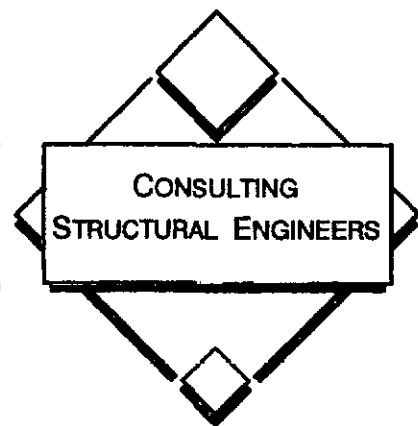

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Mr & Mrs Beck
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Dear Mr & Mrs Beck,

Structural Assessment - 3 The Paddock, Hemingfield

Acting upon your instructions, I have, on 9 November 2017 carried out a Structural Inspection at the above property. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the cause of cracking affecting the building and in particular, that in proximity to the front left corner of the house (as viewed from the highway).

My inspection at the property revealed stepped raking / tapered fractures to the walling at the front left corner and with these following a pattern typical of the differential settlement of the corner of the building. Elements of the cracking had been re-pointed and displayed evidence of subsequent structural movement. Some localised defects were apparent elsewhere but of significantly less magnitude and with a less defined geometric composition, and minimal renewed activity.

It is understood that a drain survey has been undertaken in the past and that no defects were identified. It is also understood that the possibility of initial post constructional settlement had been assessed approximately five years ago and had been discounted.

Consequently, based upon current this information and the current visual evidence, the cracking to the corner of the building is typical of differential foundation movement.

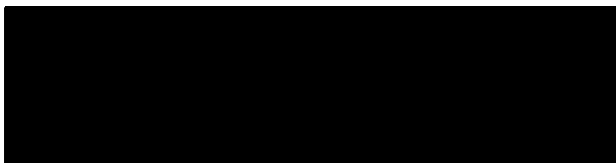
This movement is considered to be related to moisture induced volumetric changes in the supporting strata, and with the normal consequences of seasonal changes in ground moisture levels exacerbated by vegetative presence in proximity to the property.

The concentration of the damage to the building being at the front left of the building is consistent with the root moisture demand of the trees beyond the boundary corresponding in position with the front left of the left elevation, and more significantly, that of the substantial mature deciduous tree, within the curtilage of the subject property, in close proximity to the left end of the front elevation.

It is considered for long term stability to be restored to the building, the vegetation to the left should be significantly reduced in size and that the mature tree to the front should be removed.

I trust that the above information is sufficient for your present requirements.

Yours sincerely



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