



FRANKHAM

# ST PAUL'S CHURCH

## METROPOLITAN THAMES VALLEY HOUSING

The boundary wall between properties owned by Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing and St Paul's Church in Clapham had been taken down prior to our involvement, due to the structure having a severe lean and the worry of collapse. The wall itself being Grade II listed meant a designed solution for remediation was required with both the structure and brickwork being in keeping with the listing. The works were completed in line with the Conservation Architect from Giles Quarme Architects (GQA), who were appointed from the Church.

Due to the listing, we had to use traditional methods of construction (London stock bricks and lime mortar), whilst introducing footings and steel structures that did not form part of the original construction. The two elements need to be brought together so that the finish was satisfactory to the Conservation Architect and its listing.

### Challenges

The main challenge was the works were being paid for by MTVH, as they undertook the taking down of the wall with the neighbour St Paul's Church having a key interest and appointing the Conservation Architect to approve the works, whilst the wall was owned by Lambeth Council, who had no interest in the works. To ensure the smoothest running of the project we kept regular contact with GQA.

Regular correspondence was kept with both the client and St Paul's Church's representative from GQA to ensure that everyone was informed of the progress, with photographs being shared. We agreed samples of work in the wall together and discussed any variations to the contract.

Client:  
Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing

Value:  
£43,500

Services:  
Building Surveying  
Structural Engineering

Date:  
September 2020 - January 2021



CASE STUDY