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1 INTRODUCTION

It is proposed to redevelop a site located to the west of Kingsway as shown in Figures 1 and 2. The site is located at National Grid reference TQ 258 728.

It is currently occupied by Kingsway House, a seven-storey structure with a single level basement. The redevelopment will involve demolition of the existing internal structure, and construction of a new eight-storey structure.

The London Underground Limited's (LUL) Piccadilly Line eastbound (EB) and westbound (WB) tunnels run below the site at about 27m and 33m below the existing basement respectively.

Elliott Wood LLP have instructed the Geotechnical Consulting Group LLP (GCG) to undertake an assessment of the likely ground movements due to the redevelopment. This is in order to determine the potential impact of the resulting ground movements on the underlying tunnels.

This report presents the results of the assessment of the impact of the redevelopment on the underlying tunnels from the perspective of ground movements.

All information used in the assessment was provided to GCG by Elliott Wood, unless noted otherwise. It is outside the scope of this report to consider the adequacy of works as proposed or to consider their impact on any other assets.

2 EXISTING SITE AND PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT

The site is bounded by Kingsway in the east, Parker Street in the north, Great Queen Street in the south and neighbouring properties in the west (see Figure 2).

A site specific topographic survey (included in Appendix A) indicates that the ground level along the streets around the site is about +22mOD.

It is currently occupied by Kingsway House, a seven-storey building with a single level basement. The survey of the existing building indicates the existing basement floor level at +18.65mOD.

The Kingsway House structure is understood to transfer the existing loads from the building to the underlying ground through a network of load bearing masonry facades, party wall and central core with interior steel columns on shallow concrete footings (Reference [1]).

The redevelopment will involve demolition of the existing internal structure retaining the masonry facades and party wall, and construction of a new eight-storey structure (Reference [1]).

The new structure will have new frame and core on a 0.8m thick raft. The raft extends over two levels (namely, the upper and lower levels) and the footprints of the rafts are as shown on drawing 213461-EW-00-L01-S-0900-T1 (see Appendix A). The formation level of upper and lower rafts are +17.85mOD and +17.05mOD respectively. This means that the upper level raft requires 0.8m of excavation and the lower level raft requires 1.6m of excavation below the existing basement floor level. The existing party wall and the external façade at the northwest corner of the site will be underpinned to facilitate the excavation for lower level raft. The existing foundations of the façade / party walls will be cut locally to construct new columns by extending the new raft.

Appendix A contains key drawings / sketches showing the existing and proposed structures, and the underlying LUL tunnels.

3 LONDON UNDERGROUND LIMITED PICCADILLY LINE TUNNELS

The site is located at about 100m to the south of the Holborn London Underground Station and about 450m to the northeast of the Covent Garden London Underground Station. The Piccadilly line westbound and eastbound tunnels run underneath the site.

The Survey Associates Limited have undertaken a line and level survey of the Piccadilly line tunnels underneath the site (see Drawing SAL 1540-01 01 Rev. 0 in Appendix A). Tunnel lining details have not been supplied. However, based on the information available, the tunnels are thought to have been constructed using bolted cast iron segments. At the location of site, the tunnels are understood to have an internal diameter of 12" 7' (3.83m). The soffit levels of the EB and WB tunnels are -8.5mOD and -14.5mOD respectively. These correspond to 25.6m and 31.6m below the formation level of the lower raft. The invert levels of the EB and WB tunnels are estimated to be -12.3mOD and -18.3mOD respectively.

4 GROUND CONDITIONS

The geology of the area shown on the British Geological Survey Geology of Britain viewer suggests that the site is underlain by the River Terrace Deposits, London Clay and Lambeth Group in the same order of succession (Figure 3).

A ground investigation (GI) was undertaken for the site and reported in Reference [2]. This comprised one cable percussion borehole (15m deep), two window sample holes (4-5m deep), three dynamic probes (3.2-4.0m deep) and twelve manually excavated trial pits (0.7-1.4m deep) within the footprint of the existing basement. The locations of these exploratory holes are as shown in Figure 4.

The ground investigation revealed Made Ground (0.3 to 1.0m thick) followed by River Terrace Deposits (1.5 to 2.2m thick) and then the London Clay. None of the exploratory holes proved the base of the London Clay. The borehole and the window

sample holes terminated within the London Clay whereas the trial pits terminated within the River Terrace Deposits.

The Made Ground comprised unreinforced basement floor slab (0.15m to 0.20m thick) followed by silty sand and gravel with brick, concrete and occasional timber fragments. The River Terrace Deposits was described as medium dense slightly silty fine to coarse sand and fine to coarse angular to rounded gravel. The London Clay was described as firm fissured silty clay (up to 0.5m thick) at the top followed by stiff fissured silty clay and becoming very stiff at depth.

Based on the GI data described above combined with the published BGS geological maps and the BGS boreholes in the vicinity of the site, the following idealised stratigraphy has been assumed for this site:

Made Ground	+18.65 to +18.25mOD (0.4m thick)
River Terrace Deposits	+18.25 to +16.05mOD (2.2m thick)
London Clay	+16.05 to -8.95mOD (25m thick)
Lambeth Group	-8.95 to -23.95mOD (15m thick)

Based on the above stratigraphy, the proposed raft will be founded within the River Terrace Deposits. The Piccadilly Line tunnels run within the London Clay. The westbound tunnel is located at 24.6m below the top surface of London Clay whereas the eastbound tunnel is located at 30.6m below.

Table 1 presents a summary of soil parameters adopted for the elastic analysis for the short- and long-term conditions. The corresponding undrained and/or drained young's modulus profiles are illustrated in Figure 5. These are based on GCG experience.

5 GROUND MOVEMENTS

5.1 General

It is envisaged that the development will involve the following works, which would cause vertical stress changes and ground movements at the location of the underlying tunnels:

- Demolition of the internal structure of existing building
- Excavation for raft slabs
- Construction of new structure

The demolition and excavation will cause unloading whereas the construction of new structures will cause reloading of the ground below. For the purpose of determining the

likely vertical stress changes and ground movements, the demolition and excavation are considered as a single stage.

The following construction stages therefore have been considered for the elastic analyses:

- Stage 1: Demolition of internal structure and excavation for raft slabs
- Stage 2: Construction of new structure
- Stage 3: Long-term

The accumulated vertical stress changes and ground movements at the end of each of the above stages are discussed in the subsequent sections.

The ground movement analyses were undertaken by Boussinesq's method using a computer program Oasys Pdisp. The method assumes a linear elastic behaviour of the soil and a flexible structure. The ground movement calculations therefore represent 'greenfield' ground conditions (i.e. unaffected by the stiffness of the structures) and are considered to be conservative. The analyses were carried out based on the short-term or long-term stiffness parameters presented in Table 1 below, as appropriate.

	b of OD)	Short-te	rm (undrain	red)	Long-term (drained)		
Strata	Level at to _j stratum (m	E _u (top), kPa	E _u (base), kPa	Poisson's ratio	E' (top), kPa	E' (base), kPa	Poisson's ratio
Made Ground	+18.65	Drained parameters used			10,000	10,000	0.2
River Terrace Deposits	+18.25	Drained parameters used			30,000	30,000	0.2
London Clay	+16.05	7,000	337,000	0.5	5,600	269,600	0.2
Lambeth Group	-8.95	Drained parameters used		310,000	420,000	0.2	

Table 1. Soil stratigraphy and stiffness parameters adopted for elastic analysis

Note: Rigid boundary is taken as -23.95mOD (i.e. base of the Lambeth Group)

Figure 6 shows the footprints of the existing structure, the proposed structure and the EB and WB Piccadilly Line tunnels that were considered for elastic analysis.

5.2 Stage 1: Demolition of internal structure and excavation for rafts

Elliott Wood have provided the loads on the foundations of the existing structure (see Appendix A). These result in an average pressure of 150kPa on the site footprint.

The upper level raft requires about 0.8m of excavation whereas the lower level raft requires about 1.6m of excavation. These excavations are estimated to cause an unloading of 14.4kPa and 28.8kPa respectively with their footprints.

Assuming no significant delays in construction the excavation is modelled using short-term parameters.

5.3 Stage 2: Construction of new structure

As discussed in Section 2, the new structure will be founded on 0.8m thick raft. Loads from the new structure were supplied by Elliott Wood (see Appendix A). The average pressure across the footprint of the raft is estimated to be approximately 200kPa. This stage has also been modelled using short-term parameters.

5.4 Stage 3: Long-term

The ground within the footprint of the development and its vicinity will continue to move in the long-term as a result of the net change of load on the ground. This stage has been modelled using long-term soil parameters.

5.5 Results

Figures 7 and 8 show the predicted vertical stress changes at the end of Stages 1 and 2 for the westbound and eastbound tunnels respectively. There are no further stress changes in the long-term (Stage 3). These figures indicate that the westbound tunnel is predicted to experience a stress reduction up to 24kPa at the end of Stage 1 (demolition and excavation) and a stress increase up to 5kPa at the end of Stage 2 (construction of new structure). Similarly, the eastbound tunnel is predicted to experience a stress reduction up to 21kPa and a stress increase up to 2kPa.

Figures 9 and 10 show the predicted vertical ground movements at the end of each of the Stages 1 to 3 for the westbound and eastbound tunnels. These figures show that the westbound and eastbound tunnels are predicted to experience less than 1mm heave and settlement as a result of the proposed redevelopment.

6 IMPACT ON THE LUL PICCADILLY LINE TUNNELS

The proposed works are well above the LUL's exclusion zone for the underlying Piccadilly Line (westbound and eastbound) tunnels.

The westbound tunnel is predicted to undergo a maximum stress reduction of 24kPa and a stress increase of 5kPa at its soffit level (see Figure 7), and maximum vertical displacements of less than 1mm (see Figures 9 and 10). The predicted stress reduction equates to 4.6% of the existing overburden and the stress increase equates to 0.9%. Similarly, the eastbound tunnel is predicted to undergo a maximum stress reduction of 21kPa and a stress increase of 2kPa (see Figure 8), and maximum vertical displacements of less than 1mm (see Figure 10).

Comparison of the predicted vertical movements along the soffit and invert of the tunnels, at various stages of construction, indicate that the tunnels are predicted to undergo a maximum diametrical distortion of less than 0.5mm. This equates to 0.01% of the internal diameter of tunnels. This level of diametrical strain is unlikely to cause any significant alteration in the stresses in the tunnel linings.

The vertical movement profiles presented in Figure 9 show that the minimum radius of curvature of the westbound tunnel is around 365km. This is predicted to occur at the end of unloading due to demolition and excavation (Stage 1). Similarly, the minimum radius of curvature of the eastbound tunnel is 760km (see Figure 10).

The predicted vertical movements and stress changes are not of concern for the structural integrity of the tunnels.

7 CONCLUSIONS

This report presents an assessment of the impact of the proposed redevelopment of Kingsway House (approximate National Grid reference TQ 258 728) on the underlying LUL's Piccadilly Line tunnels. It describes the analyses undertaken, outlines the underlying assumptions and presents the results of the analyses and the assessment.

The proposed works include the demolition of internal structure of the existing building, the excavation (up to 1.6m below the existing basement) for a new raft and the construction of new structure. The proposed works will result in some movement and stress changes at the location of LUL's Piccadilly Line tunnels located at 25.6m and 31.6m below the formation level of the lower raft.

The predicted displacements and stress changes are not expected to have significant impact on the structural integrity of the tunnels, provided these do not have significant pre-existing structural defects.

This assessment has been based on the information provided by Elliot Wood LLP. If any of the details changes (e.g. excavation depth, proposed foundation system, loading configuration, and details of the LUL tunnels) then this assessment will need to be reviewed to confirm its validity.

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Appendix A: Key drawings of the existing and proposed structures, and LUL tunnels





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