# Site Settlement Diagnostic Sheet

A worksheet for logging movement before your assessment

## What to log around the structure

1. **Photograph corners, door and window frames**
   Dated photos from the same angle over time show a pattern an engineer can actually use.
2. **Note the location of any cracks**
   Record which wall, how wide, and whether it runs vertically, horizontally or at an angle.
3. **Check whether doors and windows still operate smoothly**
   Binding or gaps that appear over time are worth tracking alongside visible cracking.

## What to bring to an assessment

1. **Any existing soil report**
   If one exists from the original build, bring it, even if it is older.
2. **Your dated photo log**
   A record across seasons is more useful than a single recent photo.
3. **A note on recent site changes**
   New drainage, landscaping, or nearby excavation can all affect how soil behaves under a foundation.

## Questions to ask the engineer

1. **Does the report cover the whole footprint**
   Ask how many sample points were taken and where, not just whether a report exists.
2. **What foundation approaches were considered**
   Ask for the reasoning behind the recommended approach, not just the conclusion.
3. **What happens if conditions differ once work starts**
   Ask how the plan would adjust if the soil encountered during construction differs from the report.

**Log it, report it, then let an engineer connect the two.**

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