

SITE INVESTIGATION DOCUMENT UPDATED

ASUCplus has up-dated and republished its technical guidance note: *Recommended site investigation for typical 1, 2 and 3 storey buildings.*

A survey of ASUCplus specialist underpinning contractors has revealed that once on site 74% of all underpinning projects increase in scope and value, and the average increase in value is 27%.

The purpose of the updated document is to clearly define a minimum standard of investigation to fully appreciate the scope of the necessary works prior to commencement and thus help reduce the overall costs. Insurers, Loss Adjusters and the Contractors will then have all the necessary information for a successful project.

The document outlines: The importance of the Site Investigation, Its purpose, ASUCplus Recommendations, Points of Caution and Summary.

Producing more accurate information about the ground conditions and its relationship to the building in question should lead to fewer unexpected problems and reduce the need for cost increases.

Using an ASUCplus registered specialist contractor for domestic underpinning and superstructure repair you can be sure the company meets CDM regulation requirements, uses operatives who are fully trained and can offer a meaningful guarantee.

To be sure you are using a contractor who is a member of a professional, regulated trade body go to www.asuc.org.uk. Here you can search for a registered contractor by location or by a specific service. Alternatively call ASUCplus on 01252 471613.

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Notes to editors:

ASUCplus is the only association representing specialist contractors in subsidence repair techniques and engineered foundation solutions. The latent defects insurance can cover all the works carried out under contract at a property - not just the subsidence repair. Members of ASUCplus offer an extended range of foundation solutions, including new build, basements and other forms of subsidence repairs.

Members of ASUCplus are subject to annual health and safety reviews, are audited for technical expertise by an independent assessor, are monitored for financial probity and all share the common goals of setting the benchmark for standards within the industry, to lead in providing innovative solutions and maintain skills levels through education and training.

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