

## Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Retaining Wall, Milton Abbot

### Structural Survey Quotations

Three structural engineering companies have been contacted by the Clerk and asked to provide a quotation to carry out a survey and provide a professional assessment of the wall's current condition, establish whether or not there is a need for any immediate remedial work and if so, what should be done. If no immediate action is required or such work would not provide a complete solution, an assessment of any likely further deterioration of the condition of the wall over time and any work (or additional work) needed to prevent this, is also required.

To date, presumably because of the festive period, only one quotation has been received;

Quote A This Company provided a quotation for a survey of the wall in March 2016, which has been confirmed as still being valid. The fee to carry out a site visit and provide a letter report on the retaining wall will be £295 +VAT.

*'I must note, it is likely to be very difficult to provide a definitive "assessment of any likely further deterioration of the condition of the wall over time". Subsequent to survey, I would suggest that if any concern remains over the stability of the wall now, or in the immediate future, then our conclusions will be to repair or replace the wall. From your photographs, given the walls construction and location adjacent to the road, I'd speculatively suggest this may be to rebuild as opposed to repair as options in respect to the latter will be limited.*

*If a design for a new wall is indeed required it will attract additional fees by separate agreement.*

*The report would typically be one or two pages and contain an appendices of photographs. It would seek to quantify if the wall was structurally stable or not. In the event of the latter, guidance would be given as to the suggested method of repair or replacement.'*

The quotation provided above is from a local Launceston based firm who are members of the Institution of Civil Engineers, registered with LABC<sup>i</sup>, and a member of the Steel Construction Institute.

Previous quotes for such a survey were;

£285

£295 – As per Quote A above

£550

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