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Dear Sirs

### 26 LOWER MERTON RISE, NW3 3SP – DISCHARGE OF PLANNING CONDITION 6 (2013/70472/P)

CampbellReith was instructed by the London Borough of Camden (LBC), to carry out a review of 26 Merton Rise: Basement Impact Assessment Additional Works (Ref: 62274.00.01R2, July 2017) by ESI Limited to confirm whether sufficient assessment had been undertaken to discharge Planning Condition 6 (planning reference 2014/7042/P):

*No development shall take place until details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority in relation to the final design and construction of the basement including further tests and monitoring of groundwater, as recommended in paragraph 5.2 of the approved Basement Impact Assessment (ref 62274R1 dated January 2015 by ESI Ltd), to mitigate any potential negative impact to groundwater flow. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.*

The works undertaken by ESI Limited included: accessing and purging the existing on-site groundwater monitoring wells (2no) followed by monitoring of the water levels for a four hour period; groundwater monitoring on two further occasions.

The underlying natural strata, identified from approximately 1.2m below ground level (bgl) in a previous phase of site investigation, is the London Clay Formation, which is designated Unproductive Stata by the Environment Agency. The rising head tests undertaken indicate a very limited recharge rate and low permeability of the London Clay. The report notes that silty or sandy partings within the London Clay may be water-bearing but are not hydraulically connected to an aquifer, which is consistent with published data and accepted.

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The assessment concludes that the proposed development is not expected to have any impact on groundwater levels or flow. This is accepted and it is considered that Condition 6 has been discharged.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of **CAMPBELL REITH HILL LLP**