Party Wall & Neighbourly Matters

We have a specialist team that provide Party Wall surveying and Neighbourly Matters services. We find that our clients appreciate our pro-active approach to dealing with these neighbourly issues for developers, occupiers and adjoining owners. Our services include:

- Party Wall
- Crane Oversail & Access Arrangements
- Boundary Disputes

**Party Wall**

The Party Wall etc Act 1996 confers certain rights and obligations on building owners regarding works to party walls, excavations close to structures, and construction on legal boundaries. The Act also provides a structure for the prevention and resolution of disputes between neighbours, through the appointment of surveyors who must take a practical and impartial view within the framework of the Act to ensure work is carried out in a manner that protects the rights of all parties involved.

Our Party Wall services include:

- General advice on whether the Act is applicable and its operation
- Acting as building owners, adjoining owners, or agreed surveyor
- Acting as Third Surveyor
- Serving Notices and Awards
- Tenant and owner searches
- Neighbourly negotiation

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Crane Oversail & Access Arrangements

We provide access arrangements for crane oversail, scaffolding or hoarding requirements for construction projects including initial risk management analysis, the negotiation of licence agreements and their practical administration, and compiling Schedules of Condition.

Our clients regularly use our services to:

- Provide initial advice on a development and identify neighbourly issues that need to be considered.
- Considering and negotiating the need for access on or over an adjoining owner’s property to enable building work on the development site.
- Documenting access licenses between the owners permitting scaffolding, hoarding or cranes to oversail.
- Preparing Schedules of Condition to record the condition of properties and areas adjacent to the development site.

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