

3 December 2014

Mrs Rachel English  
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Our Ref: IH/P2955

Dear Rachel

**RE: 9-11 MANSFIELD ROAD LONDON NW3 2JD - REF 2014/1495/P**

Further to receipt of the Stark Associates report dated 25 November 2014, we have reviewed the comments in respect of our Independent Review of the Basement Impact Assessment for the above project.

Our responses to these comments are given in the enclosed table, reference P2955/REP02.

In general terms, we would note: -

- Our independent review follows the headings given in section 8.1 of Camden Geological, Hydrogeological and Hydrological Study, Guidance for Subterranean Development (CGHHS), as prepared by Arup. The areas of assessment are set out in clause 318 of this report, which defines what should be addressed in each section. From the comments made, the Stark Associates report seems to have misinterpreted what is being covered under each section. However we have addressed these comments under the relevant clauses, to avoid repetition.
- The Stark Associates Report has made several statements in respect of the scope of investigations and information provided within BIA which are not correct, and these incorrect assertions are highlighted in the attached table.
- In preparing our independent review, we rigorously considered the applicable planning guidance. We also drew on our experience in preparing over 20 Basement Impact Assessments for projects within the London Borough of Camden, all of which have obtained approval. As a practice we also have significant experience of successful basement construction. We also drew on GEA's significant local experience and specialist geotechnical expertise.

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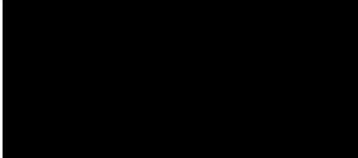
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I trust this assists, but should you require any additional information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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