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REPORT ON STRUCTURE

FOR

BASEMENT CONSTRUCTION

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1.0 GENERAL INTRODUCTION.

This report has been commissioned by Norton Mayfield Architects in support of a planning application for the refurbishment and extension of an existing building and the construction of three new houses. The existing building has a lower ground floor and the three new houses will each have a basement under part of the building footprint.

A key part of the planning application to Camden Council is a requirement to address key issues about the affect the basement could have on the site and surrounding sites/buildings to ensure the work can be carried out safely and that movement caused by the construction method can be kept to a minimum.

The reports on hydrology/hydrogeology and the soil investigation were commissioned by the Architect, Norton Mayfield Architects before our appointment was confirmed. We have summarised the findings of the two reports in section 3.0.

This report addresses a specific request from Camden Council for information relating to the sequence of construction, methodology and some key design items such as retaining walls.

For the proposals we have worked from the drawings submitted by Norton Mayfield Architects for planning consent.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

From the results of the investigations, the reports covering soil conditions and hydrology/hydrogeology, an assessment of the existing buildings on the site and consideration of adjoining buildings, a construction methodology has been developed. This is set out later in this report. We have shown that by careful planning and execution of the construction work and employing a sufficiently stiff bracing system during the formation of the basement a means of forming the basement without the risk of significant lateral movements is both possible and practical. We also conclude the construction of the stability of surrounding buildings.

3.0 SUMMARY OF SOIL AND HYDROLOGY/HYDROGEOLOGY.

Two reports were commissioned during the Spring of 2019, these being:

- Surface and Ground Water by Stantec UK Ltd dated May 2019.
- Land Stability and Site Investigation by Key GS Ltd dated April 2019.

3.1 Surface and Ground Water by Stantec UK Ltd.

This report looked at and commented upon the likely presence of water on or nearby the site and the site investigation by Key GS Ltd was planned around queries highlighted by a scoping and screening exercise.

The findings of the report are that the likelihood of a flood on site from rivers, reservoirs or ground water are low. The excavation depth will be in the clay strata which is relatively impermeable and it is not likely to reach a level where ground water ingress will occur. If water is encountered it is likely to be in isolated lenses of sandy soil or from fissures in the clay.

SUDs is covered in the screening table of the report.

3.2 Land Stability and Site Investigation by Key GS Ltd.

This report covers the results of three window sample holes within the site and one trial pit on the eastern boundary.

The window sample holes don't have a measured ground level given with the results but they appear to be at approximately the same level as the proposed ground floor of the new houses. The conditions found can be summarised as 0.5 to 0.9m of made ground above London clay.

The shortest window sample hole was 1.0m and the deepest 5.45m

Two boreholes were dry and a third one (WS02) showed a water level of 3.23m below ground level. The water was drained and it returned slowly, suggesting a pocket of inflow.

The trial pit alongside the adjoining building at 24-26 Holmes Road shows a brick wall constructed off a concrete strip foundation. The underside of the concrete foundation is approximately 900mm below ground level bearing onto London clay and the concrete is approximately 400mm thick. A section through the foundation shows concrete projecting beyond the face of the wall.

A movement assessment suggests there will not be movement that would be detrimental to the adjoining properties and the damage assessment according to CIRIA C580 Table 2.5 (after Burland, 1995), will be Category 1, or very slight.

3.3 Further work recommended by Stantec Report.

Recommendations made within the report include further monitoring of the water level in WS02 to reach a conclusion about the possibility of water flowing into the excavation during the work.

We do not propose to comment further on the scope of the investigations as both reports are included with the planning application and are therefore available to be read in full.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSALS.

The existing building dates from the Victorian era and is formed with timber floors and roof and solid brick external walls, including retaining walls to the lower ground floor. The internal walls are likely to be timber studwork. The building is predominantly unaltered apart form a new two-storey rear addition, to give additional accommodation in the lower ground and ground floors. One of the new houses is to directly connect to the existing building, requiring underpinning along the flank wall.

All three new houses will have timber floors, a timber roof and masonry walls with some parts cavity construction and a visible brick outer leaf, and some parts clad in zinc. We would expect the ground floor to be concrete construction along with the basement walls.

All basements to the new houses will have a piled perimeter. Investigations have shown groundwater is not likely to be found during the excavation, or where encountered, mostly from sandy lenses and fissures in the clay. In this case contiguous piles will be adequate to form the basement walls, exclude water from the excavation and, when used in conjunction with a concrete lining wall and tanking (to details by a specialist), to give a sufficiently waterproof barrier for residential accommodation.

General existing site levels are reduced in the proposed scheme and it is likely that most of the party walls will need to be underpinned to allow this to happen.

The existing level in Regis Road and the proposed ground floor level of the two houses at that end of the site differ by approximately 2.2m, meaning the need for a retaining wall alongside Regis Road.

To brace the walls of the basement and to help prevent long-term lateral ground movement we recommend the ground floor of the houses is formed in concrete and all the house foundations are piled.

We have shown the principles of our scheme for the foundation and ground floor design in **Appendix 1** on sketches 19088/SK1 to SK4. We have developed a sequence of construction from the sketches.

5.0 SEQUENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

Appendix 2 shows a sequence of construction for the site from the existing arrangement to completion of the basement on sketches SQ1 to SQ6:

Key issues in the design will be water, retaining of the boundary with Regis Road, and the sequence of piling and propping to prevent lateral movement up to the point where the sub-structure is complete and the boundaries fully supported.

5.1 Water

The water level given in the site investigation initial results was 3.25m below ground level at the location of the Window Sample WS2. We estimate this relates to an existing ground level of approximately 35.2m. We also estimate the underside of the basement excavation equate to a level of 31.35m, some 3.85m below ground level. The site investigation went on to say a rising head test showed the likelihood of localised areas of more permeable soil.

It is likely that any perched water, if encountered, or sandy lenses bearing water may be present in the bottom 500mm of the excavation but it is not described as being evidence of a significant inflow of water.

The construction of a sump and use of pumps with filters, to avoid a loss of fines in the soil, may be needed and are considered adequate prevention measures for the described conditions.

5.2 Retaining wall along Regis Road

The design of the retaining wall will need to consider soil, water and traffic loads. We note that Howdens, the Builders Merchant in Regis Road is likely to give rise to regular significant vehicle loads that will need to be taken itno account.

5.1 Piling

The excavation for the main basement areas is likely to be approximately 3.4m deep and contiguous piles will be adequate to support the load encountered from the soil, site traffic and pressure from the foundation of adjoining buildings. A conservative estimate of water pressure will also be used in the design to cover site water conditions but also, for example, for the unlikely event of a burst water main.

6.0 DESIGN:

Calculations are attached in **Appendix 3** for typical basement wall design, typical prop loads for the excavation, retaining wall along the boundary with Regis Road.

7.0 QUALIFICATIONS

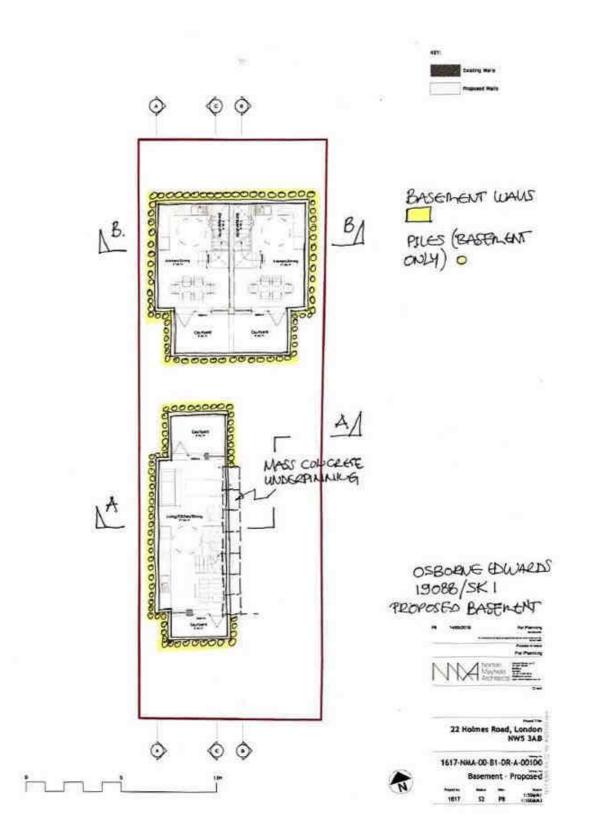
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APPENDIX 1

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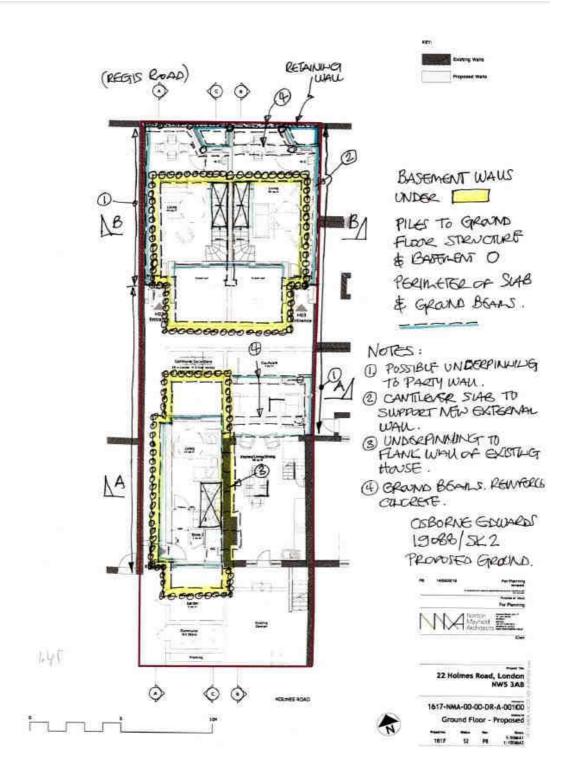
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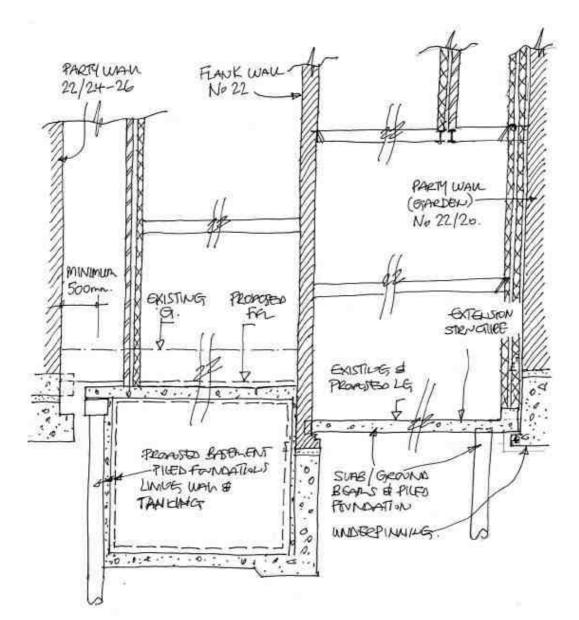
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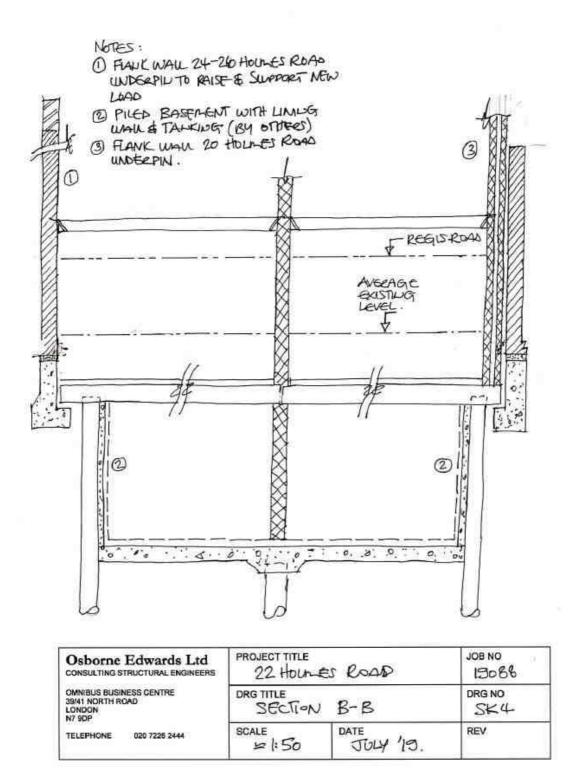
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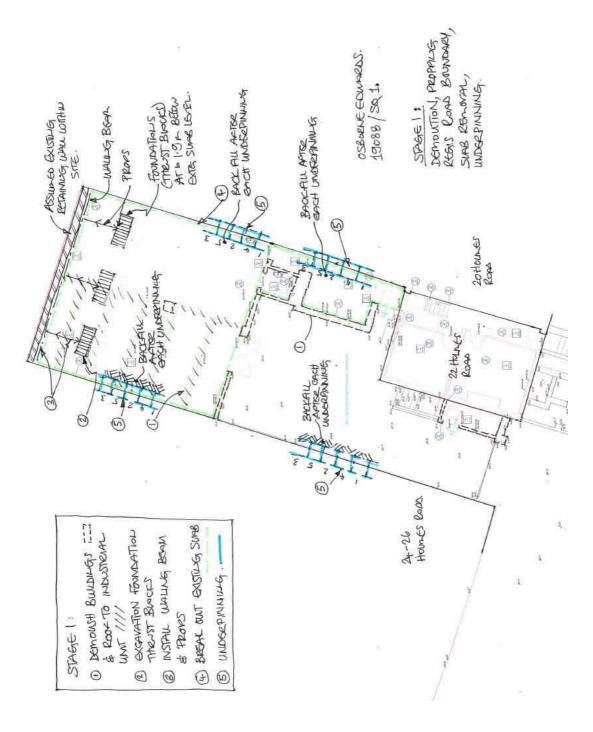
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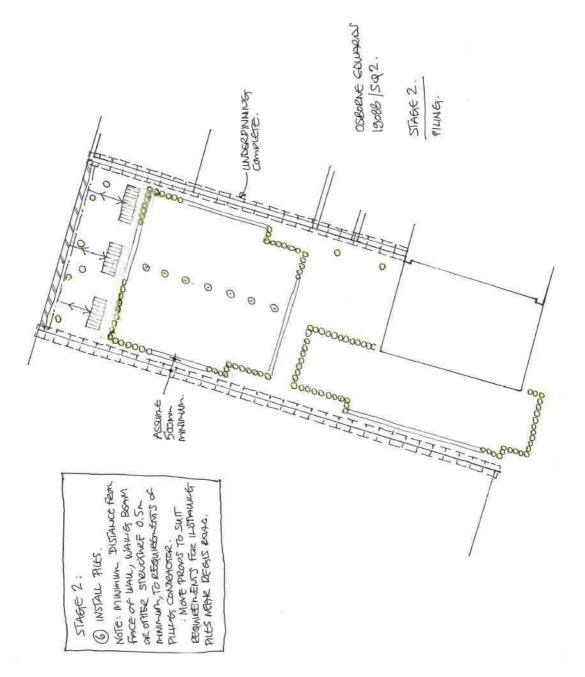
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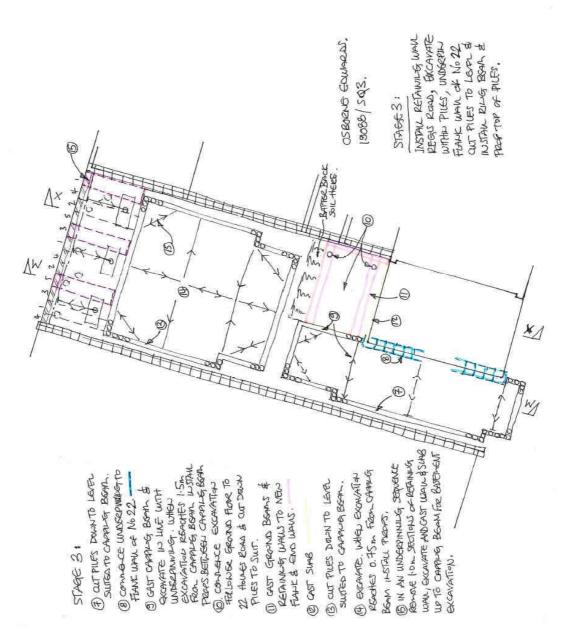
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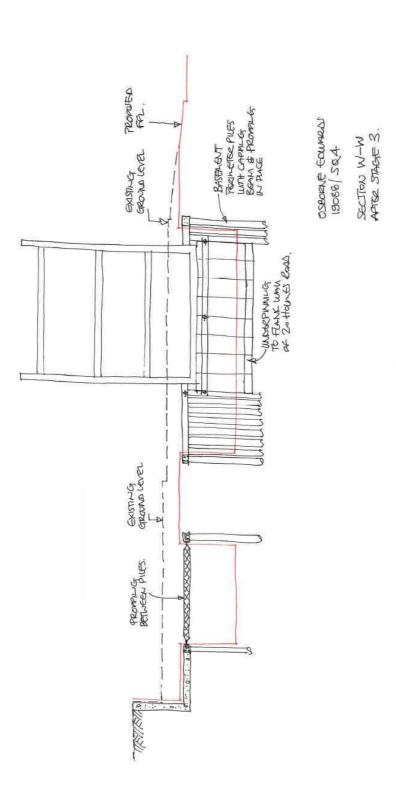
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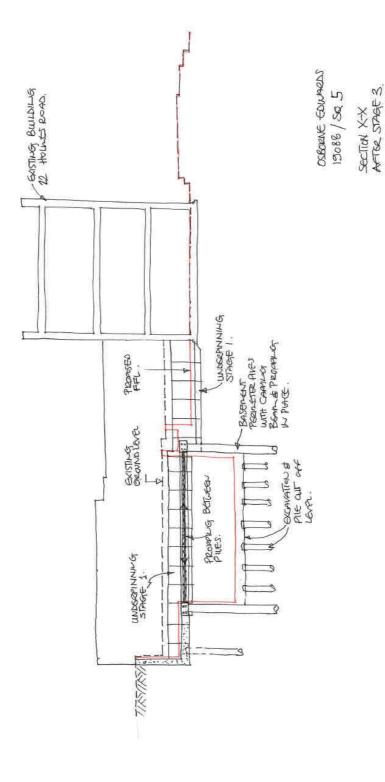
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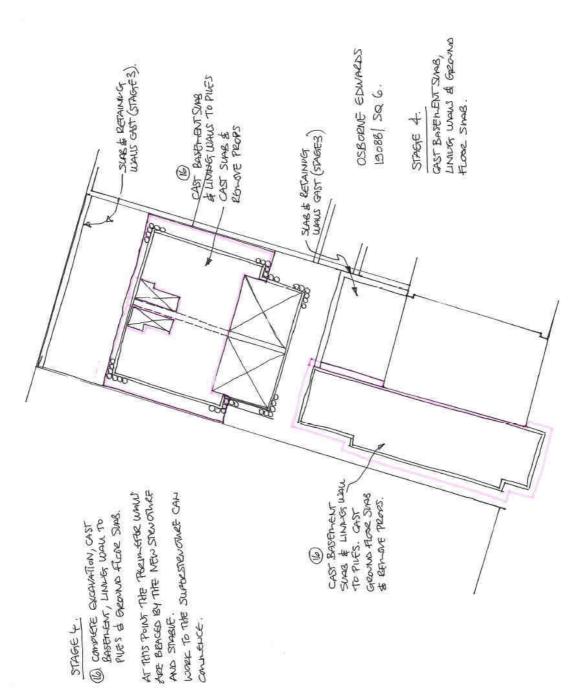
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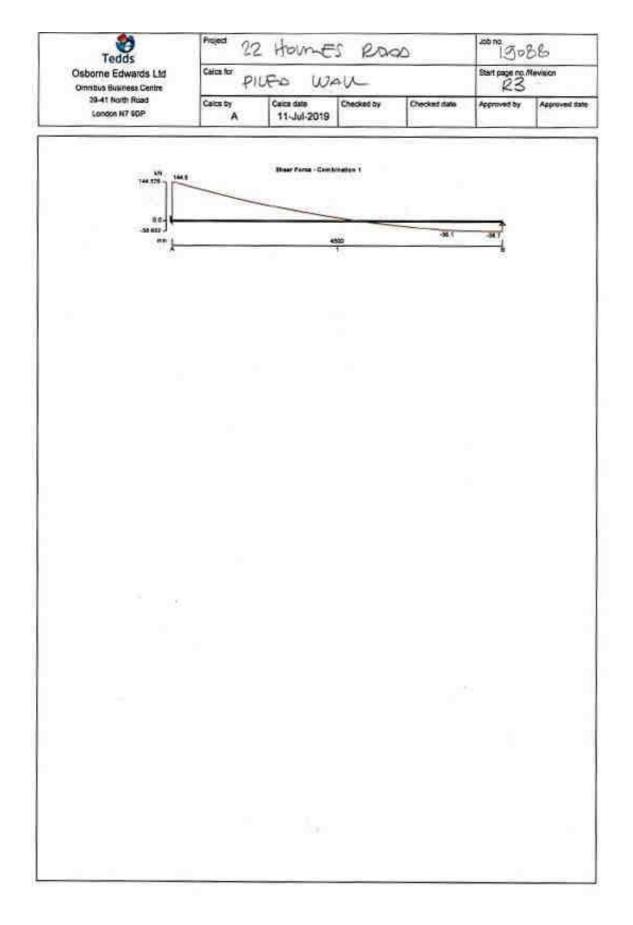
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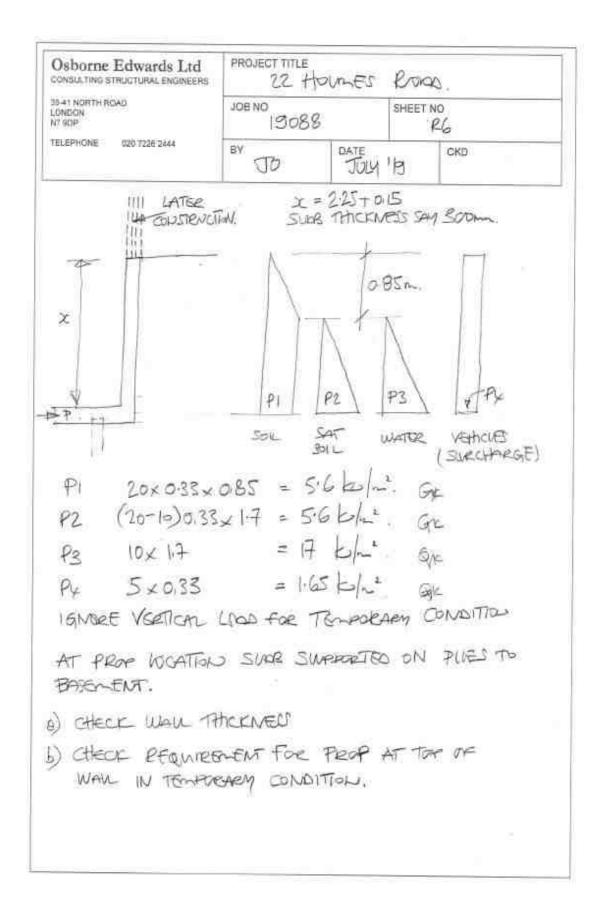
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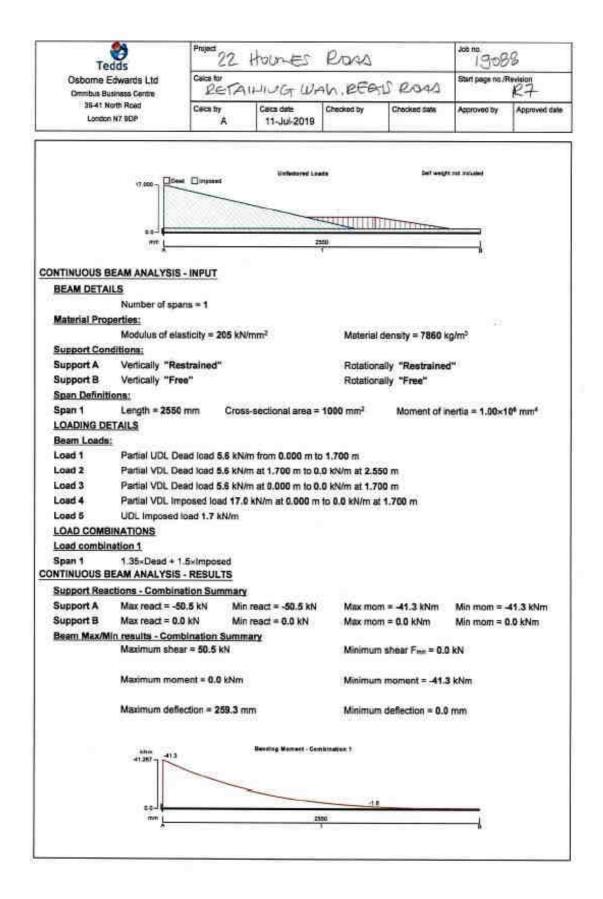
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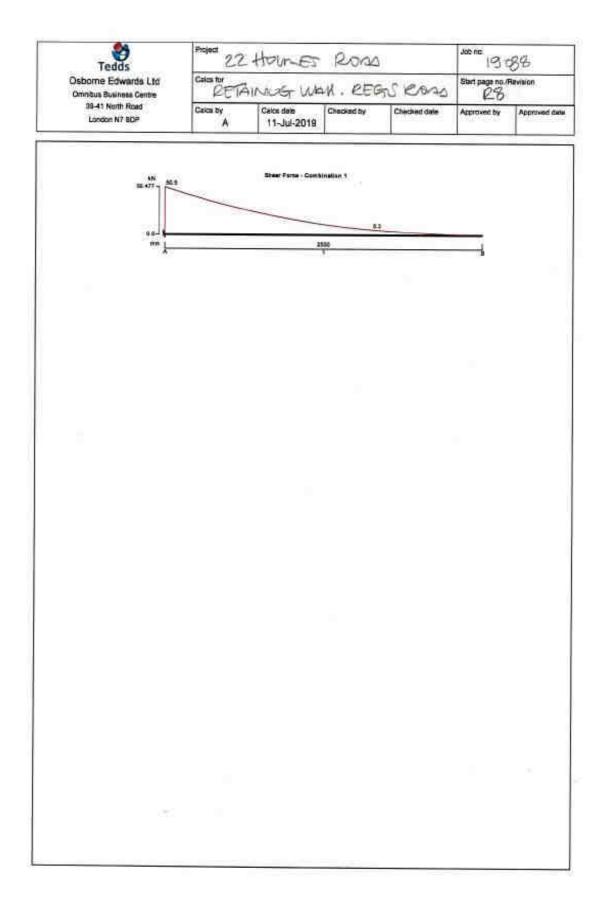
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