



# **Report to Planning Committee**

# 8 July 2021

Application Reference	DC/21/65517
Application Received	8 April 2021
Application Description	Proposed first floor front and single/two storey rear extensions, front porch alterations and extensions to roof including raising the height.
Application Address	48 William Road Smethwick B67 6LW
Applicant	Mr Muhammad Imran
Ward	Smethwick
Contact Officer	Name Dave Paine Email david_paine@sandwell.gov.uk

#### 1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That planning permission is granted subject to:
  - (i) External materials to match existing property.

## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 The application is compliant with both national and local planning policies. Although some loss of light would be experienced by the adjacent neighbour, this would not be sufficient to warrant refusal of the application. The proposal would have no appreciable impact on the



visual amenity of the surrounding area or to the safety and convenience of users of the highway.

# 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods – The design of the proposal is acceptable in respect of national and local planning policy.

#### 4 Context

- 4.1 This application is being reported to your Planning Committee because it has been requested by Councillor Parbinder Kaur.
- 4.2 To assist members with site context, a link to Google Maps is provided below:

#### 48 William Road

#### 5 Key Considerations

- 5.1 The site is unallocated in the local plan.
- 5.2 The material planning considerations which are relevant to this application are:-

Loss of light and/or outlook Design, appearance and materials

#### 6. The Application Site

6.1 This application relates to a detached residential property on the northern side of William Road, Smethwick. This area is residential in character with a range of dwelling types, including terraced, semi-detached and detached dwellings.



# 7. Planning History

7.1 There is no relevant planning history.

# 8. Application Details

- 8.1 The applicant proposes to erect a first floor front and single/two storey rear extensions, front porch alterations and extensions to roof including raising the height The proposals are as follows:-
  - (i) The design of the front elevation and roof would be substantially changed, and the roof height would increase by 750mm, making the overall roof height 8.65 metres.
  - A two-storey front extension is proposed to include a new porch with first floor bedroom above, measuring 2.5 metres deep by 3.7 metres wide with an overall height of 7.15 metres.
  - (iii) To the rear there would be a ground floor extension measuring 6.0 metres deep by 3.3 metres high by 11 metres wide, and a first-floor extension above measuring 4.0 metres deep by 8 metres high by 7.5 metres wide.
  - (iv) The loft would be converted to include 2 additional bedrooms and a bathroom.

# 9. Publicity

9.1 The application has been publicised by neighbour notification letter with one objection being received.

# 9.2 **Objections**

Objections have been received on the following grounds:

(i) Loss of light

Immaterial objections have been raised regarding loss of property value, damage to neighbouring property and damage to boundaries.



# 9.3 **Responses to objections**

I respond to the objector's comments:

(i) Having considered this proposal, the primary issue relating to loss of light would be the impact of the two-storey rear extension on the rear facing windows of the neighbouring properties. The twostorey rear extension would be closest to the boundary with number 46, and that is where the main point of concern lies. However, the two nearest windows on the dwelling at number 46 serve a bathroom on the first floor and a kitchen on the ground floor. A bathroom is not deemed to be a habitable room and is therefore of no significant concern. The kitchen is deemed to be a habitable room but the window in question is not the sole source of natural light to this room. The kitchen also receives light from a glazed door and a second larger window which opens into the conservatory. For this reason, the overall loss of light caused to number 46 would not be sufficient to warrant refusal. The proposed extension is further away from the boundary with number 50, and number 50 has no rear facing windows serving habitable rooms to the boundary. It would therefore suffer no significant loss of light.

## 10. Consultee responses

There are no statutory consultation responses to report for this application.

## 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

12.2 These policies emphasise the need for good design and proposals should be of an acceptable scale. This proposal accords with these policies.

## 13. Material Considerations

13.1 National and local planning policy considerations have been referred to above in sections 11 and 12. With regards to the other material considerations, these are highlighted below:

## 13.2 Loss of light

It is considered that this proposal would not cause any significant harm to neighbours in terms of loss of light as referred to in paragraph 9.3 above

## 13.3 Loss of outlook

It is considered that this proposal would not cause any significant harm to neighbours in terms of loss of light as referred to in paragraph 9.3 above.

## 13.4 **Design and appearance**

Although the proposal would substantially alter the appearance of this property, the design would be of a high quality and would sit well within a



street-scene with a wide variety of house types. The raising of the roof height would not cause any harm to visual amenity as this proposal relates to a detached property with no direct visual link with its neighbours.

# 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 this proposal accords with design policy and would not appreciably harm the amenities of neighbouring property

#### 15 Implications

Resources:	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.	

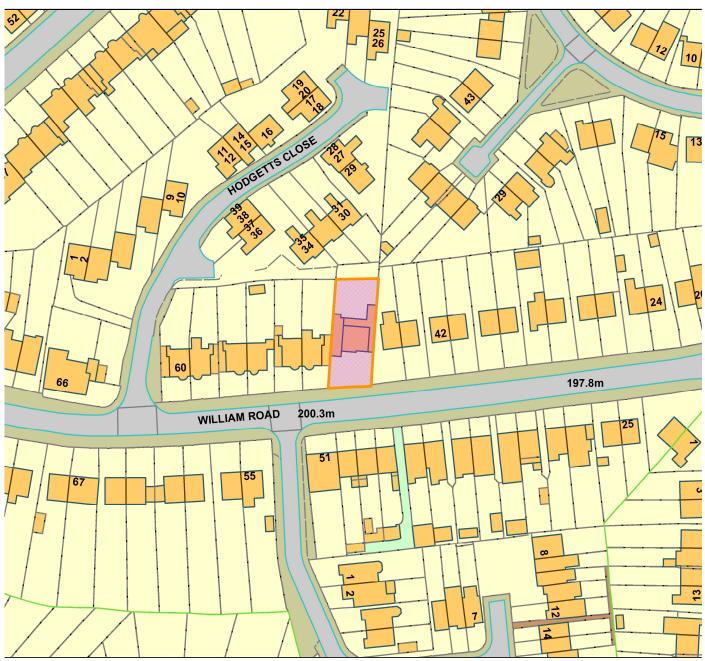
#### 16. Appendices

Site Plan Plan No. H221-01 A Plan No. H221-02 A Plan No. H221-03 B Plan No. H221-06



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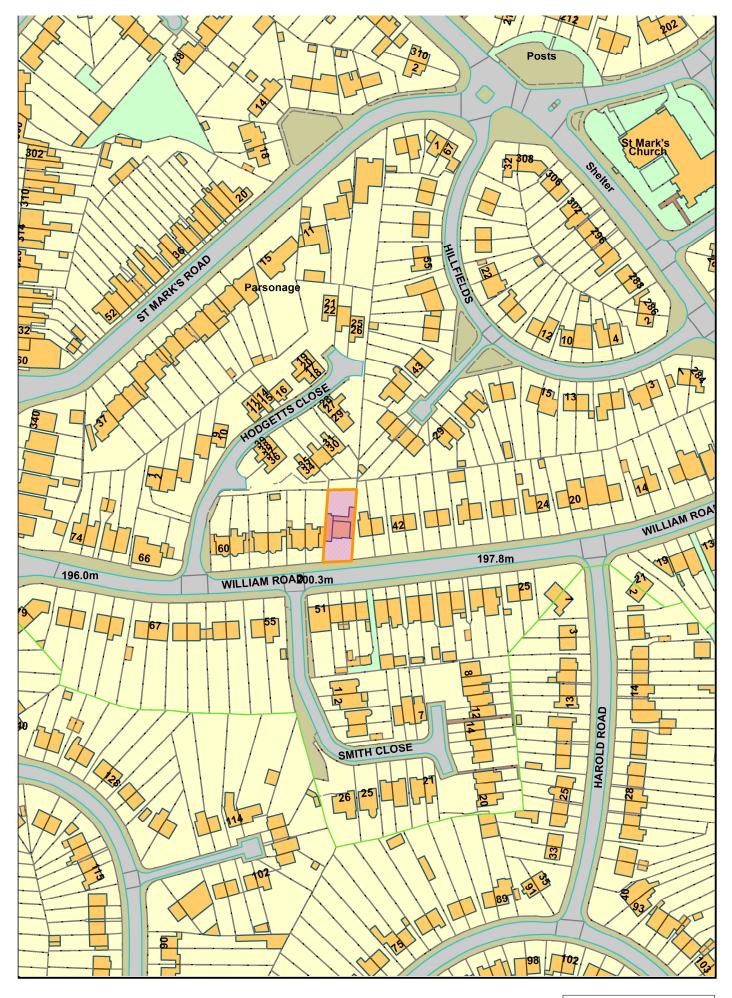


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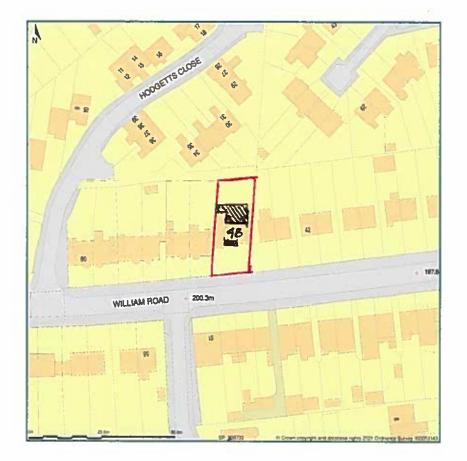


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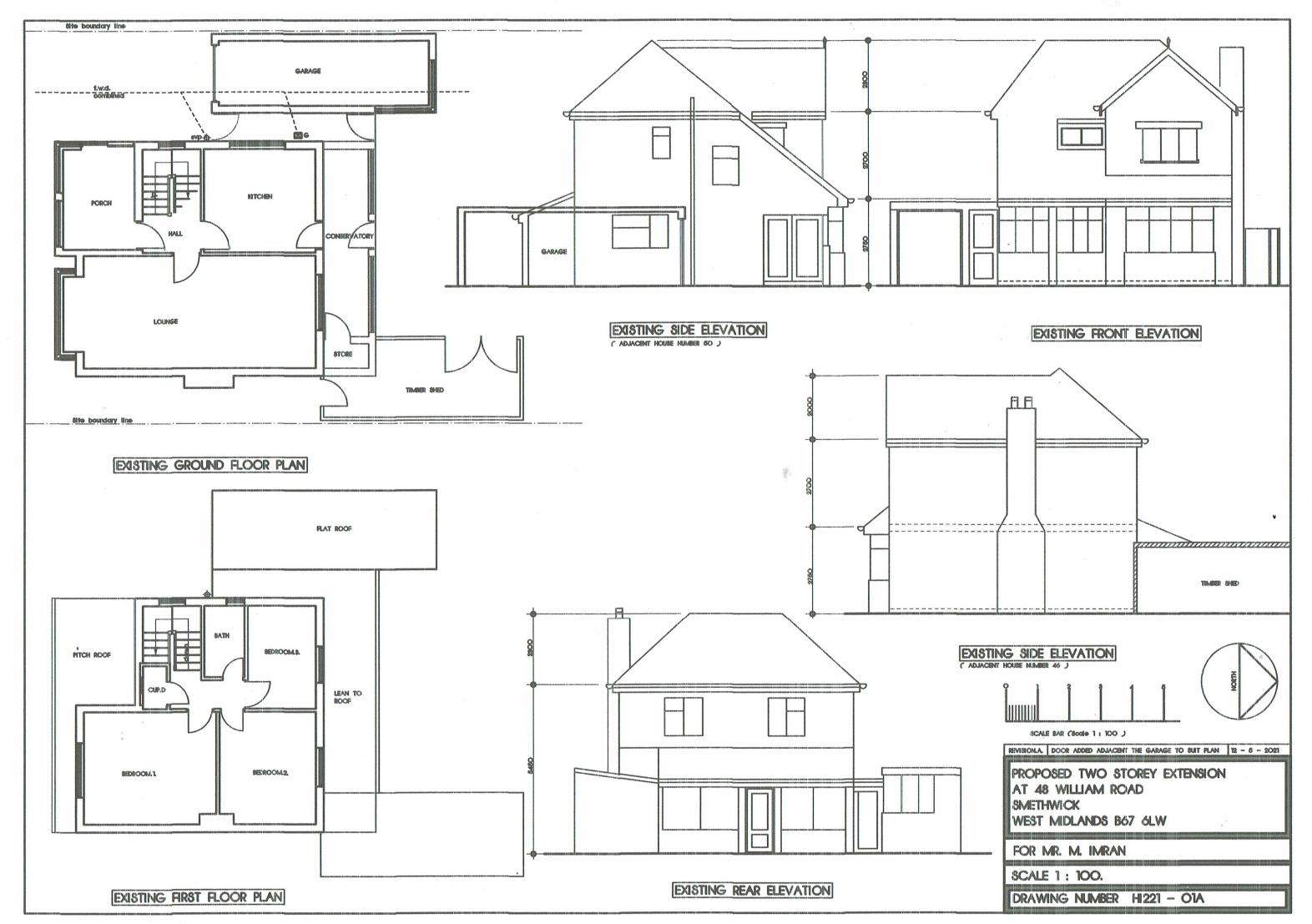


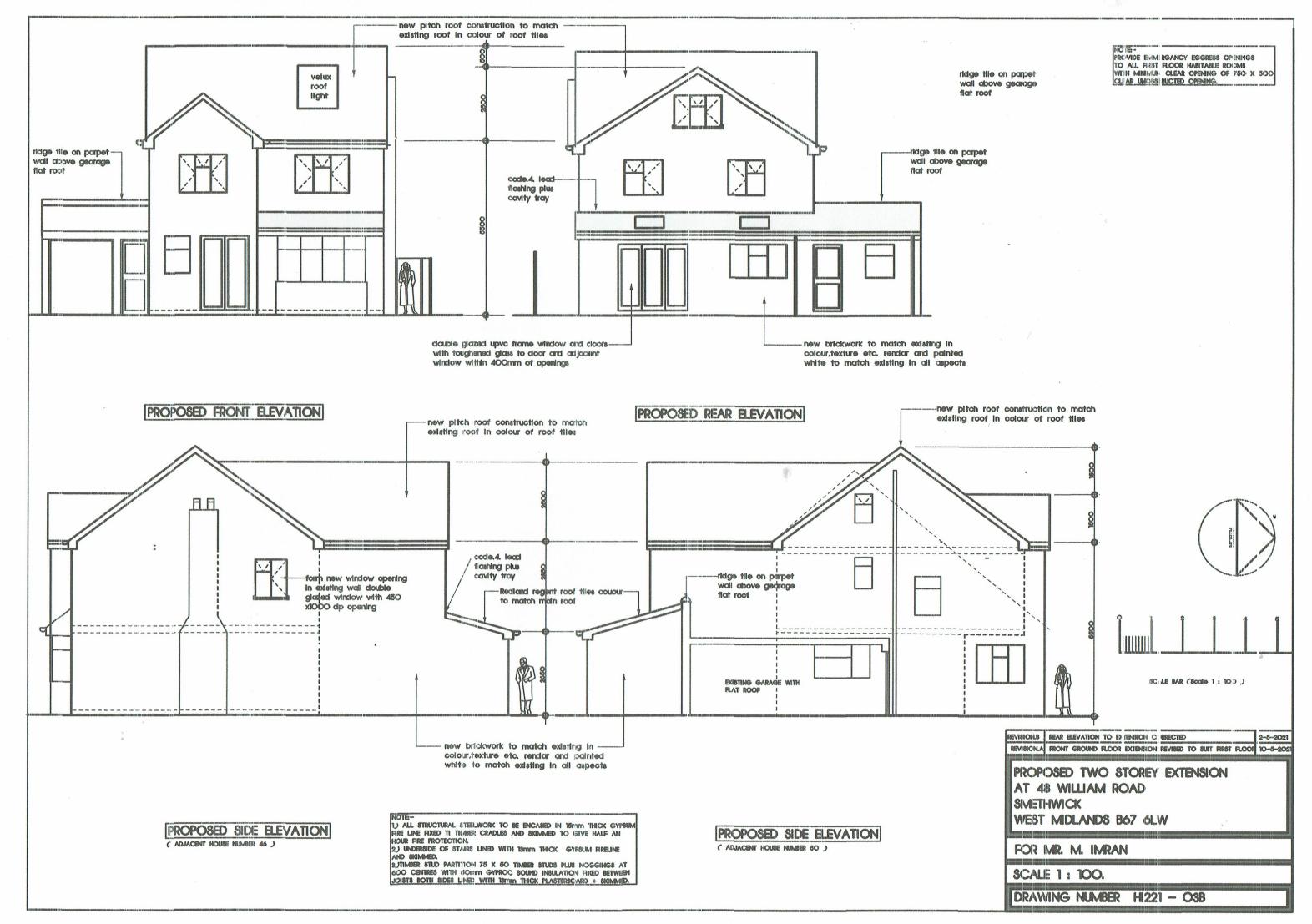
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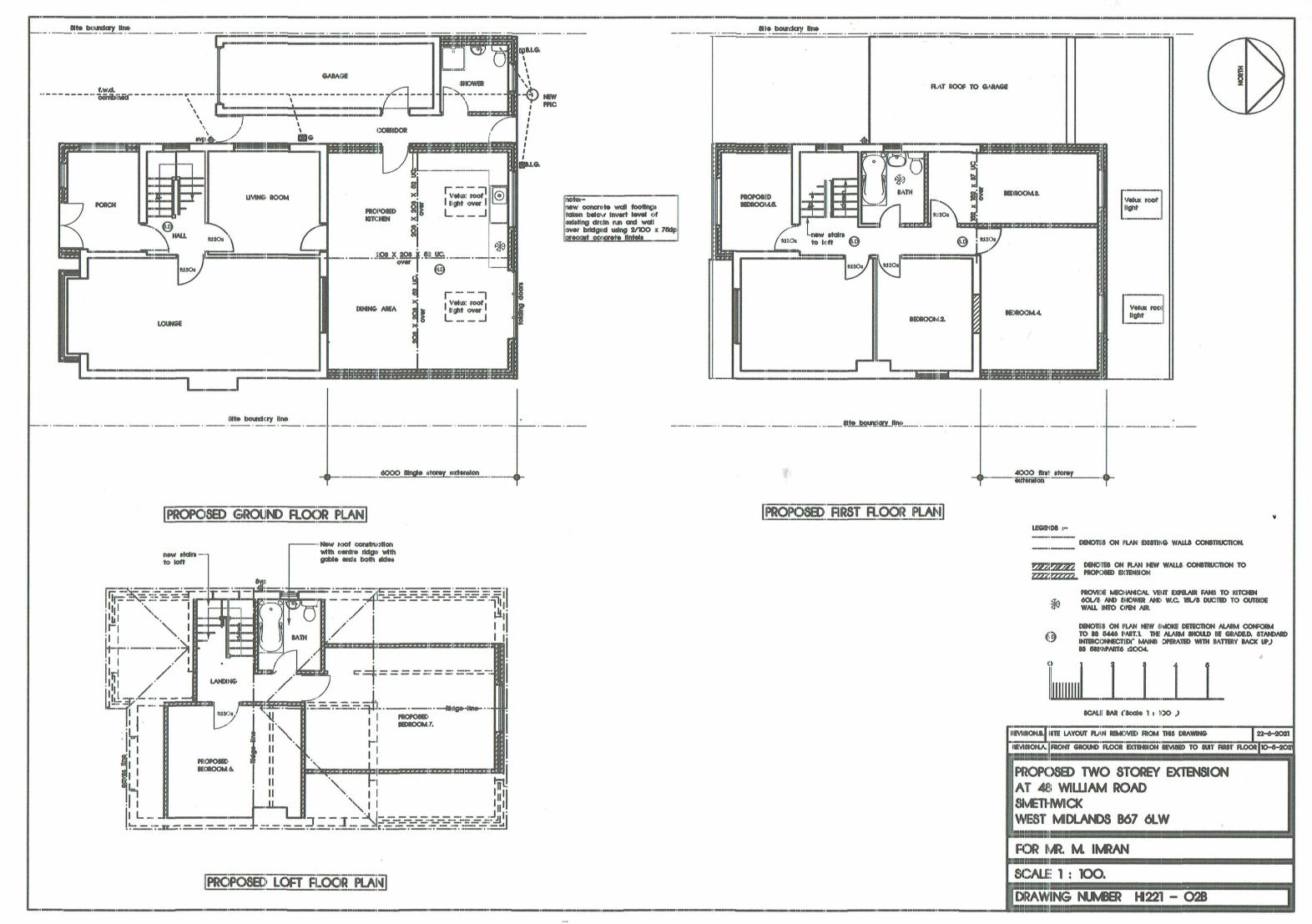
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