

Report to Planning Committee

7th April 2021

Application Reference	DC/20/65088
Application Received	15 th February 2021
Application Description	Proposed variation of condition 1 and removal of conditions 12 and 14 of planning permission DC/18/61392 (Proposed 4 No. semi-detached bungalows and 1 No. 3 bedroom detached bungalow). Condition 1 - Installation of roof lights to all plots and obscured side window to plot 1. Condition 12 and 14 - Servicing & delivery arrangements and entrance gates.
Application Address	Land Off James Watt Drive Wednesbury
Applicant	Mr Satnam Sahota
Ward	Wednesbury North
Contact Officer	William Stevens William_stevens@sandwell.gov.uk

1 Recommendations

1.1 That planning permission is granted subject to the conditions of DC/18/61392 (removing conditions 12 and 14) with the inclusion of an additional condition:



i) Prior to the bungalows being first occupied, the roof lights shall be obscurely glazed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority and retained as such.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The introduction of roof lights within the approved dwellings causes no significant harm to the amenity of the occupiers of adjacent properties by reason of loss of privacy.
- 2.2 The removal of Conditions 12 and 14 of DC/18/61392 would not cause any significant highway safety issues.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods – The scheme would assist with meeting the council's housing targets and provides good quality homes.

4 Context

- 4.1 This is a retrospective planning application.
- 4.2 This application is being reported to your Planning Committee because five material planning objections have received.
- 4.3 To assist members with site context, a link to Google Maps is provided below, however given the location only an aerial view of the site is available with officer and resident's photographs provided further into this report:

Brunswick Park Road - Aerial view



5 Key Considerations

- 5.1 The site benefits from planning permission (DC/18/61392) which is currently being built for 4 No. semi-detached bungalows and 1 No. 3 bedroom detached bungalow.
- 5.2 The material planning considerations which are relevant to this application are: -

Overlooking/loss of privacy

6. The Application Site

- 6.1 The application site is sandwiched between Brunswick Park Road and a dormant railway line. Access to the site is via James Watt Drive, Wednesbury.
- 6.2 The site benefits from planning permission (DC/18/61392) which is currently being built for 4 No. semi-detached bungalows and 1 No. 3 bedroom detached bungalow.

7. Planning History

- 7.1 A residential development approved by this Committee is being built to the rear of the properties on Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury.
- 7.2 Relevant planning applications are as follows:
- 7.3

DC/18/61392

Proposed 4 No. semidetached bungalows and 1 No. 3 bedroom detached bungalow.

Grant Permission subject to Conditions

27th April 2018



7.4 Other applications:

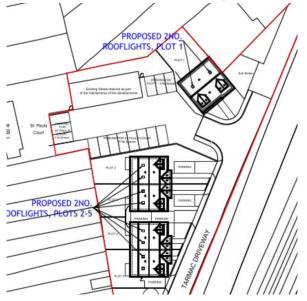
A non-material amendment (NMA) application was recently refused by officers. The NMA application proposed to carry out the changes proposed in this application but was refused, on the grounds that the changes were material and required a further planning application.

7.5 Other applications have been submitted on nearby properties owned by the applicant, however these have no relevance to this application.

8. Application Details

- 8.1 The applicant proposes to vary condition 1 and removal of conditions 12 and 14 of planning permission DC/18/61392 (Proposed 4 No. semidetached bungalows and 1 No. 3 bedroom detached bungalow).
- 8.2 Condition 1

Condition 1 of DC/18/61392 requires the applicant to build in accordance with the submitted and approved plans. The applicant has built properties with roof lights and the first part of this application, is to retain what has been built. The extract below shows the location of the roof lights. Also refer to photographs in 9.2 below).





8.3 <u>Condition 12</u> of DC/18/61392 states:

a) Before the development is brought into use details of servicing and delivery arrangements shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

b) The approved servicing and delivery arrangements shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

8.4 <u>Condition 14</u> of DC/18/61392 states:

a) Before the development is first occupied details of a gates to be installed at the entrance to the development shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

b) The approved gates shall be installed before the development is occupied and thereafter be retained as such.

8.5 The applicant has stated that the service and delivery arrangements as well as the originally intended entrance gates are no longer required. Therefore, the applicant is therefore seeking to remove those conditions.

9. Publicity

9.1 The application has been publicised by neighbour notification letters with five individual objections received.

9.2 Objections

Objections received relate to the roof lights overlooking residents back gardens affecting the privacy of occupants on Brunswick Park Road.





9.3 Responses to objections

Objectors gardens are approximately 25m in length, with the roof lights installed approximately 34m away from the rear wall of the terraced properties in Brunswick Park Road. The windows follow the same angle as the roof and point up, towards the sky and not facing the houses, unlike typical dormer windows. Whilst the windows can be opened, firstly the separation distances between the bungalows and the existing properties meets the Council's standards (i.e. 21 metres). Secondly, it was observed during my site visit, that the height in which they are installed 1.9m to 2.3m (6ft 2 to 7ft 8)) would require occupants of the properties to stand on something in order to look directly onto the rear of objector's properties. Furthermore, the applicant has said that he is willing to obscurely glaze these windows.









9.4 Immaterial objections

Immaterial objections have been raised. These range from the application been retrospective and objecting to the previously approved 2018 application in terms of noise, litter, parking, removal of trees, impact on wildlife, over population, inadequate access and refuse storage. Whilst it may seem that some of those concerns raised are material considerations they cannot be taken into account due to the 2018 application already being granted and this proposal seeks to amend the scheme in terms of points 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 above only.

10. Consultee responses

10.1 Highways

The Council's highways team raised no objections.

11. National Planning Policy

11.1 National Planning Policy Framework promotes sustainable development but states that local circumstances should be taken into account to reflect the character, needs and opportunities for each area.

12. Local Planning Policy

12.1 The following polices of the council's Development Plan are relevant:

ENV3: Design Quality SAD EOS9: Urban Design Principles SPD Revised Residential Design Guide

12.2 The development is considered to be complaint with polices ENV3 and SAD ESO9 in that there is no significant impact on residential amenity in terms of loss of privacy and overlooking. Whilst the separation distances set out in the design guide relate to two storey properties, this



provides a useful guide. The separation distances between the existing residents and the bungalows exceeds those stated for window elevations, namely 21 metres.

13. Material Considerations

13.1 The material considerations relating to government policy (NPPF) and proposals within the Development Plan have been referred to above in Sections 11 and 12. With regards to the other considerations these are highlighted below:

13.2 Loss of privacy/overlooking

Given the explanation in point 9.3, I do not foresee any privacy issues. However, if Members are minded to approve the application, in order to remove the sense of being overlooked, I suggest the windows are obscurely glazed and retained as such.

14 Alternative Options

14.1 Refusal of the application is an option if there are material planning reasons for doing so, however it is considered that these changes do not cause harm to residential amenity in term of overlooking/privacy.

15 Implications

Resources:	es: When a planning application is refused the applicant	
	has a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, and	
	they can make a claim for costs against the Council.	
Legal and	This application is submitted under the Town and	
Governance:	Country Planning Act 1990.	
Risk:	None.	
Equality:	There are no equality issues arising from this proposal	
	and therefore an equality impact assessment has not	
	been carried out.	



Health and	None
Wellbeing:	
Social Value	None

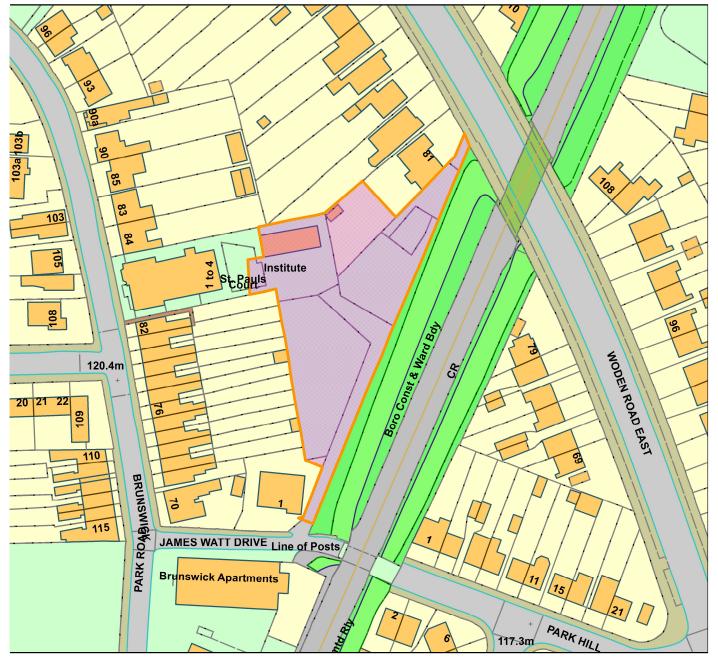
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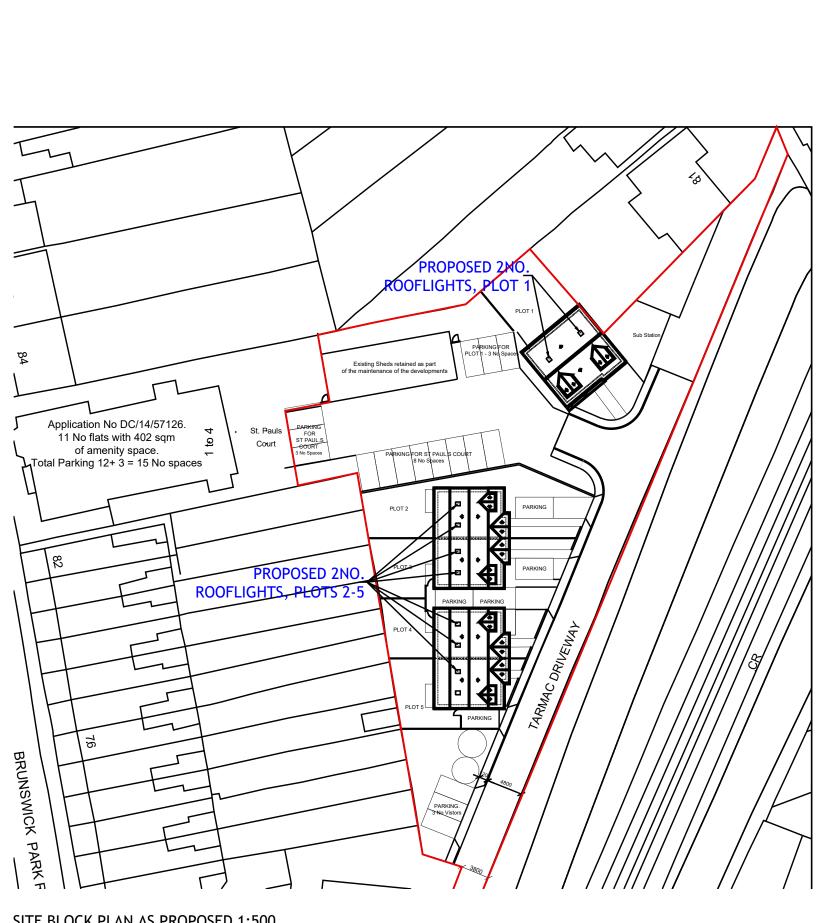
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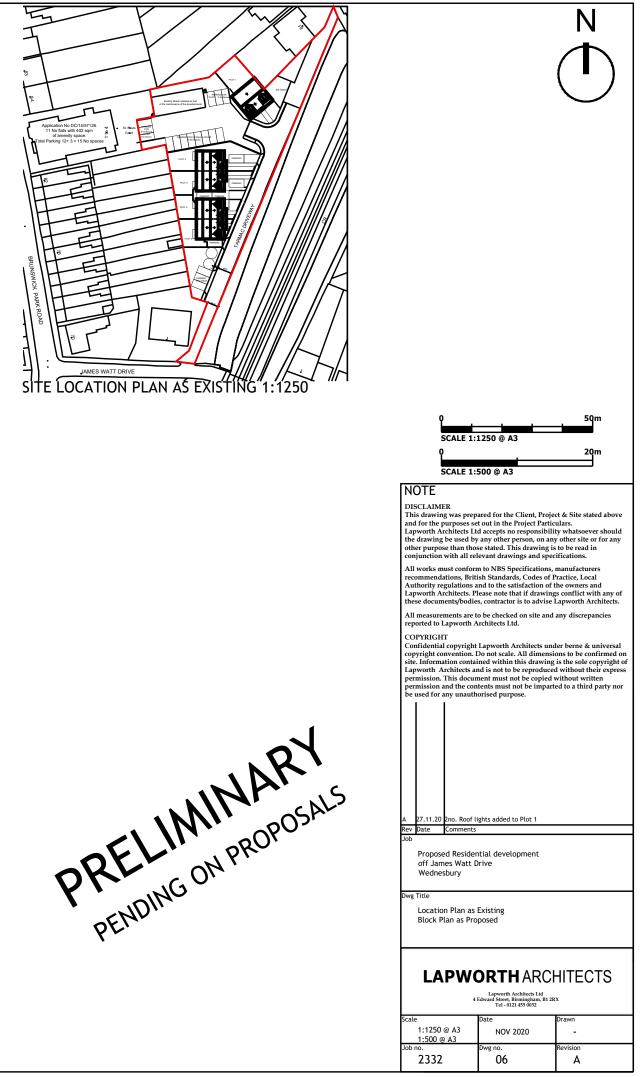


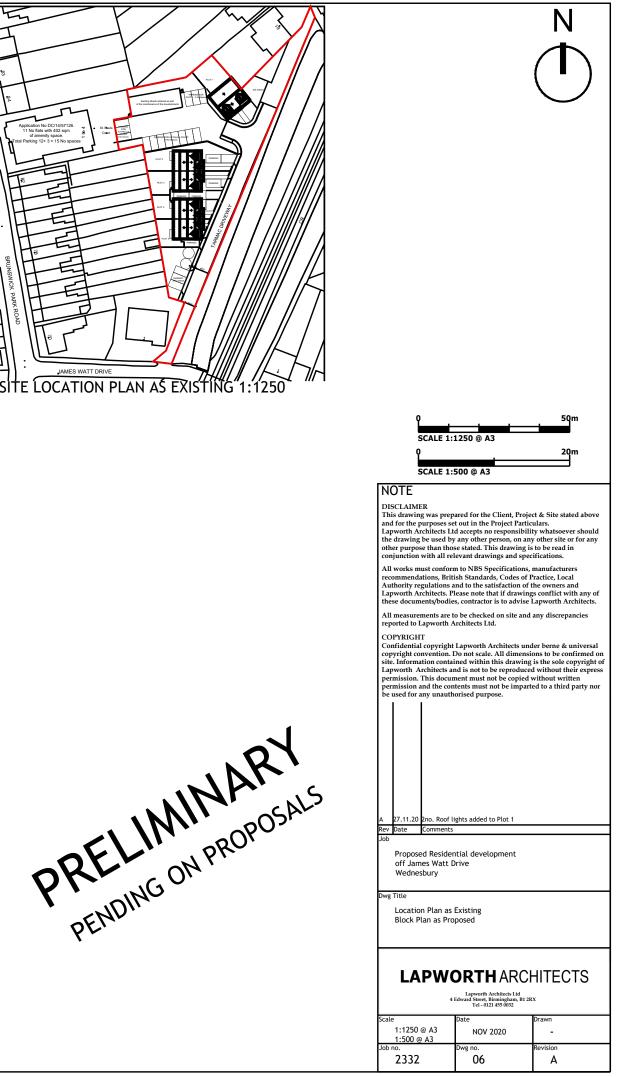
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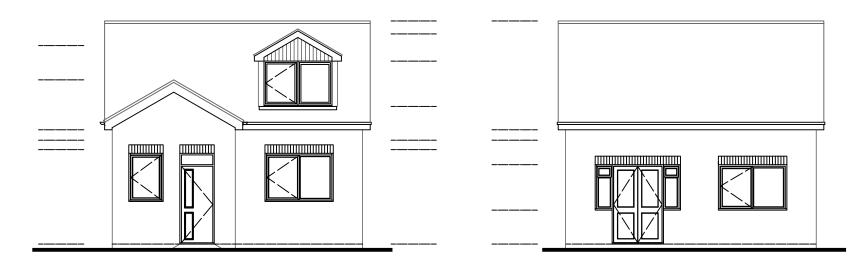
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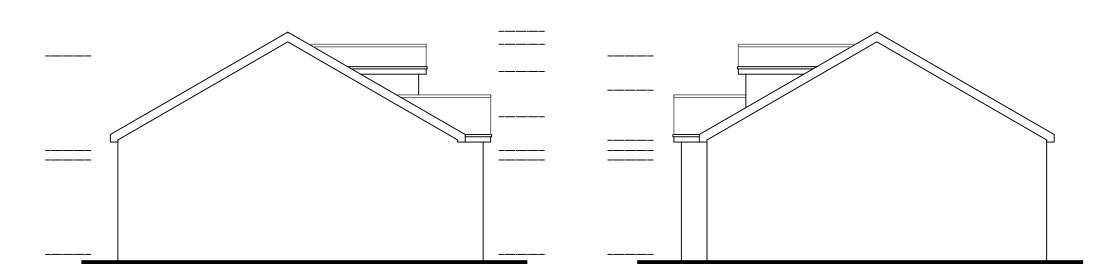


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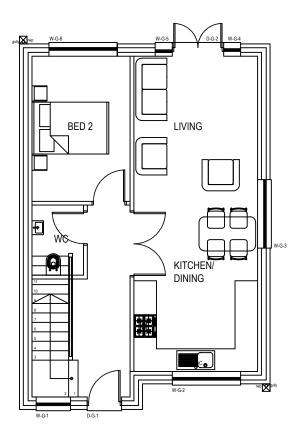
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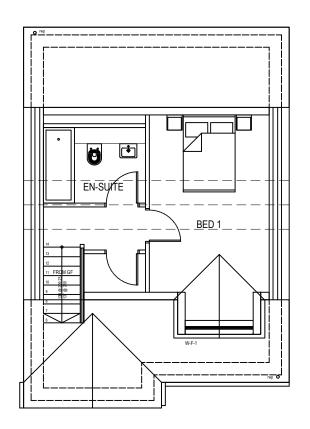
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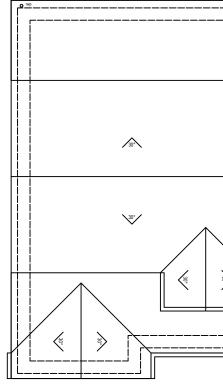
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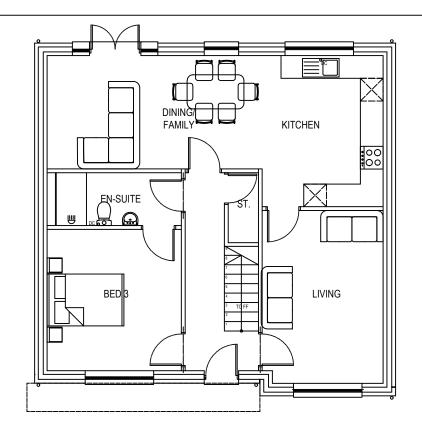
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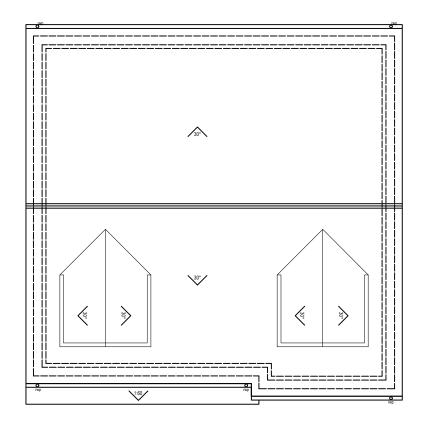
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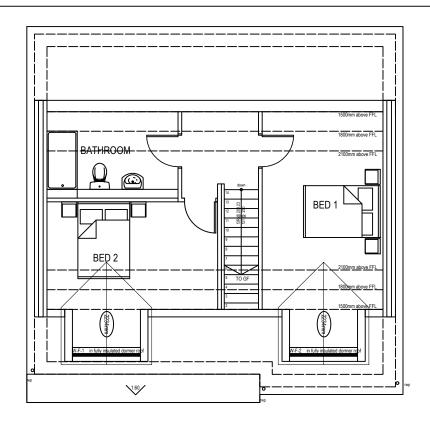
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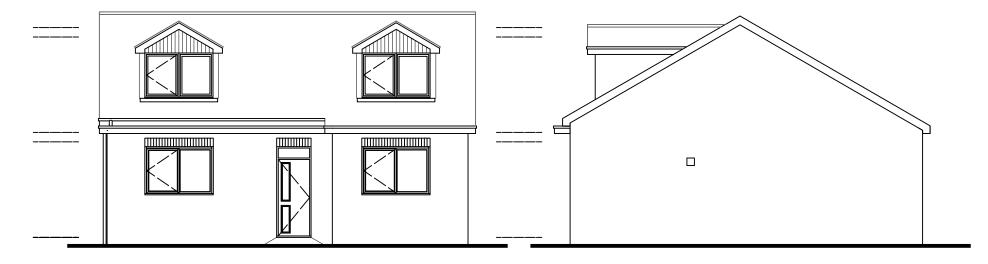
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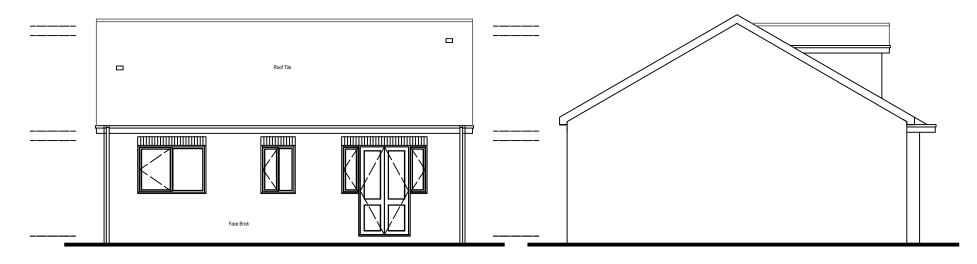
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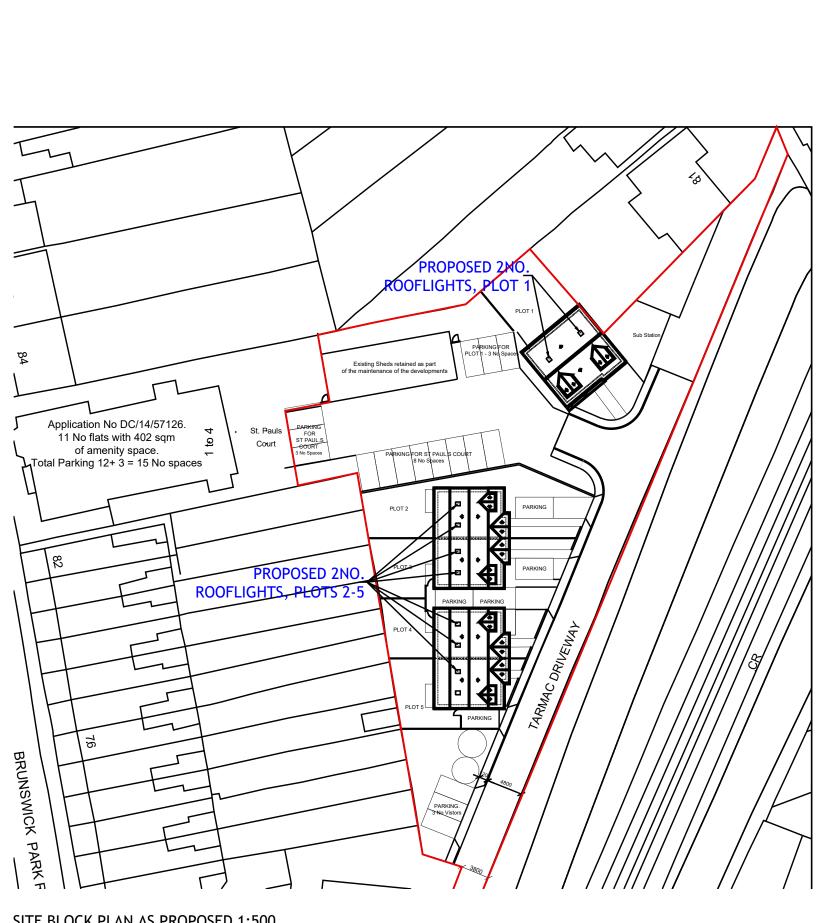
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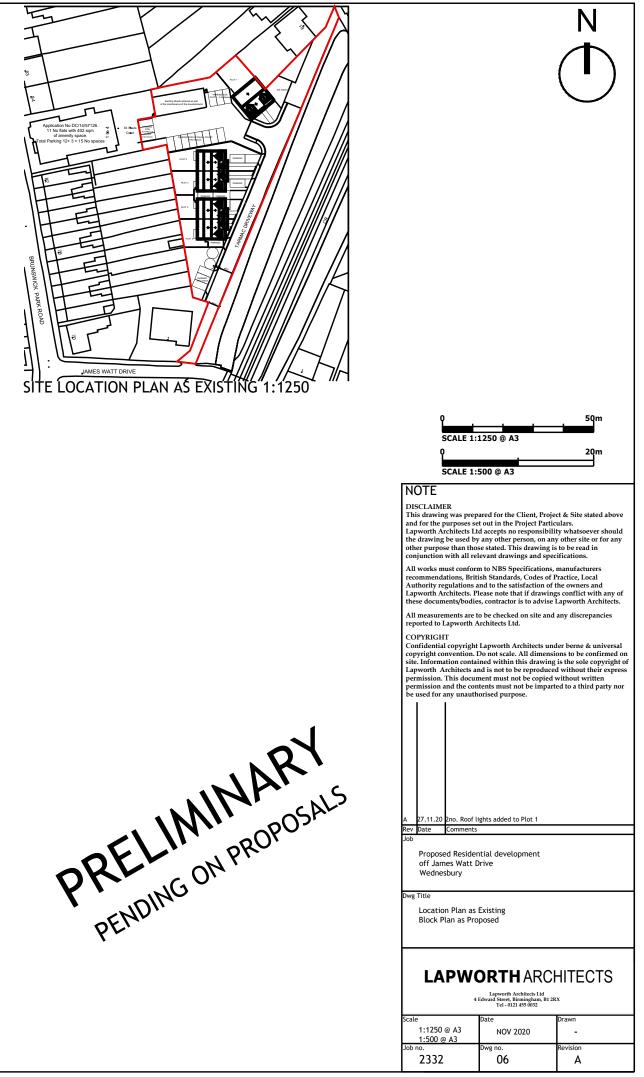
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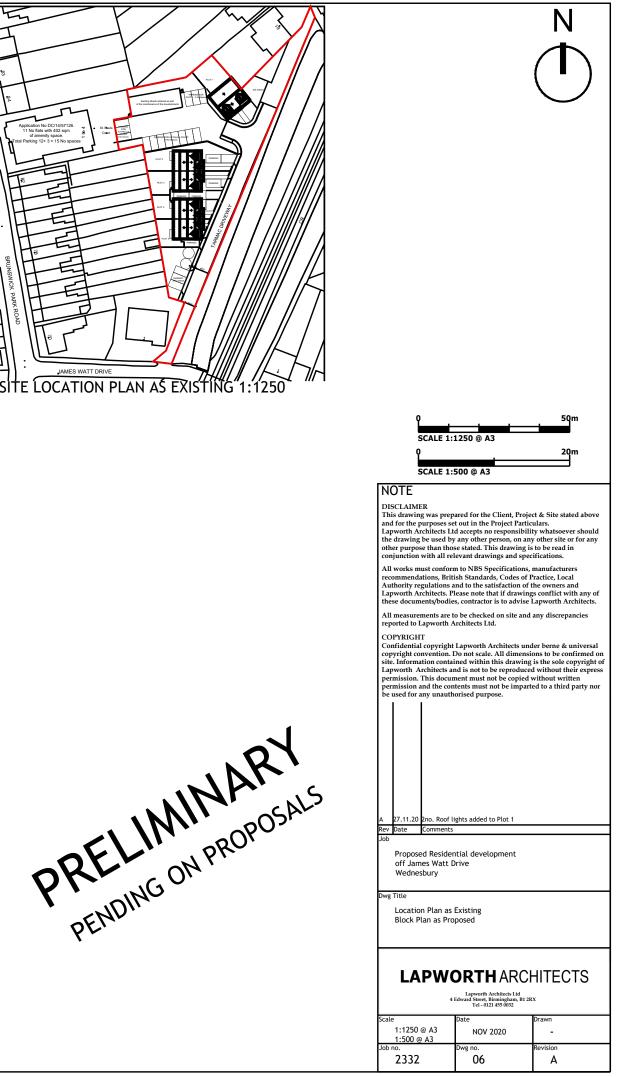
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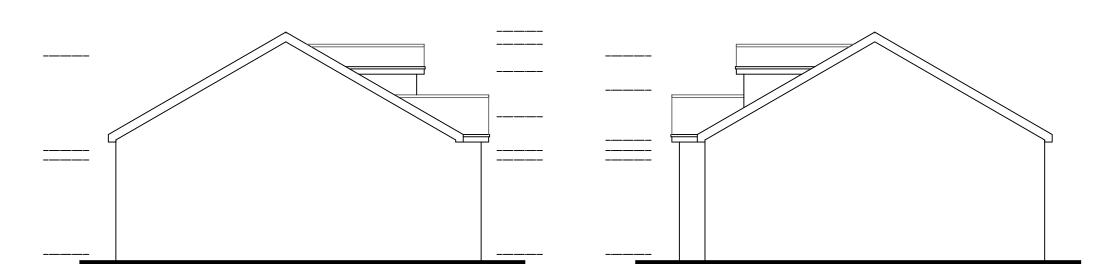


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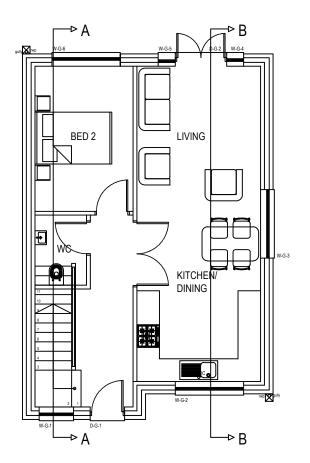
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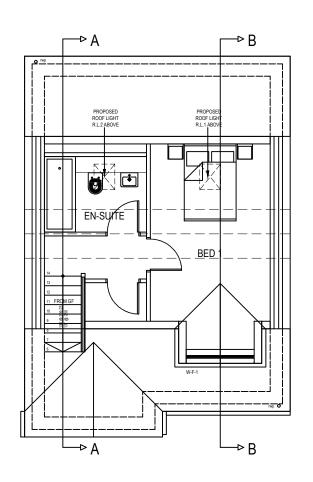
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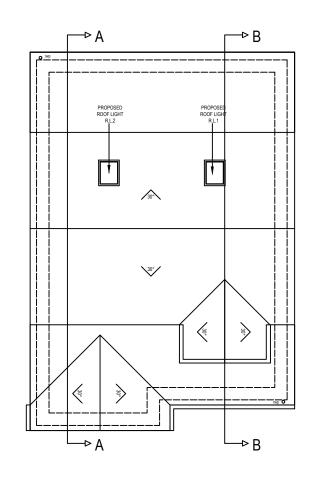
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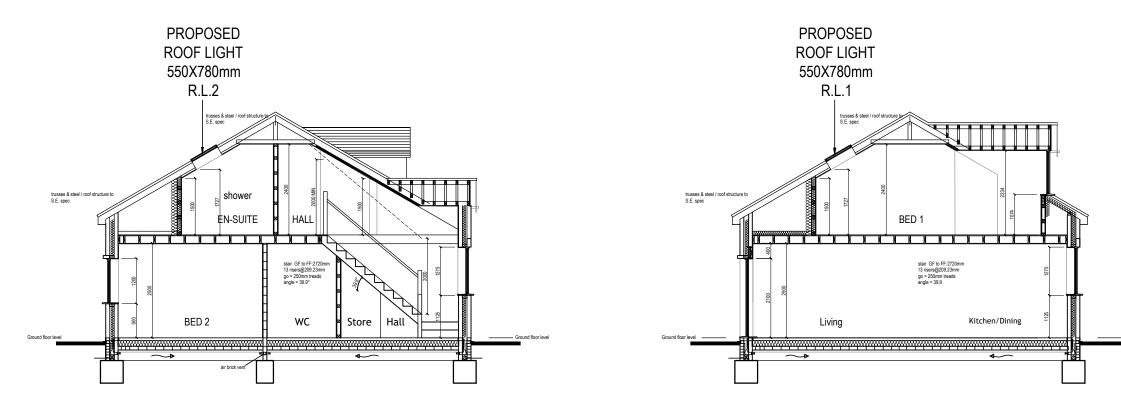
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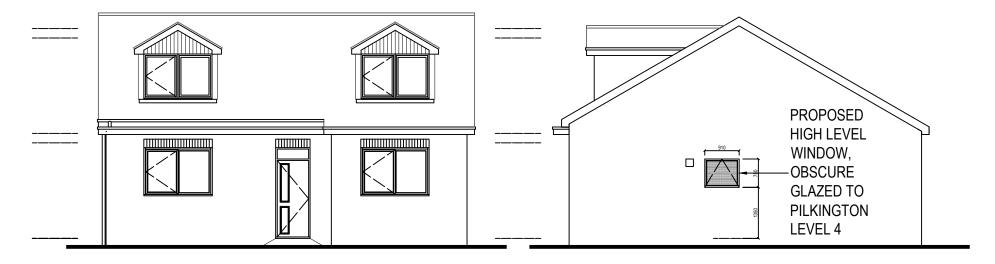
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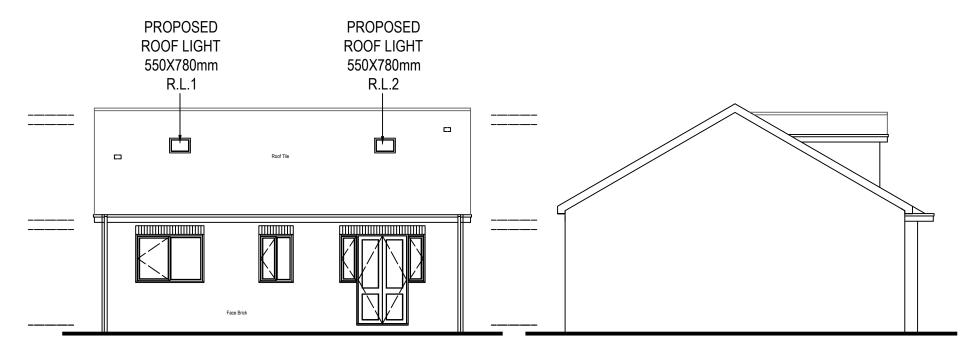
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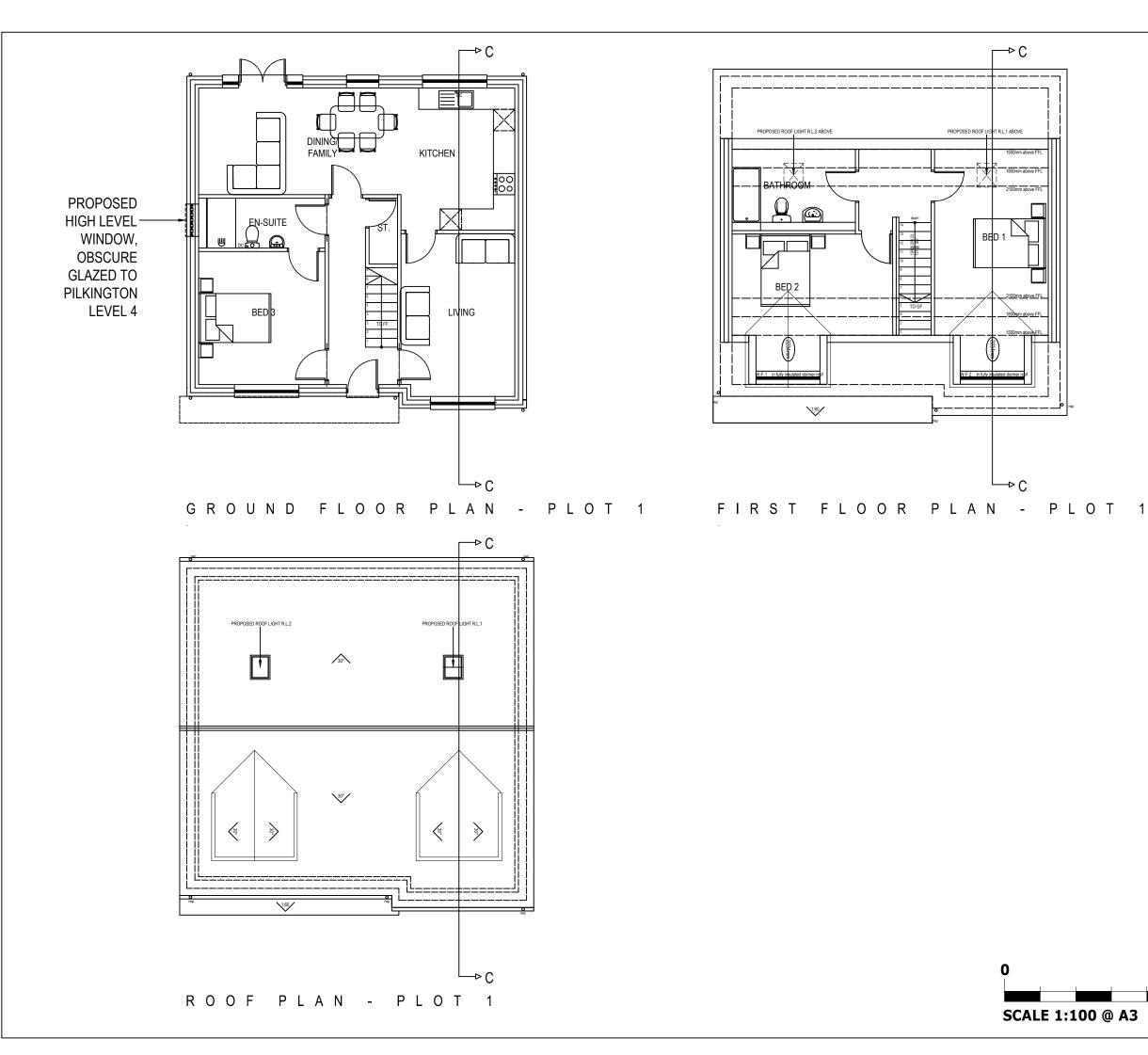
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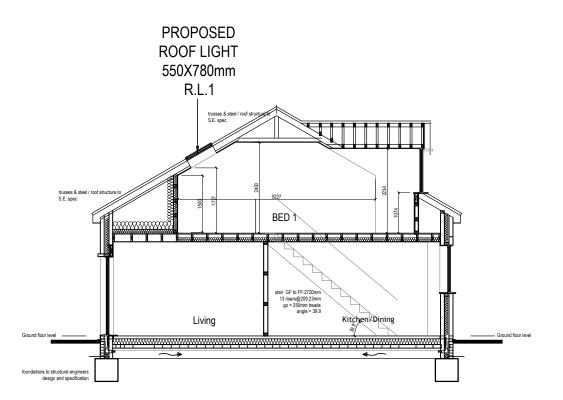
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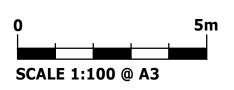
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