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**Subject:** Topographical Survey Darlington City Centre

After our telephone conversation last week we would like to address the points raised by yourself regarding the above survey.

The contours and levels on street furniture were left off of the issued drawing to make the drawing easier to read and have now being re instated onto the plan in separate layers to allow you the choice of viewing them or not. As explained the position of the level text denotes which side of any particular feature the level applies.

The missing floor levels are an unfortunate oversight which will be corrected by us.

We have also managed to contact the company that carried out the utility survey and their reply is as follows:

On first review the comments made are similar to the findings of our surveyors during site works in that there were surface features on site that appeared to be disconnected from the current and active services network.

Every cover within the survey area has been lifted for confirmation of it's purpose. Some of the surface features are redundant, in that the notation on the cover does not represent the service beneath. Our surveyor's comments are that they are possibly old lighting positions that have been made safe rather than reinstated. There is evidence of redundant cables within the pit.

It would be inappropriate to assume that services run uniformly beneath the surface. Generally the services are at shallower depths within the footway and laid some 200mm deeper when within the parameters of carriageways. Our Documented Site Procedures for such surveys indicate the methodologies and techniques applied to such surveys and do not guarantee depths on every service. Where depths have been possible and we are confident to report them, depths have been shown.

They have also stated that if there are still any particular areas which cause concern they will be willing to re inspect them at there own expense.

We are happy to make the amendments to the drawings and plan to re issue them this week.

We hope this fulfils your requirements but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

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