## **BASEMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**49 BELSIZE LANE, HAMPSTEAD** 

FOR

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## 1. SUMMARY

The site location is at 49 Belsize Lane, Hampstead NW3 5AU.

The site is occupied by a two-storey house (about 9m wide, 11.6m long) that is located to the front of property's curtilage with a garden to the rear. The house contains an existing partial single basement inset from the front façade and Party Wall to no. 47a Belsize Lane.

The proposed development comprises deepening the existing basement and extending it into the rear garden by about 4.5m. The roof of the basement extension will be at ground floor level and will therefore extend significantly above the rear garden ground level. The area of the proposed basement extension will be about  $31m^2$  and will occupy the current garden space. The roof of the basement will comprise a tiled terrace. The excavation for the basement will be about 2.5m below existing ground level and be constructed using reinforced concrete retaining walls and a raft foundation. The existing basement will be deepened using conventional concrete underpins. Proposed works plans are included in Appendix B.

The following assessments are presented in this report:

- Desk Study;
- Screening;
- Scoping;
- Site investigation;
- Ground movement/Damage category assessment; and
- Summary and impact assessment.

A conceptual ground model for the site is summarised as follows:

- Excavation Depth Approximately 2.5m below ground level;
- Site Topography Relatively flat at 70mOD;
- Surface Water Bodies None within 500m;
- Flood Risk Low from flooding and very low from surface water;
- Ground Conditions
  - Made Ground from 0 to 1.1m below ground level;
  - $\,\circ\,\,$  Firm Weathered London Clay Formation from 1.1m to 5.8m below ground level; and



- Stiff Unweathered London Clay Formation below 5.8m depth.
- Aquifer None 'Unproductive' stratum (London Clay Formation); and
- Groundwater Groundwater level of 0.99mbgl.

The main conclusions from the screening and scoping assessment are as follows:

- Slope stability issues within the London Clay Formation will be highly unlikely to impact the site or surrounding area due to the relatively level ground profile;
- Some trees are due to be felled, and the roots of another tree will be affected as part of construction. In the rear garden the proposed works include: 1 x False Acacia (T1) Fell to ground level, 1 x Sycamore (T3) Prune encroaching roots to allow repair / deepening of foundations of garden wall, and 1 x Portuguese laurel (T4) Fell to ground level. Approval for this work has been granted by the London Borough of Camden. The affect of tree root removal on ground heave will need to be considered if tree removal is carried out close to construction;
- The site is on the London Clay Formation that has a high-volume change potential and will be prone to shrinkage/swelling. The proposed basement will extend to below the recorded groundwater table, although the long-term groundwater profile at the site has not been assessed. Therefore, heave as a result of tree roots will need to be considered. Heave as a result of net unloading from the basement excavation is expected to occur in the order of 15kN/m<sup>2</sup> that could result in heave of around 3mm;
- The site is not located above an aquifer however a measured groundwater level of 0.99m below ground level in a monitoring standpipe indicates the proposed basement will extend below the groundwater table. The strata above and immediately below founding level (London Clay Formation) are expected to have a low permeability and this combined with the low topographic profile would likely create minimal groundwater flow at the level of the proposed basement. Therefore, it is considered unlikely that the basement would cause any significant adverse impact on groundwater flows. Groundwater level monitoring readings should be taken during the detailed design period and prior to construction;
- Construction of the new basement will reduce the proportion of the existing soft landscaped garden area and increase the proportion of hardstanding resulting in the generation of surface water run-off. The control of surface water will be via new drainage. There is an existing terrace which drains into the ground that will be improved with a soakaway for the top of the terrace;



- Construction of the basement will result in lowering of the foundations compared to adjacent sites by a net value of about 2m and excavation of the basement will result in some ground movements. The effect of this has been reviewed in ground movement and damage category assessments. Contour plots of displacement in response to the changes in vertical pressure caused by the excavation and construction of the proposed basement are included. Based upon the maximum displacements predicted by PDISP analyses, Damage Category Assessments were undertaken for the worst-case scenarios in the adjoining properties and these combined with the ground movements alongside the basement in response to the lateral stress release are as predicted by Figure 6.15b of the CIRIA publication C760;
- In the assessed cases, the nearest walls of 47a Belsize Lane are classified as Category 1 'slight' and the nearest walls on 51 Belsize Lane is Category 0 'Negligible' (as given in CIRIA SP200). The damage category results have been plotted graphically in Figure 4. No further Damage Category Assessments have been carried out as other structures in the vicinity are further away and/or have a similar founding depth to the proposed basement and therefore considered lower risk. Therefore, all other walls are considered to be classified as Category 0 'negligible'. The above assessment assumes the use of best practice construction methods to ensure that the ground movements are kept in line with the above predictions. If the appropriate mitigation measures and monitoring strategies are applied, and transitional underpinning adopted, then the damage category 1 or less. Pre-construction condition surveys of neighbouring properties are also recommended, and a system of monitoring adjoining and adjacent structures should be established before the works start.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

## 2.1 General introduction

This report presents a Basement Impact Assessment (BIA), Ground Movement Assessment (GMA) and Damage Category Assessment (DCA) for a proposed basement development at 49 Belsize Lane, Hampstead ('the site'). The site is located at post code NW3 5AU within the London Borough of Camden as shown on Figure A1.

This report has been carried at the request of Ensoul Ltd acting on behalf of the house owner, Mr Nikos Panigirtzoglou.

This BIA has been produced specifically to meet the requirements of London Borough of Camden (LBC), including Planning Guidance - Basements (Camden Planning Guidance CPG, March 2018) - and the Local Plan (A5 Basements, July 2017). The report structure follows guidance for BIAs set out in the Camden Borough CPG4 (2015). The CPG4 requires desk study, screening and scoping stages, a site investigation and interpretation and ground movement assessment, and impact assessment.

The BIA evaluates the geological, hydrogeological and hydrological conditions and assess the potential detrimental ground stability, groundwater and surface water impacts the proposed development may have on the surrounding area and neighbouring properties.

Attention is drawn to the fact that whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data supplied and any analysis derived from it, there is a potential for variations in ground and groundwater conditions between and beyond the specific locations investigated. No liability can be accepted for any such variations. Furthermore, any recommendations are specific to the client's requirements as detailed herein and no liability will be accepted should these be used by third parties without prior consultation with CET Structures Limited.

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## 2.3 Sources of Information

The following baseline data have been referenced to complete the BIA in relation to the proposed development:

- Site walkover conducted during a ground investigation in December 2018;
- Current/historical mapping contained in an Envirocheck report;
- The site's geological setting is based on the British Geological Survey (BGS) Geological Map Sheet 256 (North London 1: 50,000 scale solid and drift, 2006), the BGS digital geology maps that utilises most up to date names of geological units (<u>www.bgs.ac.uk/data</u>) and the Geology of London Memoir (Ellison et al., 2004);
- Online flood risk mapping by the Environment Agency;
- LB Camden, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (produced by URS, 2014);
- LB Camden, Planning Guidance (CPG) Basements (March 2018);
- LB Camden, Camden Geological, Hydrogeological and Hydrological Study Guidance for Subterranean Development GHHS (produced by Arup, 2010); and
- LB Camden, Local Plan Policy A5 Basements (2017).

#### 2.4 Existing site location and layout

The subject site is located at 49 Belsize Lane (NW3 5AU) at approximate Ordnance Survey grid reference TQ268848 (see Figure A1).

The property comprises an existing two-storey house that is about 9m wide by 12m long. It is of brick construction with a plaster finish and shares party walls with 47a Belsize Lane to the northeast and 51 Belsize Lane to the southwest. The neighbouring properties comprise similar sized brick built houses.

The house is located on the northeast (front) half of the property's curtilage and the rear southwest half of the property comprises a garden with shrubs and trees. According to sketches provided by Ensoul the house contains an existing partial single basement inset from the front façade and Party Wall to no. 47a Belsize Lane.

## 2.5 Topography

The topographic map contained in the GHHS and an online topographic map source (<u>http://en-gb.topographic-map.com</u>) shows that the general area of the site is located on at about 70mAOD. The general area slopes downwards from northwest to southeast away from Hampstead Heath. However, the site is essentially level with no significant slopes noted as shown on Figure A3.

## 2.6 Proposed development

The proposed development comprises deepening the existing basement and extending it into the rear garden by about 4.5m. The roof of the basement extension will be at ground floor level and will therefore extend above the rear garden ground level.

The size of the proposed basement extension is about 4.5m deep by 6.8m wide (31m<sup>2</sup>). The garden area is 8.8m deep by 11.5m (101m<sup>2</sup>) so the new basement will take up about 30% of the existing garden space.

The depth of the existing house is 9m and the basement (4.5m) will be roughly 50% of the depth of the house.

The depth of the existing garden is about 9m so the basement will extend about 50% into the depth of the garden.

The existing house floor area is 105m<sup>2</sup> so the proposed basement will be less than 1.5 times the area of the house.

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The top of the basement will comprise a hard-tiled surface with rainwater run-off so there will be reduction in surface area of the existing garden by about  $31m^2$ . New drainage is proposed to accommodate the increase in run-off generated by the terrace. In addition, there is an existing terrace adjoining the rear of the dwelling beside the proposed basement and drainage from this existing terrace will also be improved.

There is a sycamore tree in the garden of the house to the northeast. There is also a small tree next to the house on the boundary, which will need to be removed. An arboricultural report has been carried out to assess the impact of the proposed works on the trees.

The proposed finished floor level of the basement will be set at about 2.3m below existing ground level of the garden and an excavation depth of 2.5m, including an allowance for construction of the floor slab has been assumed. The perimeter walls will comprise reinforced concrete (RC) retaining walls and the basement structure will have a raft foundation.

In preparing this report the existing and proposed drawings provided by Elite Designers are included in Appendix B.

## 2.7 Neighbouring properties and structures

The subject property is located on the southeast side of Belsize Lane and is attached to 47a Belsize Lane to the northeast and 51 Belsize Lane to the southwest. The boundaries between the subject site and the neighbouring properties comprise party walls and the front and rear walls are in line with that of 49 Belsize Lane. Both neighbouring properties comprise similar two-storied houses of brick construction that are located on the front half of the properties. The rear of these properties also contains gardens. It is not known if the neighbouring properties also contain basements.

The nearest underground rail tunnel to the site is the Network Rail Belsize rail tunnel that is located about 140m north of the site as shown on Figure A2.



## 3. DESK STUDY

Information in this section has been obtained from the sources outlined in Section 2.3. The background information has been used to undertake a screening and assessment of potential basement impacts.

## 3.1 Site History

Historical maps have been obtained for the area and are presented in the Envirocheck Report in Appendix C. Notable developments are detailed below:

- 1871 to 1880: The earliest map available displayed the property footprint and dwelling in place. The neighbouring property to the southeast was also present. On the opposite side of Belsize Lane to the northwest was undeveloped land labelled as Belsize Farm. A rail tunnel was shown about 200m north of the site and a ventilation shaft was shown within Belsize Farm;
- 1896: There was no change to the site. The area to the northwest (formerly Belsize Farm) was heavily developed with housing; and
- 1920 to Present: There was little obvious change to the property and surroundings.

## 3.2 Geology

Publications of the British Geological Survey (BGS) indicate that the site is underlain by the London Clay Formation without any superficial deposits. The Claygate Member is shown on the BGS geological map about 200m to the northwest of the site. The online BGS geological map extract displaying the geology is presented in Figure A4.

Two deep BGS boreholes located approximately 400m to the southwest of the site were available for review. The locations of the boreholes are presented on Figure A4, and depths of geology and groundwater levels are summarised in Table 3-1.

Borehole Reference	Drill Date (Depth)	Geology	Geological Unit	Depth From (m bgl)	Depth To (m bgl)	Groundwater Level
TQ28SE2335	March	Grey mottled orange brown slightly gravelly slightly sandy CLAY	Made Ground	0	3.0	Not
	(30m)	Stiff brown slightly sandy clay	London Clay Formation (weathered)	3.0	10.1	Encountered
		Stiff to very stiff dark grey clay	London Clay Formation	10.1	30.0+	

#### Table 3-1: BGS borehole data



Borehole Reference	Drill Date (Depth)	Geology	Geological Unit	Depth From (m bgl)	Depth To (m bgl)	Groundwater Level
TQ285E2336	March	Grey mottled orange brown slightly gravelly slightly sandy CLAY	Made Ground	0	1.2	Seepage
	(30m)	Stiff brown slightly sandy clay	London Clay Formation (weathered)	1.2	7.6	12.1mbgl
		Stiff to very stiff dark grey clay	London Clay Formation	7.6	30.0+	

The borehole records in Table 3-1 show a typical sequence of Made Ground overlying the Weathered London Clay Formation before encountering unweathered London Clay Formation. These boreholes are located about 400m to the south west of the site but the geology at the site is not expected to vary significantly. The actual ground conditions have been assessed by a site specific ground investigation and are discussed later in this report.

## 3.3 Hydrogeology

Groundwater information obtained from the BGS boreholes in Table 3-1 recorded either dry conditions or a deep seepage.

Hydrogeological information provided by the GHHS and Envirocheck report is summarised below:-

- Aquifer Category (as defined by the Environment Agency) No Superficial Deposits aquifer present. The bedrock aquifer designation is Unproductive (non-aquifer); rock layers or drift deposits with low permeability that have negligible significance for water supply or river base flow;
- Nearest groundwater abstraction licence None within 500m;
- Source Protection Zone (SPZ) None present at the site. Zone II Outer source protection zone about 241m south of the site;
- Groundwater vulnerability and soil leaching potential None (non-aquifer); and
- Groundwater flooding susceptibility None within 200m of the site.

## 3.4 Hydrology

Hydrological information provided by the Envirocheck report and GHHS is summarised below:-

- Surface water features None within 600m (nearest is 578m to the south);
- Surface water abstraction licences None within 500m;



- River and coastal Zone 2 or 3 flooding Site is not on a Zone 2 or 3 floodplain and none are identified within 500m;
- Risk of flooding from rivers or seas Very low;
- **Risk of flooding from surface water** No risk from 1:30 and 1:100 year event. Some risk on the site from 1:1000 year event;
- Flood defences None identified within 250m; and
- Flood storage areas None within 250m.

The book 'The Lost Rivers of London' (Barton, 1992) does not identify any former tributaries on the site, but tributaries are shown roughly 300m west and 400m east of the site (Figure A5).

## 3.5 Flooding

The flood risk from rivers and seas from the Environment Agency flood map for planning service is shown on Figure A6 that shows a low risk.

The URS 2014 LBC strategic flood risk assessment report identified the following risk ratings:-

- Very low risk for surface water (<1: 1000 years) and low flood hazard for 1: 1000 year event;
- No surface water bodies (open of culverted) near the site;
- No risk from internal sewer flooding (on the margin of Zone NW 3 4 that is 1 property affected); and
- Risk of 1 property affected from external sewer flooding (Zone NW 3 5).

## 3.6 Site conditions summary

A conceptual site model for the site has been developed using the information obtained from the desk study and site investigation for use during the Scoping and Impact Assessment stages.

The conceptual site model can be summarised as follows:-

- Excavation Depth Approximately 2.5m below ground level;
- Site Topography Relatively flat at 70mOD;
- Surface Water Bodies None within 500m;



- Flood Risk Low from flooding and very low from surface water;
- Ground Conditions
  - $\circ~$  Made Ground from 0 to 1.1m below ground level; and
  - $\,\circ\,\,$  London Clay Formation below 1.1m below ground level.
- Aquifer None 'Unproductive' stratum (London Clay Formation); and
- **Groundwater** Groundwater flow expected to be shallow slow seepage.



## 4. SCREENING

Screening has been carried out using the criteria outlined in CPG4 to identify any matters of concern relating to slope stability, groundwater flow and surface water flow/flooding that should be carried forward to the Scoping stage. The screening process uses the background site information provided in Section 2 and Section 3 of this report to complete flow charts provided in CPG4. The flow charts are reproduced in the tables below. Items requiring scoping, investigation and impact assessment are highlighted in yellow and are addressed in subsequent sections of this report.

## 4.1 Slope Stability

The slope stability screening flowchart from CPG4 is displayed in Table 4-1.

Slope stability screening chart				
<ol> <li>Does the existing site include slopes, natural or manmade, greater than 7 degrees? (approx. 1 in 8)</li> </ol>	No. The site is relatively flat at approximately 70mOD with no sloping land above 7 degrees to the horizontal.			
<ol> <li>Will the proposed re-profiling of landscaping at site change slopes at the property boundary to more than 7 degrees? (approx. 1 in 8)</li> </ol>	No. No re-profiling is planned.			
<ol> <li>Does the development neighbouring land, including railway cuttings and the like, with a slope greater than 7 degrees? (approx. 1 in 8)</li> </ol>	No. The surrounding area slopes at less than 7 degrees.			
<ul> <li>4. Is the site within a wider hillside setting in which the general slope is greater than 7 degrees? (approx. 1 in 8)</li> </ul>	No. The surrounding area slopes at less than 7 degrees.			
5. Is the London Clay the shallowest strata at the site?	Yes. The geological maps do not show any superficial deposits at the site. This should be assessed by a site investigation.			
6. Will any trees be felled as part of the proposed development and/or are any works proposed within any tree protection zones where trees are to be retained?	Yes. In the rear garden the proposed works include: 1 x False Acacia (T1) - Fell to ground level, 1 x Sycamore (T3) - Prune encroaching roots to allow repair / deepening of foundations of garden wall, and 1 x Portuguese laurel (T4) - Fell to ground level. Approval for this work has been granted by the London Borough of Camden.			
7. Is there a history of seasonal shrink- swell subsidence in the local area, and/or evidence of such effects at site?	The Envirocheck Report indicates a 'moderate' shrink-swell hazard rating. No evidence of shrink-swell subsidence has been provided.			
8. Is the site within 100m of a watercourse or a potential spring line?	No. There are no watercourses or spring lines have been identified within 100m of the site.			

## Table 4-1: Screening – Slope Stability



Slope stability screening chart			
9. Is the site within an area of	No. There is no evidence of any previously worked ground on the site.		
previously worked ground?			
10. Is the site within an aquifer? If so,	No. The Envirocheck report and GHHS indicates the site is not located		
will the proposed basement extend	on an aquifer.		
beneath the water table such that			
dewatering may be required during			
construction?			
11. Is the site within 50m of the	No.		
Hampstead Heath Ponds			
12. Is the site within 5m of a highway or	No. The proposed excavation is beyond 5m from the pedestrian right		
pedestrian right of way?	of way.		
13. Will the proposed basement	Yes. Following review of available information, the neighbouring		
significantly increase the differential	properties are likely to be set on shallow foundations at ground floor		
depth of foundations relative to	level and the proposed basement will extend to 2.5m below the		
neighbouring properties?	current ground level.		
14. Is the site over (or within the	No. The nearest railway tunnel is 140m to the north of the site.		
exclusion zone of) any tunnels, e.g.			
railway lines?			

## 4.2 Subterranean (Groundwater) Flow

The subterranean (groundwater) flow screening flowchart from CPG4 is displayed in Table 4-2.

Subterranean (groundwater) flow screening chart				
<ol> <li>a) Is the site located directly above an aquifer?</li> </ol>	No. The Envirocheck report and GHHS indicates the site is not located on an aquifer. This is due to the site being underlain by the London Clay Formation that is Unproductive strata.			
b) Will the proposed basement extend beneath the water table surface?	Unknown. The data available from the historical boreholes is insufficient to make an accurate estimate of groundwater level. A site investigation is required to assess groundwater levels.			
<ol> <li>Is the site within 100m of a watercourse, well (used/disused) or potential spring line?</li> </ol>	No.			
3. Is the site within the catchment of the pond chains on Hampstead Heath?	No.			
4. Will the proposed basement development result in a change in the proportion of hard surfaced/paved external areas?	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the basement.			
5. As part of the site drainage, will more surface water (e.g. rainfall and runoff) than at present be discharged	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and an area of about $31m^2$ will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the basement that will generate surface water.			

## Table 4-2: Screening – Subterranean (groundwater) Flow



to the ground (e.g. via soakaways and/or SUDS)?	
6. Is the lowest point of the proposed	No. There are no ponds or spring lines identified in the vicinity of the
excavation (allowing for any drainage	site.
and foundation space under the	
basement floor) close to, or lower	
than, the mean water level in any	
local pond or spring line?	

## 4.3 Surface Flow and Flooding

The surface flow and flooding screening flowchart from CPG4 is displayed in Table 4-3.

Surface flow and flooding screening chart		
1. Is the site within the catchment of	No.	
the pond chains on Hampstead		
Heath?		
2. As part of the proposed site	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and	
drainage, will surface water flows	an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the	
(e.g. volume of rainfall and peak run-	basement that will generate surface water.	
off) be materially changed from the		
existing route?		
3. Will the proposed basement	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and	
development result in a change in the	an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the	
proportion of hard surfaced / paved	basement.	
external areas?		
4. Will the proposed basement result in	No. There are no nearby watercourses.	
changes to the profile of the inflows		
(instantaneous and long term) of		
surface water being received by		
adjacent properties or downstream		
watercourses?		
5. Will the proposed basement result in	No. There are no nearby water courses.	
changes to the quality of surface		
water being received by adjacent		
properties or downstream		
watercourses?		
6. Is the site in an area identified to	No. The site is in an area of low flood risk and there are no nearby	
have surface water flood risk or is it	water courses.	
at risk from flooding, for example		
because the proposed basement is		
below the static water level of nearby		
surface water feature?		

## Table 4-3: Screening – Surface Flow and Flooding



## 4.4 Screening Non-Technical summary

The following items have been identified from the screening stage as requiring assessment:

## Slope stability:

CPG 4 Query	Explanation
5. Is the London Clay the shallowest	Yes. The geological maps do not show any superficial deposits at the
strata at the site?	site. This should be assessed by a site investigation.
6. Will any trees be felled as part of the	Yes. In the rear garden the proposed works include: $1 \times False$ Acacia
proposed development and/or are	(11) - Feir to ground level, 1 x Sycamore (13) - Frune encroaching roots
any works proposed within any tree	to allow repair / deepening of foundations of garden wall, and 1 x
protection zones where trees are to	Portuguese laurel (14) - Fell to ground level.
be retained?	Approval for this work has been granted by the London Borough of
	Camden.
7. Is there a history of seasonal shrink-	The Envirocheck Report indicates a 'moderate' shrink-swell hazard
swell subsidence in the local area,	rating. No evidence of shrink-swell subsidence has been provided.
and/or evidence of such effects at	
site?	
13. Will the proposed basement	Yes. Following review of available information, the neighbouring
significantly increase the differential	properties are likely to be set on shallow foundations at ground floor
depth of foundations relative to	level and the proposed basement will extend to 2.5m current ground
neighbouring properties?	level.

## Sub surface groundwater flow

CPG 4 Query	Explanation		
1b) Will the proposed basement	Unknown. The data available from the historical boreholes is		
extend beneath the water table	insufficient to make an accurate estimate of groundwater level. A site		
surface?	investigation is required to assess groundwater levels.		
4. Will the proposed basement	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden		
development result in a change in the	and an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above		
proportion of hard surfaced / paved	the basement.		
external areas?			
5. As part of the site drainage, will more	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden		
surface water (e.g. rainfall and	and an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above		
runoff) than at present be discharged	the basement that will generate surface water.		
to the ground (e.g. via soakaways			
and/or SUDS)?			



## Surface flow and flooding

CPG 4 Query	Explanation
2. As part of the proposed site	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and
drainage, will surface water flows	an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the
(e.g. volume of rainfall and peak run-	basement that will generate surface water.
off) be materially changed from the	
existing route?	
3. Will the proposed basement	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and
development result in a change in the	an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the
proportion of hard surfaced / paved	basement.
external areas?	



## 5. SCOPING

The Scoping stage identifies the potential impacts of the proposed scheme that are shown by the Screening stage. Items that have been identified as having a potential impact have been taken forward into the Impact Assessment stage.

The following impact assessments are based on concerns identified previously and the CPG4 screening assessments in Section 4.0.

## 5.1 Slope Stability

The potential impacts identified in the slope stability CPG4 Stage 1 Screening Assessment, Table 4-1, have been addressed in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1: Scoping – Slope Stability Impact Assessment



Slope stability scoping chart				
Screening Question	Scoping	Impact Assessment		
5. Is the London Clay the shallowest strata at the site?	The ground investigation shows that the London Clay Formation is the shallowest strata on the site. The London Clay Formation is not expected to cause a slope stability hazard as the house is located on relatively flat land with no significant with no significant slopes noted.	No further impact assessment required.		
<ul> <li>6. Will any trees</li> <li>be felled as</li> <li>part of the</li> <li>proposed</li> <li>development</li> <li>and/or are any</li> <li>works</li> <li>proposed</li> <li>within any</li> <li>tree</li> <li>protection</li> <li>zones where</li> <li>trees are to be</li> <li>retained?</li> </ul>	Yes. In the rear garden the proposed works include: 1 x False Acacia (T1) - Fell to ground level, 1 x Sycamore (T3) - Prune encroaching roots to allow repair / deepening of foundations of garden wall, and 1 x Portuguese laurel (T4) - Fell to ground level.	Approval for this work has been granted by the London Borough of Camden. If the root zone of the trees to be felled encroach into the construction zone then heave as a result of root loss will need to be considered if this is undertaken close to construction and the soil moisture content has not re-equilibrated.		
7. Is there a history of seasonal shrink-swell	The Envirocheck Report indicates a 'moderate' shrink-swell hazard rating. No evidence of shrink-swell subsidence has been provided.	The shrink-swell potential of the London Clay Formation has been assessed during a site investigation and is considered to have a high volume change potential.		
subsidence in the local area, and/or evidence of such effects at site?	The site review has shown bedrock at the site is the London Clay Formation, which has a high-volume change potential. This has the potential to be affected by moisture changes causing shrink/swell. Roots were observed to 4.7m depth in a borehole.	The basement will extend below the groundwater table so the founding stratum should remain saturated, although long tern groundwater level have not been measured. It has been recommended that the basement slab design should account for ground heave from unloading and heave of around 3mm could occur. Heave protection from trees is also recommended		



13. Will the proposed basement significantly increase the differential depth of foundations	Yes, the neighbouring properties are likely to be set on shallow foundations at ground level. Excavation and formation of the basement could cause ground movement affecting these properties.	The basement design and construction will need to consider the neighbouring properties. The impacts and potential mitigation are discussed in more detail below. A Damage Category Assessment has been carried to assess the potential damage to neighbouring properties (see Section 7.0).
depth of foundations	anecting these properties.	carried to assess the potential damage to neighbouring properties (see Section 7.0).
relative to		
properties?		

Ground movement associated with forming the basement excavation is a potential hazard. A Damage Category Assessment (DCA) (Sections 7 and 8) has been completed to assess the effects of the excavation and construction of the proposed basement on neighbouring properties.

The excavation and construction of the proposed basement will inevitably cause some ground movement. The magnitude of movements when using underpinning techniques will primarily depend on the geology, the adequacy of temporary support to both the underpinning excavations and the partially complete underpinning prior to installation of full permanent support as well as the quality of workmanship when construction the permanent structure.

It is crucial therefore that the use of best practice methods of temporary support and a high-quality workmanship are used to control ground movements alongside the basement excavations. Prior to excavations for the underpinning works begin all cracks in load-bearing walls that have weakened structural integrity should be fully repaired in accordance with recommendations from the appointed structural engineer.

Under UK standard practice, the design and implementation of temporary works is the Contractor's responsibility, so it is considered essential that the Contractor employed for these works has successfully completed similar schemes. Therefore, it is recommended to carefully pre-select the Contractors invited to tender for the works. The Contractor's temporary works should be fully detailed in the works method statements.

## 5.2 Subterranean Groundwater Flow

The potential impacts identified in the subterranean flow CPG4 Stage 1 Screening Assessment, Table 4-2, have been addressed in Table 5-2.



Subterranean (groundwater) flow scoping chart			
Screening	Scoping	Impact Assessment	
Question			
1b) Will the proposed basement extend beneath the water table surface?	Yes, a groundwater level of 0.99mbgl has been recorded in a monitoring standpipe installed in a borehole at the site.	See text below table.	
<ul> <li>4. Will the proposed basement development result in a change in the proportion of hard surfaced / paved external areas?</li> </ul>	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the basement.	Control of surface water will be via new drainage. There is an existing terrace that drains into the ground that will be improved with a soakaway for the top of the terrace.	
5. As part of the site drainage, will more surface water (e.g. rainfall and runoff) than at present be discharged to the ground (e.g. via soakaways and/or SUDS)?	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and an area of about $31m^2$ will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the basement that will generate surface water.	Control of surface water will be via new drainage. There is an existing terrace which drains into the ground that will be improved with a soakaway for the top of the terrace.	

Table 5-2: Scoping and Impact Assessment – Subterranean (Groundwater) Flow Impact Assessment

The groundwater table was encountered near the surface of the London Clay Formation at 0.99mbgl. This stratum has a relatively low permeability with groundwater flow expected to be slow. In light of this, the proposed basement is not anticipated to have any significant impact on groundwater flows/levels and therefore no significant impact on neighbouring properties would be expected.

There are no identified directly adjoining basements and therefore due to the anticipated minimal groundwater flow, 'coffering', which is the extensive damming of groundwater by adjoining or closely



spaced basements, is not considered to be an issue even if groundwater levels are above the basement level. Accordingly, no mitigation measures are considered necessary in relation to groundwater flow.

This hydrogeological regime (i.e. groundwater levels and pressures) will be affected by long-term climatic variations as well as seasonal fluctuations and other man-induced influences, all of which must be considered by the designers when selecting a design water level for the permanent works. No long term, multi-seasonal groundwater monitoring data is available, so a conservative approach will be needed, as required by current geotechnical design standards.

## 5.3 Surface Water

The potential impacts identified in the subterranean flow CPG4 Stage 1 Screening Assessment, Table 4-3, have been addressed in Table 5-3.

Subterranean (groundwater) flow scoping chart				
Screening	Scoping	Impact Assessment		
Question				
2. As part of the	Yes. The proposed basement will extend	Control of surface water will be via new		
proposed site	4.5m into the rear garden and an area of	drainage. There is an existing terrace which		
drainage, will	about 31m2 will become a hard-	drains into the ground that will be improved		
surface water	surfaced terrace above the basement	with a soakaway for the top of the terrace.		
flows (e.g.	that will generate surface water for			
volume of	drainage.			
rainfall and				
peak run-off) be				
materially				
changed from				
the existing				
route?				
3. Will the	Yes. The proposed basement will	New drainage will be installed to collect		
proposed	extend 4.5m into the rear garden and	surface water run off generated by the		
basement	an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a	terrace. The designers will need to assess the		
development	hard-surfaced terrace above the	impact of this on the existing stormwater		
result in a	basement.	system.		
change in the				
proportion of				
hard surfaced /				
paved external				
areas?				

## 6. SITE INVESTIGATION

A site investigation stage has been undertaken to develop an understanding of the site and its immediate surroundings and for use in assessing matters of concerns identified during the Screening stage. The results have been used to address the matters of concern in the Scoping and Impact Assessment stages.

## 6.1 Intrusive Ground Investigation

A ground investigation (GI) was completed by CET in December 2018 and comprised one windowless sampler borehole (WLS01) and a foundation trial pit. Details of the GI are outlined in Table 6-1. The borehole was undertaken in the rear garden of the property.

Turne	Reference	Depth mbgl	In situ Testing	Installation
туре		(termination)		Details
Trial pit	TP01 (House wall)	1.8 (target depth)	-	-
Windowless	WS01	8.0m (target depth)	Hand vane.	4m deep with
sampler			Pocket	1m plain pipe
			penetrometer (PP).	and 3m
				slotted pipe.

#### Table 6-1: Ground Investigation Details

## 6.2 Ground and Groundwater Conditions

A summary of the ground conditions encountered in the GI is presented in the table below. The borehole log is presented in Appendix D.

Table 6-2: Summary	of Ground	Conditions
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Strata name	Depth to top of strata (mbgl)	Thickness (m)	Description
Made	0	1.10	Soft, dark brown, slightly fine to coarse
Ground			sandy, gravelly CLAY. Gravel is angular
			and sub-angular, fine to coarse brick and
			mortar. Low cobble content of angular
			brick.
London Clay	1.10	Proven to 8m	Firm, brown mottled orange brown and
Formation		depth.	grey CLAY with rare fine to coarse sand
		Base not	and fine and medium gravel size
		reached.	



	Expected	l to be	selenite.	(Weathered	London	Clay
	over	60m	Formatior	ı).		
	thick.					
			Below 5.	8m: Stiff, gre	y, very c	losely
			fissured C	LAY with rare f	ine and me	edium
			sand size	selenite.		

A water strike was recorded in WS01 at 6.5m below ground level with no rise after 20 minutes on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. A subsequent reading of a piezometer installed in WS01, made during a post site work monitoring visit, found groundwater at a depth of 0.99m below ground level on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2019. It should also be appreciated that the groundwater table may vary both seasonally and in the long-term. Groundwater flow in the London Clay Formation is expected to be slow due to it having a low permeability.

## 7. GROUND MOVEMENT ASSESSMENT

#### 7.1 Introduction

Oasys PDISP software has been used to undertake the analyses of heave and settlement ground movements arising from changes in vertical stresses caused by excavation of the basement. The analysis is based on Boussinesq's theory of analysis for calculating stresses and strains in soils due to vertically applied loads with the predicted ground movements being derived by integration of vertical strains derived from Boussinesq's equations. These preliminary analyses have not modelled the horizontal forces on the retaining walls and so have simplified the stress regime significantly. In addition, consistent with Boussinesq theory, the soils are assumed to comprise a semi-infinite isotropically homogeneous elastic medium.

#### 7.2 Proposed Basement Layout

The basement layout has been based on drawings provided by Elite (Figure 1). The proposed basement extension is up to approximately 4.5m long by 6.8m wide with the excavation extending to a depth of about 2.5m below garden ground level, including the floor slab. The proposed basement construction is estimated therefore to have an overall soil pressure unloading of about 50kN/m<sup>2</sup>, although the part of the basement under the house that is to be deepened will have a much lower unloading compared to the basement extension as this area has already been unloaded.

Gross pressure changes across the development have been estimated based on information provided by the structural engineer. The load zones, positive and negative, used to model the proposed basement in PDISP are displayed in Figure 1. These include the excavation and loads on the retaining walls, excavation of central area from existing ground level and construction of the basement raft/slab.

The retaining walls will be cast in 1m wide bays and the base width will be 1250mm. In the permanent condition, all bases will be integral with the main slab itself. Since these 'retaining wall' bays will need to be laterally propped in the temporary condition, there would only be a nominal pressure below the bases. There will be no internals columns or pads and the basement will be a reinforced concrete box. The basement slab will be ground bearing, acting as a raft. The average bearing pressure in the completed condition will be of the order of 35kN/m<sup>2</sup> (un-factored), including Imposed loads.

Table 7-1 presents the net changes in vertical pressure for each load zone for the four major stages in the sequence of stress changes which will result from excavation and construction of the basement as outlined below:

• Stage 1: Construction of retaining walls – Short-term (undrained) condition;



- Stage 2: Bulk excavation to basement formation level Short-term (undrained) conditions;
- Stage 3: Construction of the basement Short-term (undrained) conditions; and
- Stage 4: Construction of the basement Long-term (drained) conditions.



Figure 1: Load zones introduced to PDISP.

Table 7-1: Net bearing pressures for PDISP

	Net change in vertical pressure (kN/m <sup>2</sup> )			
Zone	Stage 1 Retaining wall	Stage 2 Bulk Excavation	Stages 3 & 4 Basement raft construction short and long term	
Basement walls and raft	Negligible	-50	-50 + 35 = -15	

## 7.3 Ground Conditions

The ground conditions are based on the CET ground investigation are shown in Table 6-2 and the logs are contained in Appendix D. The proposed basement will be constructed within the London Clay Formation at 2.5m below ground level.

The short-term and long-term geotechnical properties used in the analysis are summarised in Table 7-3. These were based on the results of the ground investigation. The London Clay Formation Young's



modulus properties were calculated assuming undrained Young's modulus,  $E_u = 500 \times c_u$ , and drained Young's modulus,  $E' = 0.75 \times E_u$ .

All Made Ground will be excavated and therefore only the change in vertical pressure, due to its excavation, is required for the PDISP analyses. Geotechnical parameters for the Made Ground are not used in the analysis.

A global Poisson's ratio of 0.5 has been adopted for the London Clay Formation over the modelled thickness.

Strata	Depth (m bgl)	Bulk Density (kN/m³)	Cu (kPa)	Short-term, undrained Young's Modulus, Eu (MPa)	Long-term, drained Young's Modulus, E' (MPa)
Made Ground	0 to 1.1	20	Not used	Not used	Not used
London Clay Formation	Below 1.1	20	70 to 80	35	26

## Table 7-2: Soil Parameters for PDISP Analyses

## 7.4 PDISP Analysis

Three dimensional analyses of vertical displacements have been undertaken using PDISP software and the basement geometry, loads/stresses and ground conditions outlined above to assess the potential magnitudes of ground movements (heave or settlement) which may result from the vertical stress changes caused by excavation of the basement. PDISP analyses have been carried out as follows:

- Stage 1: Construction of the retaining walls Short-term (undrained) condition;
- Stage 2: Bulk excavation of central area to basement formation level Short-term (undrained) conditions;
- Stage 3: Construction of the basement raft Short-term (undrained) conditions; and
- Stage 4: Construction of the basement raft Long-term (drained) conditions.

The results of the analyses for Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 are presented as contour plots in Appendix E.

#### 7.5 Heave and Settlement Analysis

Excavation of the basement and construction of the raft cause immediate elastic heave/settlements in response to the stress changes, followed by long term plastic swelling/settlement as the underlying clay takes up groundwater or consolidation occurs. The rate of plastic swelling/consolidation will be determined largely by the availability of water and as a result, given the low permeability of the London Clay Formation, can take many years to reach equilibrium. The basement slab will need to be designed to enable it to accommodate the swelling displacements/pressures developed underneath it.

The ranges of predicted short-term and long-term movements for each of the main sections of the proposed basement are presented in Table 7-4. All values are approximate owing to the simplification of the stress regime and include only displacements caused by stress changes in the ground beneath the basement.

All the short-term elastic displacements would have occurred before the basement slab is cast, so only the post-construction incremental heave/settlements, the difference from Stages 3, short-term, to 4, long-term, are relevant to the slab design.

Location / Building Element	Stage 1 (short term) Retaining walls	Stage 2 (short term) Bulk Excavation	Stage 3 (short term) Basement raft construction	Stage 4 (long term) Basement raft construction
Basement perimeter along northeast side	Negligible	2mm to 4mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave
Basement perimeter along southeast side	Negligible	2mm to 5mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave
Basement perimeter along southwest side boundary	Negligible	2mm to 5mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave
Basement perimeter along northwest boundary	Negligible	2mm to 5mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave	1mm to 2mm heave
Basement raft slab area	N/A	2mm to 8mm heave	1mm to 3mm heave	1mm to 3mm heave

## Table 7-3: Summary of Predicted Ground Movements from PDISP

## 8. DAMAGE CATEGORY ASSESSMENT

#### 8.1 Introduction

Behaviour of the ground will depend on the quality and methods of construction, so rigorous calculations of predicted ground movements are not practical. However, provided that the temporary support follows best practice, then industry experience has shown that the bulk movements of the ground alongside retaining walls for a single storey basement at a nominal depth 2.5m below ground level should not exceed 5mm horizontally. This figure should be adjusted pro-rata for shallower or deeper basements.

To relate these predicted ground movements to possible damage to adjacent properties, it is necessary to consider the strains and the angular distortion (as a deflection ratio) that may be generated using the method proposed by Burland (2001, in CIRIA Special Publication 200, which developed earlier work by Burland and others).

#### 8.2 Critical Damage Category Locations

As detailed earlier, no evidence has been provided that the neighbouring properties have basements. Due to the uniform founding level beneath the proposed basement the potentially critical locations will be determined by the displacements predicted by the PDISP analyses, and the geometries and distances of the neighbouring properties.

As ground movements reduce with distance away from the proposed basement and the relative founding depths, the worst-case scenarios will be the southeast and party walls of 47a and 51 Belsize Lane that are located either side of the proposed basement, the latter being the farthest away. The locations of the assessed walls are displayed in Figure 2.





Figure 2: Critical Damage Category Assessment (DCA) Locations (green lines)

## 8.3 Affected Widths of Critical Locations

The damage category assessments will consider the PDISP analyses of ground movements from vertical stress changes and ground movements alongside the proposed underpinning retaining walls caused by relaxation of the ground in response to the excavations.

CIRIA C760 (Gaba et al., 2017) details that ground movements related to the construction of retaining walls in clay extend up to four times the depth of excavation. A settlement of up to 0.35% of the maximum excavation depth is predicted by CIRIA C760 for worst case 'low support stiffness' walls in stiff clay, which is considered appropriate for the development. The relevant geometries of the assessed locations have been obtained from the available drawings or approximated using maps and aerial images. The relevant geometries and affected widths and predicted settlements of the critical locations are detailed in Table 8-1.



	47a Belsize Lane SE and party wall	51 Belsize Lane SE and party wall
Relative depth of foundations beneath ground floor	0.5m (assumed)	0.5m (assumed)
Depth of excavation (below lower ground floor level)	2.5 – 0.5 = 2.0m	2.5 – 0.5 = 2.0m
Zone of influence behind basement wall	2.5 x 4 = 10m	2.5 x 4 = 10m
Distance from proposed basement	0m	4.8m
Ground surface movement due to excavation in front of basement wall (CIRIA 760 Figure 6.15b)	0.35% of max excavation depth (@0m from basement wall)	0.1% of max excavation depth (@4.8m from basement wall)
Approximate width of assessed wall	8.5m	8.5m
Assessed width, L	8.5m	8.5m
Height of affected building, H	6m (approximate average height)	6m (approximate average height)
L/H	c.1	c.1
CIRIA predicted settlement	7mm	2mm

## Table 8-1: Geometries, Affected Widths and Predicted Settlements of Critical Locations

## 8.4 Displacements Along Assessed Walls

The predicted 5mm horizontal displacement decreases pro-rata when the relative depth of excavation is taken into account. The predicted horizontal displacements and the relative theoretical horizontal strains beneath each wall as well as the maximum settlements produced by PDISP beneath the location of the assessed walls are displayed in Table 8-2.



	47a Belsize Lane SE and party wall	51 Belsize Lane SE and party wall
Horizontal displacement	5mm	2.6mm
Horizontal strain, ε <sub>h</sub>	0.059%	0.031%
Maximum PDISP settlement	1.2mm	0.2mm
CIRIA settlement	7mm	2mm
Combined CIRIA and PDISP settlement	8.2mm	2.2mm

## Table 8-2: Displacements of Assessed Walls at Closest Point

The settlement profile produced by PDISP along the assessed wall locations must be added to the settlement profile presented in Figure 6.15b of CIRIA Report C760, which is appropriate for the underpinned retaining wall construction method. The combined maximum settlements, at the closest point of the assessed walls are displayed in Table 8-2. The CIRIA settlement profiles from the basement wall to the maximum distance of affected ground are predicted to be the same for both walls and this is displayed in Figure 3.

The horizontal strain is the horizontal displacement divided by the affected wall length.

The deflection along the walls is calculated as the difference between the tangent of the relevant width of the affected walls and the total combined predicted ground surface movements curves from the CIRIA C760 and the PDISP analyses.





# Figure 3: Predicted displacements for the nearest walls to 47a and 51 Belsize Lane to excavation of proposed basement



The maximum vertical deflections, from the convex settlement curves for the low stiffness ground support case and the relevant deflection ratios are displayed in Table 8-3.

The vertical deflection of the facing walls for 47a and 51 Belsize Lane will be the difference in settlement along the affected wall length determined from PDSIP analysis. The deflection ratio is the vertical deflection divided by the wall height, which is estimated to be about 6m.

	47a Belsize Lane SE and party wall	51 Belsize Lane SE and party wall
Vertical deflection, $\Delta$	1.2mm	0.2mm
	2.0 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.3 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>
<b>Deflection ratio,</b> $\Delta/L$	0.020%	0.0033%

## Table 8-3: Vertical Deflections of Assessed Walls

## 8.5 Damage Category Rating

The damage category the assessed walls are illustrated in Figure 4, using the damage category ratings and graphs given in CIRIA SP200. Figure 5 explains the damage categories.



Figure 4: Damage Category ratings



The results show the affected walls are:

- 47a Belsize Lane SE and party wall: On the boundary of Category 1 (Very Slight) and Category 2 (Slight). The CIRIA data relates to retaining walls significantly longer and deeper than those proposed in this assessment and, assuming the use of best practice construction techniques, the movements associated with the construction of the proposed basement are likely to be smaller than those predicted by the CIRIA data. An observational approach is recommended to be applied so that all displacements remain within Category 1 or less. To keep any damage within Category 1, a monitoring strategy with appropriate trigger levels is required. The vertical deflection must not exceed say 4.5 mm and a horizontal strain not exceeding 0.053% will be required. The use of transitional underpinning would be an additional mitigation measure to further limit displacements.
- 51 Belsize Lane SE and party wall (Category 0 (Negligible).

Use of best practice construction methods will be essential to ensure that the ground movements are kept in line with the above predictions. If the appropriate mitigation measures and monitoring strategies are applied, and transitional underpinning adopted, then the damage category rating of all assessed walls would reasonably be considered to fall within Burland Category 1 or less. Pre-construction condition surveys of neighbouring properties are also recommended and a system of monitoring adjoining/adjacent structures should be established before the works start.



Category of damage	Description of typical damage (ease of repair is underlined)	Approximate crack width (mm)	Limiting tensile strain, ε <sub>//m</sub> (%)
0 Negligible	Hairline cracks of less than about 0.1 mm are classed as negligible	<0.1	0.0 to 0.05
1 Very slight	Fine cracks that can easily be treated during normal decoration. Perhaps isolated slight fracture in building. Cracks in external brickwork visible on inspection	<1	0.05 to 0.075
2 Slight	Cracks easily filled. Redecoration probably required. Several slight fractures showing inside of building. Cracks are visible externally and some repointing may be required externally to ensure weathertightness. Doors and windows may stick slightly.	<5	0.075 to 0.15
3 Moderate	The cracks require some opening up and can be patched by a mason. Recurrent cracks can be masked by suitable lining. Repointing of external brickwork and possibly a small amount of brickwork to be replaced. Doors and windows sticking. Service pipes may fracture. Weathertightness often impaired.	5 to 15 or a number of cracks >3	0.15 to 0.3
4 Severe	Extensive repair work involving breaking-out and replacing sections of walls, especially over doors and windows. Windows and frames distorted, floor sloping noticeably. Walls leaning or bulging noticeably, some loss of bearing in beams. Services pipes disrupted.	15 to 25, but also depends on number of cracks	>0.3
5 Very severe	This requires a major repair, involving partial or complete rebuilding. Beams lose bearings, walls lean badly and require shoring. Windows broken with distortion. Danger of instability.	Usually >25, but depends on numbers of cracks	

Figure 5: Classification of visual damage to wall

(after Burland et al, 1977; and Boscardin and Cording, 1989; and Burland, 2001).



## 9. BASEMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY

This Summary includes the principal aspects and primary findings of this assessment. The whole report should be read to obtain a full understanding of the matters considered.

Location: 49 Belsize Lane, Hampstead NW3 5AU in the London Borough of Camden.

## 9.1 Stage 1: Screening

## Slope stability:

CPG 4 Query	Explanation
5. Is the London Clay the shallowest	Yes. The geological maps do not show any Superficial Deposits at the site. This should be assessed by a site investigation
<ul> <li>6. Will any trees be felled as part of the proposed development and/or are any works proposed within any tree protection zones where trees are to be retained?</li> </ul>	Yes. In the rear garden the proposed works include: 1 x False Acacia (T1) - Fell to ground level, 1 x Sycamore (T3) - Prune encroaching roots to allow repair / deepening of foundations of garden wall, and 1 x Portuguese laurel (T4) - Fell to ground level. Approval for this work has been granted by the London Borough of Camden.
7. Is there a history of seasonal shrink- swell subsidence in the local area, and/or evidence of such effects at site?	The Envirocheck Report indicates a 'moderate' shrink-swell hazard rating. No evidence of shrink-swell subsidence has been provided.
13. Will the proposed basement significantly increase the differential depth of foundations relative to neighbouring properties?	Yes. Following review of available information, the neighbouring properties are likely to be set on shallow foundations at ground floor level and the proposed basement will extend to 2.5m current ground level.

## Sub surface groundwater flow

CPG 4 Query	Explanation
1b) Will the proposed basement	Unknown. The data available from the historical boreholes is
extend beneath the water table	insufficient to make an accurate estimate of groundwater level. A site
surface?	investigation is required to assess groundwater levels.
4. Will the proposed basement	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden
development result in a change in the	and an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above
proportion of hard surfaced / paved	the basement.
external areas?	
5. As part of the site drainage, will more	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden
surface water (e.g. rainfall and	and an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above
runoff) than at present be discharged	the basement that will generate surface water.
to the ground (e.g. via soakaways	
and/or SUDS)?	



## Surface flow and flooding

CPG 4 Query	Explanation
2. As part of the proposed site	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and
drainage, will surface water flows	an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the
(e.g. volume of rainfall and peak run-	basement that will generate surface water.
off) be materially changed from the	
existing route?	
3. Will the proposed basement	Yes. The proposed basement will extend 4.5m into the rear garden and
development result in a change in the	an area of about 31m <sup>2</sup> will become a hard-surfaced terrace above the
proportion of hard surfaced / paved	basement.
external areas?	

## 9.2 Site Investigation

A ground investigation (GI) was completed by CET in December 2018 and comprised one windowless sampler borehole (WLS01) and a foundation trial pit. The borehole was undertaken in the rear garden of the property and encountered the following ground conditions:

Strata namo	Depth to top of strata	Thickness (m)	Description
	(mbgl)		
Made	0	1.10	Soft, dark brown, slightly fine to coarse
Ground			sandy, gravelly CLAY. Gravel is angular
			and sub-angular, fine to coarse brick and
			mortar. Low cobble content of angular
			brick.
London Clay	1.10	Proven to 8m	Firm, brown mottled orange brown and
Formation		depth.	grey CLAY with rare fine to coarse sand
		Base not	and fine and medium gravel size
		reached.	selenite. (Weathered London Clay
		Expected to be	Formation).
		over 60m	
		thick.	Below 5.8m: Stiff, grey, very closely
			fissured CLAY with rare fine and medium
			sand size selenite.

Groundwater was recorded in WS01 at 6.5m below ground level with no rise after 20 minutes on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. A subsequent reading made during a post site work monitoring visit, recorded groundwater at a depth of 0.99m below ground level on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2019.



#### 9.3 Site Model

A conceptual ground model for the site is summarised as follows:

- Excavation Depth Approximately 2.5m below ground level;
- Site Topography Relatively flat at 70mAOD;
- Surface Water Bodies None within 500m;
- Flood Risk Low from flooding and very low from surface water;
- Ground Conditions
  - $\circ~$  Made Ground from 0 to 1.1m below ground level;
  - Firm Weathered London Clay Formation from 1.1m to 5.8m below ground level; and
  - Stiff Unweathered London Clay Formation below 5.8m depth.
- Aquifer None 'Unproductive' stratum (London Clay Formation); and
- **Groundwater** Groundwater level of 0.99mbgl.

#### 9.4 Scoping and Impact Assessment

A summary of issues identified in the scoping stage is provided below.

- Slope stability issues within the London Clay Formation will be highly unlikely to impact the site or surrounding area due to the relatively level ground profile;
- Some trees are due to be felled, and the roots of another tree will be affected as part of construction. In the rear garden the proposed works include: 1 x False Acacia (T1) Fell to ground level, 1 x Sycamore (T3) Prune encroaching roots to allow repair / deepening of foundations of garden wall, and 1 x Portuguese laurel (T4) Fell to ground level. Approval for this work has been granted by the London Borough of Camden. The affect of tree root removal on ground heave will need to be considered if tree removal is carried out close to construction;
- The site is on the London Clay Formation that has a high-volume change potential and will be prone to shrinkage/swelling. The proposed basement will extend to below the recorded groundwater table, although the long-term groundwater profile at the site has not been assessed. Therefore, heave as a result of tree roots will need to be considered. Heave as a result of net unloading from the basement excavation is expected to occur in the order of -15kN/m<sup>2</sup> that could result in heave of around 3mm.



- The site is not located above an aquifer however a measured groundwater level of 0.99m below ground level in a monitoring standpipe indicates the proposed basement will extend below the groundwater table. The strata above and immediately below founding level (London Clay Formation) are expected to have a low permeability and this combined with the low topographic profile would likely create minimal groundwater flow at the level of the proposed basement. Therefore, it is considered unlikely that the basement would cause any significant adverse impact on groundwater flows. Groundwater level monitoring readings should be taken during the detailed design period and prior to construction;
- Construction of the new basement will reduce the proportion of the existing soft standing garden area and increase the proportion of hard standing resulting in the generation of surface water run-off. The control of surface water will be via new drainage. There is an existing terrace which drains into the ground that will be improved with a soakaway for the top of the terrace;
- Construction of the basement will result in lowering of the foundations compared to adjacent sites by a net value of about 2m, and excavation of the basement will result in some ground movements. The effect of this has been reviewed in ground movement and damage category assessments. Contour plots of displacement in response to the changes in vertical pressure caused by the excavation and construction of the proposed basement are included. Based upon the maximum displacements predicted by PDISP analyses, Damage Category Assessments were undertaken for the worst-case scenarios in the adjoining properties and these combined with the ground movements alongside the basement in response to the lateral stress release are as predicted by Figure 6.15b of the CIRIA publication C760;
- In the assessed cases, the nearest walls of 47a Belsize Lane are classified as Category 1 'slight' and the nearest walls on 51 Belsize Lane is Category 0 'Negligible' (as given in CIRIA SP200). The damage category results have been plotted graphically in Figure 4. No further Damage Category Assessments have been carried out as other structures in the vicinity are further away and/or have a similar founding depth to the proposed basement and therefore considered lower risk. Therefore, all other walls are considered to be classified as Category 0 'negligible'. The above assessment assumes the use of best practice construction methods to ensure that the ground movements are kept in line with the above predictions. If the appropriate mitigation measures and monitoring strategies are applied, and transitional underpinning adopted, then the damage category 1 or less. Pre-construction condition surveys of neighbouring properties are also recommended, and a system of monitoring adjoining and adjacent structures should be established before the works start.



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**APPENDIX A FIGURES** 







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APPENDIX B PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANS



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PROPOSED SECTION A-A SCALE 1:50

0 0.5 1 1.5 2m



BALCONY SUPPORT STEEL CONNECTION SCALE 1:10





## APPENDIX C ENVIROCHECK REPORT

Issued separately



**APPENDIX D SITE INVESTIGATION LOGS** 

Client: Nikos Panigirtzoglou						Hole [	Diamete	BOREHOLE		
Method: Window Sampler						7	5 taperi	NUMBER		
Date: 06/03/19 Co-ordinates				E tes N	Ground (m A	d Level (OD)	Ref. No: 527194	WS01 Sheet 1 of 2		
Backfi	Backfill/Well Water Samples In Situ Tests		Reduced	Depth						
(m)	Legend	Depth (m)	Depth (m)	Туре	Results	Level (m AOD)	(Thickness) (m)	Description of Strata		Legend
0.10		-	- - 0.20 - -	D	-		(0.50) - 0.50 -	Soft, dark grey, fine to coarse sand slightly gravelly CLAY. Gravel is angular to rounded, fine to coarse, and brick. Low cobble content of angular brick. (Made Ground)	ly, flint	
1.00		-	- - 0.80 -	D	-		- - (0.60) - -	Soft, dark brown, slightly fine to coarse sandy, gravelly CLAY. Grav is angular and sub-angular, fine to coarse brick and mortar. Low cobb content of angular brick. (Made Ground)	el le	
		-	- 1.10 - -	D	- Vh = 69 pp = 2.0		1.10 -	Firm becoming stiff with depth, bro mottled orange brown and grey CL with rare fine to coarse sand and fi	wn AY ne	
		-	- 1.50 - -		Vh = 76 pp = 2.0		-	and medium gravel size selenite. (Weathered London Clay Form	ation)	
			-2.00 - -	D	- Vh = 86 pp = 3.2		-			
		-	- 2.50 - -	D	Vh = 88 pp = 2.9		-			
			-3.00 - -	D	- Vh = 97 pp = 3.2		-			
		-	-3.50 - -	D	Vh = 112 pp = 3.5		(4.70) - - -			
4.00		-	-4.00 - -	D	- Vh = 120 pp = 4.0		-			
		-	- 4.50 - - -	D	- Vh = 140 pp = 3.9		-			
General F 1. Boreh 2. Wate 3. Roots	General Remarks: 1. Borehole remained stable to 8m below ground level. 2. Water strike at 6.5m below ground level with no rise after 20 minutes. 3. Roots and rootlets encountered to 4.7m below ground level.									
Driller	:	DI	BOREHOLE RECORD						<b>TRUCTURE</b> ar all	
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Client: <b>Nikos Panigirtzoglou</b> Method: Window Sampler						Hole Diameter (mm):				BOREHOLE	
						/	5 taperii	ng with depth to 8.00m	NUMBER		
Date: 06/03/19 Co-ordinates			Ground (m A	d Level NOD)	Ref. No: 527194		<b>WS01</b> Sheet 2 d	of 2			
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APPENDIX E PDISP EXPORTS





Retaining wall and basement excavation short term settlement contours at 0.5m depth



#### Basement excavation and raft construction short term settlement at 0.5m depth





## Basement excavation and raft construction long term settlement at 0.5m depth