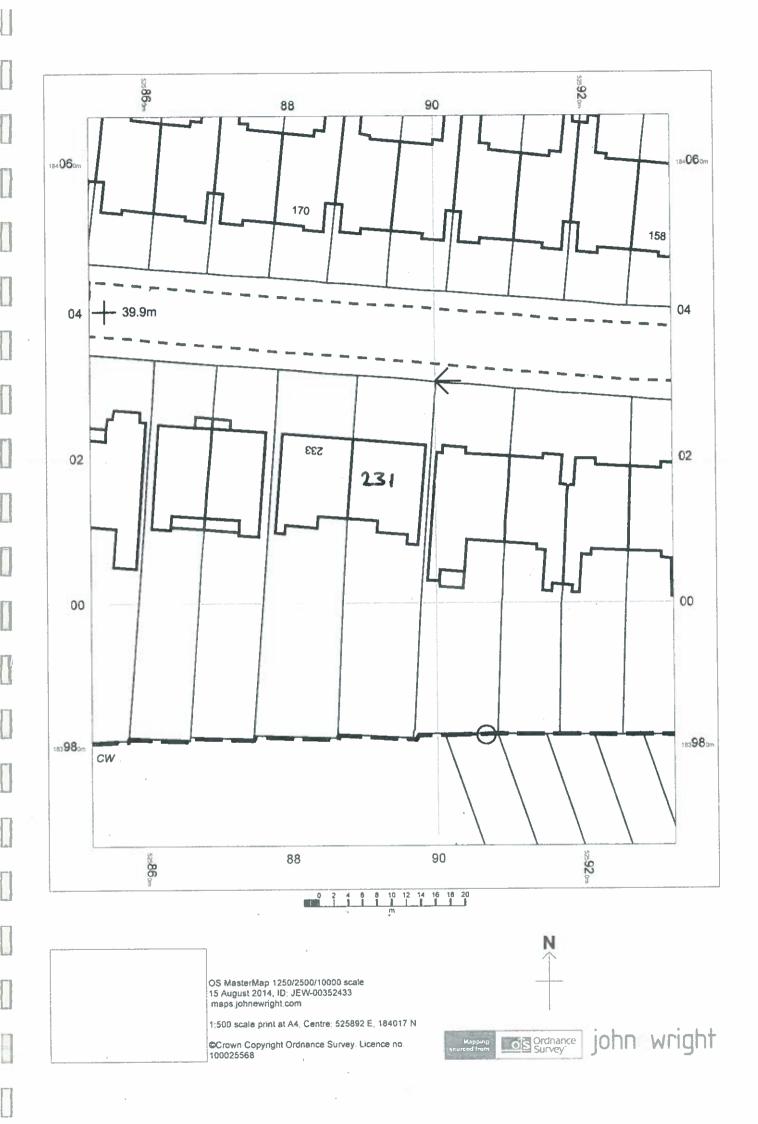




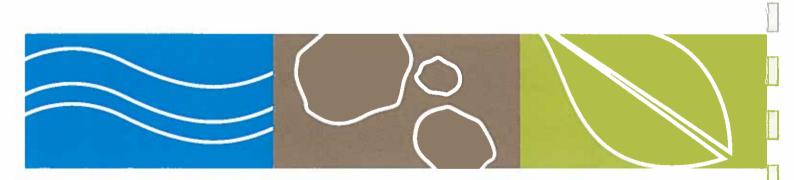






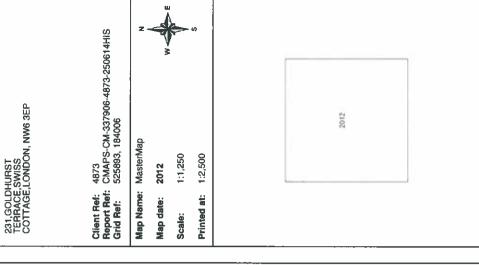


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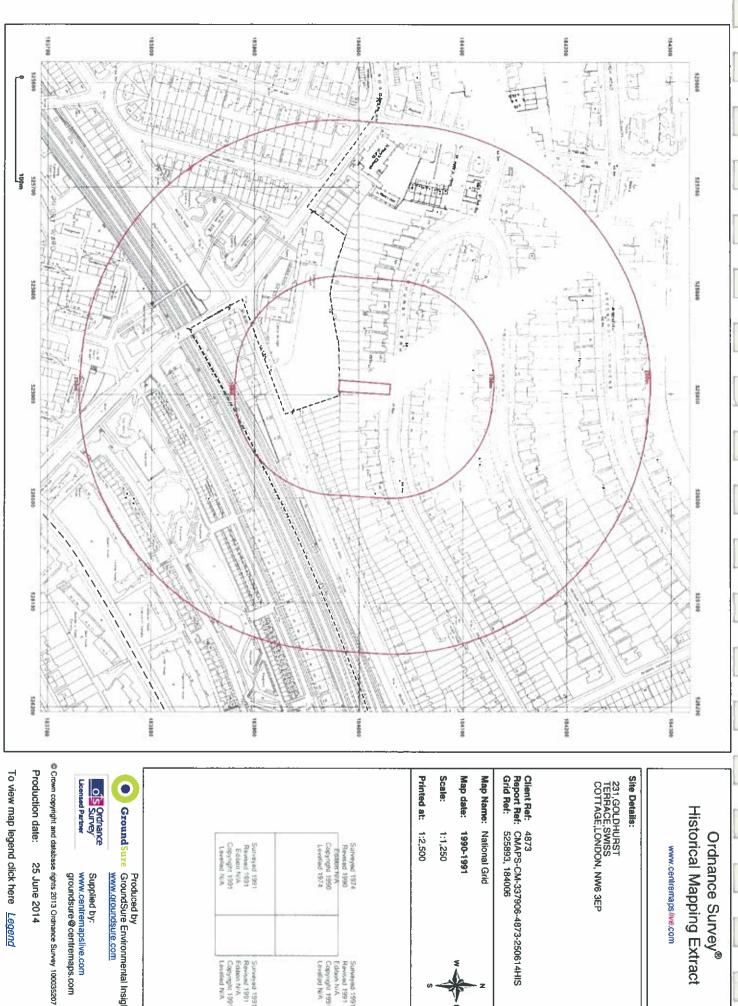
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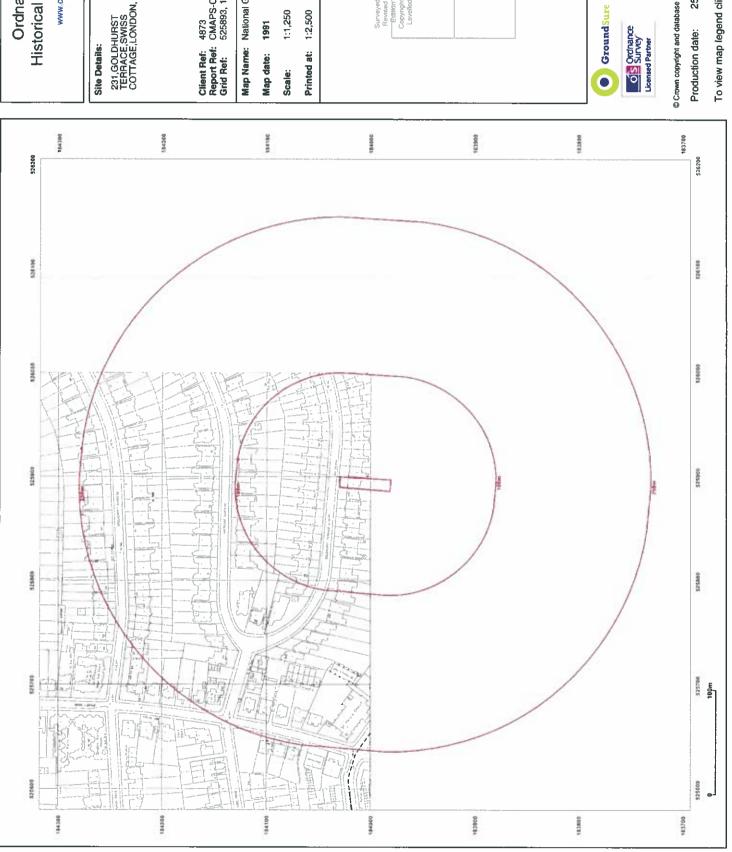
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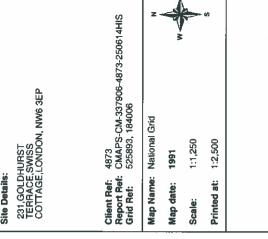
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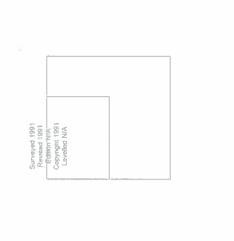
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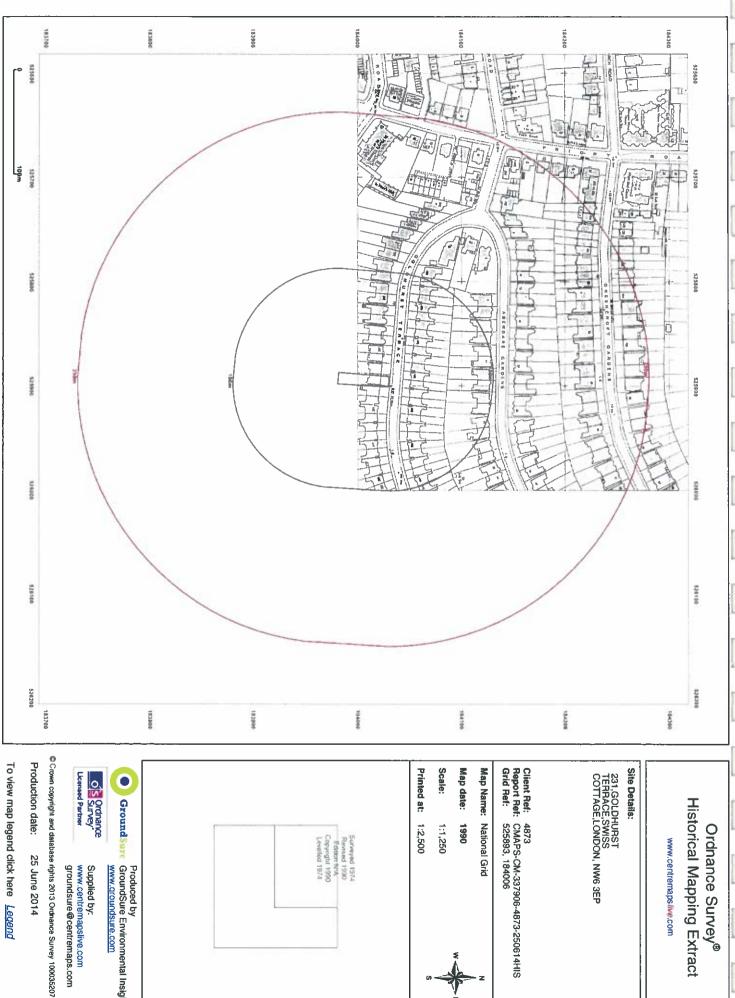


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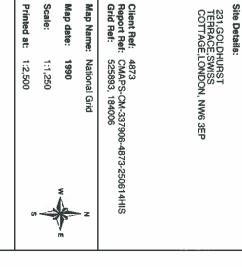
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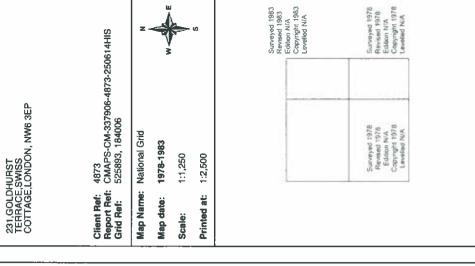
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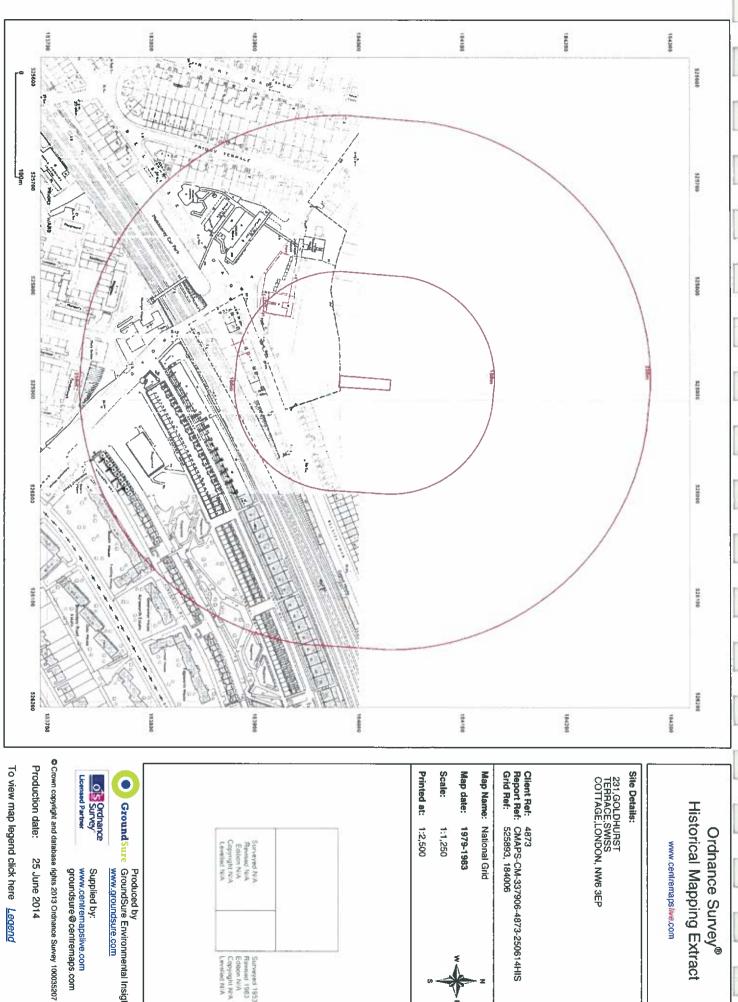


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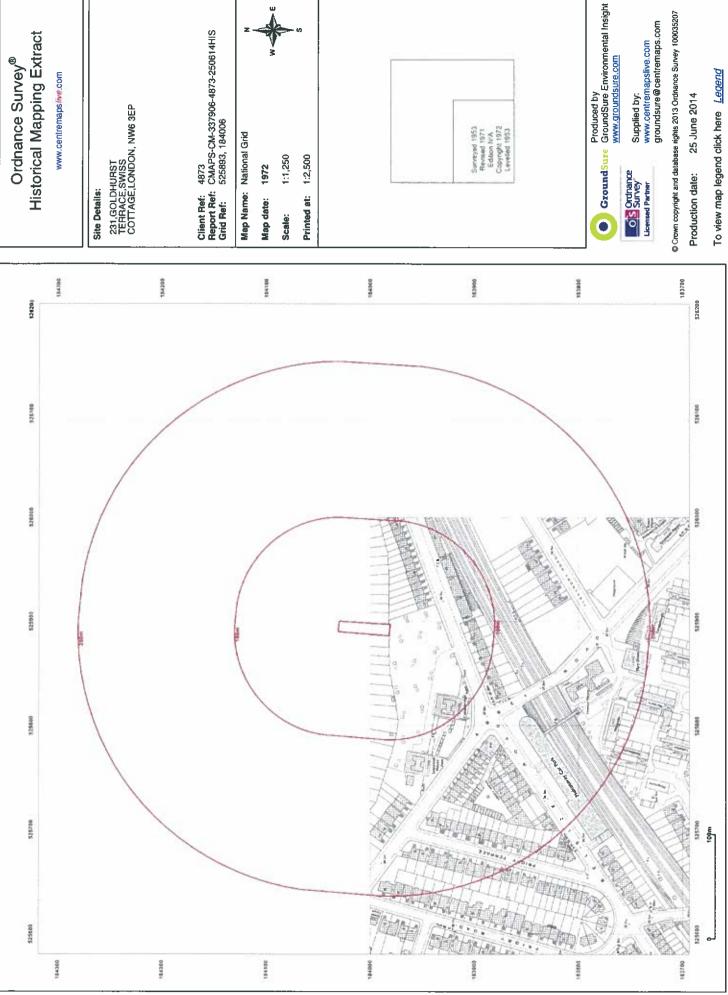
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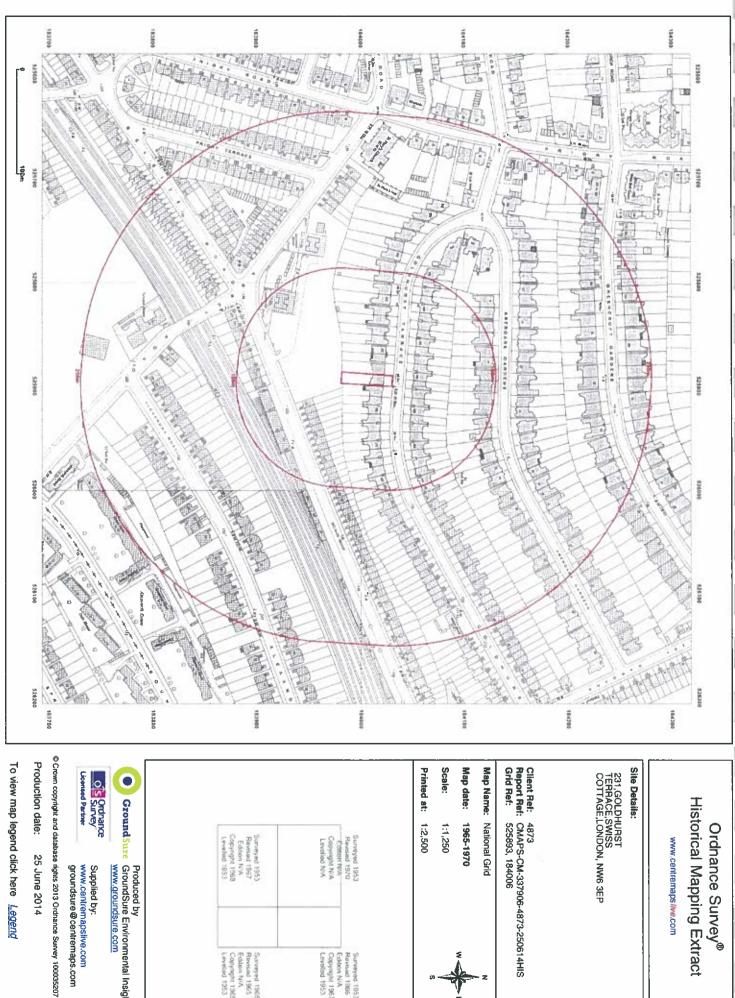
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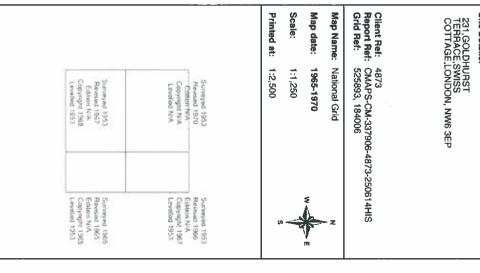
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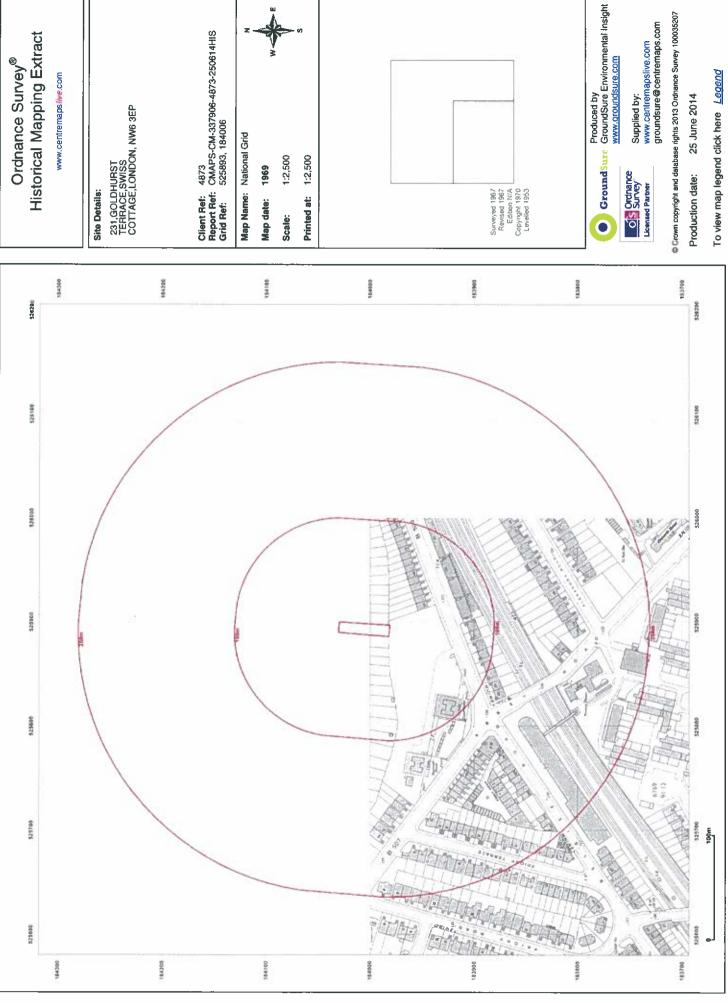
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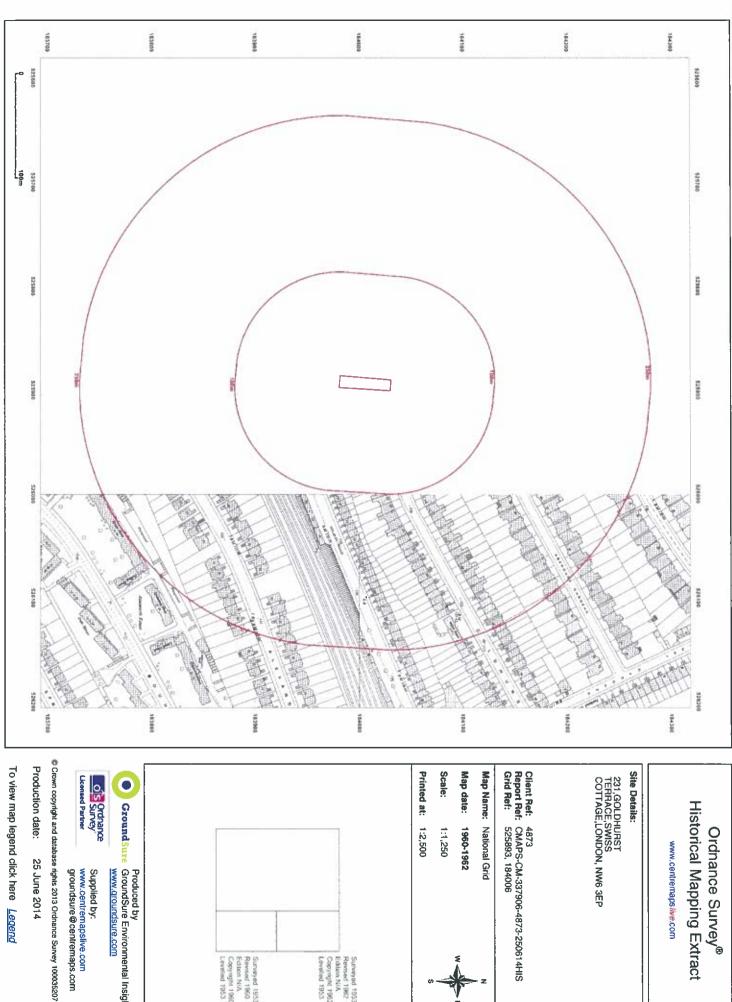
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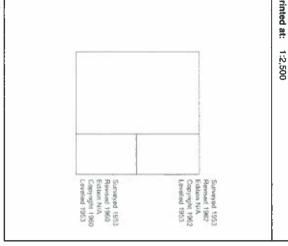
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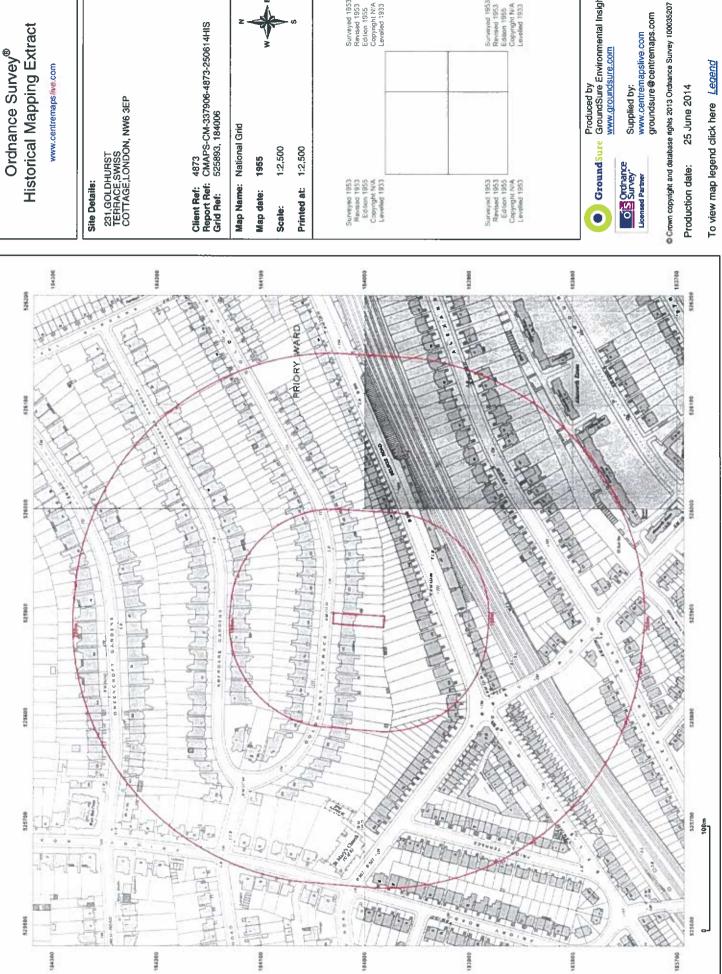




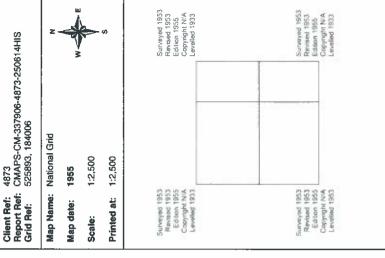
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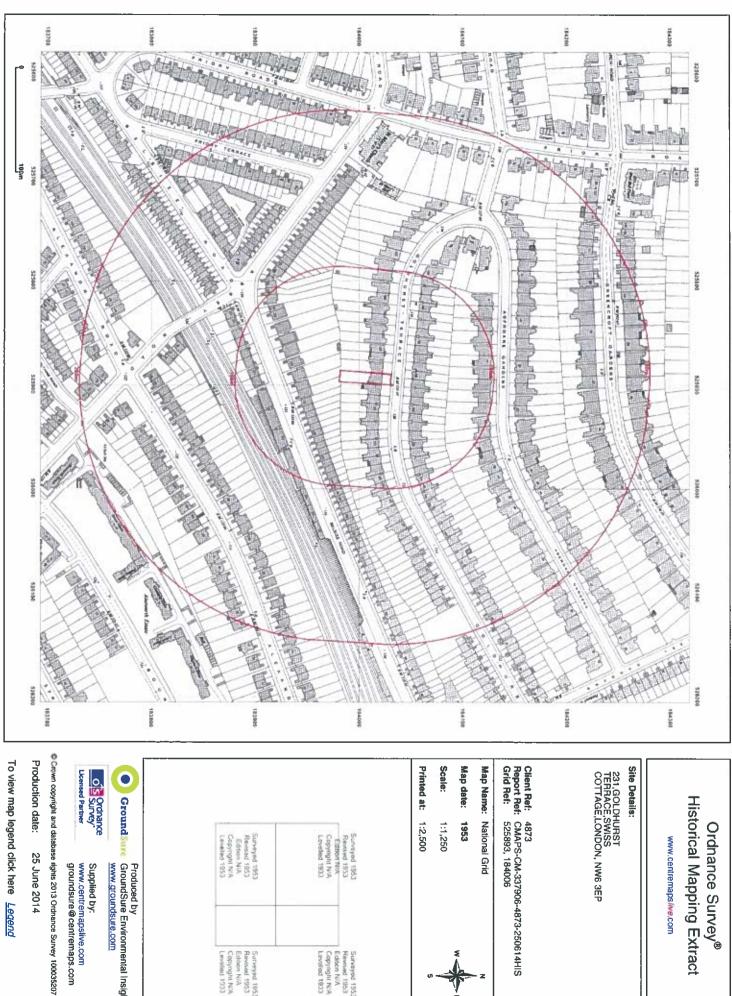
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