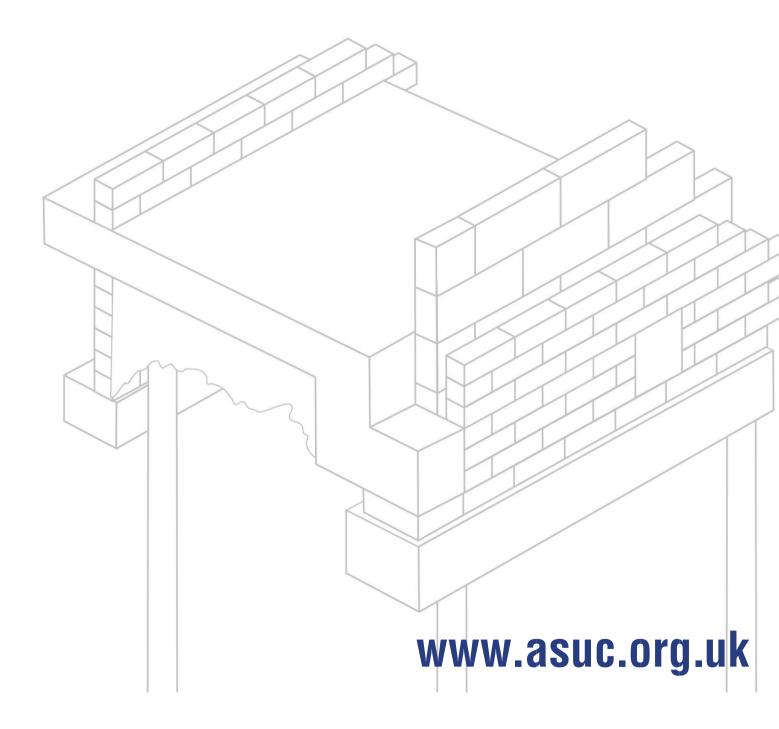


DEFECTS INSURANCE GUARANTEE POLICY DOCUMENT

Version 1





Welcome to **Your Defects Insurance Guarantee Policy**. **You** have the benefit of the **Policy** as the **Contracted Works** undertaken at **Your Premises** were completed by a member of ASUC. ASUC is an independent trade association promoting professional and technical competence. Its membership comprises leading specialist contractors and associated companies within the subsidence repairs, underpinning, retrofit basements and engineered foundation solutions industry. Further details are available at www.asuc.org.uk

The ASUC member who carried out the **Contracted Works** at the **Premises** applied for the **Policy** on **Your** behalf. If any of the information on the **Certificate of Insurance** is incorrect, please inform the **Scheme Administrator** as soon as possible.

Although, it is unlikely that there will be problems with the **Contracted Works**, the **Policy** gives **You** the comfort of knowing that particular types of problem which may arise in the first ten years following completion of the **Contracted Works** will be corrected.

You need to read the terms and conditions of the Policy, Your Certificate of Insurance, and any endorsements to make sure You know what is covered by the Policy. The Policy does not cover any legal liabilities that You may have to others in connection with You owning Your Premises.

If You have any questions about the Policy, please telephone the Scheme Administrator on 020 3701 0422 or the ASUC member who arranged the Policy for You.

HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

We know how difficult and stressful it can be if things go wrong with the Contracted Works and We will work with You to ensure that We get You back to normality as quickly as possible.

If You feel You have a valid claim, please contact the Scheme Administrator on 020 3701 0422

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1. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR POLICY

TYPES OF PROTECTION

The **Defects Insurance Guarantee Policy** is only available for **Contracted Works** carried out by members of ASUC. The ASUC member who has carried out the work at the **Premises** has applied for the **Policy** on **Your** behalf. The **Certificate of Insurance** enclosed with the **Policy** details the **Contracted Works** insured.

The **Policy** automatically transfers to future owners of the **Premises** during the period of the **Policy**.

YOUR PRIVACY

We will store personal information about You safely and keep it confidential. We may need to pass on personal information such as Your name and address to the Contractor to assist in the resolution of a claim. If required by a court or government body, We may be required to pass on personal information. We may need to tell a subsequent owner(s) about claims an earlier owner has made, if it affects what a subsequent owner of the Premises can claim under the Policy. For further details please refer to https://lbb.london/privacy-policy/

We will also pass on Your personal information to the Insurer who may use Your personal information to make decisions about the Policy, any claims You make, or to detect and prevent fraud. The Insurer also may record incoming and outgoing telephone calls with You for training, monitoring and quality control purposes.

For further details on how the **Insurer** uses **Your** information and **Your** rights in relation to **Your** information, please see the **Insurer's** Privacy Statement at https://npre.kn/privacy-policy/

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

If You are a consumer, Under the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representation) Act 2012, it is Your duty as a consumer to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to an insurer. It is important that You ensure all statements You make on proposal forms, claim forms and other documents are full and accurate. This also applies to Your responses in relation to any assumptions You may agree to in the process of applying for insurance cover. This is particularly important before taking out a policy but also if You make a mid-term amendment to Your Policy.

If **You** fail to answer all questions completely and accurately and this influences the **Insurer's** decision to accept the risk or the terms offered, this could invalidate the **Policy** and mean that claims may not be paid.

If **You** are a commercial customer, **You** have a duty to give a fair presentation of risk to **Us**. This means that **You** should disclose every material circumstance relevant to the risk being insured following a reasonable search within **Your** business to identify and verify such information. This should include information which **You** and where applicable **Your** senior management, persons responsible for arranging **Your** insurance or other relevant third parties know or ought to know and should include all information that would influence the judgement of the **Insurer** or that would put the **Insurer** on notice that it needs to make further enquiries.

Examples of material circumstances are:

- Special or unusual circumstances relating to the risk;
- Any particular concerns which led You to seek insurance cover for the risk; and
- Anything which those concerned with the class of insurance and field of activity in question would generally understand as being something that would be dealt with in a fair presentation of risks for this type of insurance.

The information must be presented in a way, which would be reasonably clear and accessible to a prudent insurer. If **You** are unsure whether to disclose any information **You** should speak to us. **You** need to take into account the size and complexity of **Your** business, and allow **You** sufficient time to consider and / or assess **Your** insurance requirements.

Failure to provide a 'fair representation' may result in a number of remedies by the **Insurer**. If the breach was deliberate or reckless the **Insurer** can void the **Policy** and keep the premium. If the breach was not deliberate or reckless the

Insurer can void the **Policy**, proportionately reduce a claim settlement or amend the insurance policy terms and conditions then review the merits of a claim on this basis.

You should therefore always provide complete and accurate information to us when **We** ask **You** about the insurance risks **Your** business faces before taking out a policy, at renewal and throughout the life of the **Policy**. This also applies to **Your** responses in relation to any assumptions **You** may agree to in the process of applying for insurance cover.

YOUR RIGHT TO CANCEL

You can cancel the Policy within 14 days of the day after You receive the Certificate of Insurance.

Any refund can only be paid back to the person or business who originally paid the premium and who still has an interest in the **Policy**. The **Scheme Administrator** reserves the right to charge an administration fee.

In the event You cancel the Policy after this date You will not be entitled to a return of premium.



HOW TO CANCEL

To cancel the **Policy**, send an email to info@lbb.london or write to:

Scheme Administrator London Belgravia Brokers Limited 60 Margaret Street London W1W 8TF

Your letter or email must reach us within the 14-day period referred to above. You must return or destroy the Certificate of Insurance, if We have sent You one.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 **DEFINITIONS**

Wherever any of the following words or expressions are used in the **Policy** (including in the welcome and introductory pages), then such word or expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning given below. Where a word is given a particular contractual meaning, it will appear throughout the contract in **bold**.

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Policy	These terms and conditions, the Certificate of Insurance and any endorsements thereto.
Policyholder / You / Your	The owner acquiring a freehold or leasehold interest, or their successors in title, or any mortgagee in possession or lessor and for whom a Certificate of Insurance has been issued for the Premises showing that the relevant cover is applicable.
Premises	The property described on the Certificate of Insurance including the structure, all non-load bearing elements and fixtures and fittings for which the Policyholder is responsible. Premises shall be deemed to include the Contracted Works .
Scheme Administrator	London Belgravia Brokers Limited, 60 Margaret Street, London W1W 8TF. The terms 'We', 'Us' or 'Our' denote London Belgravia Brokers Limited.
Sum Insured	The Contract Price of the Contracted Works as specified on the Certificate of Insurance.
Insurer	Newpoint Reinsurance Company Ltd (NPRE)

2.2 INTERPRETATION

- i References to the **Policy** or to any other document or contract referred to in the **Policy** means this document or such other document or contract as amended, varied, supplemented, modified or novated from time to time.
- ii In the **Policy** (unless the context otherwise requires):
 - a) the words "including" and "include", and words of similar effect shall be deemed to have the words "without limitation" following them;
 - words importing persons shall include natural persons, firms, associations or other unincorporated bodies, companies, corporations or other bodies corporate and vice versa;
 - c) words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;
 - d) references to a section are to a section of the **Policy**;
 - e) any reference to any legislative provision, shall be deemed to include any subsequent re-enactment or amending provision and any regulations made under it:
 - f) words importing the masculine shall include the feminine.
- iii The headings in the **Policy** are for ease of reference only and shall not affect its construction or interpretation.

3. COVER PROVIDED AND FINANCIAL LIMITS

The **Insurer** will indemnify **You** against all claims for **Damage** discovered and notified to the **Insurer** during the **Period of Insurance** in respect of the cost of complete or partial rebuilding or rectifying work to the **Contracted Works**.

Cover under this section 3 will only respond in the event of **Damage** arising from the **Contracted Works** carried out by the **Contractor**.

Each instance of Damage is subject to an Excess as specified in the Certificate of Insurance.

In the event of a valid claim under the **Policy** the **Insurer** will (at its sole discretion) arrange to have the **Defect** corrected and / or pay the cost of repairing, replacing or rectifying any **Damage** to the **Contracted Works**.

3.1 FINANCIAL LIMITS

- i The maximum the **Insurer** will pay for all claims is the **Sum Insured** or £500,000, whichever is the lesser.
- ii Unless stated otherwise in the **Certificate of Insurance**, the **Financial Limits** above are index-linked in accordance with the condition in section 6 of the **Policy** entitled '**Indexation**'.
- iii Claims under this section are subject to the Excess as specified in the Certificate of Insurance.
- iv Please note in the event that **You** are not the first owner of the **Premises**, the **Financial Limits** may have already been utilised by a previous owner and **You** will only be entitled to the remainder unless **You** reinstate the **Limit of Indemnity** in accordance with section 6.9 of the **Policy**..

3.2 CLAIMS PROCEDURE

On discovery of any occurrence or circumstance that is likely to give rise to a claim, **You** must notify the **Scheme Administrator** on **020 3701 0422** as soon as possible.

Once You have notified the Scheme Administrator of a potential claim You must :.

- i send evidence (including photographs and reports if appropriate) to the **Scheme Administrator** confirming that there has been **Damage**; and
- ii take all responsible steps to prevent further loss or damage; and
- iii allow Us and the Insurer reasonable access to the Premises during normal working hours; and
- iv obtain permission to access neighbouring land and obtain any other permission needed to allow investigations and work; and
- v to the extent that this is in **Your** possession or control, provide the **Scheme Administrator** with all information and documentation it may request which is necessary in order to investigate the claim.

4 ADDITIONAL COVERS

In addition to any valid claim under section 3 of the **Policy**, the **Insurer** will also reimburse **You** for the following provided always that the total cost of the claim does not exceed the lesser of the **Sum Insured** and the **Financial Limit.**:

4.1 ADDITIONAL COSTS

Such additional reasonable costs and expenses as are necessarily incurred by the **You** in repairing, replacing or rectifying any part of the **Premises** other than the **Contracted Works** which have been affected by **Damage** provided always that the liability of the **Insurer** under this sub-section is limited to a maximum of 25% of the **Sum Insured**.

4.2 ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION COSTS

If the **Premises** are rendered uninhabitable as a result of **Damage**, then the **Insurer** will pay the necessary and reasonable cost of alternative accommodation incurred by **You** with our prior written consent which **We** will not unreasonably withhold, including the removal and storage of the **Your** possessions for a period not exceeding 26 weeks.

The **Insurer** will not pay for any costs or expenses payable in respect of any **Premises** not occupied by **You** as **Your** main and permanent residence.

4.3 FEES

Such Architects', Surveyors', Legal, Consulting Engineers' and other professional fees as are necessarily and reasonably incurred by **You** with our prior written consent in relation to the complete or partial rebuilding or rectifying work to the **Contracted Works** (excluding any costs or fees incurred by **You** in investigating and / or preparing a claim or legal fees).

4.4 REMOVAL OF DEBRIS

The reasonable costs and expenses incurred by You with our prior written consent in respect of:

- i removal of debris at; and / or
- ii dismantling or demolishing; and / or
- iii shoring up,

the Premises.

The liability of the **Insurer** during the **Period of Insurance** for any one claim in respect of 4.2 to 4.4 shall not exceed £10,000 and shall be index-linked in accordance with in section 6 of the **Policy** entitled 'Indexation'.

4.5 WATERPROOFING

The Policy will only cover waterproofing if this is noted in the Certificate of Insurance.

5. EXCLUSIONS

The Insurer shall not be liable to You for any of the following:

5.1 ALTERATIONS

Loss or damage due to or in connection with any alteration, modification or addition to a **Premises** after the issue of the **Certificate of Insurance** unless the **Scheme Administrator** has been informed, the **Policy** endorsed, and any applicable additional premium paid to the **Scheme Administrator**.

5.2 ASBESTOS

Loss or damage arising from or in connection with asbestos or the presence of asbestos in the **Premises**.

5.3 CHANGE IN COLOUR

Any change in colour, texture, opacity or staining or other ageing process to any element of the **Contracted Works** or the **Premises**.

5.4 DEFECTS IN EXISTING WORKS

Loss or damage due to or in connection with any defect in the design, workmanship, materials or components of the **Premises** that was installed or constructed prior to the **Contracted Works** that are the subject of this insurance.

5.5 DEFECTS PERIOD

Any **Damage** occurring within the first 24 months of the **Policy** commencing from the date specified on the **Certificate of Insurance** as the commencement of cover. Such **Damage** will remain the responsibility of the **Contractor** except that this exclusion shall not operate in the event of **Insolvency** of the **Contractor**.

5.6 ENDORSEMENT

Anything excluded by an endorsement issued by Us and noted on the Certificate of Insurance.

5.7 FLOODING AND WATER TABLE

Loss or damage resulting from or in connection with flooding or failure of flood prevention / defence measures, however caused, or from a permanent change in the water table level. This exclusion shall not however apply to any seasonal change in the water table level.

5.8 HUMIDITY

Loss or damage caused by or in connection with or consequent upon humidity, normal dampness or condensation in the **Premises** that is not the direct result of **Damage**.

5.9 INDIRECT LOSS

Unless expressly provided for in the **Policy**, economic or financial loss of any description (including costs arising from inconvenience or distress, loss of enjoyment, loss of use, reduction in value of the **Premises**, loss of income or business opportunity) arising either directly or indirectly as a result of the events or circumstances that led to **Your** claim.

5.10 MAINTENANCE AND USE

Inadequate maintenance of the **Contracted Works** or the imposition of any load greater than that for which the **Contracted Works** as designed or the use of the **Premises** for any purpose other than that for which they were was designed, unless (in each case) the **Scheme Administrator** has been informed in writing, the **Policy** endorsed and any applicable additional premium paid to **Us**.

5.11 PERSONAL INJURY

Any costs, losses, expenses or damages for death, bodily injury, disease, illness or injury to mental health, however so caused.

5.12 PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Anything which would constitute a valid claim under this insurance and about which **You** were aware of prior to arranging the **Basement Works** by the **Contractor** or should have been aware of prior to purchasing the residential property. For the avoidance of doubt this exclusion does not apply to any ongoing claim which has been notified and acknowledged in writing by **Us** or the **Scheme Administrator**.

6.8 RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, BIO-CHEMICAL AND ELECTROMAGNETIC WEAPONS

- i Any loss or destruction of or damage to any property, any loss or expense whatsoever, any consequential loss or any legal liability directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by, or arising from:
 - i ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from nuclear fuel or from nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel;
 - ii the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any nuclear installation, reactor or other nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.
- ii the use of any weapon or device:
- a) dispersing radioactive material and / or ionising radiation; or
- b) using atomic or nuclear fission and / or fusion or other like reaction
- **iii** the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any radioactive matter but this will not apply in respect of radioactive isotopes (other than nuclear fuel or nuclear waste) used for the purposes for which they were intended.
- iv any chemical, biological, bio-chemical, or electromagnetic weapon.

6.9 REASONABLENESS

In the event of a valid claim under the **Policy** the **Insurer** shall only be responsible for reasonable and necessary costs, professional fees and expenses incurred in repairing, replacing or rectifying a **Defect** and any resulting **Damage** and that a reasonable person would incur if spending their own money.

In respect of the settlement of any claim, the **Insurer** will try to provide or pay for items that match, or are largely similar to, existing items. However, the **Insurer** will not pay any costs that are more than 20% higher than the original cost of the items.

5.15 SANCTIONS LIMITATIONS

The **Insurer** shall not be deemed to provide cover and shall not be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit hereunder to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose that **Insurer** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions, or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

5.16 SEEPAGE

Loss or damage caused by seepage of water into the **Premises** below ground floor slab level.

5.17 SETTI EMENT AND OTHER GROUND MOVEMENT

Loss or damage caused by, associated with or in connection with any movement of land or settlement of bedding down of the **Contracted Works**, unless the loss or damage is caused by a **Defect**.

5.18 SONIC BANGS

Loss or damage occasioned by or connected with pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

5.19 SPECIAL PERILS

Loss or damage which would be covered under a standard buildings insurance policy (whether or not **You** have in fact purchased such a policy). For example, the **Policy** does not provide cover for loss or damage caused or contributed to by any of the following:

- i fire, lightning or explosion;
- ii earthquake;
- iii flood:
- iv storm;
- v aircraft or other flying objects, or articles falling from them;
- vi water, oil or any other liquids leaking or bursting from tanks, pipes, heating systems or other equipment;
- vii malicious acts (such as vandalism or criminal damage);
- viii theft or attempted theft; or
- ix accidental damage.

Where loss or damage has been caused by any of the above, this exclusion will apply even if the loss and damage has also been caused or contributed to, at the same time, by a **Defect** which would otherwise have been covered under the **Policy**.

5.20 SUBSIDENCE

Loss or damage caused by or consequent upon subsidence, heave or landslip, except where such loss or damage is as a direct result of a **Defect**.

5.21 TERRORISM

Any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from, arising out of or in connection with an act of terrorism. For the purposes of this exclusion, an act of terrorism shall mean an act involving the use of force or violence and / or the threat thereof that is committed for political, religious, or ideological purposes and with the intention to influence any government and / or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear. The perpetrators of an act of terrorism can be acting alone or on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation(s) or government(s).

5.22 THIRD PARTY DESIGN

Loss or damage caused by defective design of the **Contracted Works** where the **Contracted Works** were designed by a party other than the **Contractor**.

5.23 TOXIC MOULD

Loss or damage arising out of or in connection with any bacteria, yeasts, mildew, viruses, fungi, mould or their spores, mycotoxins or other metabolic products in a **Premises** that is not the direct result of a **Defect**.

5.24 TREES

Loss or damage due to, associated with or arising from:

- i trees planted after the completion of the Contracted Works that cause damage to the Premises; or
- the failure of the **Policyholder** to comply with all recommendations stipulated by the Structural Engineer appointed in respect of the **Contracted Works** in so far as such recommendations are applicable to the maintenance and or removal of trees at the **Premises** or adjoining properties.

5.25 VERMIN

Loss or damage caused by, connected with or consequent upon the actions of rodents, vermin or insect infestation.

5.26 WAR RISKS

Any consequence whatsoever which is the direct or indirect result of any of the following, or anything connected with any of the following, whether or not such consequence has been contributed to by any other cause or event:

- i war, invasion, act of a foreign enemy, hostilities or a warlike operation or operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power, mutiny or military uprising, martial law; and
- ii nationalisation, confiscation, requisition, seizure, damage or destruction by or by order of any government or any local or public authority; and
- iii any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to i and / or ii above.

5.27 WEAR AND TEAR

Loss or damage caused by or associated with any wear and tear, normal dampness, condensation, thermal movement, movement between different types of materials or shrinkage or normal deterioration (whether caused by neglect or otherwise).

5.28 WILFUL ACTS

Any wilful neglect or criminal act committed by You or any other person.

6. CONDITIONS

6.1 APPLICABLE LAW

The law of England and Wales will apply to the Policy unless You and We agree otherwise.

6.2 CHANGES TO YOUR POLICY

You must take reasonable care to provide complete and accurate answers to the questions **We** ask when **You** make changes to the **Policy**. If any information **You** provide is not complete and accurate the **Insurer** may:

- i void the amendment to the **Policy** and refuse to pay any claim; or
- ii not pay any claim in full; or
- iii charge an additional premium; or
- iv change the Excess and / or the extent of cover.

6.3 CLAIMS SETTLEMENT - COMPONENT ELEMENT / ITEM LIMITS

The **Insurer** will have the option to limit any amount paid under the **Policy** for any defective or damaged item or component element of the **Contracted Works** to an amount not exceeding 250% of the original replacement cost of the same item or component element as at the time the **Contracted Works** took place, provided always that the liability of the **Insurer** does not exceed the **Financial Limit** of the **Policy**.

6.4 CONTRIBUTION

If at any time of any occurrence giving rise to a claim under the **Policy**:

- i there is (or would be, but for the existence of this insurance) any other insurance applicable; or
- ii You are entitlement to any statutory damages, damage or compensation; or
- iii You have initiated legal proceedings from which compensation may be received,

then any applicable cover under the **Policy** shall be limited to such amount in excess of such insurance recovery, damages or compensation **You** ultimately receive.

6.5 FRAUD

If a claim made is fraudulent or fraudulently exaggerated or supported by a false statement or fraudulent means or fraudulent evidence is provided to support the claim, the **Insurer** will:

- i refuse to pay the claim which will be deemed forfeit as a result,
- ii recover any sums paid in respect of the claim,
- **iii** by notice to **You** terminate the **Policy** with effect from the date of the fraudulent act without any return of premium.

If the **Insurer** terminates the **Policy** under iii above, then the **Insurer** may refuse to provide cover after the time of the fraudulent act. This will not affect any liability the **Insurer** may have in respect of the provision of cover before the time of the fraudulent act.

6.6 INDEXATION

The **Limit of Indemnity** and **Excess** referred to within the **Certificate of Insurance** will be increased in line with the RICS House Re-Building Index or 5% per annum compound whichever is the lesser on each anniversary of the commencement of the **Policy**. For the purpose of settlement of any claim hereunder, the **Limit of Indemnity** and

Excess, as adjusted in accordance with the foregoing provisions, shall be regarded as the **Limit of Indemnity** and **Excess** at the time of discovery by **You** of such claim.

6.7 MULTI-OCCUPIED BUILDINGS

Where the **Premises** is part of a multi-occupied building (where a number of properties are contained within one building), a single party shall normally co-ordinate the claim in respect of all **Policyholders** of the multi-occupied building and where that is the case the **Scheme Administrator** shall not be obliged to correspond with the individual **Policyholder** regarding such claims.

6.8 RECOVERIES FROM THIRD PARTIES

The **Insurer** is entitled to take action, at their own expense, to enforce any right **You** may have against a third party. In some situations, it may be necessary to take action to protect a right of recovery against a third party before the **Insurer** has had chance to consider **Your** claim and confirm coverage under the **Policy**. In such a situation it is a condition that **You** cooperate with the **Insurer** to take the steps required to protect the right of recovery. The **Insurer** will be responsible for paying any costs or expenses of taking any such agreed steps. If cover for **Your** claim under the **Policy** is subsequently declined, **You** will then have the option of continuing with the recovery action against the third party, but **You** will have to pay any costs incurred after the **Insurer** has notified **You** that **Your** claim under the **Policy** is not covered. The **Insurer** will not seek repayment from **You** of any costs incurred prior to the claim under the **Policy** being declined.

For the purpose of this condition any third party shall not be deemed to include the **Contractor** who is named in the **Certificate of Insurance.**

6.9 REINSTATEMENT OF LIMIT OF INDEMNITY

Where any successful claim has been made under the **Policy** and which is met by the **Insurer** for less than the **Limit of Indemnity**, such **Limit of Indemnity** shall (in accordance with the provisions of the **Policy**) be reduced to the extent such claim has been met by the **Insurer**. In such circumstances, **You** may request that the **Limit of Indemnity** be reinstated. The decision to reinstate any **Limit of Indemnity** shall be at the sole discretion of the **Insurer** and is subject to payment by **You** of any additional premium required to be paid in respect of any such reinstatement, as notified by the **Insurer**.

If the **Insurer** accepts **Your** request to reinstate the **Limit of Indemnity**, an endorsement to the **Policy** will be issued showing that the **Limit of Indemnity** has been reinstated. If no such endorsement has been issued, then the **Limit of Indemnity** has not been reinstated regardless of any request **You** or a previous owner may have made.

6.10 TAX

Any claim We pay will not include VAT unless You cannot recover part or all of the VAT You have paid.

6.11 TERMINATION

The **Policy** will terminate automatically without refund of premium in the event that:

- i the **Premises** are destroyed by a cause other than that insured against in the **Policy**; or
- the Insurer has paid the maximum amount for which it will be liable under the Policy in accordance with the Limit of Indemnity unless the Limit of Indemnity has been reinstated in line with the Reinstatement of Limit of Indemnity clause.

6.12 THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

A person who is not a party to the **Policy** has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of the **Policy**, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

6.13 INSURER'S RIGHTS

In the event of any occurrence which may give rise to a claim under the **Policy**, it is a condition that the **Insurer** and/or its agents (including the **Contractor** and / or their subcontractors) shall, with the permission of the **Policyholder**, be entitled to enter the **Premises** and be given all reasonable access in order to carry out rectification works or the complete or partial rebuilding of the **Premises**. If such permission is unreasonably withheld by the **Policyholder** then the **Insurer** may refuse to indemnify the claim under the **Policy** and/or the **Policyholder** shall be responsible for any additional costs caused by the delay in carrying out such works and the **Insurer** has the sole option to terminate the **Policy** with immediate effect.

7. HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT

- i We have the authority to administer complaints on behalf of the Insurer. We aim to provide a first class service however, occasionally an enquiry or a complaint may arise, often as a result of a misunderstanding, which will usually be resolved quickly and to Your satisfaction.
- ii If You have an enquiry or cause to make a complaint regarding the **Policy** then You should, in the first instance, contact the **Scheme Administrator**:

The Scheme Administrator

London Belgravia Brokers Limited 60 Margaret Street London W1W 8TF

Email: info@lbb.london Tel: 020 3701 0422

- iii A copy of **Our** Complaints Procedure will be provided with an acknowledgement of **Your** complaint.
- iv In all cases, the Reference Number appearing in the Certificate of Insurance should be quoted.

Any complaint that cannot be resolved by **Us** may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service. Further details will be provided at the appropriate stage of the complaint process or are available on request. This complaint procedure is without prejudice to **Your** right to take legal action. Their address is:

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

Or via the website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Whilst a complaint against **Us** may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Newpoint Reinsurance Company Limited is not subject to FCA regulation. This means that neither the Financial Services Compensation Scheme nor the Financial Ombudsman Service apply to the cover under the **Policy** and any complaint made about Newpoint Reinsurance Company Limited cannot be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service.