

PARTY WALL SURVEYING SERVICES



Specialist Chartered Surveyors have been providing advice in connection with Party Wall Matters across all calfordseaden's offices for many years, both under the Party Wall etc Act 1996 and, historically, in relation to the London Building Acts.

Any individual or organisation considering carrying out building works, must take account of the potential implications of the Party Wall Act on their project. The provisions of the Party Wall Act 1996 can apply in many situations when building work is carried out close to neighbouring properties. Such construction activities can affect shared or 'Party' structures and there is a legal requirement for notices to be served on neighbours when such works are intended. Also, even if neighbouring buildings are physically separate, if deep excavations are intended to be carried out close to neighbouring property, there is a possibility of a further requirement for notice to adjoining owners.

Failure to consider Party Wall Matters at an early stage in a construction project can lead to expensive delays and could risk damage to neighbouring property, with associated costs.

Party Wall Surveyors within calfordseaden are experienced in acting in an independent manner, often forming a link between Contractors, Developers, Clients and neighbouring Owners to ensure the rights of all are upheld and that construction projects proceed smoothly. As our Chartered Surveyors have a thorough understanding of construction technology and practices, as well as extensive knowledge of the legal framework surrounding the Party Wall Act, they are well placed to provide advice in this connection. In addition to acting for Developers, Construction Companies and Clients, the Surveyors within our practice are often asked to represent neighbouring Owners who have received Party Wall notices.

We are always keen to engage, at an early stage, with any organisation intending to carry out building work, to attempt to highlight potential pitfalls and to provide advice to mitigate any associated development risks.

As the implications of any person or organisation ignoring the provisions of the Party Wall Act can be significant, it is crucial that specialist advice is taken in this respect at the earliest possible time.

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