13-14 Sydney Street BH2025/00877

5th November 2025

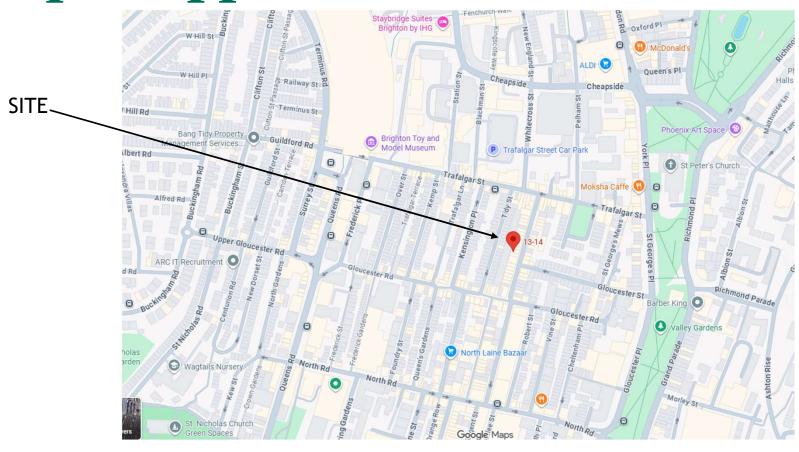


Application Description

► Erection of an additional storey roof to create a 3no bedroom flat (C3). Alterations to front façade including 2no first floor bay windows, replacement shopfront with new commercial and residential access and pitched roof with parapet. Creation of second floor roof terrace with privacy screening.

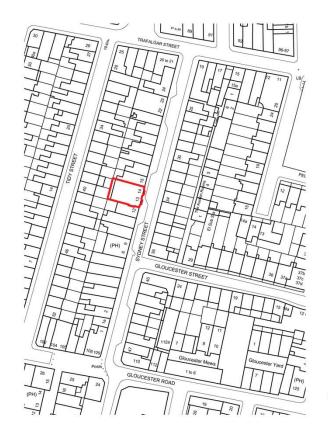


Map of Application Site





Existing Location Plan







Aerial Photo of Site



3D Aerial Photo of Site





Front elevation Photo of Site (looking west)





Built form looking south



Built form looking North





Site context 3 Storey buildings





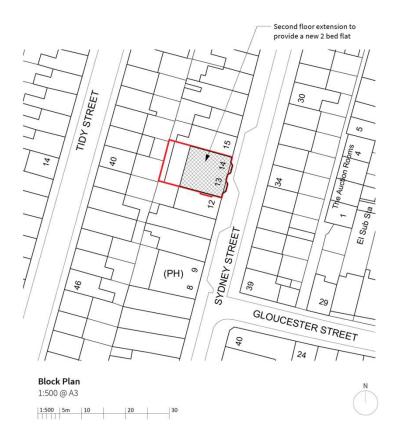
Street View of Contex



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Existing Block Plan and proposed hatched



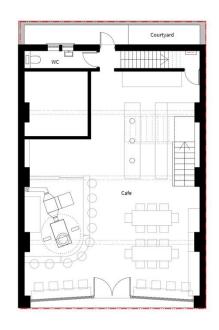


Split of uses/Number of units

- Creation of one new C3 dwelling in new second floor
- ► Retention of existing commercial use at ground and first floor (small loss of commercial floorspace (circa 9m2) to enable new access to C3 dwelling)



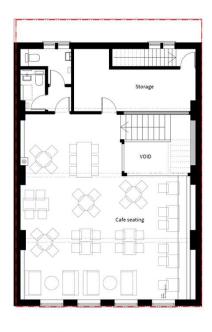
Existing Floor Plans





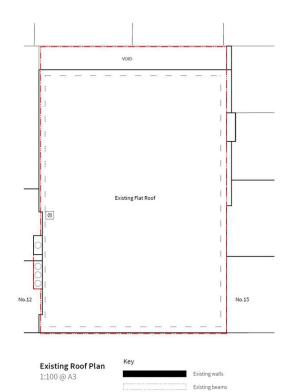
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Existing First Floor Plan

1:100 @ A3





Proposed Floor Plan

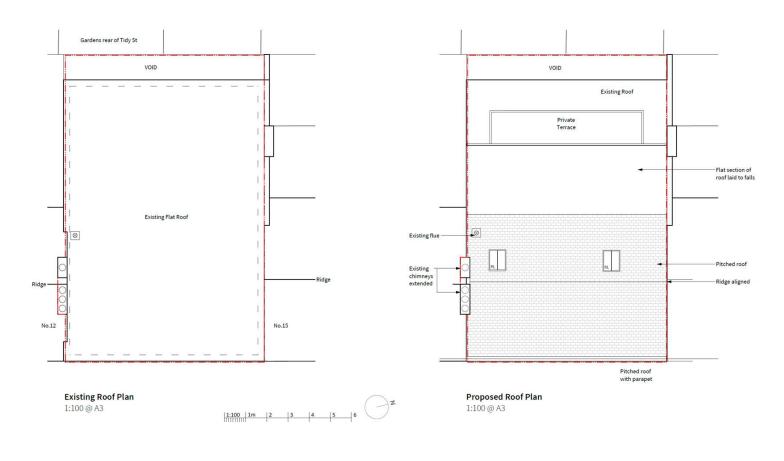


Proposed Ground Floor Plan 1:100 @ A3



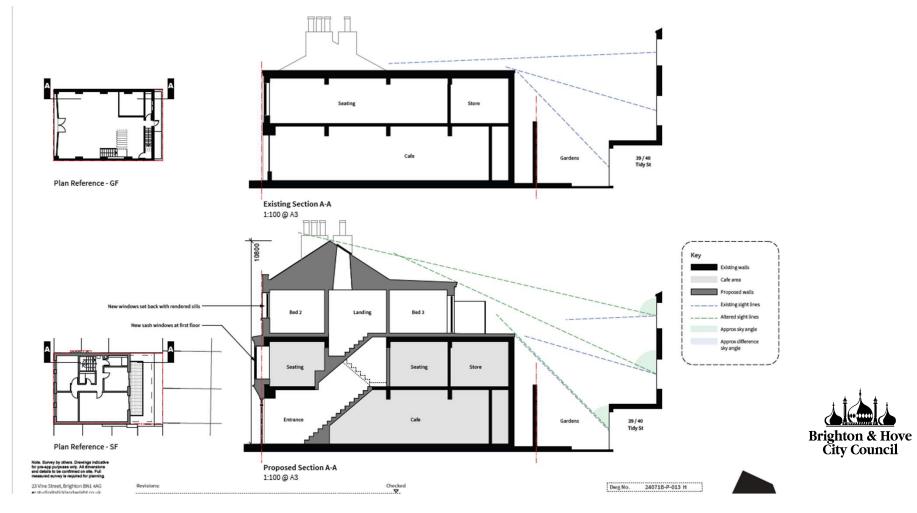


Existing & Proposed Roof Plan



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Existing & Proposed Sections



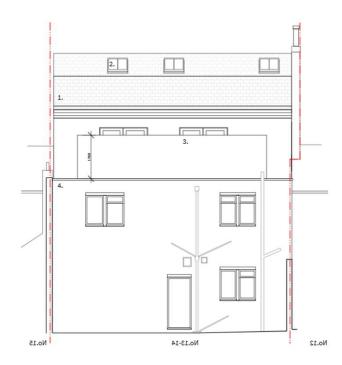
Existing & Proposed Front Elevation (East)



Existing & Proposed Rear Elevation (West)



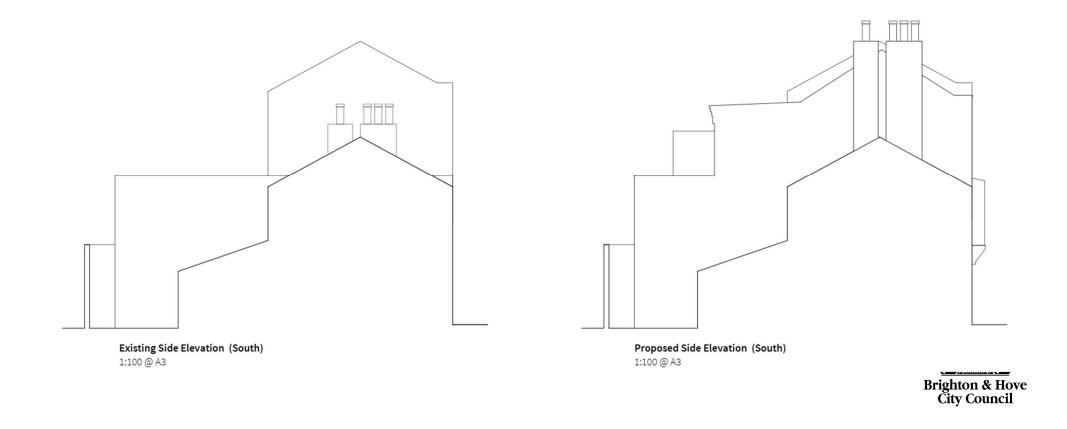
Existing Rear Elevation (West) 1:100 @ A3



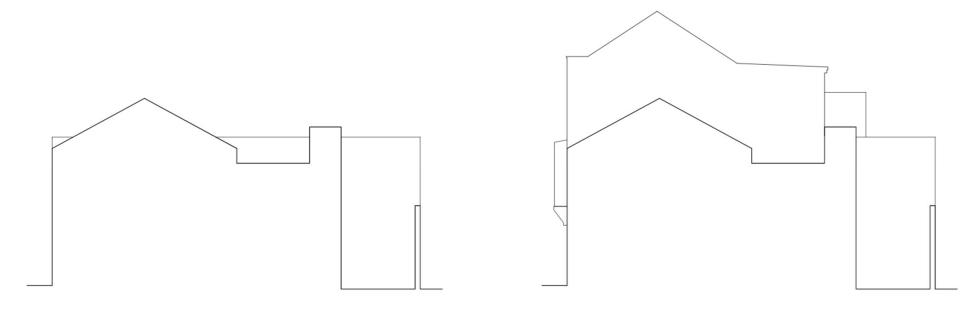
Proposed Rear Elevation (West) 1:100 @ A3



Existing & Proposed Side Elevation (South)



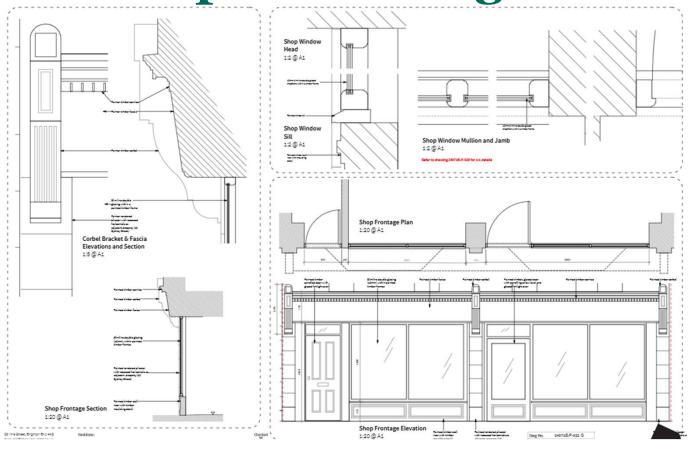
Existing & Proposed Side Elevation (North)



Existing Side Elevation (North) 1:100 @ A3

Proposed Side Elevation (North) 1:100 @ A3

Brighton & Hove City Council **Proposed Shopfront Design**





Representations

- **Eighteen (18)** representations have been received including from the **North Laine Community Association**, <u>objecting</u> to the proposal on the basis of:
- Amenity impacts (noise, smells, loss of views, overshadowing and loss light predominantly)
- Design (height, harms conservation area appearance, out of keeping)
- Current operator of commercial unit (communication/interaction with residents)
- ► Councillor McLeay has <u>objected</u> to the proposal in relation to amenity and design impacts. The full representation is attached to this report.



Key Considerations

- ► Heritage impacts on the Conservation Area
- Amenity impacts future and surrounding residents
- Design



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Conclusion and Planning Balance

- ► The existing building detracts from the Conservation Area. The proposed would have improved front elevations and shopfront designs taking design cues from existing historic building in street and improve the appearance of the building in the Conservation area. Heritage Officers have been involved in the design from pre application advice stage and concur.
- The proposed development would have suitable accommodation for future residents, and the amenity impacts for surrounding residents are not considered so significant that refusal is warranted. Subject to the recommended conditions.
- ▶ The design is considered appropriate considering the context of the site and the appearance in the public realm, with the improvements to the front elevation.
- On balance, and taking into account the housing shortfall in the City, the positive impacts of the scheme are considered to outweigh the negative impacts.

Recommend: Approval

