DETAILED BASEMENT CONSTRUCTION PLAN TECHNICAL MEETING



MINUTES OF MEETING

Project	Pears Building
Date	Tuesday - 02.05.2017
Time	10:00 – 12:00hrs
Meeting Ref.	Basement – Technical Meeting
Location	ASquared Offices – 1 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7XW

Present			
Dr Michael de Freitas (MdF)	First Steps Ltd		
Michael Eldred (ME)	Eldred Geotechnics Ltd		
Ian Stephenson (IS)	Stephenson Davenport Structural Associates Limited (SDStructures)		
Gareth Harper (GH)	Campbell Reith		
Phill Cracknell (PC)	Willmott Dixon - Construction		
Roy Conway (RC)	Willmott Dixon - Construction		
Stuart Wagstaff (SW)	Soil Consultants (SC)		
Tony Suckling (TS)	ASquared		
Angelo Fasano (AF)	ASquared		
Najib Sheeka (NS)	Heyne Tillet Steel (HTS)		
Apologies			
None			

Previous Minutes

Comment to be added to item 14 : SW mentioned that Soil Consultants didn't find evidence of slip planes in the boreholes on Hamsptead Green, to which Mdf stated these things were not planes as such but undulating sub-horizontal surfaces and there were likely to be many of them, none very extensive.

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	MEETING DISCUSSION		
1	AF & TS demonstrated their model on screen identifying a number of	Neto	
	various thickness's of stratum with their corresponding properties	Note	
	namely:		
	- Their undrained strength (KPa) – all undisturbed London Clay 90+7z		
	 Their unit weight – all generally 20(kN/m³) 		
	- Their permeability, k (m/s)		
	NOTE: This information can be found within Tables 4.2 & 4.3 of		
	ASquare's (A ²) Ground Movements Assessment Report.		
	It was also stated that conducting Standard Penetration Tests (SPT)		
	provided good information on the geotechnical engineering	Note	
	properties of the soil but so also did taking undisturbed samples.		
2	Reference was also made that the upper 2m comprised of made	Nete	
	ground over laid on 1m of head deposits on top of various sub layers	Note	
	of London Clay. Such information was obtained from the ground		
	investigation which also indicated sloping surfaces to certain layers		
	of London Clay. With a 13° angle of shearing resistance used for of		
	the upper layers as agreed with LBH Wembley.		
3	In addition A ² demonstrated how the estimated 'conservative' loads	Note	
	(provided by HTS) associated with the church tower and school had		
	been incorporated into the model.		
	It was agreed that the actual configuration of the foundations and	Note	
	the actual loads should where possible be ascertained.		
	MdF suggested some research be carried out on other structures	υтс	
	designed by Teulon (namely St Mary's Parish Church Ealing W5 5RH)	1115	
	to assist in uncovering his basis of design.		
	There was also comment on the limited outstand / absence of		
	outstand of the church tower foundations in the TP's which highlights	WD	
	the need to undertake a verticality check of the tower and possibly	VVD	
	eccentric loadings of the foundations.		

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4	MdF drew attention to the ARUP Report dated June 1969 and in	- 2	
	particular the reference made to potential slip circles. It was	Až	
	emphasised that this should not be ignored in the re-modelling		
	exercise and should rotation exists this is a further complication that		
	needs to be taken into account. It was noted that ARUP were		
	particularly concerned with potential slip circles in a nort-south		
	direction i.e. not towards the church or school.		
5	Whilst it was acknowledged that to comply with the Section 106		
	Agreement, the use of conservative figures should be adopted, it		
	was agreed that more realistic view ie (Serviceability Limit State	Note	
	(SLS)) figures should be taken into consideration.		
	In this regard: it was agreed that before re-running the model joint		
	agreement should be sought from all parties incl. Camden.	A ² /RFC	
6	MdE stated that we need to be confident that the model is providing		
	us with a factual account of what is actually occurring underground	A ²	
	and where possible such should be tested by proving on site		
7	The layout showing the proposed additional site investigations was		
	tabled (convisitached) and MdE requested the reasoning behind		
	each of the horeholes he added	Note	
	Soil Consultants to review the layout and add such information	SC	08.05.17
8	SW stated that the key objective of undertaking further ground		
U U	investigation was to uncover the following:		
	a) Further information in closer proximity to the church		
	b) Gain a better understanding of groundwater levels and flow)) Noto	
	natterns) Note	
	c) Evidence of deep slips	Ś	
9	MdE clarified that BH202 was being suggested by him to assist in		
,	detecting the depth of the existing church tower foundations	Note	
	In this regard he proposed contact he made with a Goophysicist to		
	ascortain what is foosible in terms of detection	SC	08.05.17
	Note: KE Contechnical Papert dated 6 th Son'06 indicates a foundation		
	dopth of 1.02m on trial nit Nr 16. Eurthor opquiries to be made thro	SC	08.05.17
	KE to validate findings		
10	MdE stated ho was under the impression that 'a dam' was built		
10	behind the crypt wall to allow construction of the tower diverting	Note	
	water around the sides of the church		
11	To measure both groundwater levels and the presence of deep slips		
	SW explained that a number of 20m bereholes (in 5 No.) were to be		
	surk incorporating inclingmentors and pigzometers (albeit BH203 will		
	probably need to be changed to 5m deep due to the provimity of the	Note	
	London Underground) and BH207 to possibly be moved further east		
12	Site Investigation Depart MdE stated once the additional		
. =	investigation works has been carried out we need to explain in a	SC	
	coherent way what has been found		
13	TS stated that the intent was to produce more detailed slices from	L	
	the new model and carryout a number of (what ifs)	Note	
	Δ^2 are to provide a proposal of what they intend to show at a further	- 0	
	meeting prior to the next iteration of the model being run	A ²	
	It was also stated that the model geological boundaries would be		
	extended further North and West		
14	Mdf questioned how the model responded to reinfall furthermore it		
	was recommended contact be made with a specialist in Hampstood	Note	
	Heath to obtain historic recordings. IS to provide contact details	15	08 05 17
	reach to obtain historic recordings. To to provide contact details.	10	30.00.17

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15	It was also commented that it would be worthy to investigate the presence of a drain/culvert running beneath the Royal Free Hospital.	WD	12.05.17
16	 In conclusion; it was agreed that focus should be made on the following actions: a) Undertake addition on site ground investigations; gather data and share findings, including exploring depth and configuration of church tower foundations. b) Discuss with Camden/Campbell Reith the need to adopt more realistic parameters and/or SLS figures. 	SC TS/SW/ NS/PC	
	c) Ensure model is truly reflecting actual underground conditions and where possible test and prove on site.	TS	
17	It was agreed that the next Technical Meeting would be held 16 th May'17 at Willmott Dixon's Offices in Islington (details below), principally to agree the revised Site Investigation Layout and the various responses to the number of questions raised.	Note	

Date and Time of Next Meeting			
Date: 16 th May'17	Time: 10:00am	Location: 44A Pentonville Road, London N1 9HF	

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