

# PLANNING COMMITTEE ADDENDUM Presentations

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# 47 Trafalgar Street

BH2022/02492



### **Application Description**

 Demolition of existing car rental premises and erection of a four-storey building (plus basement) comprising commercial floorspace (Class E).



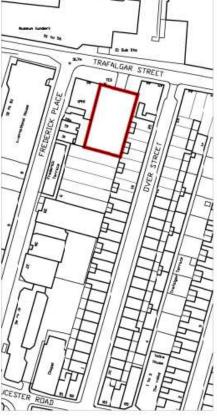
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### **Site Location Plan**



Proposed Block Plan Scale 1:500 @A3





Site location Plan Scale 1:1250 @A3





# Aerial photo of site





# 3D Aerial photo of site







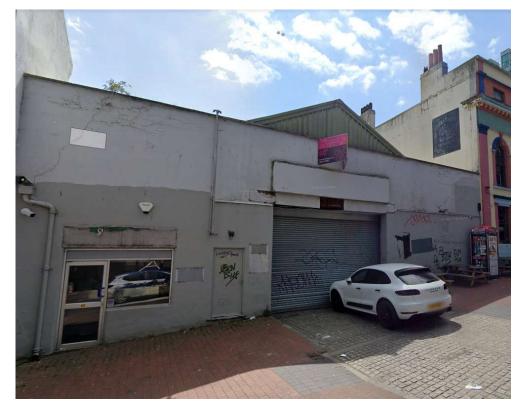
### **Proposed Site Plan**



Proposed site and roof plan Scale 1:200 @A2



# Site Photos – from Trafalgar St

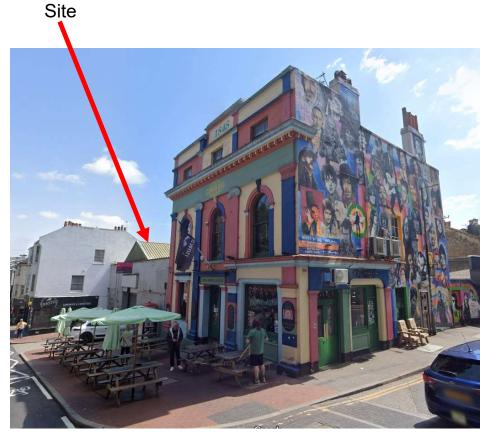






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### **Site/Context Photos**





**Facing south-east** 

Facing west (towards Brighton Station)



### **Proposed Front Elevation**



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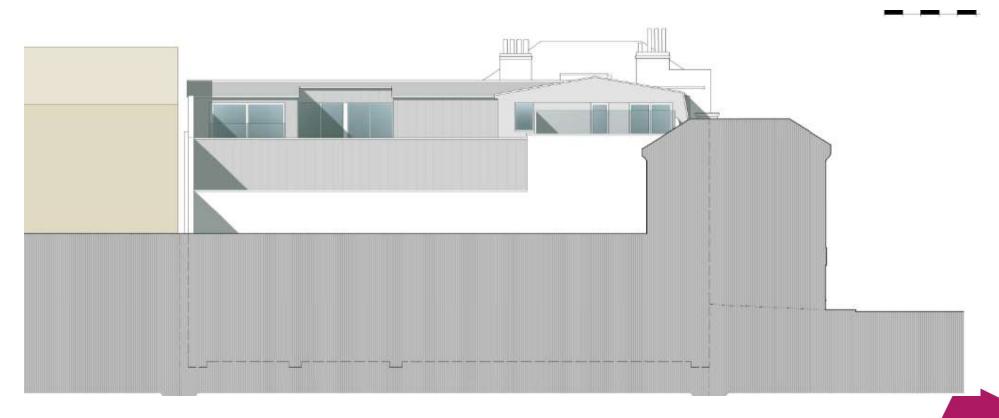
### **Proposed Contextual Front Elevation**



Proposed street elevation scale 1:200 @A2

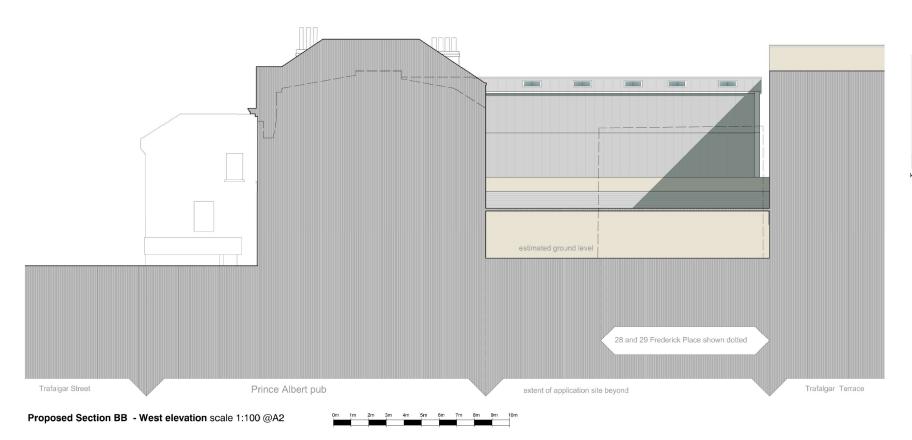


### **Proposed East Elevation**



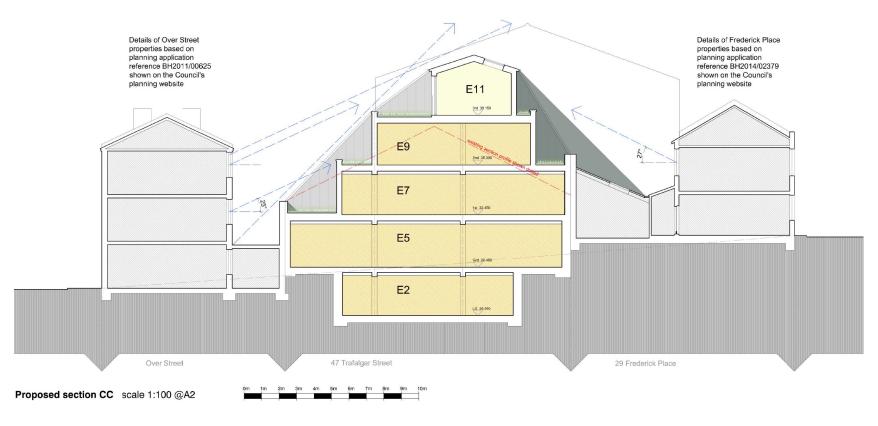


### **Proposed Section (west)**





### **Proposed Section North**





key plan



### **Proposed Section South**



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Proposed sectional EE scale 1:100 @A2

### Representations

#### **1282 Objections:**

- Impact on the adjoining Prince Albert Public House
- Design considerations and impact on Heritage Assets
- Impact on Amenity

#### 4 in Support:

- Good design
- Good for local economy and businesses

#### 7 Comments:

- Amended plans mean there is no longer cause to object
- Could support if the scheme could never be converted to residential use



### **Key Considerations**

- Design / Heritage
- 'Agent of Change' Principle
- Impact on Amenity
- Highways Issues
- Sustainability
- Ecology/ Biodiversity



### **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Redevelopment of the site would provide high quality commercial space, appropriate to the character of the North Laine area
- Would enhance character and appearance of area and setting of heritage assets
- No significant harm to the amenity of local residents/businesses
- Development would integrate effectively with existing businesses, including Prince Albert pub, a key cultural asset, and subject to conditions, would not affect operation of it as a live venue.
- The benefits of the scheme would significantly outweigh any negative impacts.

**Recommend Approval** subject to conditions including stringent soundproofing measures, appropriate hours of use, and restrictions on potential future changes of use.

# Ovingdean Hall, English Language School BH2023/00830

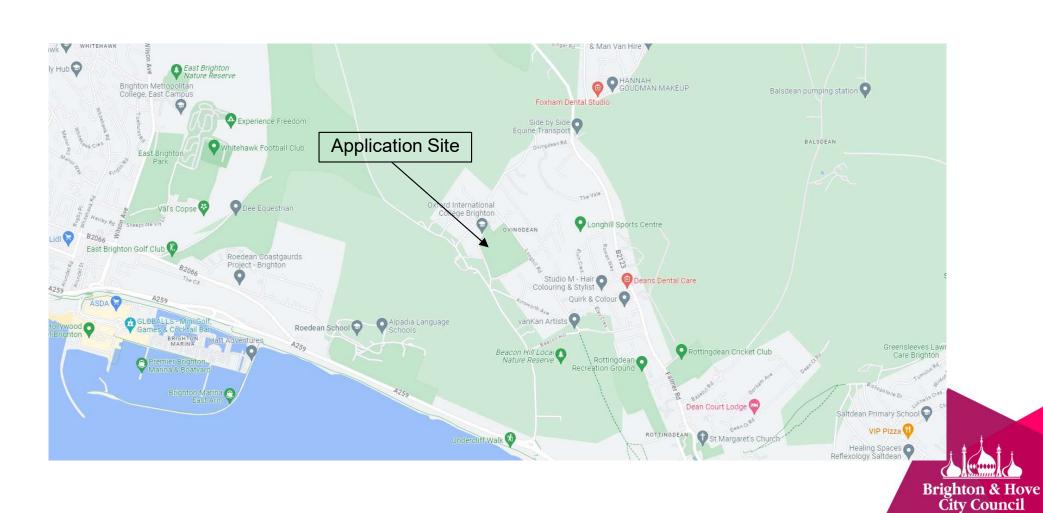
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### **Application Description**

 Demolition of existing theatre, swimming pool, external storage and two accommodation blocks and erection of parttwo and part-three storey extension to Ovingdean Wing, erection of detached threestorey accommodation building, relocation of existing MUGA, landscaping alterations and associated works.

### Map of application site



### **Existing Location Plan**





# Aerial photo of site





# 3D Aerial photo of site





### Close-up aerial view





### **Greenways entrance**



### Ovingdean Road entrance facing south





### Ovingdean Road frontage facing north





### Original Ovingdean Hall building





# **Demolition plan**

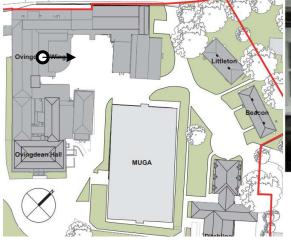




### View of buildings to be demolished











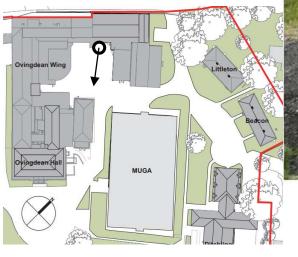
### View of buildings to be demolished





MUGA







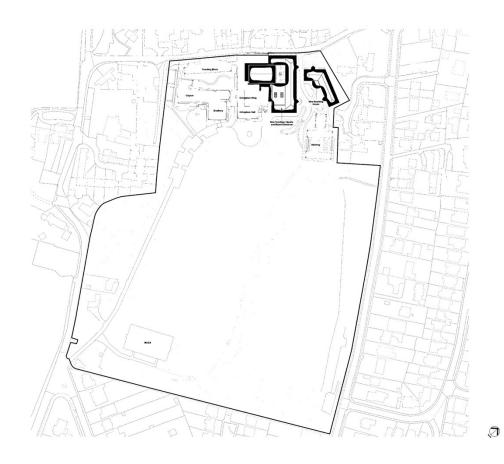


### **Existing Block Plan**





### **Proposed Block Plan**



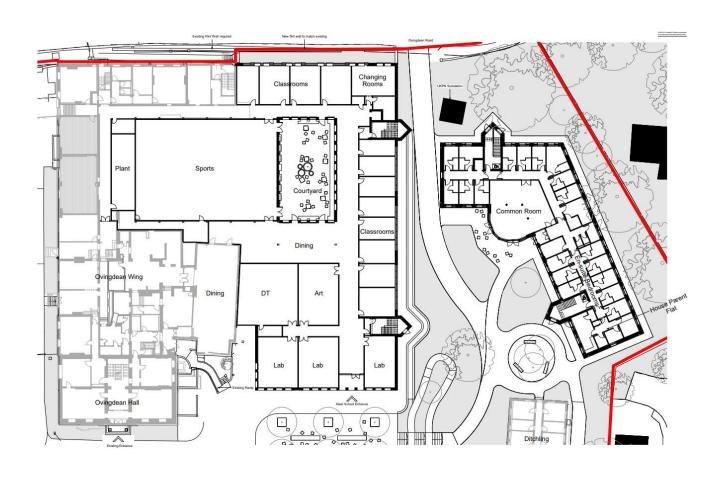


# Proposed Site Visualisation (not to scale)



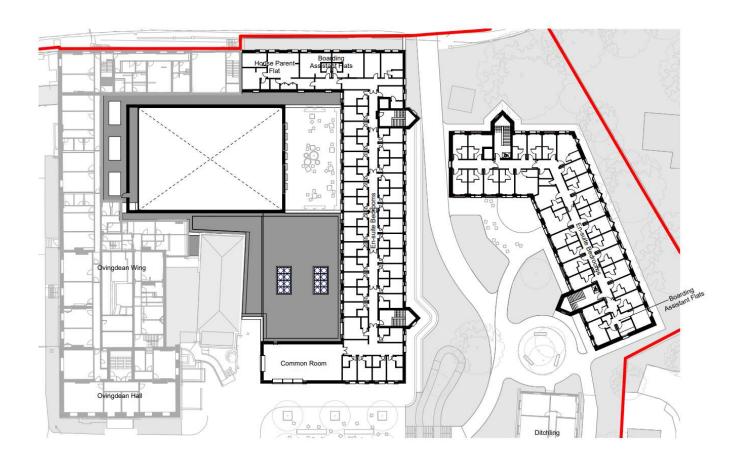
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### **Proposed Ground Floor Plan**



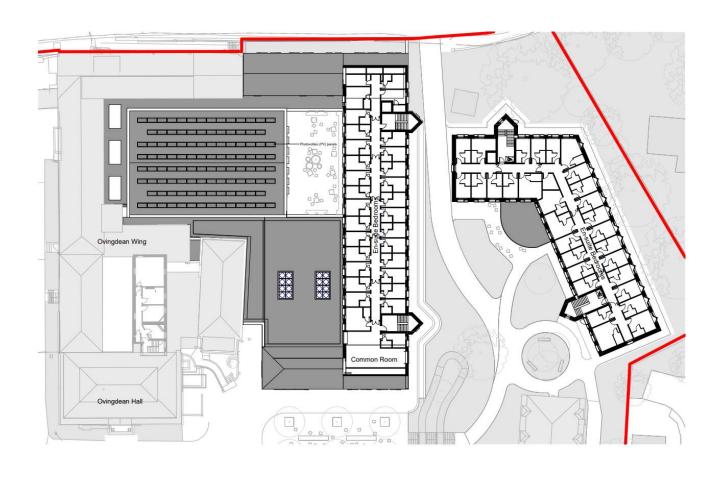


### **Proposed First Floor Plan**





### **Proposed Second Floor Plan**





#### **Existing Elevations – front and rear of Ovingdean Wing extension**

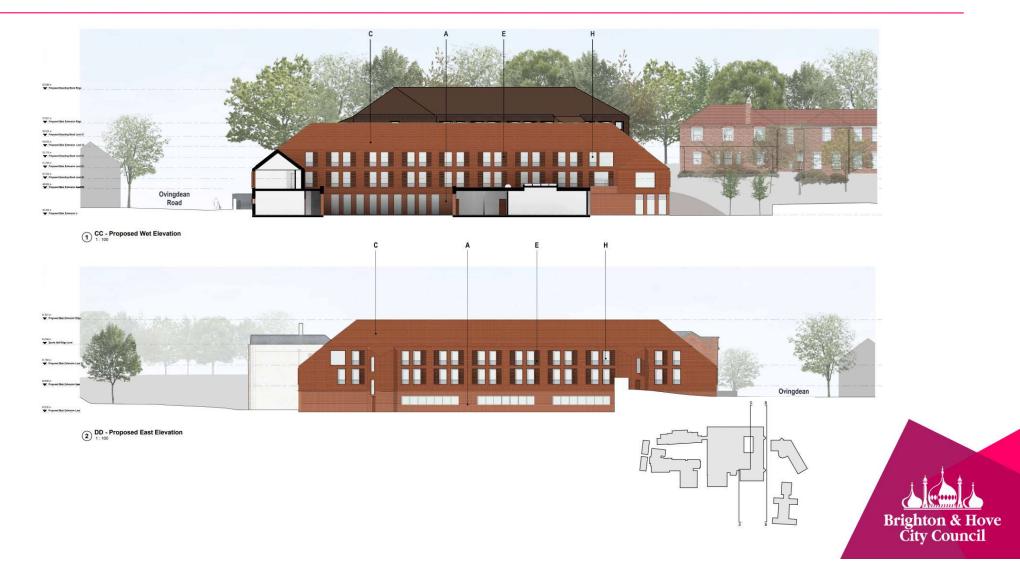


#### Proposed Elevation – front and rear of Ovingdean Wing extension





#### **Proposed Elevations – sides of Ovingdean Wing extension**



### **Proposed Sports Hall**



### **Proposed Sections**





### **Proposed Site Sections**

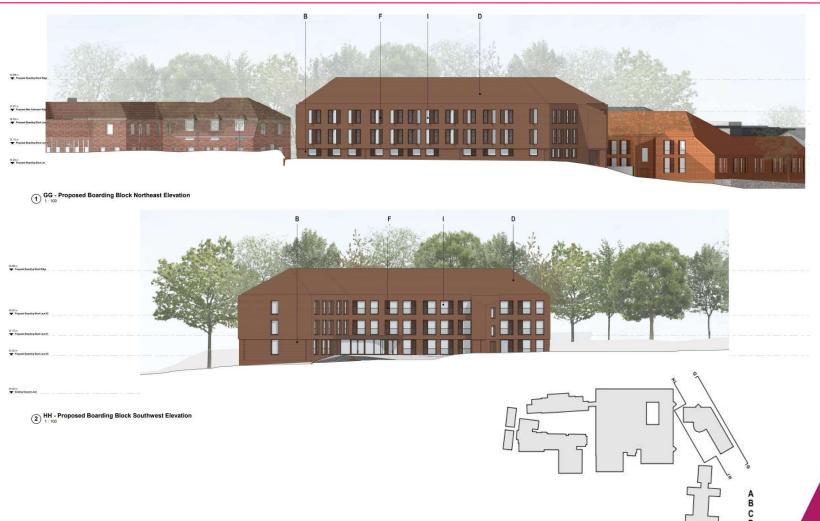


### **Existing Elevations – Boarding Blocks**





### **Proposed Elevations – Boarding Block**



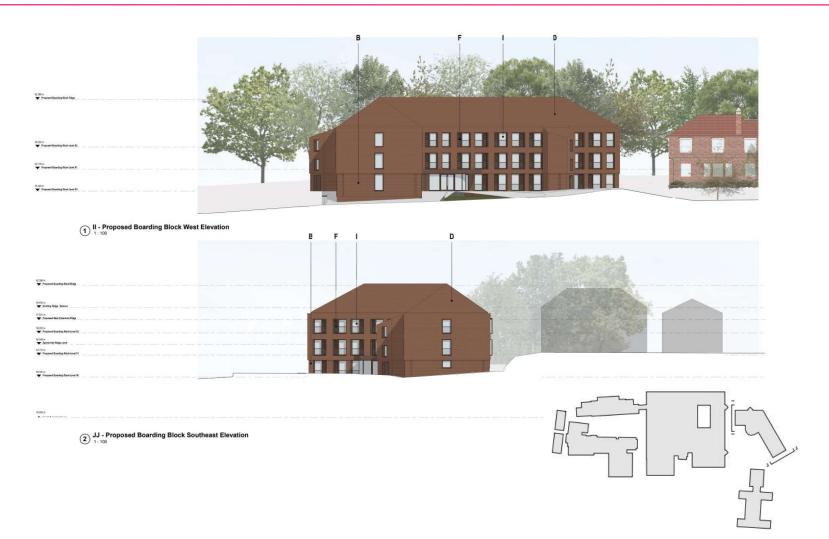


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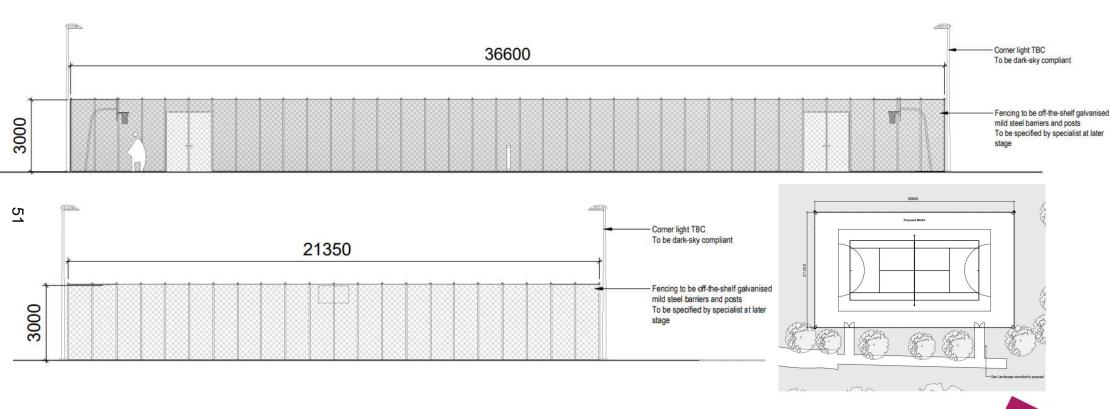


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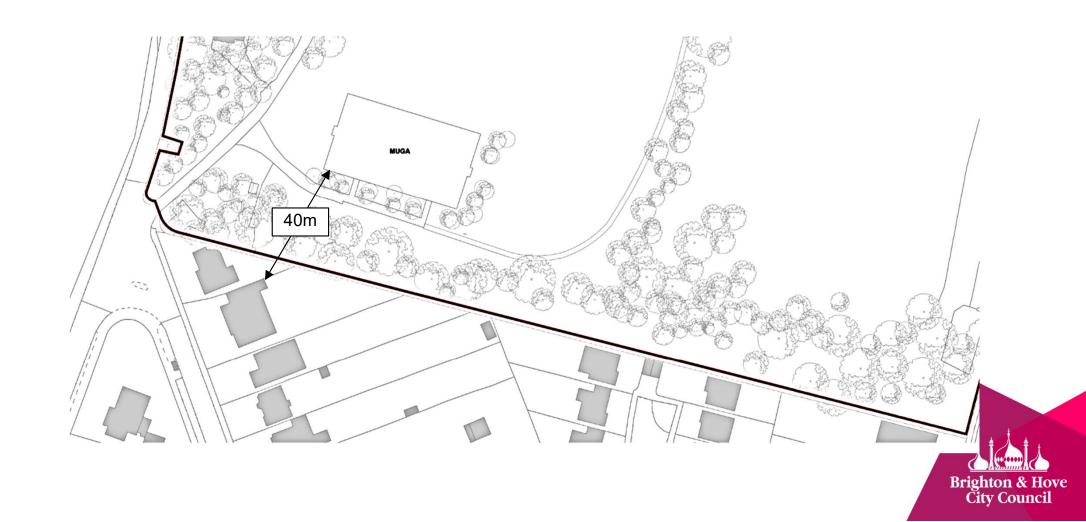




#### **MUGA – Plan and Elevations**







#### **Indicative Landscaping Plan (extract)**





# **Existing View 1**





# **Proposed View 1**







# **Existing View 2**





# **Proposed View 2**







# **Existing View 3**







# **Proposed View 3**







### Representations

One (1) letter of <u>support</u>, raising the following points:

Good design, in keeping with the site and village

**Four (4)** letters of <u>objection</u>, raising the following points:

- Overdevelopment
- Noise disturbance
- Relocation of the MUGA will be too close to residential dwellings
- Loss of outlook due to scale of new boarding accommodation block
- Overlooking

Full details of representations received can be found online on the planning register.

# **Key Considerations in the**

### Application

- Principle of development
- Design, appearance and heritage
- Landscape
- Impact upon amenity
- Standard of accommodation
- Archaeology
- Arboriculture
- Ecology
- Drainage
- Sustainability
- Transport



### S106 table

#### **Section 106 Heads of Terms:**

#### **Biodiversity Net Gain**

 A contribution of £12,250 towards the long-term monitoring of Biodiversity Net Gain proposals over a 30 year period.

#### **Transport**

 A Travel Plan and an accompanying Monitoring fee of £7,004+VAT

#### **Employment and Training**

- A contribution of £35,150 towards the Brighton & Hove Local Employment Scheme
- Employment and Training Strategies for both demolition and construction demonstrating a minimum percentage of 20% local employment



### **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Acceptable in principle would reinvigorate established educational use of site and improve facilities
- Benefit of sports hall and MUGA (including community use) would mitigate loss of swimming pool, particularly as closed 5 years ago..
- No objection to demolition subject to suitable recording of the swimming pool which has some historic interest.
- New buildings have high standard of design, positive contribution to the site and area including heritage features of Ovingdean Conservation Area and the setting of the listed buildings on site.
- Some harm to neighbouring amenity due to increased scale of accommodation and siting of MUGA but acceptable with conditions.
- Matters relating to archaeology, arboriculture, drainage, ecology, lighting and transport acceptable subject to conditions.
- Legal agreement would secure Travel Plan and Employment & Training Strategy, as well as
  financial contributions towards Biodiversity Net Gain and Travel Plan monitoring and the Brighton
  and Hove Local Employment Scheme are to be secured by legal agreement.

**Recommend: Approval** 

# 58-60 Beaconsfield Road

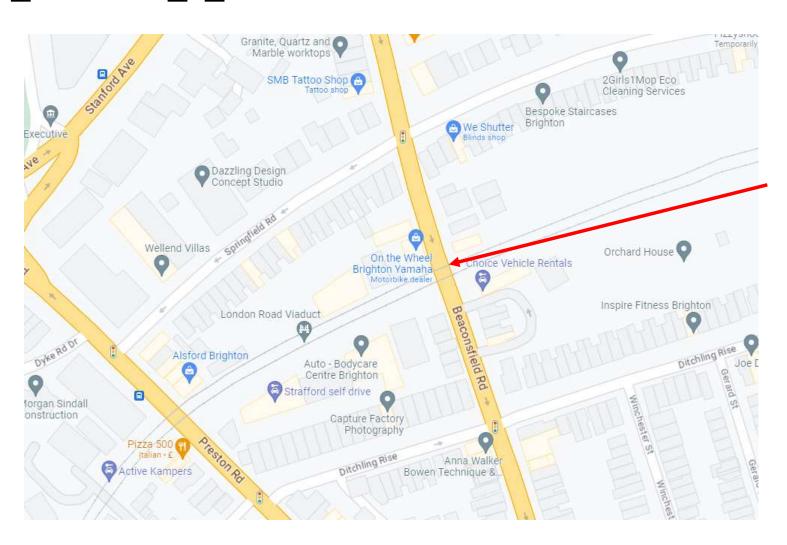
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### **Application Description**

Change of use from builders' merchant premises (Sui Generis) to vehicle rental premises (Sui Generis), including partial demolition of existing structures, installation of rental vehicle wash bay, amended fascia to existing shopfront, parking and associated works.

### Map of application site



Entrance to application site



# **Existing Location Plan**



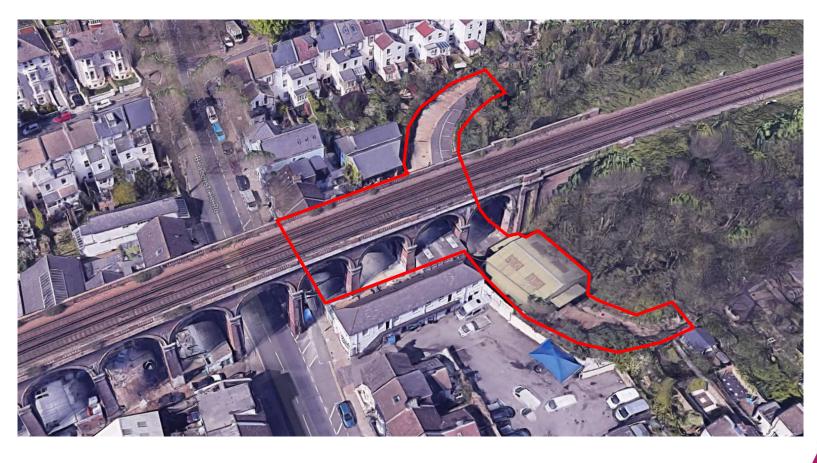


# Aerial photo(s) of site





## 3D Aerial photo of site



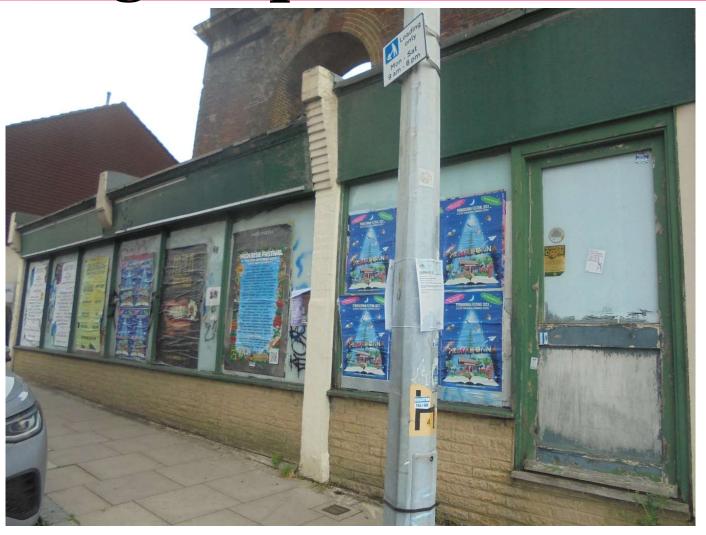


# Street photo of site





# **Existing Shopfront**





# **Existing Site Photos**



Looking towards the northern boundary (rear of properties on Springfield Road)



Looking towards the southern boundary (rear of properties on Ditchling Rise)



# **Existing Site Photos**







Existing structures to be demolished/ removed from the site



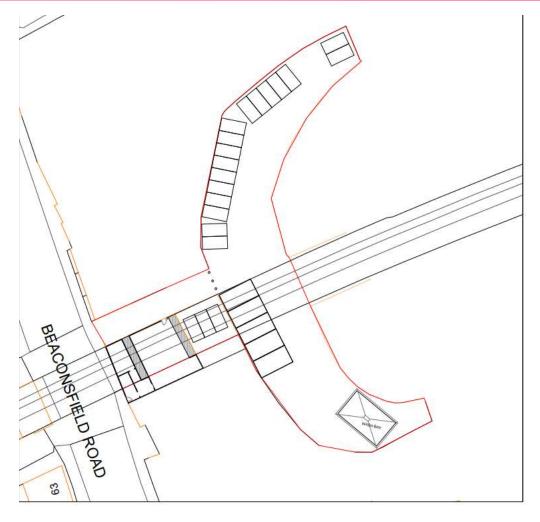
# **Existing Site Photos**



Existing structures - to be retained and refurbished as site office for vehicle rental use.



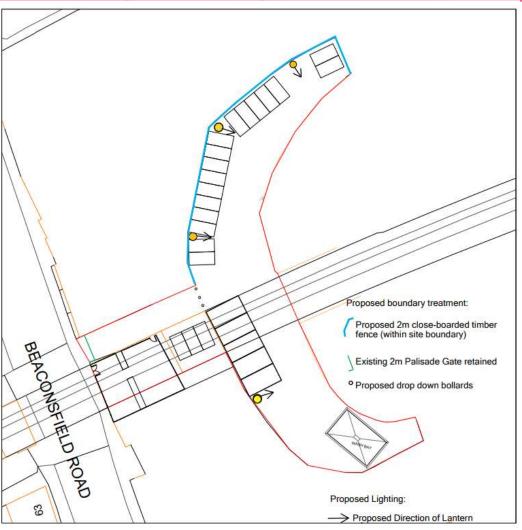
# **Proposed Site Plan**





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### **Proposed Lighting & Boundary Plan**



- Retain existing lighting column -Halophane D-series to be fitted
- Proposed new lighting column -Halophane D-series to be fitted



## **Proposed Front Elevation**



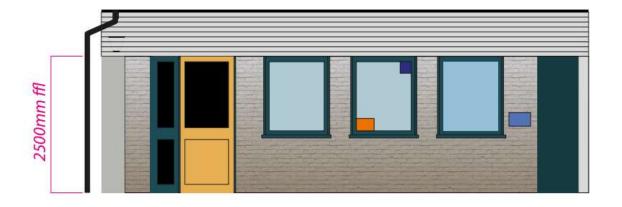


# **Existing Side Elevation**



#### **EXISTING SIDE ELEVATION - 1:50**

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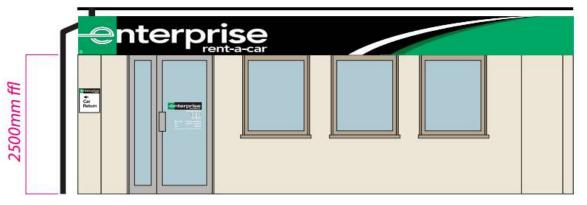
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# **Proposed Side Elevation**



#### SIDE ELEVATION - 1:50 - Proposed

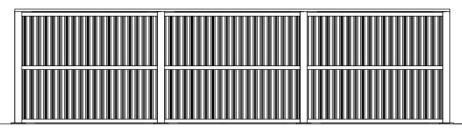
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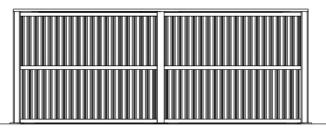






## **Proposed Car Wash**





CAR WASH SIDE ELEVATION

CAR WASH REAR ELEVATION

152 x 152 UC's & Galvanised Channels to form 1no. Bay

9000mm Long x 6000mm Wide

1000 / 32 Goosewing Grey L/G Single Skin Sheets

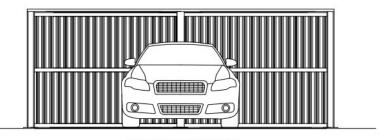
> Goosewing Grey Capping Flashings

Gooswing Grey Drip Flashings

Sealafix Fixings Goosewing Frey

Roof steel supports & cold rolled purlins

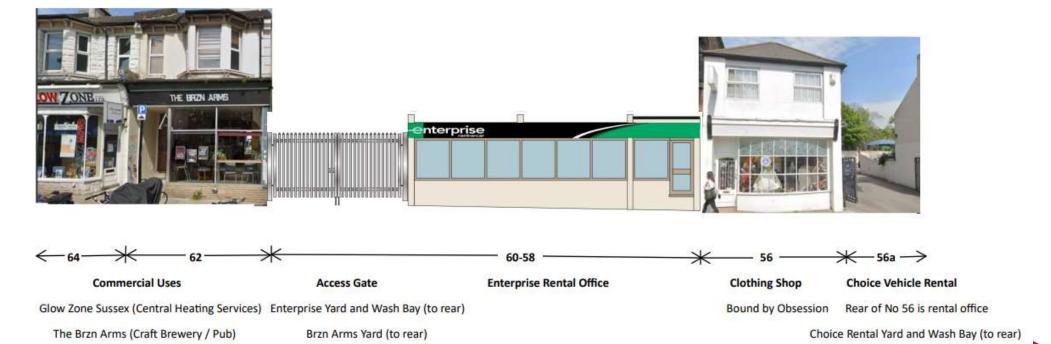
Plastic Gutter.Down Pipe c/w Brackets



CARWASH FRONT ELEVATION



### Illustrative Street Scene





### Representations

#### One-hundred and sixty-six (166) objections:

- Adversely affects conservation area & listed building
- Impacts on residential amenity from increased noise and disturbance (including from jet wash), air quality, loss of light and outlook
- Overdevelopment, poor design,
- Light pollution impacts on residents and wildlife
- Car parking layout inadequate for manoeuvring, and no footpaths for pedestrians.
- Opening hours too long
- Security risks for adjacent homes
- Would not enhance the area lack of benefit.
- Increased traffic and congestion, highway safety impacts.
- Lack of community engagement;

- Impact on garden walls and trees.
- Increased ground pollution from vehicles
- Damage to trees in neighbouring gardens
- Increased use of water as part of the use
- Detrimental to BRZN Arms pub customers and use
- Demolition not necessary
- Impact on bats

**Caroline Lucas MP objected.** 

#### One representation in Support:

- Would return site to trade use, better hours;
- BRZN Arms more disturbing than



# **Key Considerations in the**

# **Application**

- Principle of change of use from builders' yard to vehicle rental use.
- Design and appearance of the shopfront alterations.
- Impact on Preston Park Conservation Area and Listed Viaduct.
- Impact on neighbouring amenity
- Impact on Ecology including adjacent London Road Local Wildlife Site.
- Impacts on highway safety



# **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Change of use considered acceptable in principle.
- Would not increase the harm to the Preston Park conservation area, particularly with traditional shopfront to be refurbished.
- Structures within site reduced no adverse impact on listed Viaduct.
- Impact on neighbours acceptable. Noise assessment undertaken relating to car wash bay and vacuum cleaner use would be limited to 1 hour per day.
- Reduced vehicle trips over that of previous use no highway safety concerns.
- Acceptable impact on ecology, subject to securing lighting scheme.

**Recommend: Approval** 



# Garages Rear Of 10 Bavant Road BH2023/01799





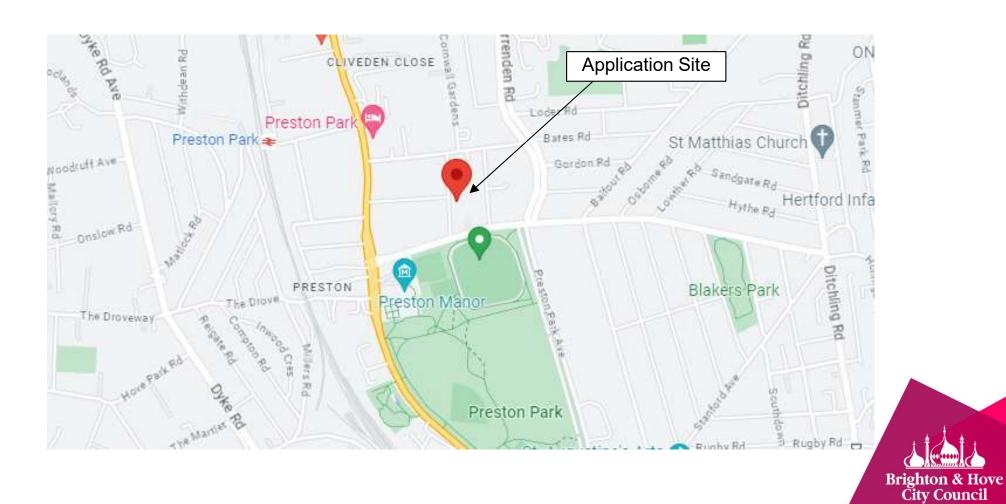
### **Application Description**

 Redevelopment of existing garage block to provide two chalet style dwellings (C3).



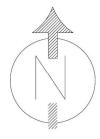


# Map of application site



# **Existing Location Plan**





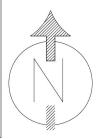
Existing Location Plan @ 1:1250





# **Proposed Location Plan**





Existing & Proposed Location Plan @ 1:1250





# Aerial photo of site





# 3D Aerial photo of site







# Street photo of site





# Street photo of site





# Other photos of site





# Other photos of site



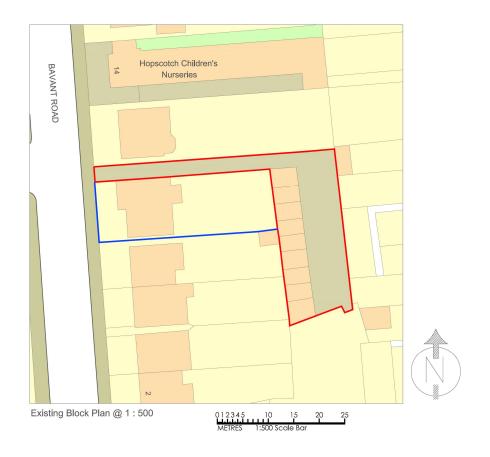


# Other photos of site



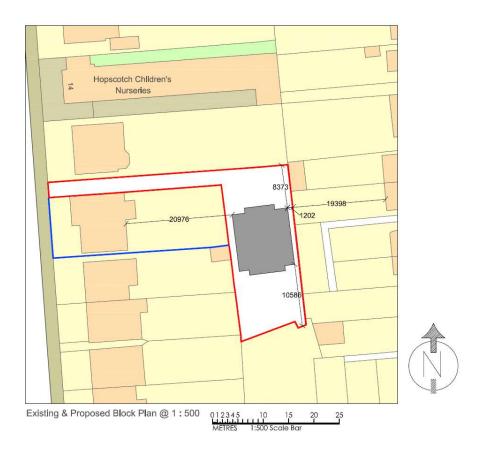


# **Existing Block Plan**



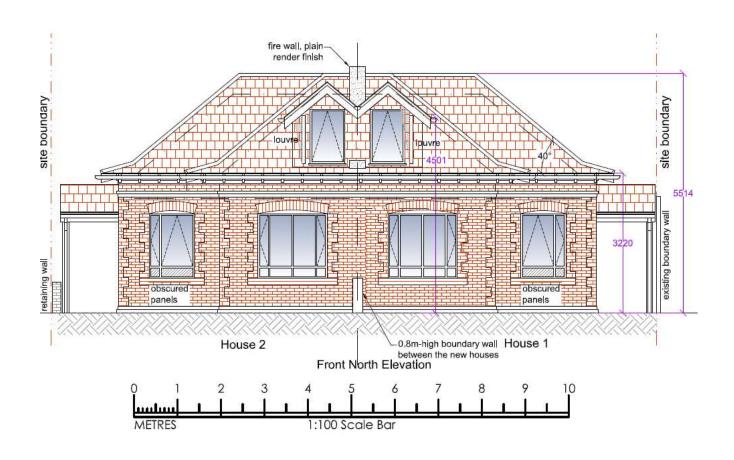


# **Proposed Block Plan**





# **Proposed Front Elevation**





# **Proposed Rear Elevation**





#### **Existing Site Section and Garage Elevations**



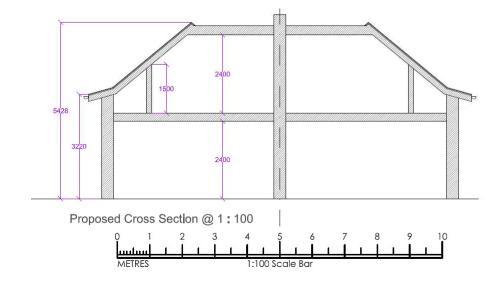


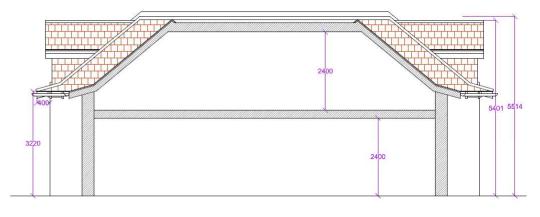
# **Proposed Site Section**





# **Proposed Sections**

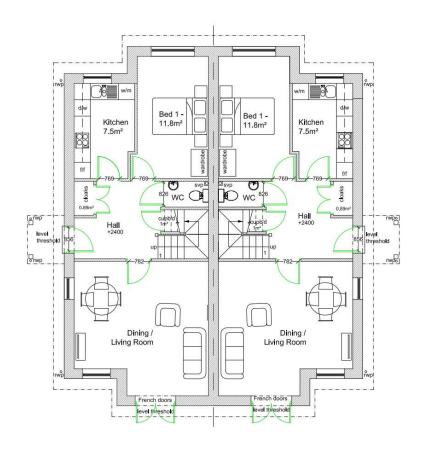


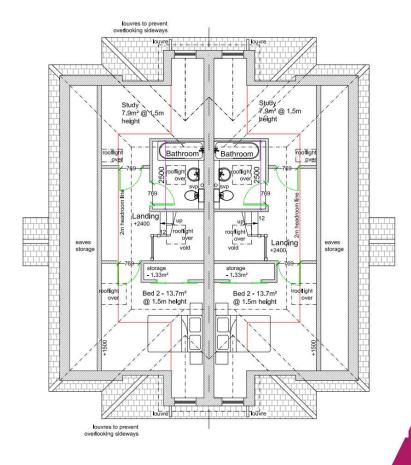


Proposed Longitudinal Section @ 1:100



## **Proposed Floor Plans**







## Comparison to previous scheme



Proposed Site Section A - A @ 1:100



#### Representations

#### Twenty-nine (29) objections:

- Loss of daylight
- Poor design, harm to conservation area
- Disturbance during construction
- Overdevelopment
- Poor standard of accommodation
- Harm to ecology and nearby trees
- Asbestos in garages
- Inaccuracies on plans
- Not substantially changed since previous refused applications

- Lack of vehicle access, including for emergency vehicles
- Overlooking
- Questions regarding strength of western boundary wall
- Queries regarding capacity of sewers
- Loss of garages
- Light spill from the access path

Additional issues raised in response to reconsultation:

- The amendments are minor and do not address all the concerns raised
- More rooflights will create further overlooking

Councillor Pickett has objected



# **Key Considerations in the Application**

- Principle of the development
- Design, appearance and heritage
- Impact upon amenity
- Standard of accommodation
- Transport



#### **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Principle of development is acceptable creation of two dwellings given increased weight.
- Acceptable visual impact including on Conservation Area due to scale, suitable material finish and limited visibility from the public realm.
- Acceptable impact upon neighbouring amenity not dominant or overbearing due to their height; louvres on front and rear windows to obstruct views sidewards; side rooflights obscure glazed and non-opening.
- Standard of accommodation acceptable. Some limitations re. access to light and headroom at first floor, but reasonable balance struck between internal living environment and impact upon neighbours.
- Reduction in vehicle trips to the site anticipated, any uplift in on-street car parking demand can be managed by the Council through the CPZ regime.

**Recommend: Approval** 

# Shermond House, 58-59 Boundary Road BH2023/02163



#### **Application Description**

 Erection of a two-storey detached office building (Class E) with car parking retained at ground floor and new cycle storage, in car park to rear of existing building.



#### Map of application site





#### **Existing Location Plan**





#### Site location plan



Scale 1:1250 @A3



### Aerial photo(s) of site





### 3D Aerial photo of site





#### Street photo of site (Boundary Rd)





### From rear of site facing east



Dwellings on Worcester Villas



#### From rear of site facing south



Dwellings on New Church Rd



# From eastern end of site facing west (back towards Boundary Rd)





#### From rear of site facing north





#### **Proposed Block Plan**



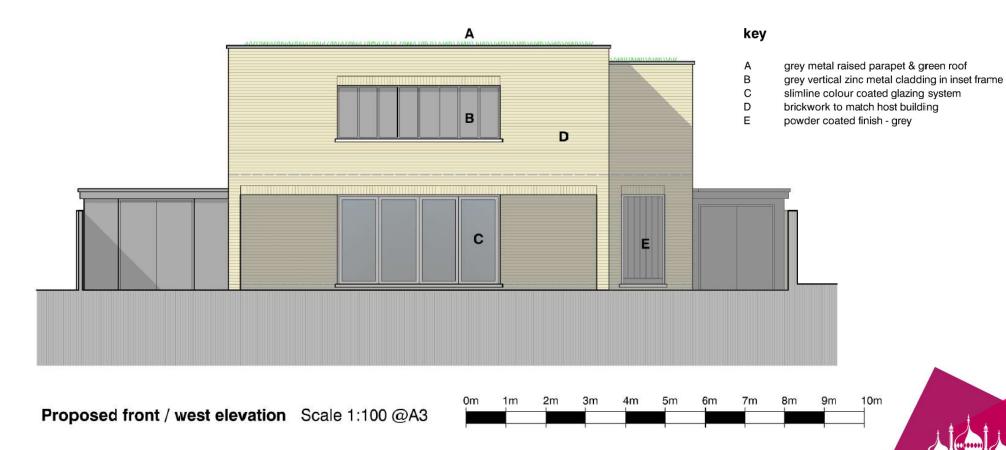


#### **Proposed Site Plan**





#### **Proposed Front Elevation**



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#### **Proposed Rear Elevation**



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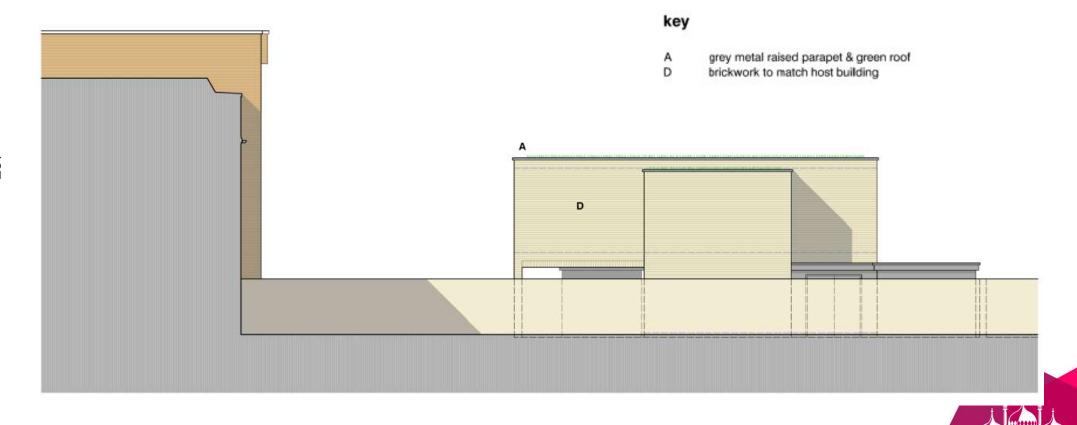
#### **Proposed North Side Elevation**

#### key

- A grey metal raised parapet & green roof
- B grey metal cladding (horizontal boarding)
  C grey metal cladding (vertical boarding)
- D brickwork to match host building

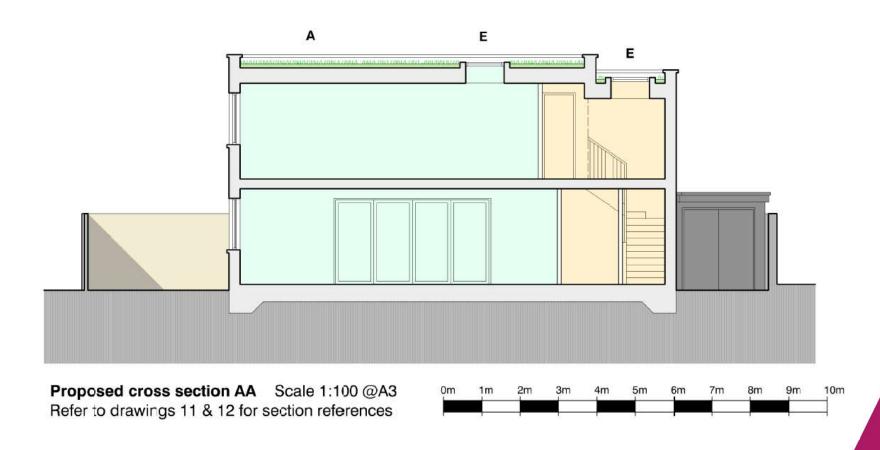


#### **Proposed South Side Elevation**



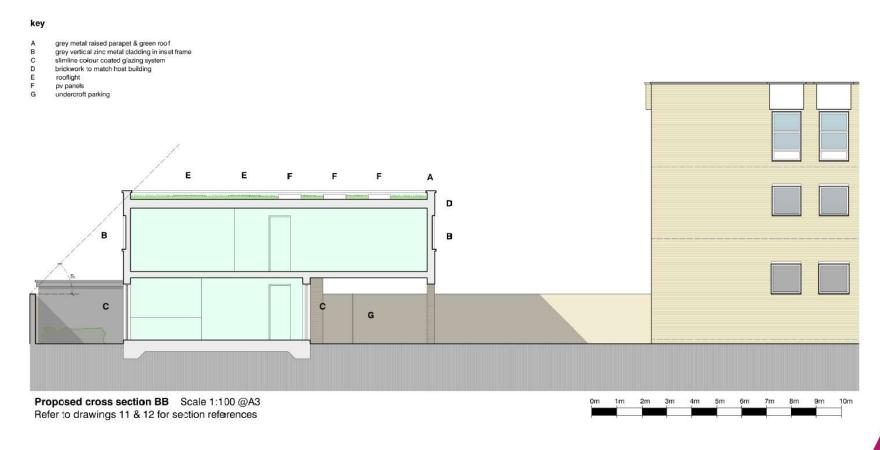
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#### **Proposed Site Section(s)**



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#### **Proposed Site Section(s)**





#### Representations

#### Twelve (12) objections:

- Poor design
- Loss of privacy
- Blocks light
- Worsened parking availability
- Noise and disruption during building work
- Noise disturbance
- Query need for more offices
- Health risks from poor ventilation
- Too similar to recent refused application
- Could be converted into more housing at a later date
- Windows could be reinserted

- Further applications should be prevented
- Out of character for the area

**Councillor Sankey** – Objects; does not address previous issues including loss of privacy.



# **Key Considerations in the Application**

- Principle of development
- Design and appearance
- Impact upon neighbouring amenity
- Transport and Highways
- Sustainability



#### **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Would make more effective use of the site (redevelopment of a parking area) and provide office space in sustainable location;
- Some conflict with Policy DM11 (new business floorspace) as building would be small so not be subdividable or flexible, but well designed and good use of site;
- Two storey building to rear not typical of area but subservient to frontage and in keeping with area.
- Amendments made since the previous refused application comprise the infilling of the first floor window apertures with metal cladding. This is considered to overcome the concerns raised by the Committee regarding overlooking towards neighbours.
- Outstanding matters relating to Sustainable Transport, Sustainability, Biodiversity and Archaeology matters can be satisfactorily addressed through conditions.

**Recommend: Approval** 



# 9 The Ridgway

BH2023/00839

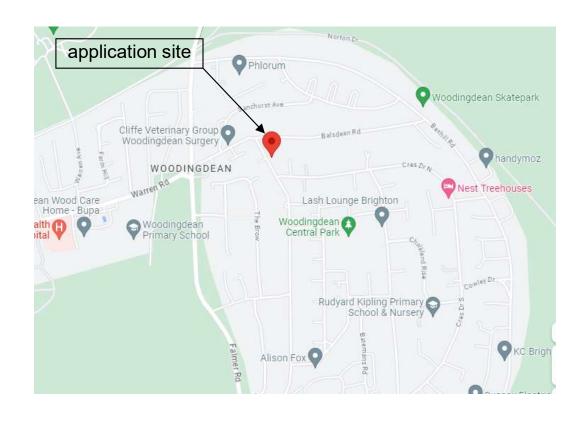


#### **Application Description**

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1no. three bedroom bungalow (C3) to rear and 2no. three bedroom dwellings (C3) to front with associated works (part-retrospective).

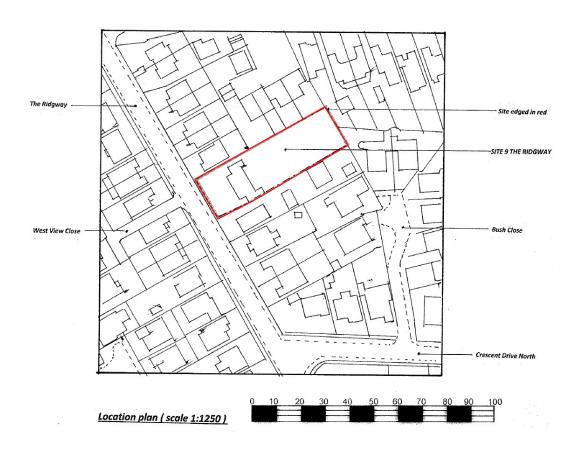


## Map of application site





### **Existing Location Plan**





### Aerial photo of site





### 3D Aerial photo of site





# Street photo of site (prior to the demolition)





### Other photo of site



Existing rear garden



## Other photo of site



Rear of pre-existing bungalow



### Other photo of site



View from the northern rear corner of the site, looking towards rear of pre-existing bungalow and southern side boundary



### Other photo(s) of site



Northern side boundary and view of the TPO Trees



### Other photo(s) of site



Northern side boundary and view of neighbouring TPO Trees



### Other photos of site

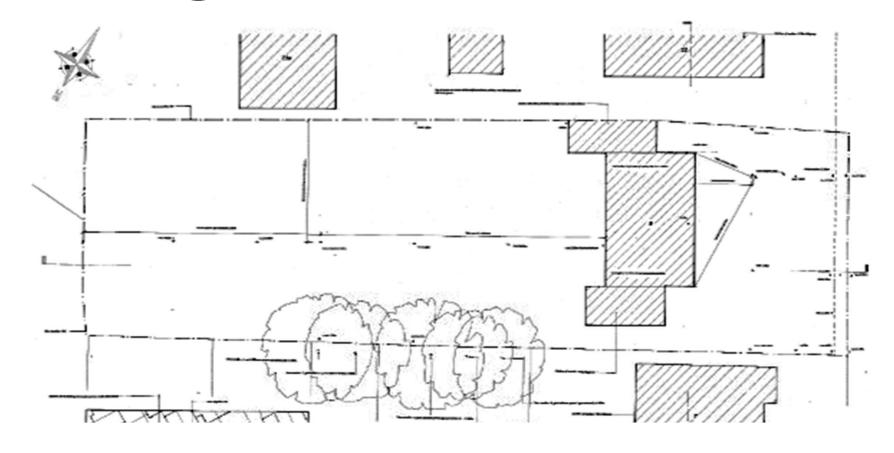




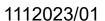
Side boundary between 7 and 9 The Ridgway. Location of the new side access way to proposed Plot 1



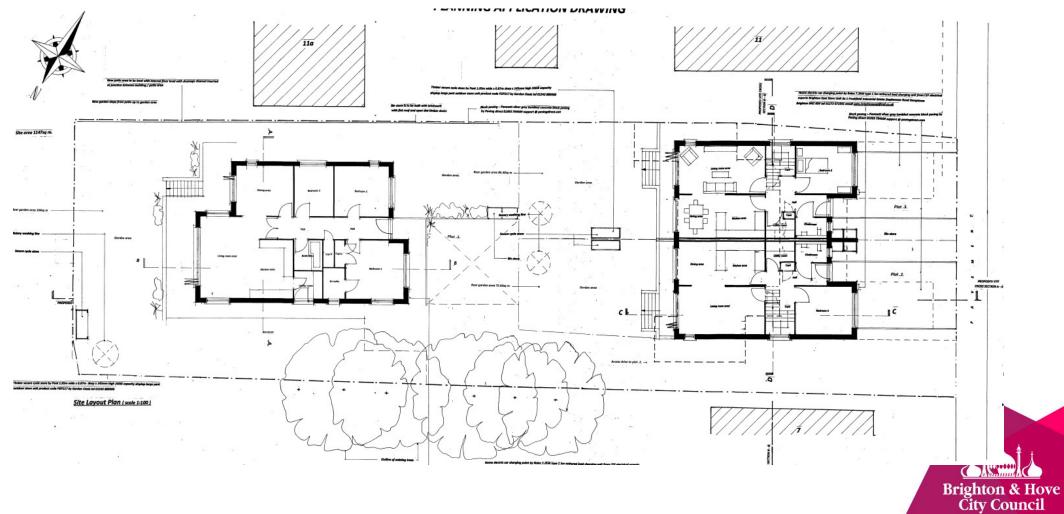
### **Existing Block Plan**



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### Proposed Block Plan

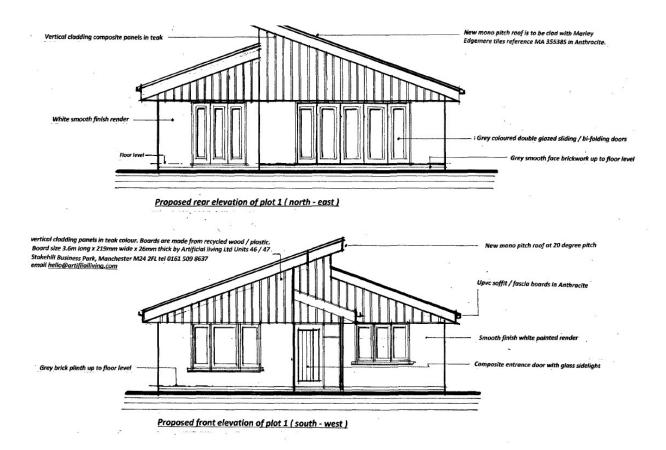


### **Existing Front Elevation**



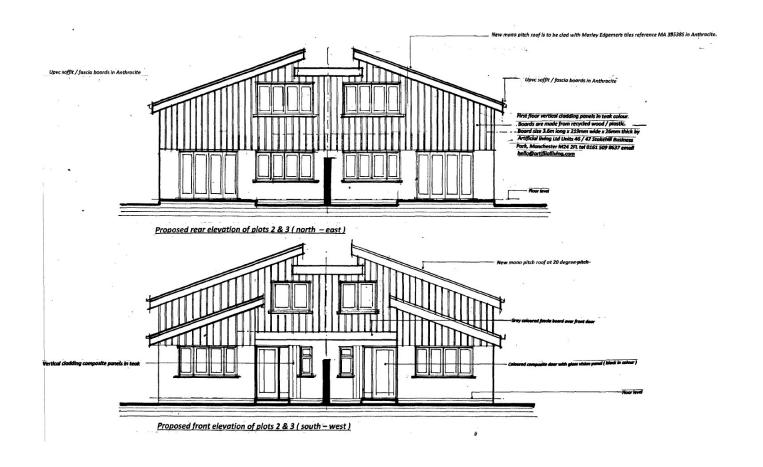


### **Proposed Elevations (Plot 1)**



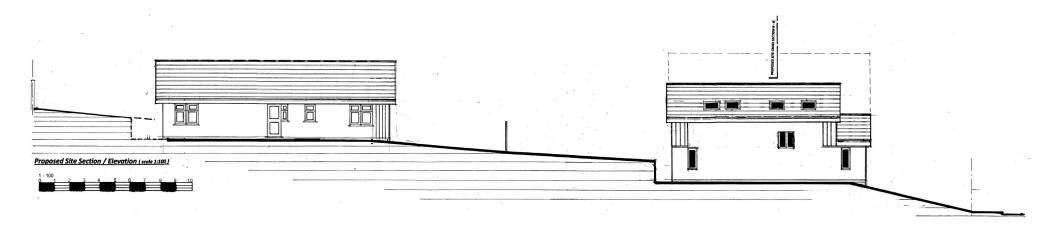


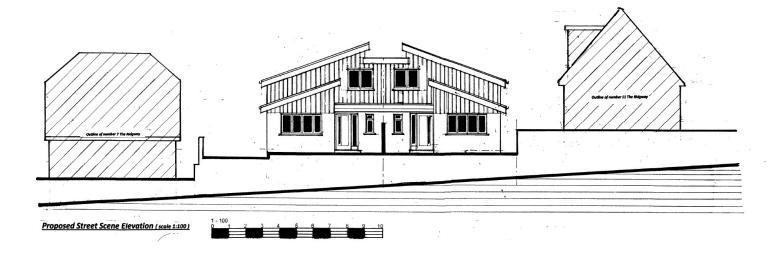
### Proposed Elevations (Plots 2&3)





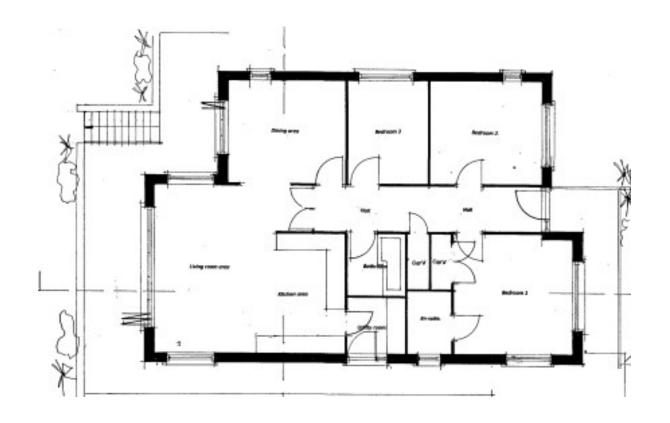
#### **Contextual Front Elevations**





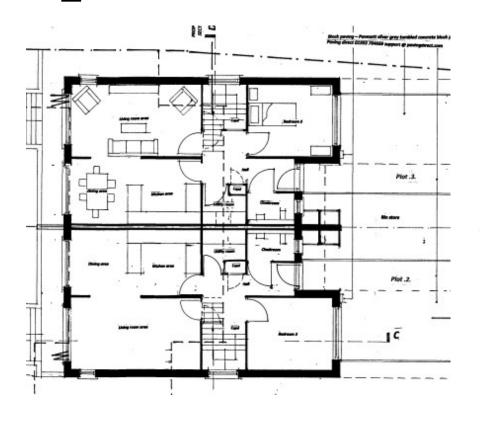


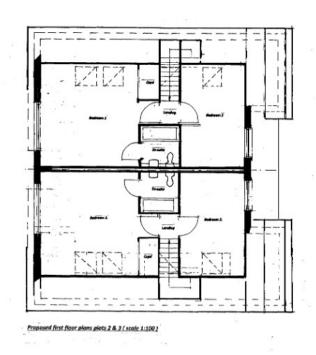
### **Proposed Floor Plans Plot 1**





### **Proposed Floor Plans Plots 2 & 3**

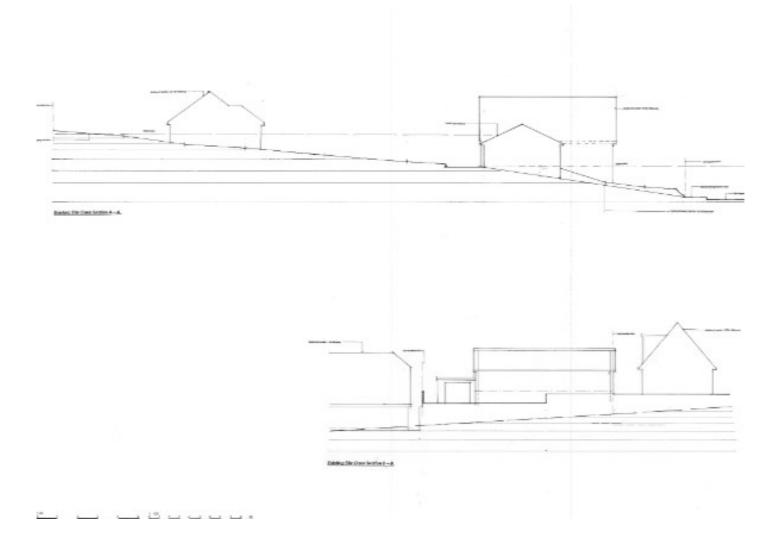






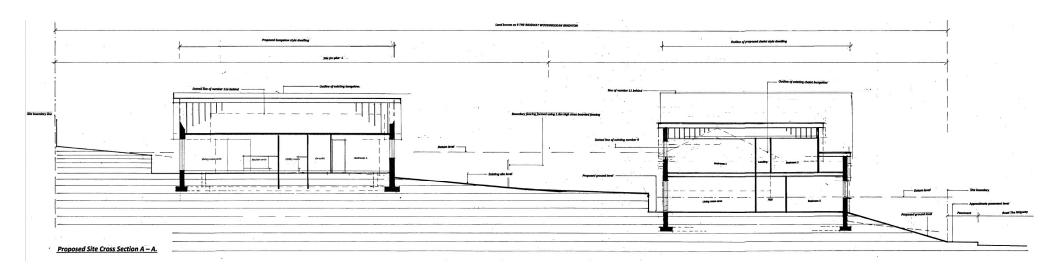
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### **Existing Site Section**



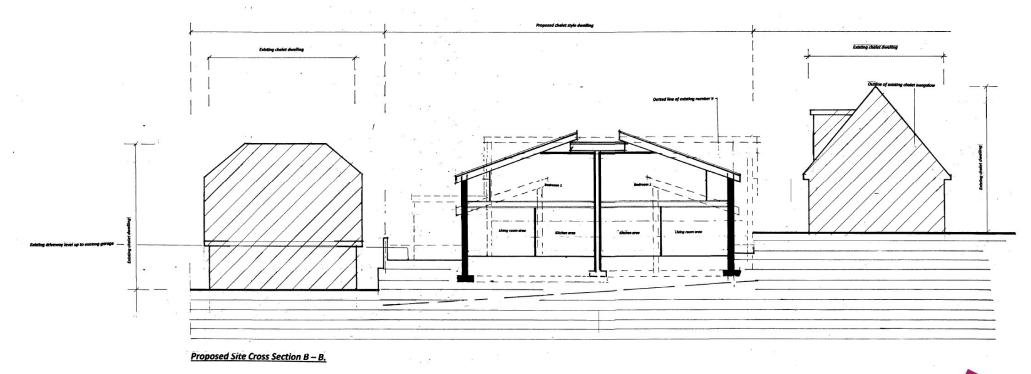


### **Proposed Sections**





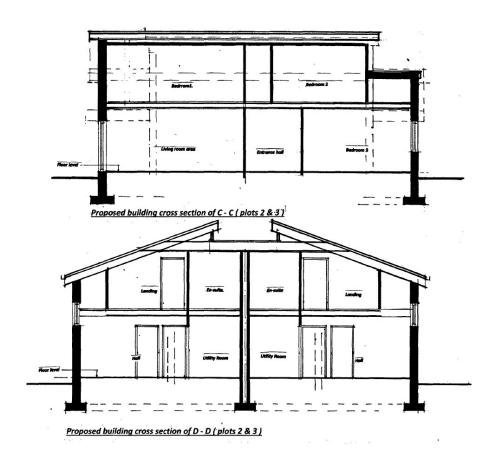
### **Proposed Sections**







### Proposed Sections (Plots 2&3)





### Representations

Nine (9) letters received objecting to the proposed development for the following reasons:

- The impact on trees
- Loss of privacy
- Increase in noise
- Increase in pollution
- Increase in traffic/road accidents
- Access for emergency vehicles would be restricted
- Overdevelopment
- Increase in parking
- Inaccessible access
- Overlooking from the balconies
- Unattractive design

Five (5) letters received following re-consultation - one additional concern;

- The reduction in dwellings has not addressed concerns.

Councillor Simson objects to the application



## **Key Considerations in the Application**

- Principle of the development
- Design and appearance
- Impact on neighbouring amenity
- Standard of accommodation
- Impact on Trees
- Transport



### **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Principle of development considered acceptable. Existing plot of appropriate size for further subdivision, two additional dwellings on site is given increased weight.
- Design and appearance on balance considered acceptable. Front plots would be of an appropriate scale and design - not unduly dominant in the streetscene.
- No significant concerns regarding impact on neighbouring amenity. Siting and setting down of the proposed dwellings ensure would not be overbearing for adjoining residents.
- Standard of accommodation acceptable. Meet floorspace standards and would provide a good standard of accommodation.
- Conditions recommended to secure protection of adjacent protected trees.
- No significant impact on the highways network.

**Recommend: Approval** 



## 18 Rosebery Avenue

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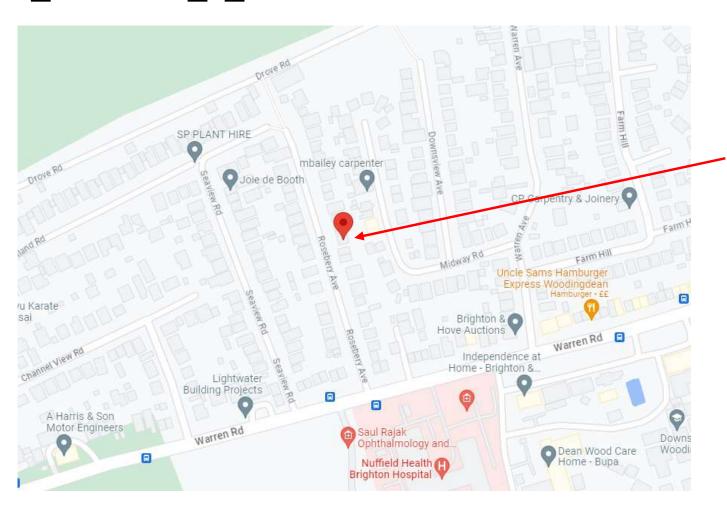


### **Application Description**

Change of use from single dwellinghouse (C3) to small house in multiple occupation (C4) and provision of cycle storage.



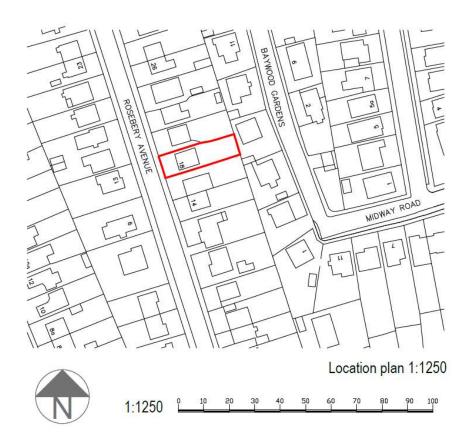
### Map of application site



**Application Site** 

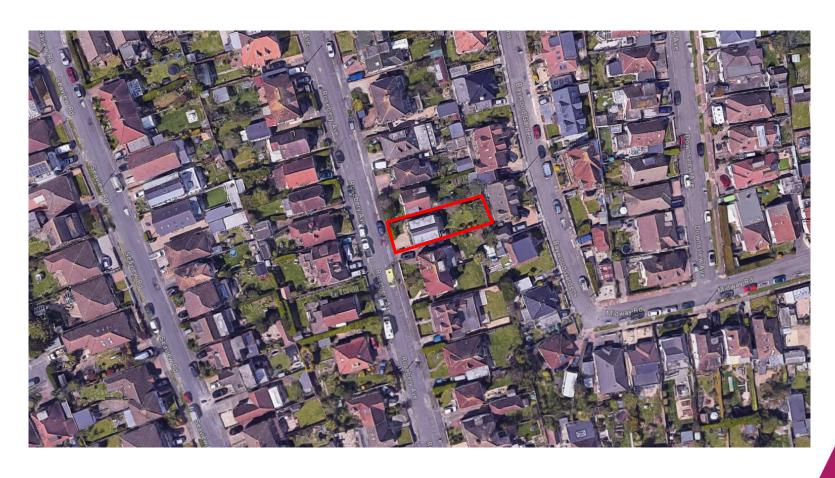


### **Existing Location Plan**





### Aerial photo of site





### 3D Aerial photo of site





### Street photo of site



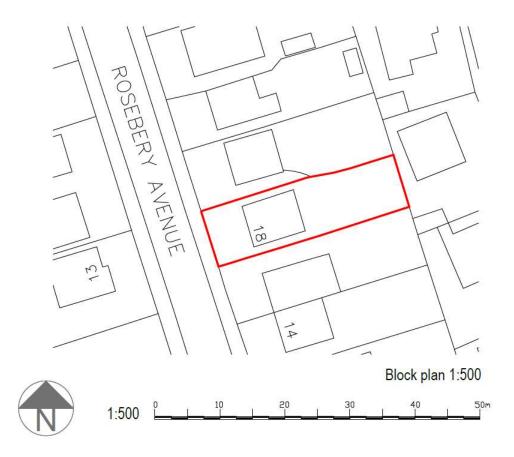


### Other photo(s) of site



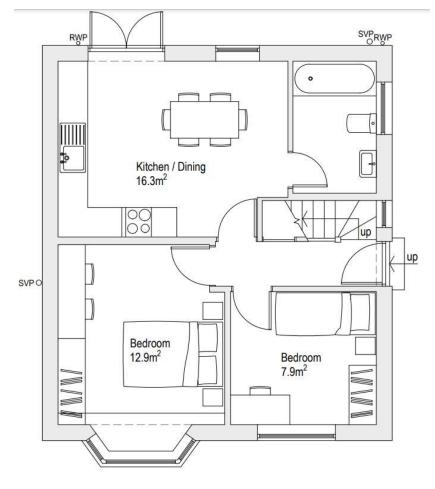


### **Existing Block Plan**



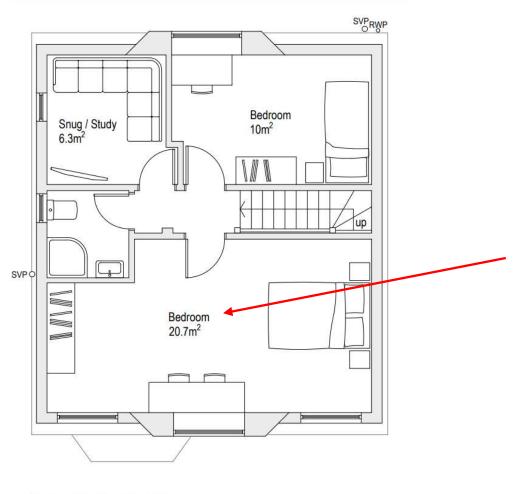


### **Proposed Ground Floor Plan**





### **Proposed First Floor Plan**



Proposed double occupancy bedroom



### Representations

#### **Eight (8) Objections:**

- Increased noise and disturbance;
- Overdevelopment;
- Previous use as a holiday let was a poor experience for residents poorly managed/maintained;
- Increased traffic and parking pressures;
- Proposed bicycle store is built against a low boundary wall;
- Would not maintain a balanced community loss of family dwelling;
- Loss of privacy;
- Number 20 would be sandwiched between HMOs;
- Health and safety issues, including fire risk;
- Poor design of the internal layout as the bathroom is accessed off the kitchen, poor communal spaces;
- Application prioritises profit.

# **Key Considerations in the Application**

- Principle of the change of use
- Proposed standard of accommodation
- Impacts on neighbouring amenity
- Transport matters



### **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- The proposed change of use would comply with the thresholds and spatial criteria set out in polices CP21 and DM7 of the development plan, therefore a small HMO can be supported.
- Standard of accommodation acceptable for maximum occupation of five persons, would be secured by condition along with layout.
- Small HMO not considered to have so significant an impact on amenity as to warrant refusal of the application.
- Transport impacts considered acceptable; cycle parking and a new crossover for the existing driveway secured by condition.

Recommend: Approval.



44 The Cliff

BH2023/01573



### **Application Description**

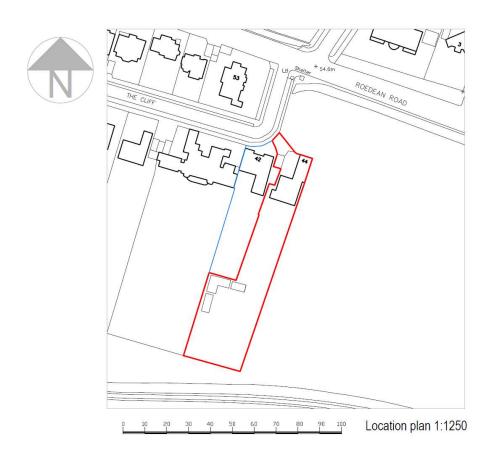
 Conversion of existing maisonette (C3) at ground and lower ground floors, to form two self-contained flats (C3).



## Map of application site



### **Existing Location Plan**





# Aerial photo(s) of site





# 3D Aerial photo of site



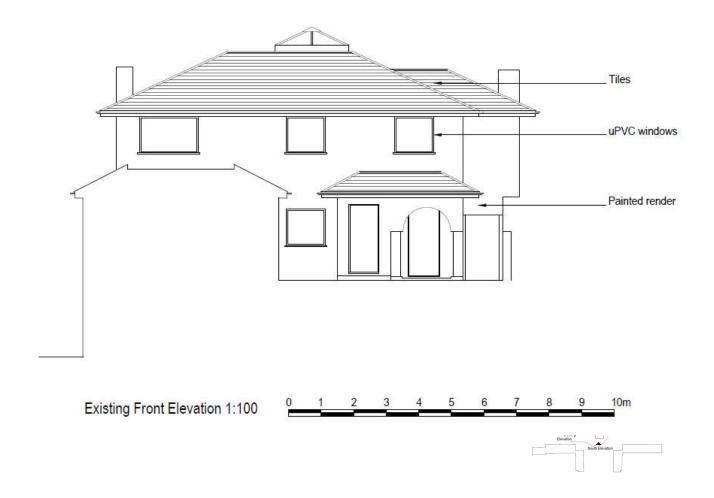


### **Site Photos**

To follow



#### **Existing Front Elevation**



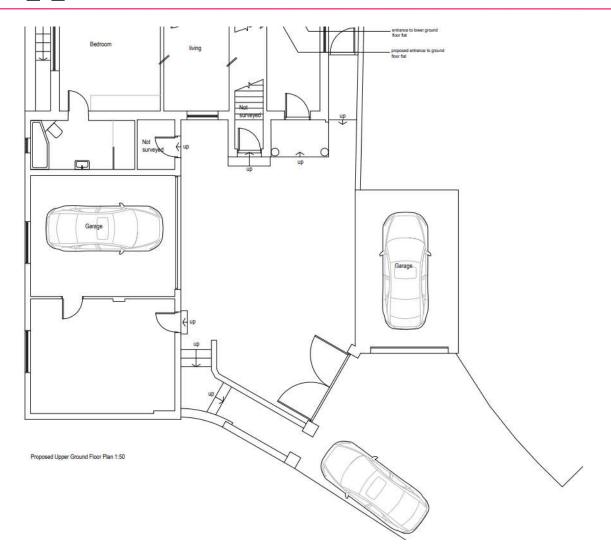


### **Existing Rear Elevation**



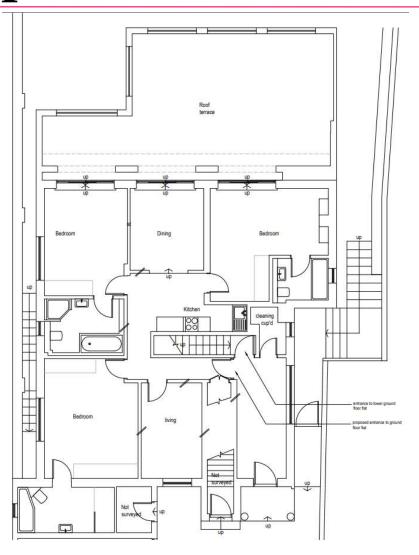


#### **Proposed Upper Ground Floor Plan (front of site)**



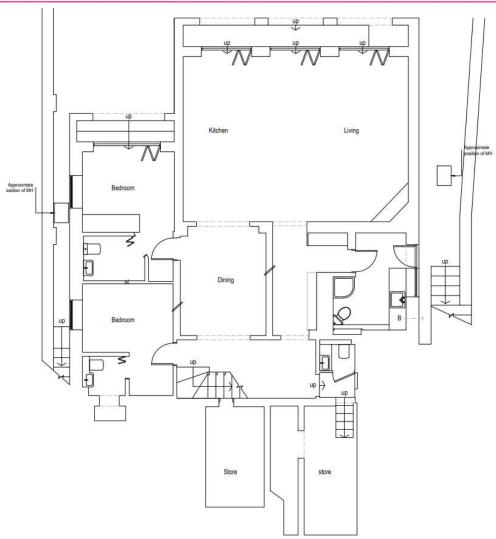


#### **Proposed Upper Ground Floor Plan**





#### **Proposed Lower Ground Floor Plan**





#### Representations

#### Seven (7) objections:

- Building is let out as an HMO/party house
- Noise disturbance
- The rear outbuildings are subject to an appeal
- Owner does not live in the house
- Rubbish bins overflowing
- Too many cars using the site
- Proposal uses neighbouring garage
- Outbuildings are unsightly and close to neighbouring listed garden



# **Key Considerations in the Application**

- Principle of the development
- Impact upon amenity
- Standard of accommodation
- Sustainable transport



# **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Proposed subdivision would create an additional housing unit and would comply with Policy DM3 (residential conversions)
- No significant impact upon neighbouring amenity anticipated. Site was used as a holiday let, but understood this ceased some months ago.
- Standard of accommodation is considered acceptable overall, on the basis
  of the amended plans and subject to the recommended conditions.
- Transport impact unlikely to be severe. Cycle parking is to be secured by condition.

**Recommend: Approval** 



# 25 Freehold Terrace

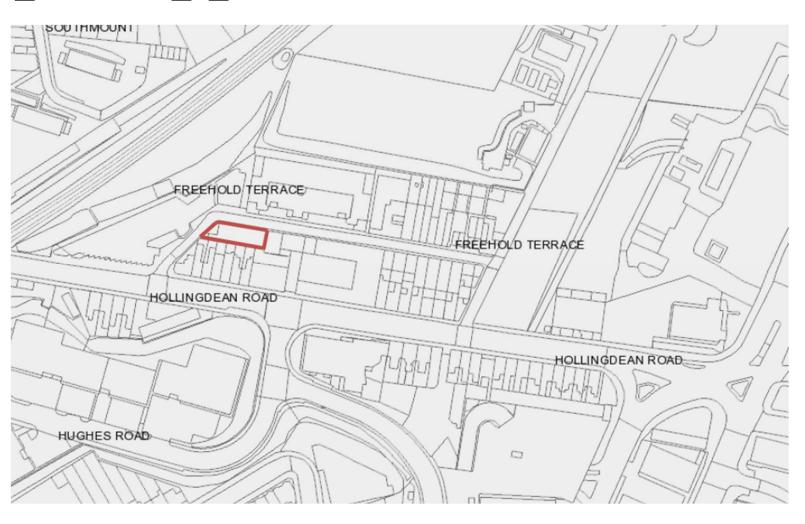
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#### **Application Description**

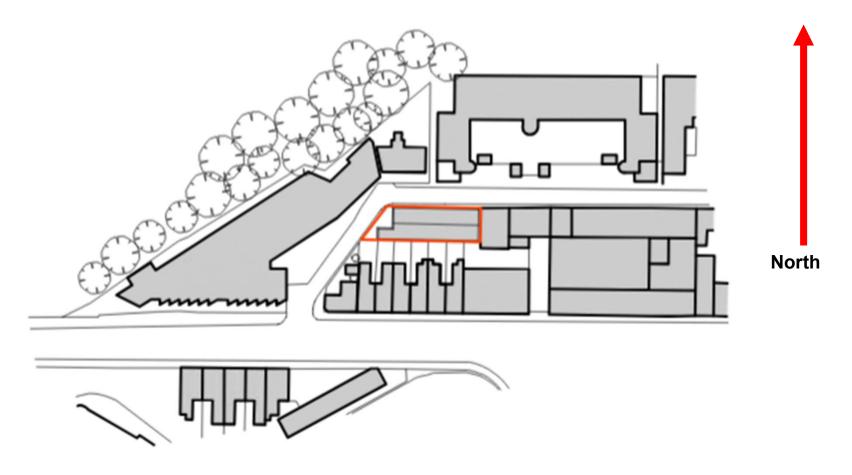
Change of use from light industrial (B1(c)) to two self-contained flats (C3) and two self-contained flats in multiple occupation (HMOs - C4) incorporating a second-floor extension with roof terrace, ground and first floor extensions and associated works.

# Map of application site

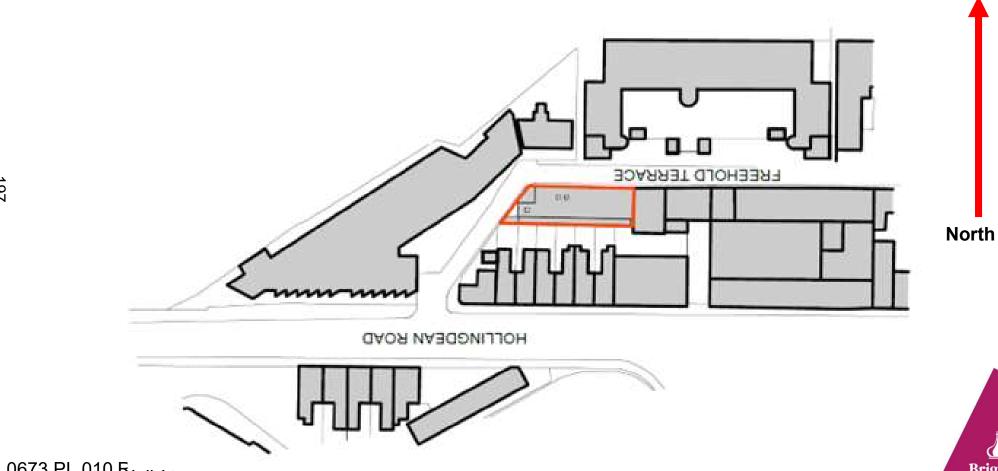




# **Existing Location Plan**









# Aerial photo of site







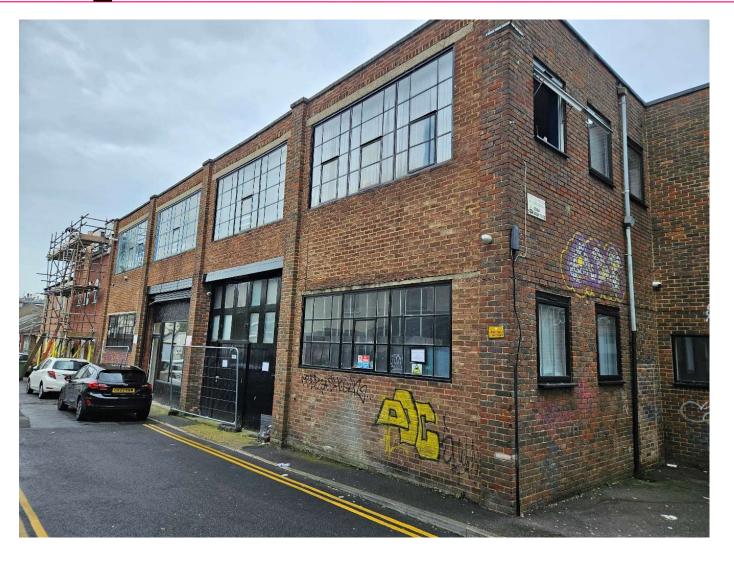
# 3D Aerial photo of site







# Street photo of site (front elevation)



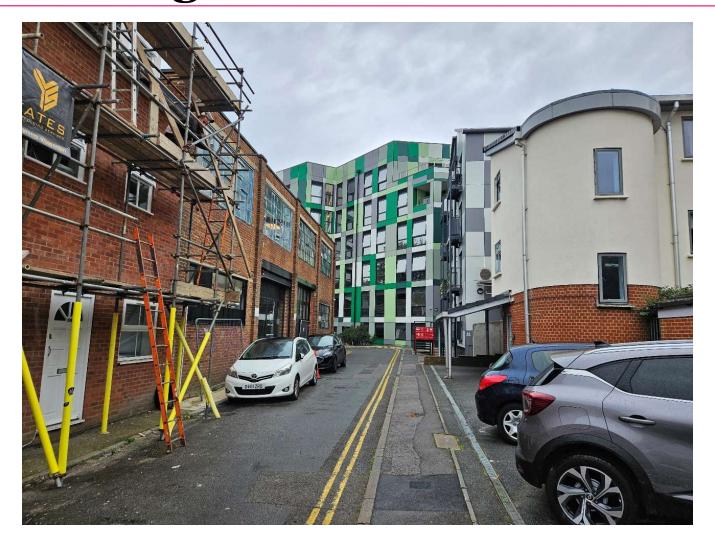


### Photo of side/rear elevations





#### **Photo looking west on Freehold Terrace**





## Split of uses/Number of units

- Two 1-bedroom flats on the ground floor.
- One 5-bedroom HMO (C4) on the first floor.
- One 3-bedroom HMO (C4) on the second floor.



# **Existing Front Elevation**



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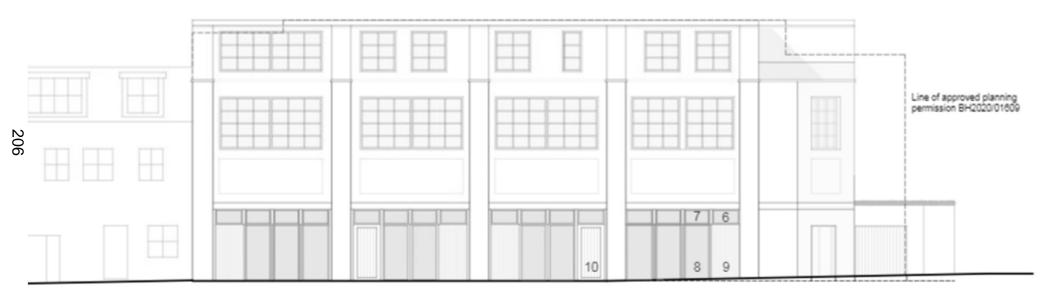
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### **Proposed Front Elevation**





#### Proposed Front Elevation (ground floor shutters open)



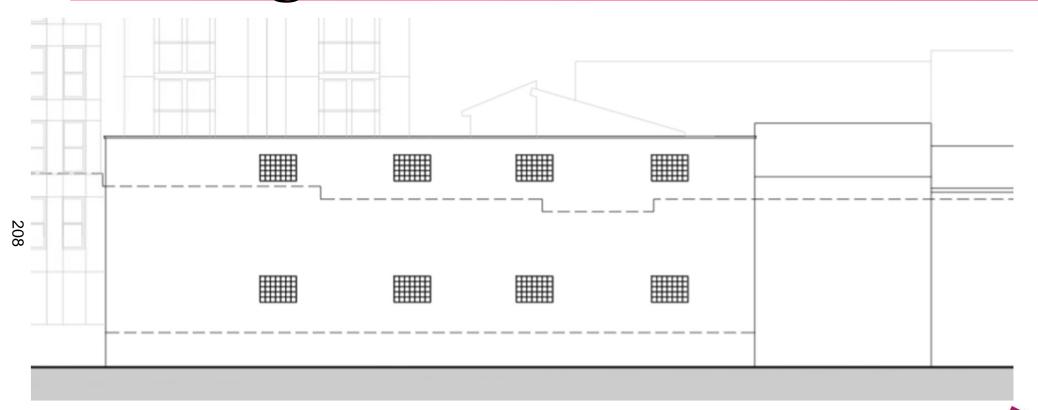


#### **Approved Front Elevation for BH2020/01609 (extant)**



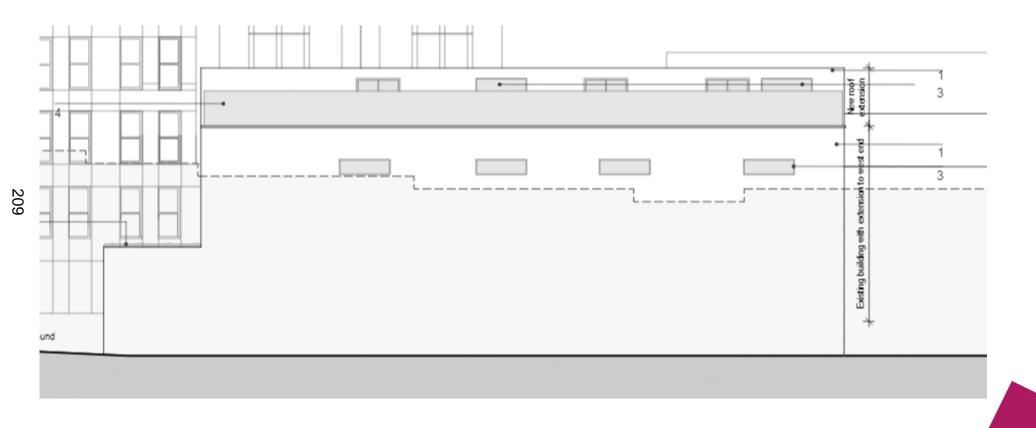


# **Existing Rear Elevation**





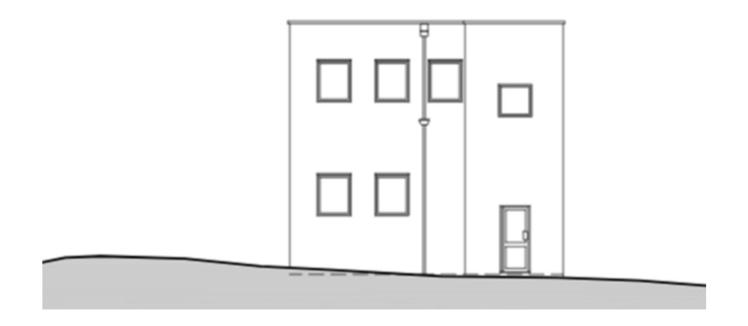
### **Proposed Rear Elevation**



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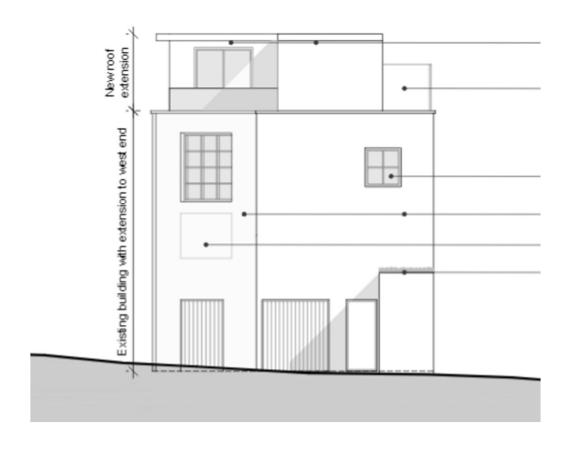
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### **Existing Side Elevation**



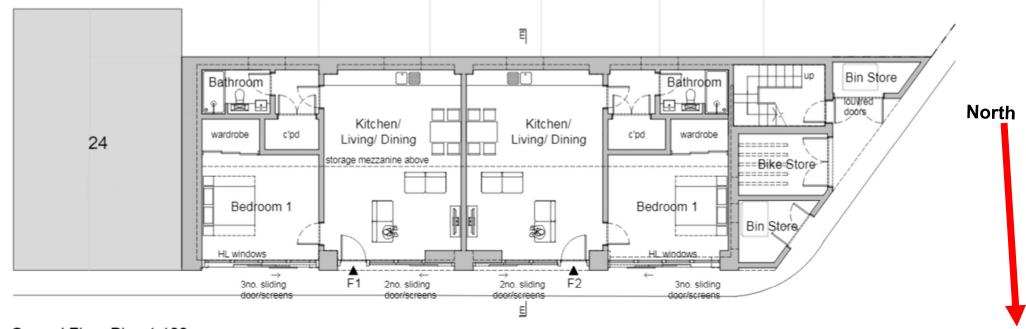


### **Proposed Side Elevation**





#### **Proposed Ground Floor Plan**



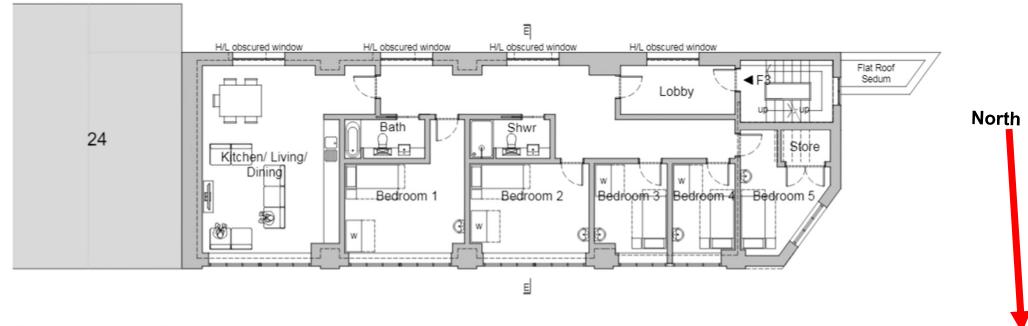
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#### **Proposed First Floor Plan**



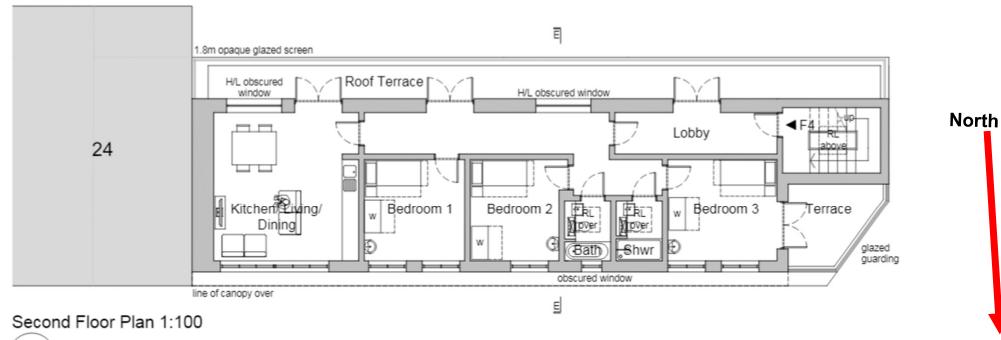
First Floor Plan 1:100



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#### **Proposed Second Floor Plan**







#### Representations

Seven (7) letters <u>objecting</u> to the proposed development for the following reasons:

- Overlooking/ loss of privacy
- Overshadowing and loss of light
- Increased parking stress
- Pollution from traffic
- Noise during construction
- There is already enough student accommodation in the area
- Inappropriate design
- Increased litter
- Impact on mobility and getting around the area



# **Key Considerations in the Application**

- Principle of the change of use
- The design of the extensions and alterations
- The impact on the amenity of occupiers of neighbouring properties
- The standard of accommodation for future occupiers
- Sustainability
- Transport implications, including cycle parking
- Biodiversity



# **Conclusion and Planning Balance**

- Concentration of HMOs is less than 10% (9.1%) within 50m of the site and less than 20% (7.8%) in the wider neighbourhood area although it is noted that there is a 192-bed student residence opposite the site.
- Principle of the change of use is acceptable, particularly noting extant permission to replace the building with a 10-bedroom HMO (BH2020/01609).
- Appropriate design, materials and detailing.
- Height and bulk would be comparable to extant permission BH2020/01609.
- Impact on neighbouring properties acceptable.
- Acceptable living conditions would comply with the Nationally Described Space Standards.
- Cycle parking, swift bricks/boxes and bee bricks secured by condition, along with EPC rating 'C' and water efficiency standard of not more than 110 litres per person per day.
- Would provide two additional flats and two additional HMOs for the city, without significant harm which would weigh against approving the proposed development.

**Recommend: Approve**