

Bowling Alley Cottage

Design, Access & Heritage Statement

Listed Building Consent Application

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Note:

This application seeks to make minor modifications to the previously approved application ref: DM/21/0568. This application should be read in conjunction to the drawings and Design & Access Statement related to the previously approved proposals.

01 Introduction

1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction, Description & Context

This is a Design, Access, and Heritage Statement is submitted in support of the Listed building application for minor internal alterations; to the rural cottage, including;

- Main stair balustrade replacement

In drawing up this proposal we have analysed the relevant national and local planning policies, and have responded to the building and site's unique built and historical context.

Existing Context

The site is located in Horsted Keynes, a small village situated on a hill midway between Haywards Heath and East Grinstead. It is located in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Horsted Keynes is an historic village. In 1985 a sizable area of the village was designated a Conservation Area. This centred around two of the oldest regions. The first, is centred on Church Lane, which contains a number of historical 17th and 18th century buildings, and the 13th century church. The second, is centred on The Green, which includes Bowling Alley Cottage. The Green is a spacious open area lined by two storey buildings of predominantly brick construction, many properties are listed as being of architectural or historical importance. There is currently no CA appraisal published for Horsted Keynes.

Bowling Alley Cottage is located north of The Green. It is accessible from a narrow single-width lane. This also serves the White House (Grade II), Mission Hall (Grade II), and the village hall with allotments behind. Beyond lies rolling felds of High Weald.



Figure 01 (Top left) - Horsted Keynes aerial view

Figure 02 (Bottom left) - Horsted Keynes street view (looking towards Bowling Alley Cottage)

Figure 03 (Right) - Site Boundary

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The original Bowling Alley Cottage is a small, three-bedroom listed cottage dated c1630. However throughout the 20th century this cottage has been significantly extended and altered. Today, the cottage includes link extensions and adjoins with a previously separate annex building to become a single elongated property.



Figure 04 - Photos of Bowling Alley Cottage

1. Introduction

1.2 Property History & Heritage

- The site is located in the High Weald (AONB).
- The site is in Horsted Keynes Conservation Area.
- The property is Grade II Listed.
- The site is in an area with a low probability of flooding, flood zone 1.

Grade II Listed

The property was first listed in May 1983. It is Grade II Listed (1025693). Details description as followings:

HORSTED KEYNES THE GREEN 1. 5405 (North Side) Bowling Alley Cottage TQ 3828 34/453 II
2. C17. Two storeys. Three windows. Ground floor red brick, above tile-hung. Tiled roof. Casement windows.
Listing NGR: TQ3859828250

Heritage

Cottage (Grade II)
Bowling Alley Cottage is a small, two and a half storey, Grade II Listed cottage dated c1630. At one point it was the Poor House for the village (house deeds dated 1850). The construction is oak-framed. The external finish is of red brick (at ground floor) and hanging tiles. The property is two and a half storey.

In plan the front entrance opens up to a hallway with the main stairs. From the hall is a door to the lounge, the main house spaces. Through the lounge room is access to a rear run of narrow spaces, of services and utility rooms, and a second staircase. At first floor are two bedrooms accessible from two separate stairs, with a shared Jack and Jill bathroom. At loft level is the third bedroom that is only served from the main stairs. Some alterations were approved in the 1980s for the new first floor bathroom, and improvements to the stairs and ground floor bathroom and WC.

Annex Outhouse

To the back of the site is a mid 20th century two-storey annex. This was once used as a clockmaker's workshop. This building has a big south-

facing roof dormer extension. It is a red brick and clay tile building. Today this annex is directly accessible from the cottage with link extensions and becomes part of the house plan. The annex provides an additional two bedrooms. This is not part of the listing.

Link Extensions

The cottage and annex are connected by various flat roof, single storey extensions. These various extensions start from the 1950s onwards. The kitchen extension was approved and implemented in the 1970s. This was constrained by the boundary and flue outlet positions to form an awkward triangle wedge. This has created a tight courtyard space between the kitchen, cottage, and link. The boundary is defined by a close-boarded oak fence and access gate. The link's French doors provide direct access to the garden. None of these are of historical interest or fabric. These are not part of the listing.

The elongated floorplan creates a home and spaces that are at best disjointed. There is no clear main entrance, bedroom and bathroom journeys are along different floors and via long routes. The odd kitchen is not beside the dining area. This there is an opportunity to give the home a clearer identity, and provide a healthy home environment.

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Cottage

Link Extension

Annexe



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1.2 Property History & Heritage

The Property has undergone a series of extensions and alterations over time, illustrated in the plans opposite.

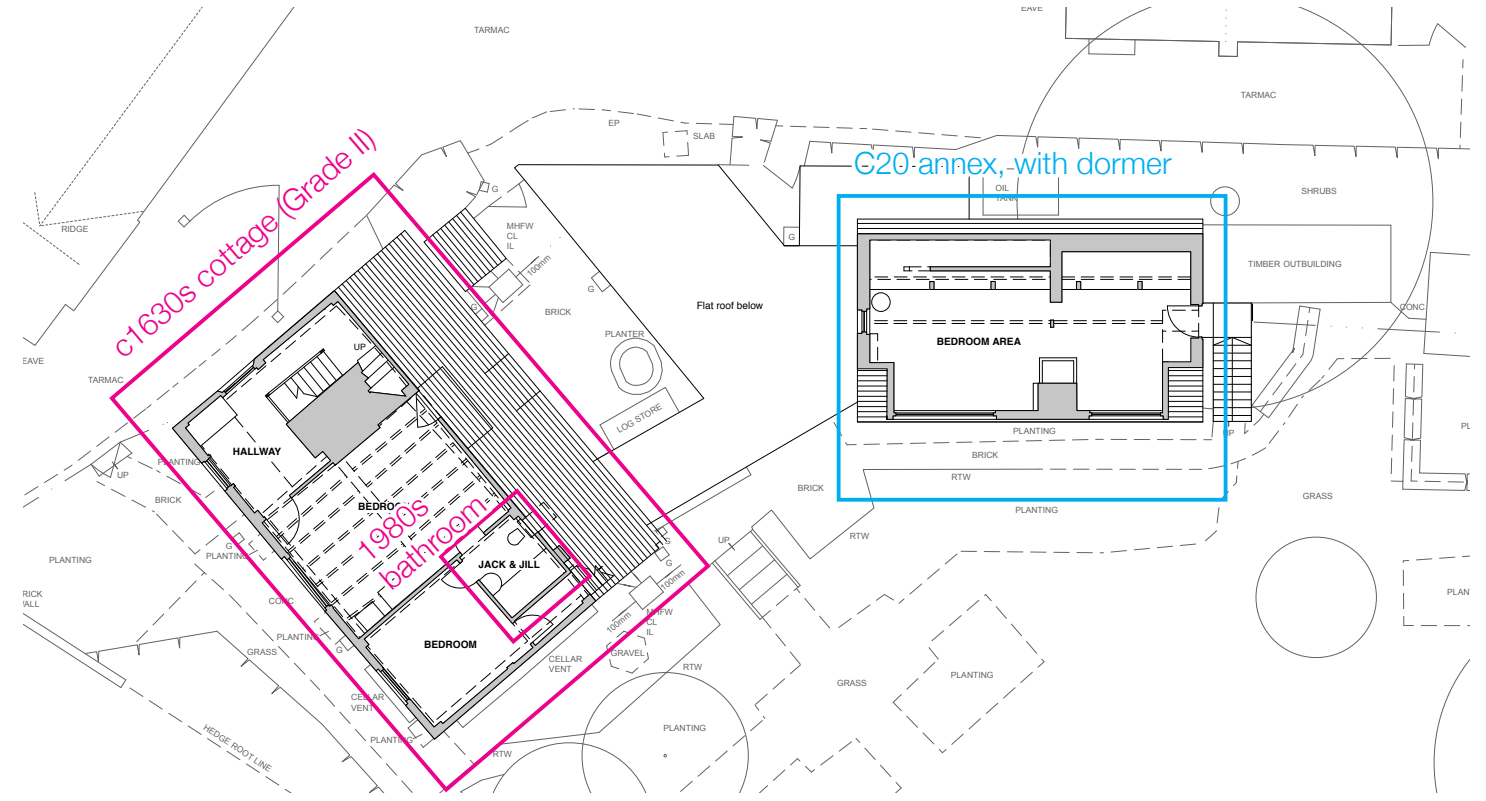
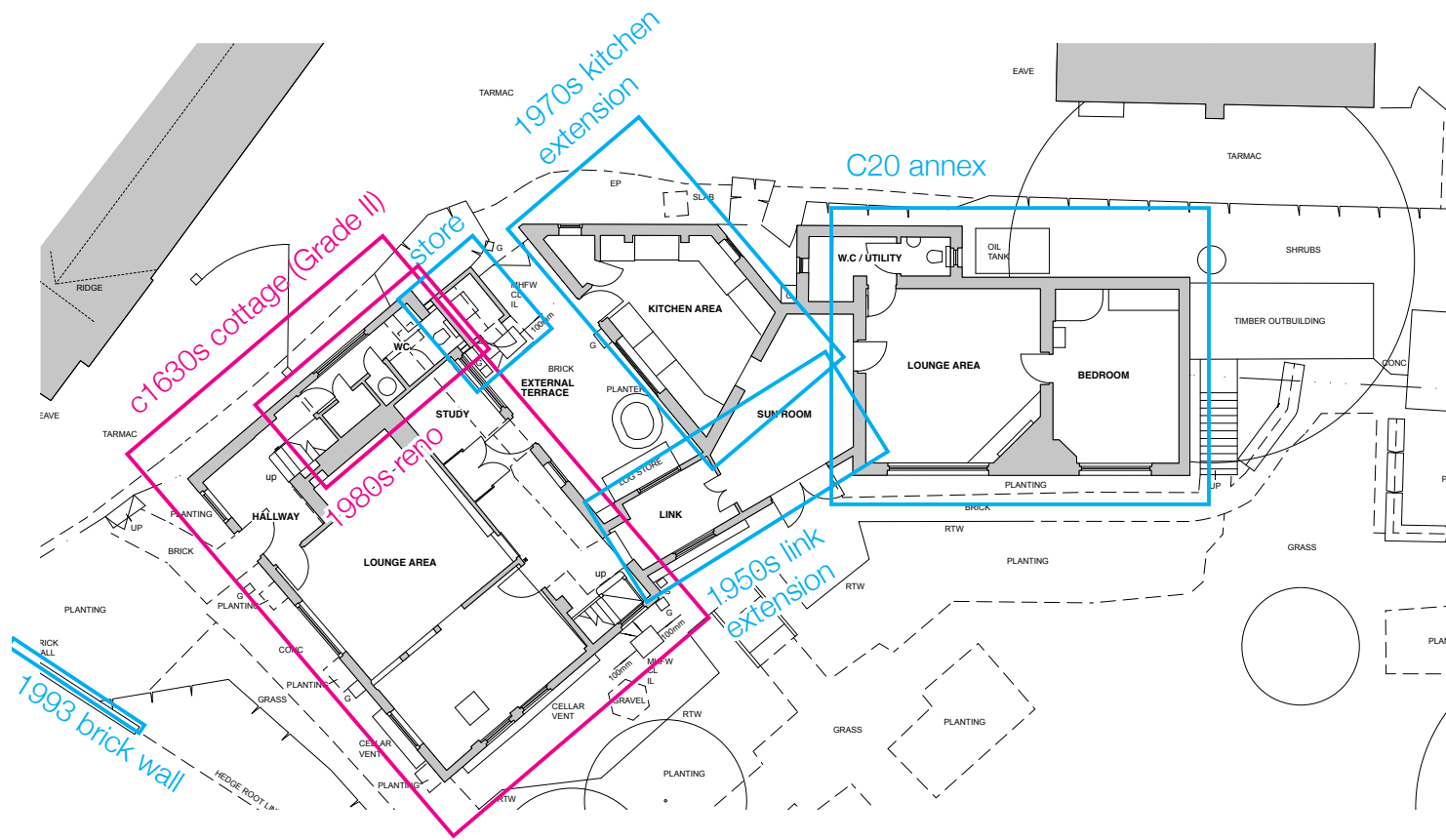


Figure 05 - Existing ground and first floor plans. NTS. Includes general notes of alterations / developments

1. Introduction

1.3 Planning History

Relevant Planning History

The property has an extensive planning history. This is a small documentation of the property’s recent history. Notable records include:

10/02892/TCA NO OBJECTION Sept 2010
Yew - Reduce in height by 25%, thin 10% and raise canopy by 1m over building.

09/03725/LBC APPROVED Dec 2009
Reduce kitchen window size to three panels, replace with double glazed white timber window to match others, matching brick to infl. (Link extension).

08/03363/LBC APPROVED Oct 2008
Replacement of window and french doors. (Link extension)

07/00163/LBC APPROVED Jan 2007
& 07/00162/FUL
Construct 300mm high parapet to match existing to single storey extension. Remove existing window on North-West side of extension and replace on South-West face.

HK/001/98 APPROVED Jan 1998
Repointing the chimney, provision of sandstone cap on brickwork, lead flashings and replacement of listings.

HK/042/95 APPROVED Sept 1995
Removal of oil boiler to adjacent outhouse with balanced fue. Removal of internal boiler
fue from inglenook chimney

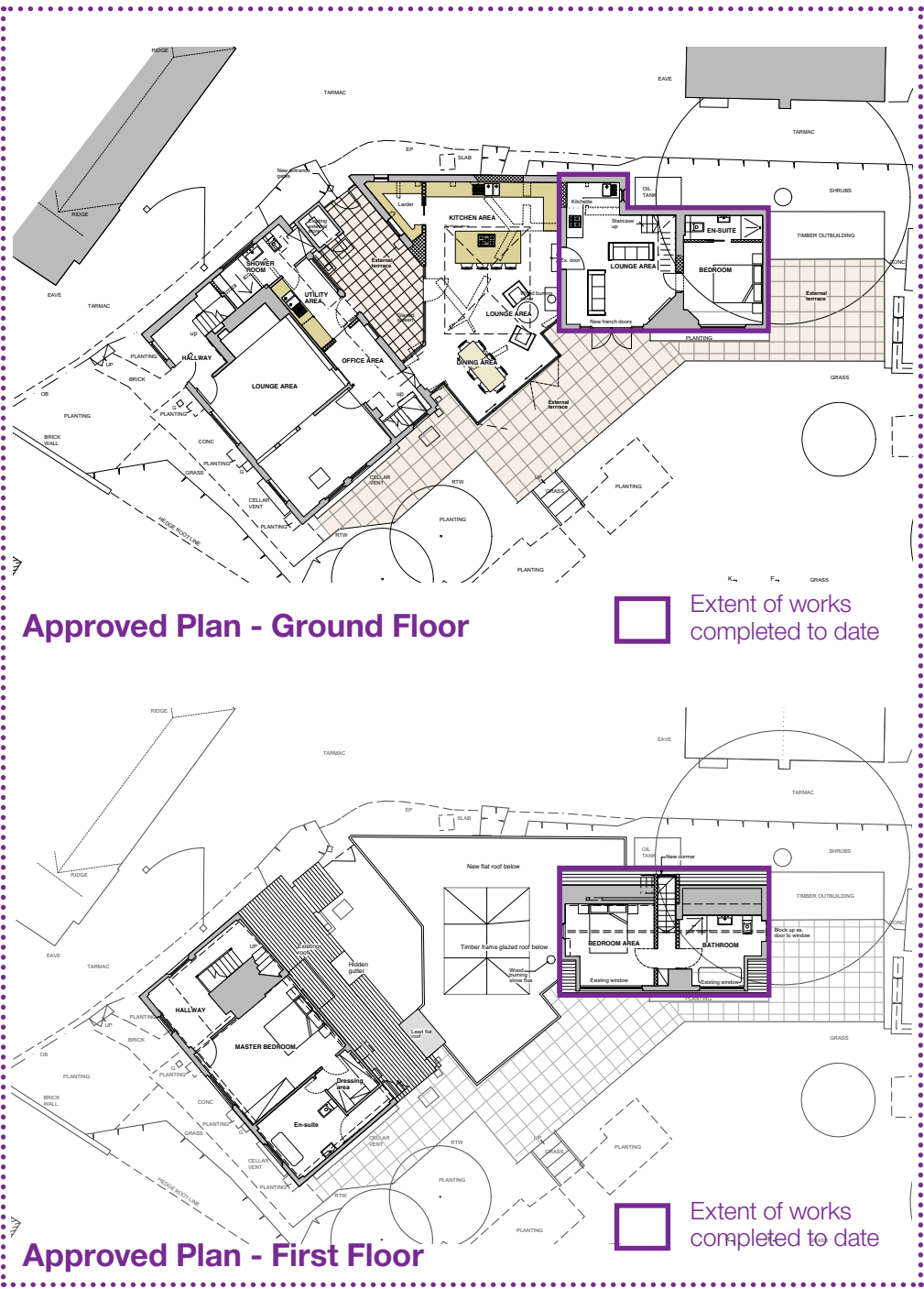
HK/046/87 APPROVED Dec 1987
New bathroom at frst floor level. Alterations to existing ground foor bathroom and improvement of staircase access by eliminating ground foor toilet.

HK/030/76 APPROVED Sept 1976
Single storey extension.

DM/21/0566 & DM/21/0568 APPROVED May 2021
Enlargement of kitchen and partial replacement and enlargement of the existing link extensions. Internal renovations to annex including new dormer window. Internal alterations to existing cottage.

Note: Parts of the works associated with this approved application have been completed, as follows:

- 1. Ground floor - all internal modifications to the Annexe building including the installation of the the kitchenette and en-suite + the replacement of the existing window with new french doors on the exterior south elevation
- 2. First Floor - Creation of the new dormer window and external window to bathroom on east elevation of Annexe + all internal modifications to Annexe complete.



02 Summary of Proposals

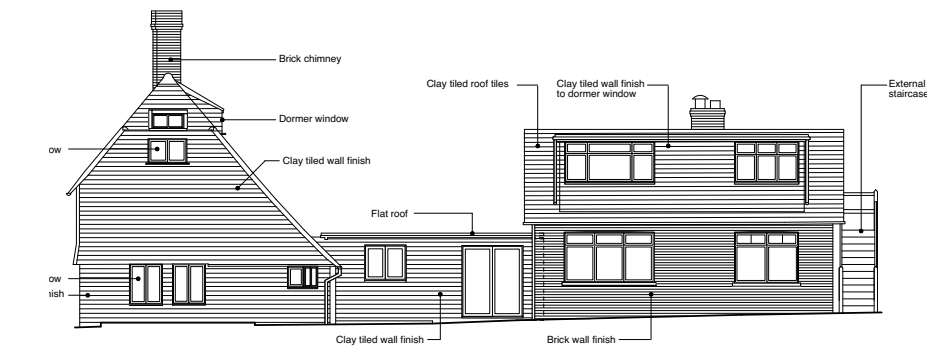
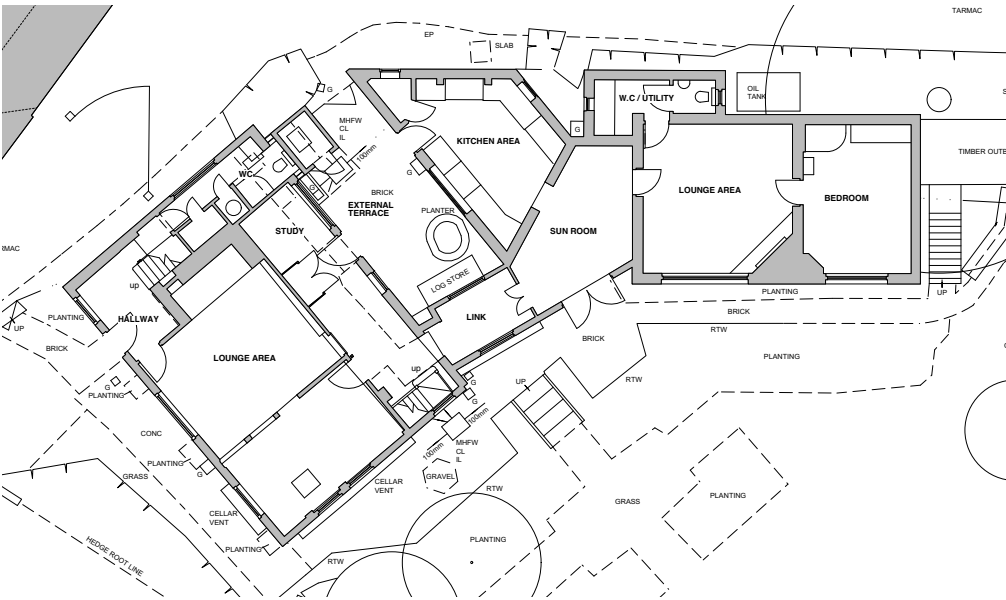
2. Proposed Alterations to Existing Consent

Summary of proposed alterations

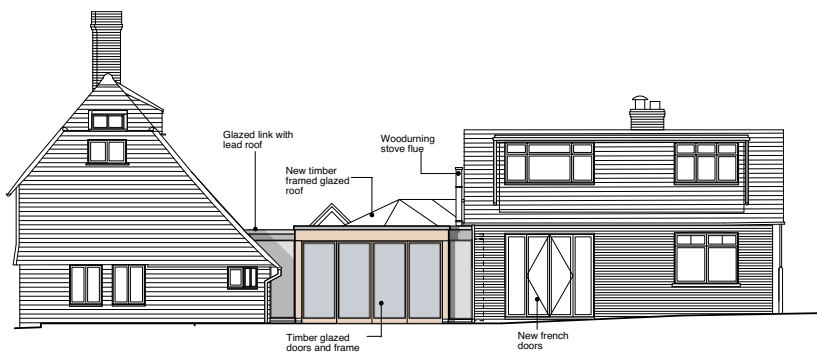
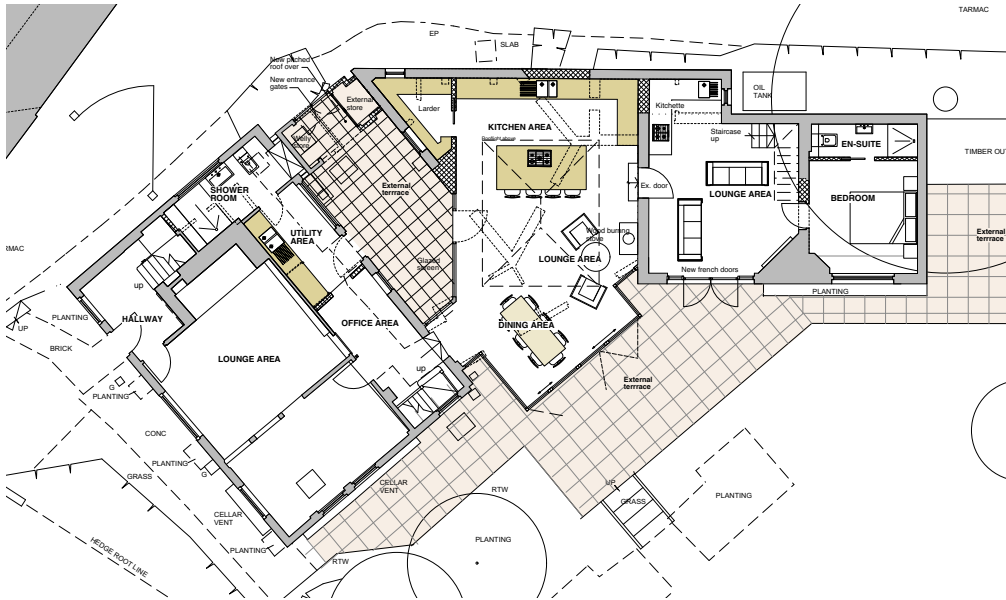
This DAS proposes design alterations to the previously approved application to renovate and extend the existing kitchen and link building + make a series of internal alterations to the listed cottage. The proposals seek to modify the approved design by reducing the intended scope. All the proposals align with the consultation and feedback that was received as part of the approved application.

The below drawings illustrate an overview of the existing layout, the approved design and the proposed alterations to the approved design.

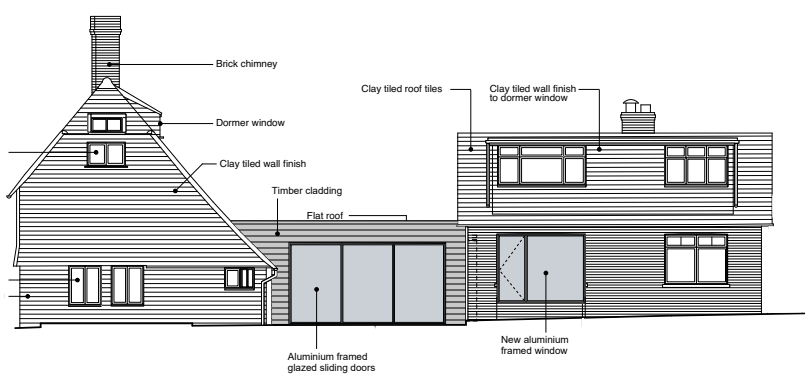
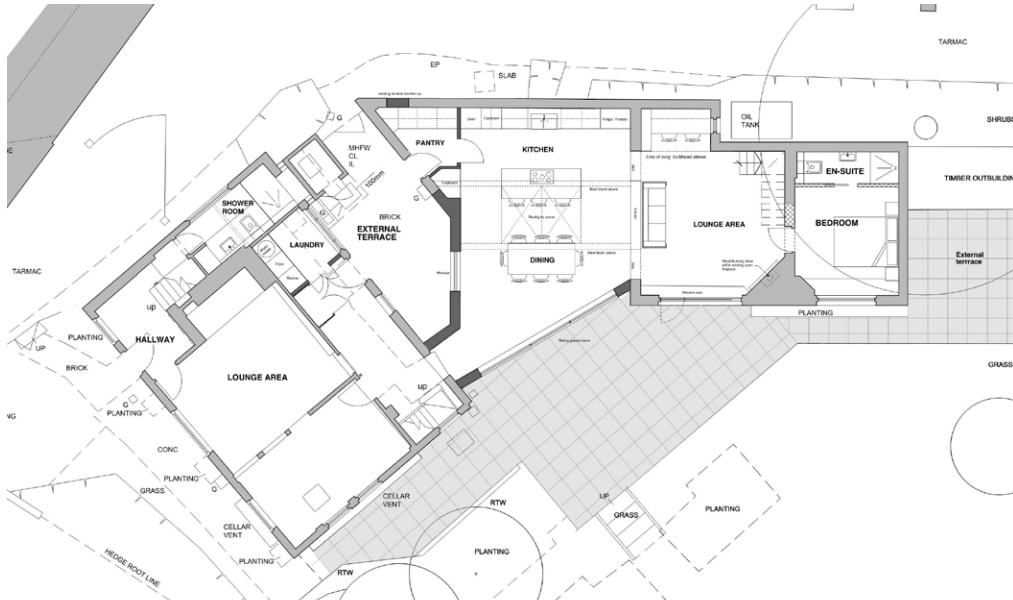
Existing Plan & Elevation



Approved Plan & Elevation (DM/21/0568)



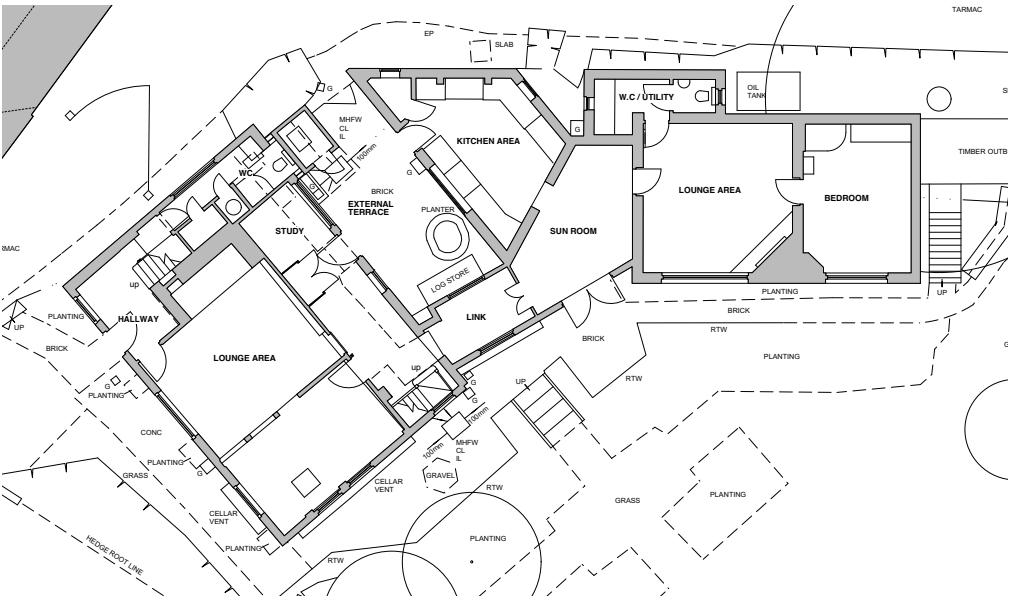
Proposed Plan & Elevation



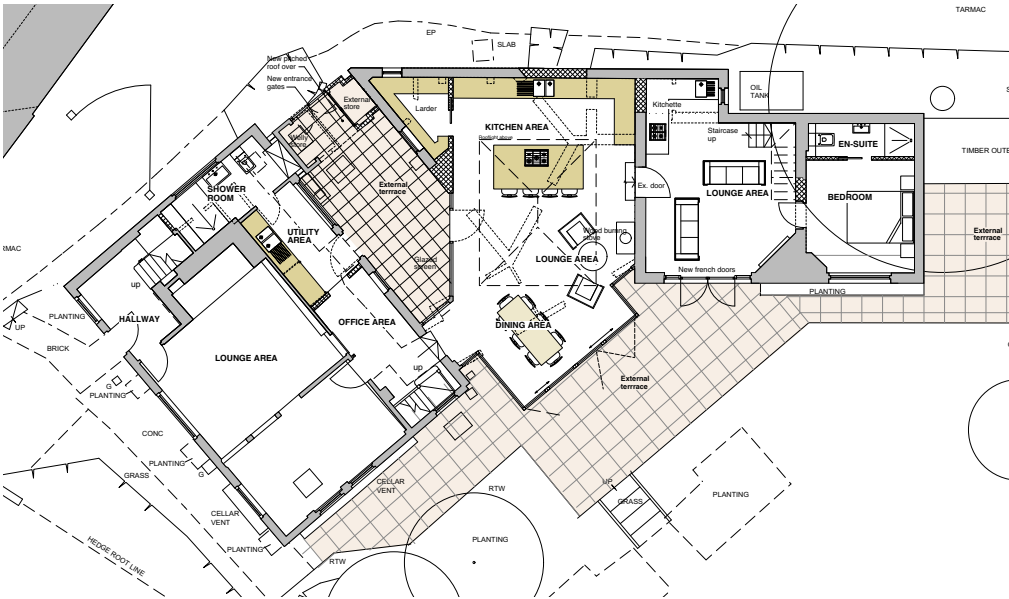
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Level 00

Existing Plan - Level 00



Approved Plan (DM/21/0568) - Level 00



Proposed Plan - Level 00

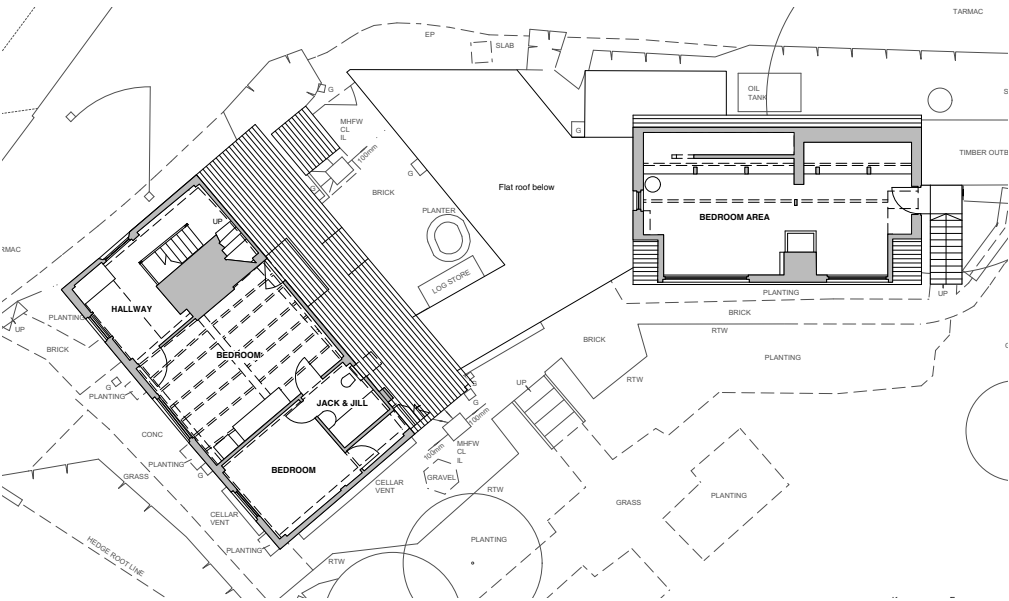


- 1 Retain and rebuild new external wall with glazed sliding patio doors in line with the existing south elevation of link building in leiu of extending kitchen into garden.
- 2 Masonry construction, with insulated timber cladding to new external wall in leiu of glazed wall to improve thermal performance of building envelope.
- 3 Create a opening between the kitchen / dining area and the lounge area adjacent to improve functionality and provide a more contiguous living space, as a single dwelling.
- 4 Omit kitchenette.
- 5 Glazed window (partially fixed / partially openable) proposed in leiu of french doors
- 6 Revised internal modifications to shower room and laundry / utility. Refer to Section 3 for more detail.

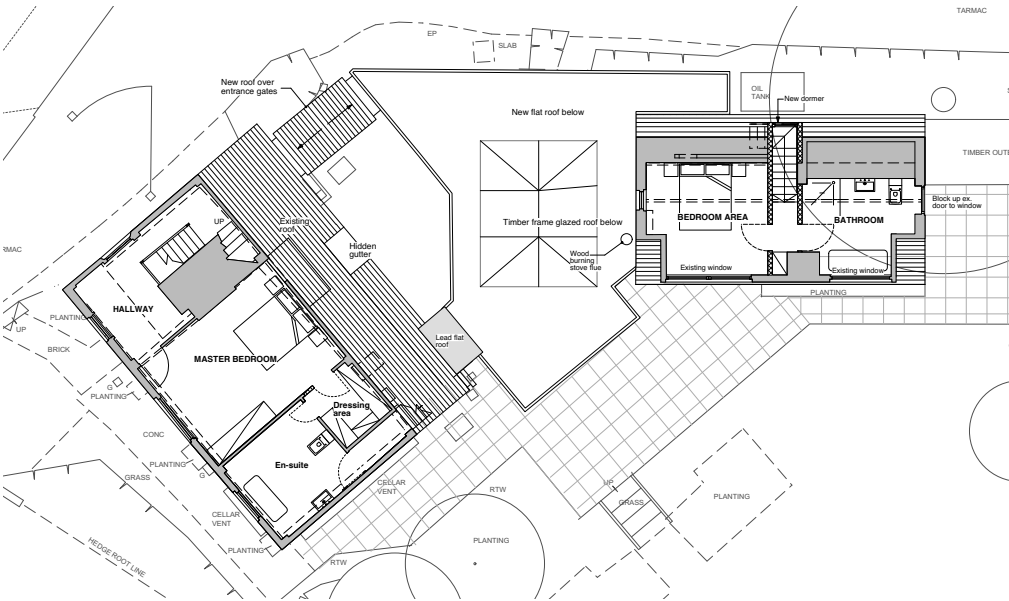
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Level 01

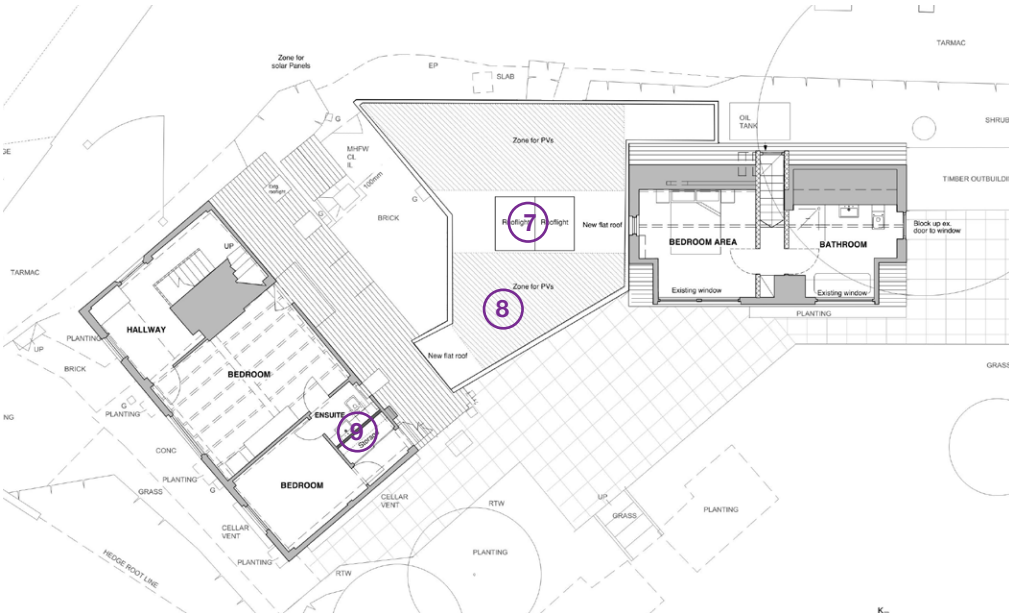
Existing Plan - Level 01



Approved Plan (DM/21/0568) - Level 01



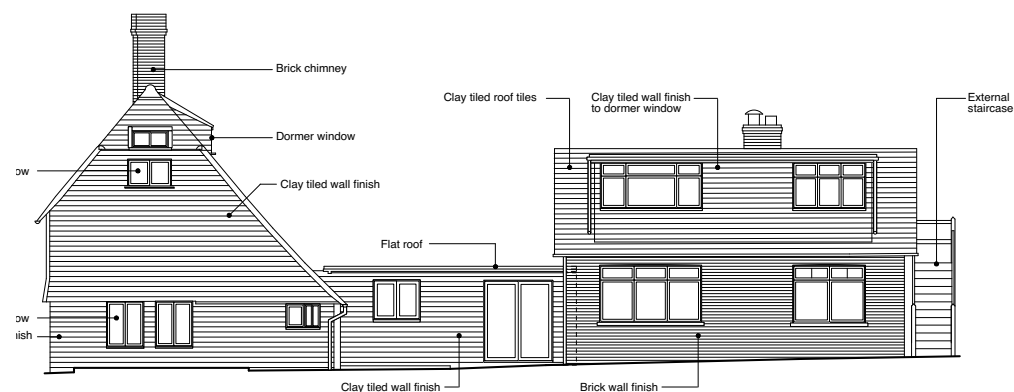
Proposed Plan - Level 01



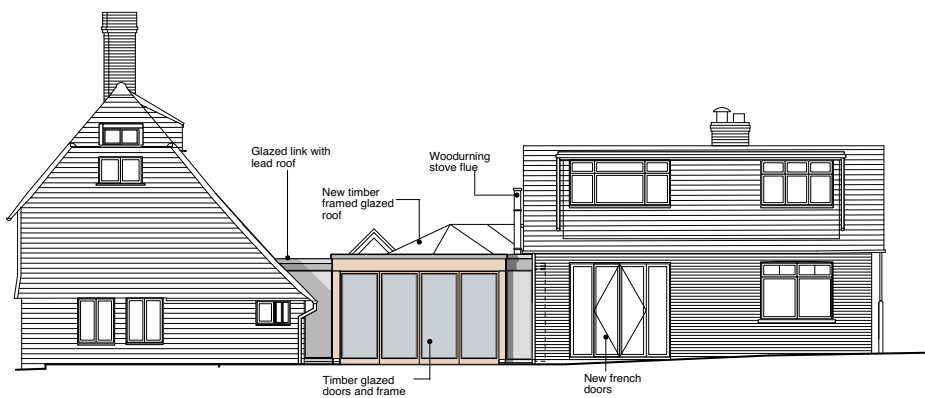
- 7 Low profile glazed roof light proposed in lieu of roof lantern
- 8 Solar panels proposed to flat roof above kitchen to provide clean and renewable energy.
- 9 Revised internal modifications to en-suite bathroom. En-suite to remain in existing location. Reduced in size and reconfigured to allow for a storage cupboard to be created, accessed from adjacent hallway. Bedroom retained as existing. Refer to Section 3 for more detail.

2. Proposed Alterations to Existing Consent Elevations

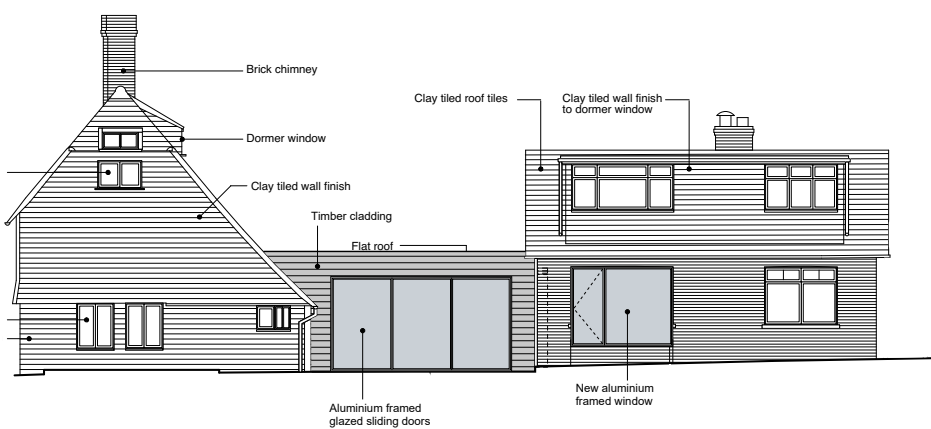
Existing Elevation - South



Approved Elevation (DM/21/0568) - South



Proposed Elevation - South



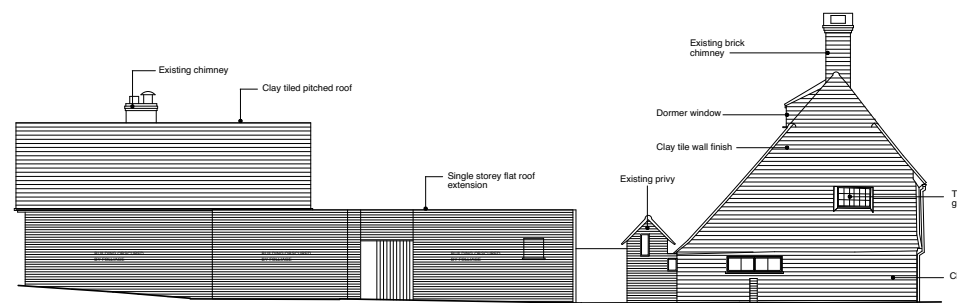
The proposed alterations to the south elevation of the link extension / renovation seek to retain the existing building line of the 1970's link building. This avoids extending outwards into the garden to better retain the existing relationship and hierarchy between the 3 building elements.

Timber feather edge cladding is proposed with low profile aluminum framed sliding glass doors. A new window is proposed to the annexe elevation in lieu of the approved French doors.

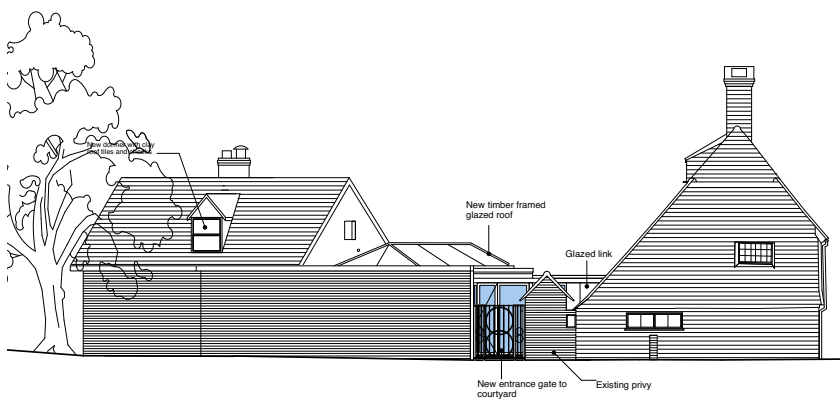


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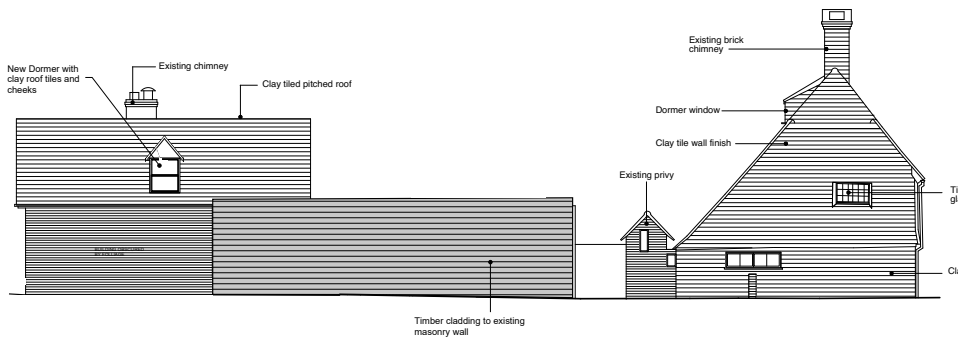
Existing Elevation - South



Approved Elevation (DM/21/0568) - South



Proposed Elevation - South



The proposals seek to retain the existing gate to courtyard and existing privy without alteration.

The proposals seek to clad the existing and infill masonry wall to north elevation with insulated timber cladding to improved the thermal performance of the link extension and to improve the visual performance of the building facade.

2. Proposed Alterations to Existing Consent

Summary of materials - Link Extension



Exterior cladding:
Dark stained feather edge timber cladding.



Windows & Doors
Composite double glazed window and door system (Velfac or equivalent)
Slim line aluminum framed PPC external finish with timber internal framing. Refer to approved proposals (DM/21/0568 - Condition 3 discharge drawing LBC_203a)



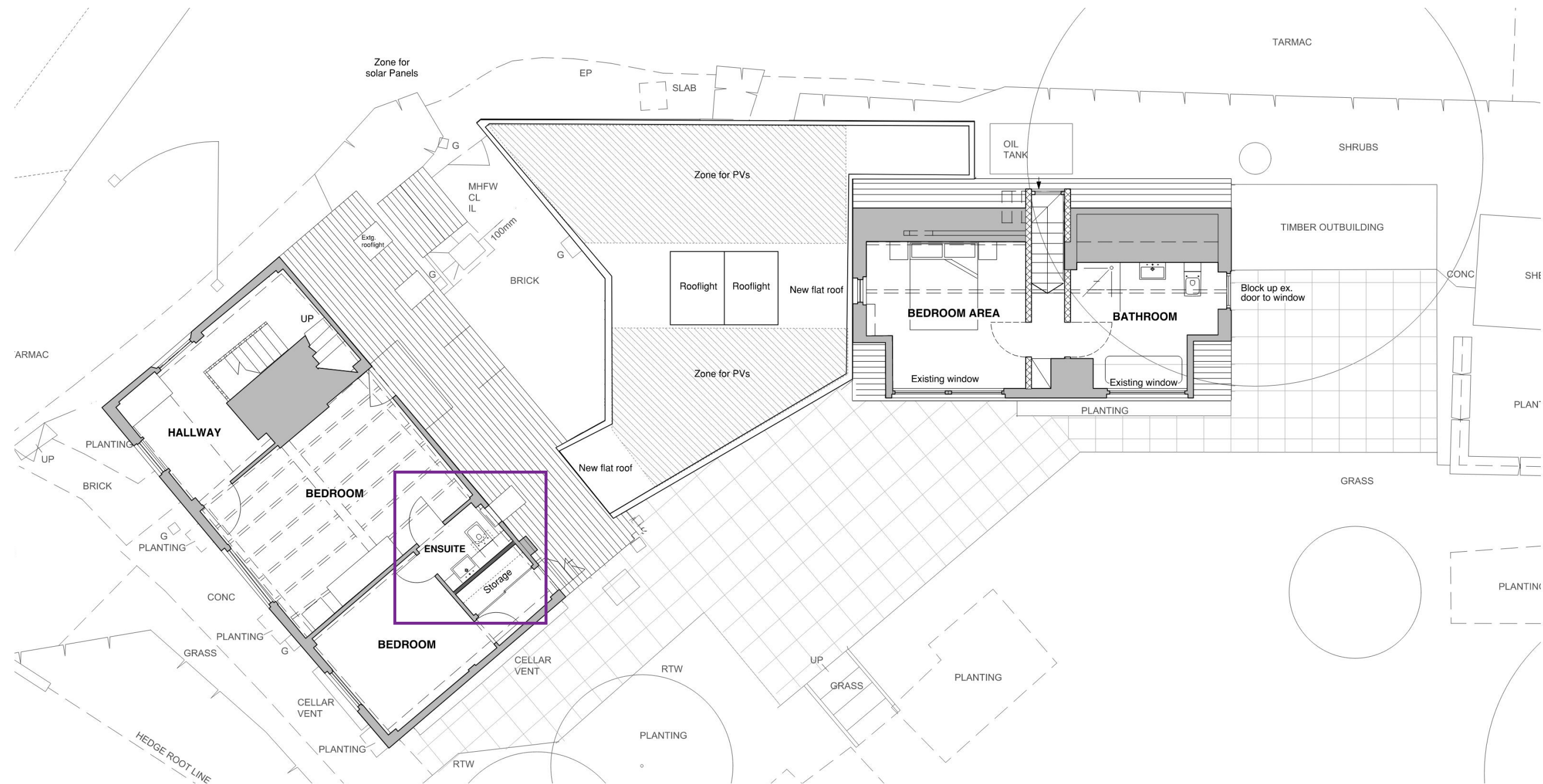
Roof and rooflight
Single ply roof membrane with low profile, aluminum framed glazed roof lights



Solar panels
Low profile solar array to flat roof. To sit below parapet line so they are concealed from view

03 Internal Alterations

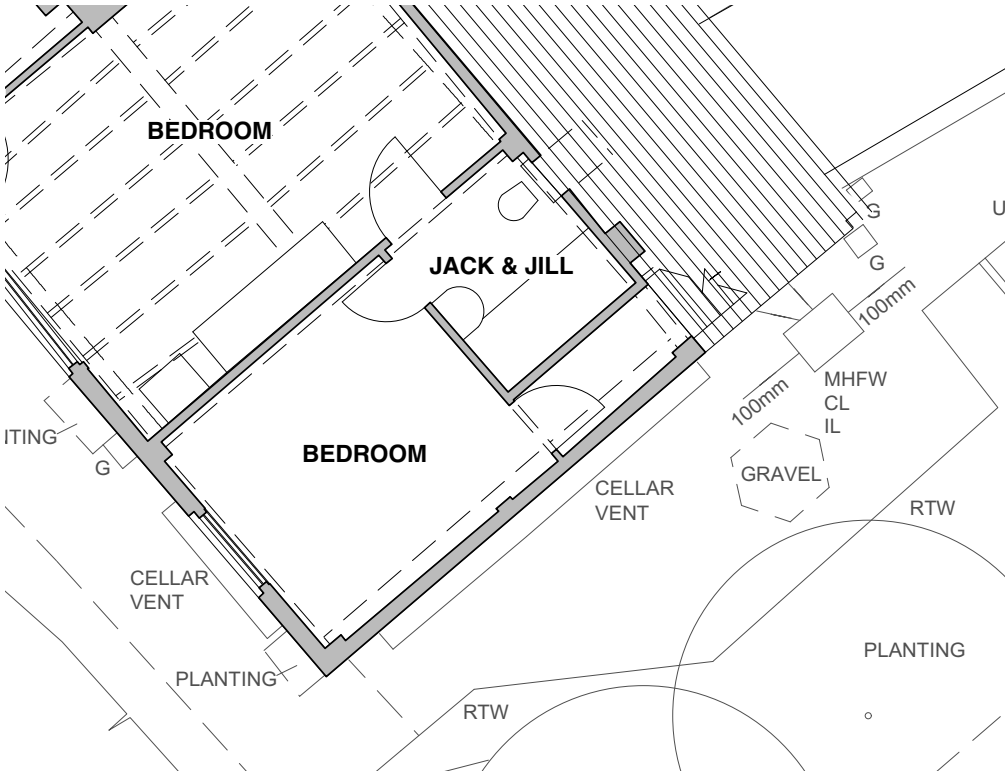
3. Internal Alterations
Level 01 En-Suite Proposals



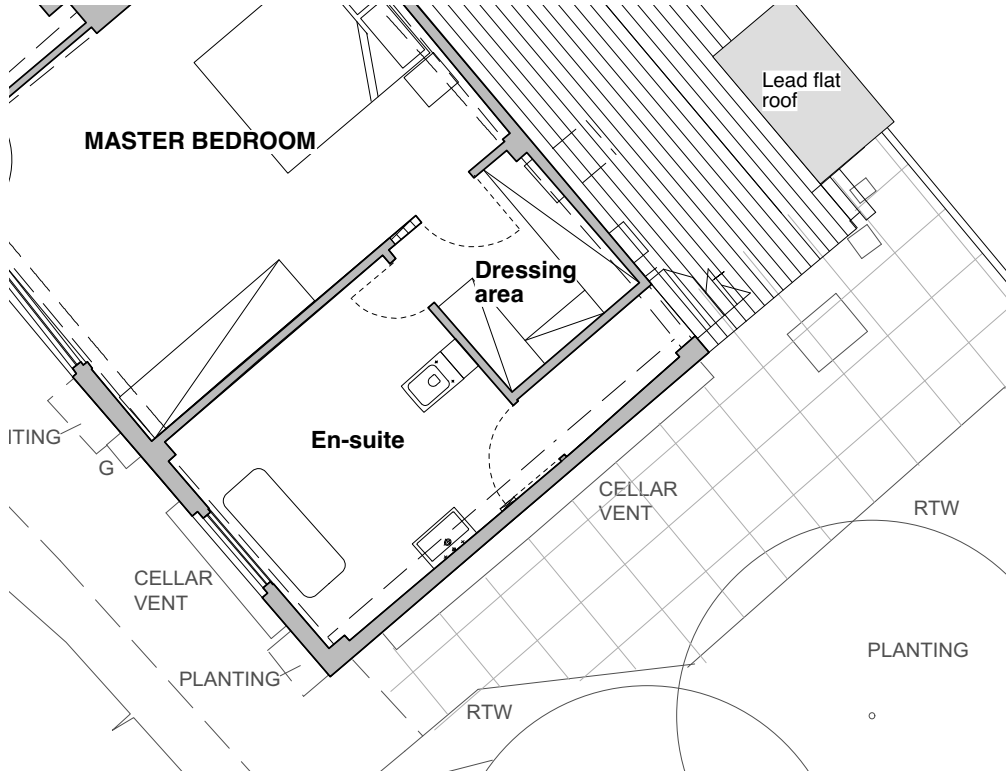
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Level 01 En-Suite Proposals

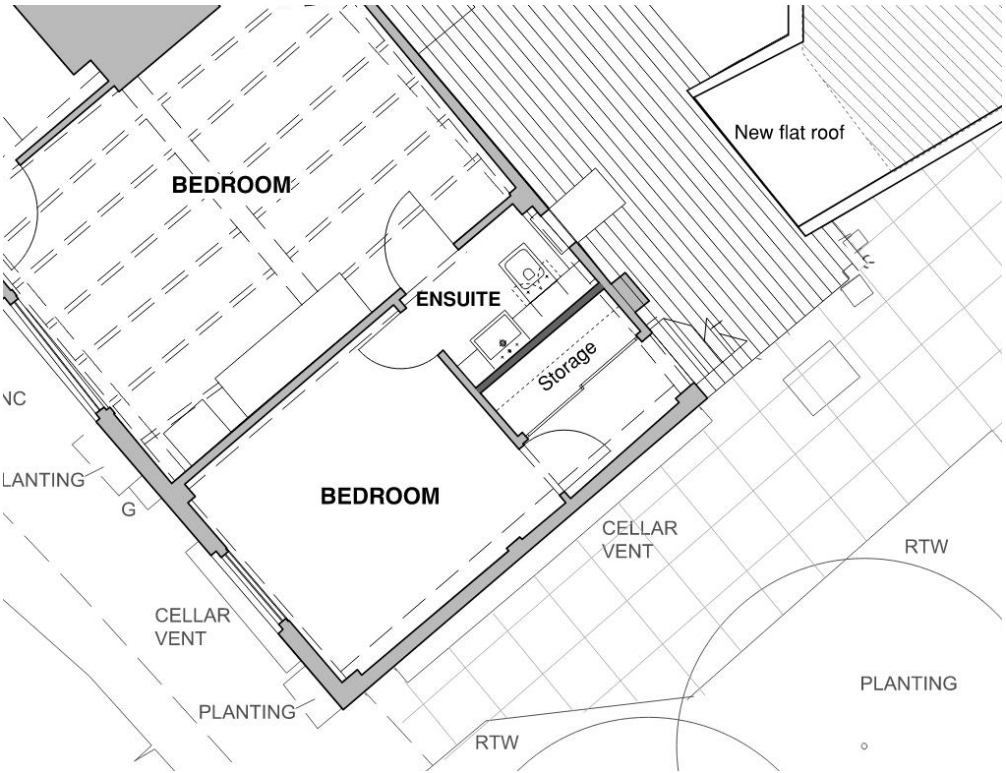
Enlarged Plan - Existing



Enlarged Plan - Approved (DM/21/0568)



Enlarged Plan - Proposed



The existing bathroom consists of a bathtub, a small sink and a toilet + a heated towel rail.

The water pressure from the bath taps is very low.

There is no storage.

The fixtures and fittings are outdated and of poor quality.

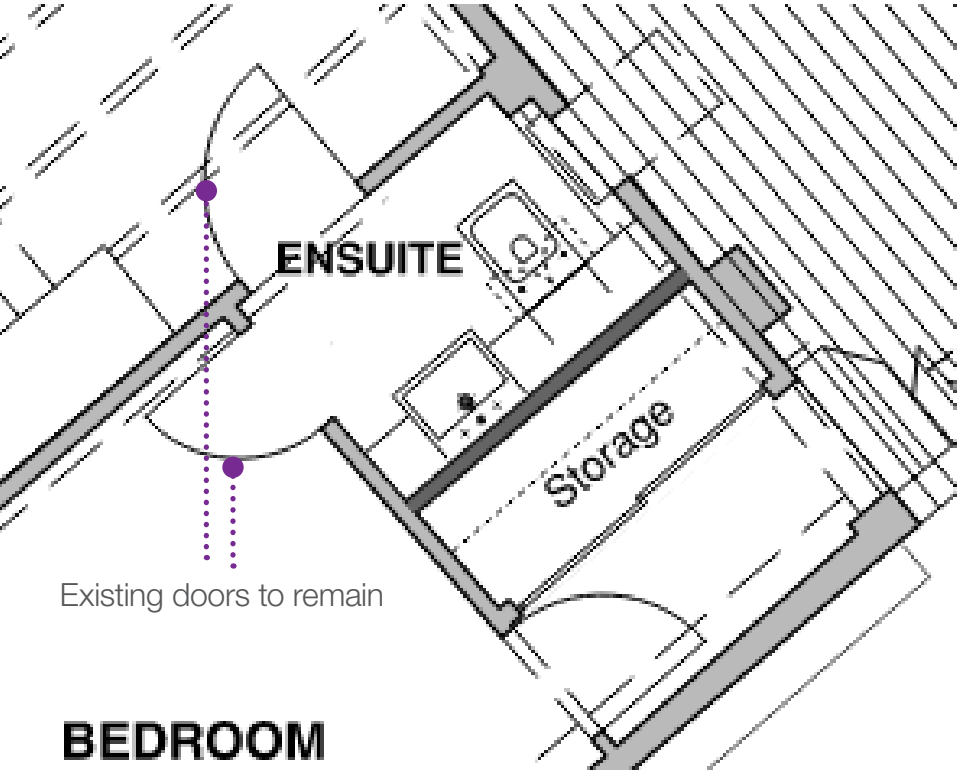
The floor to ceiling height is 2050mm meaning it is not possible to install a shower. The limitations on drainage requires a raised shower tray which limits headroom significantly.



3. Internal Alterations

Level 01 En-Suite Proposals

Enlarged Plan - Proposed



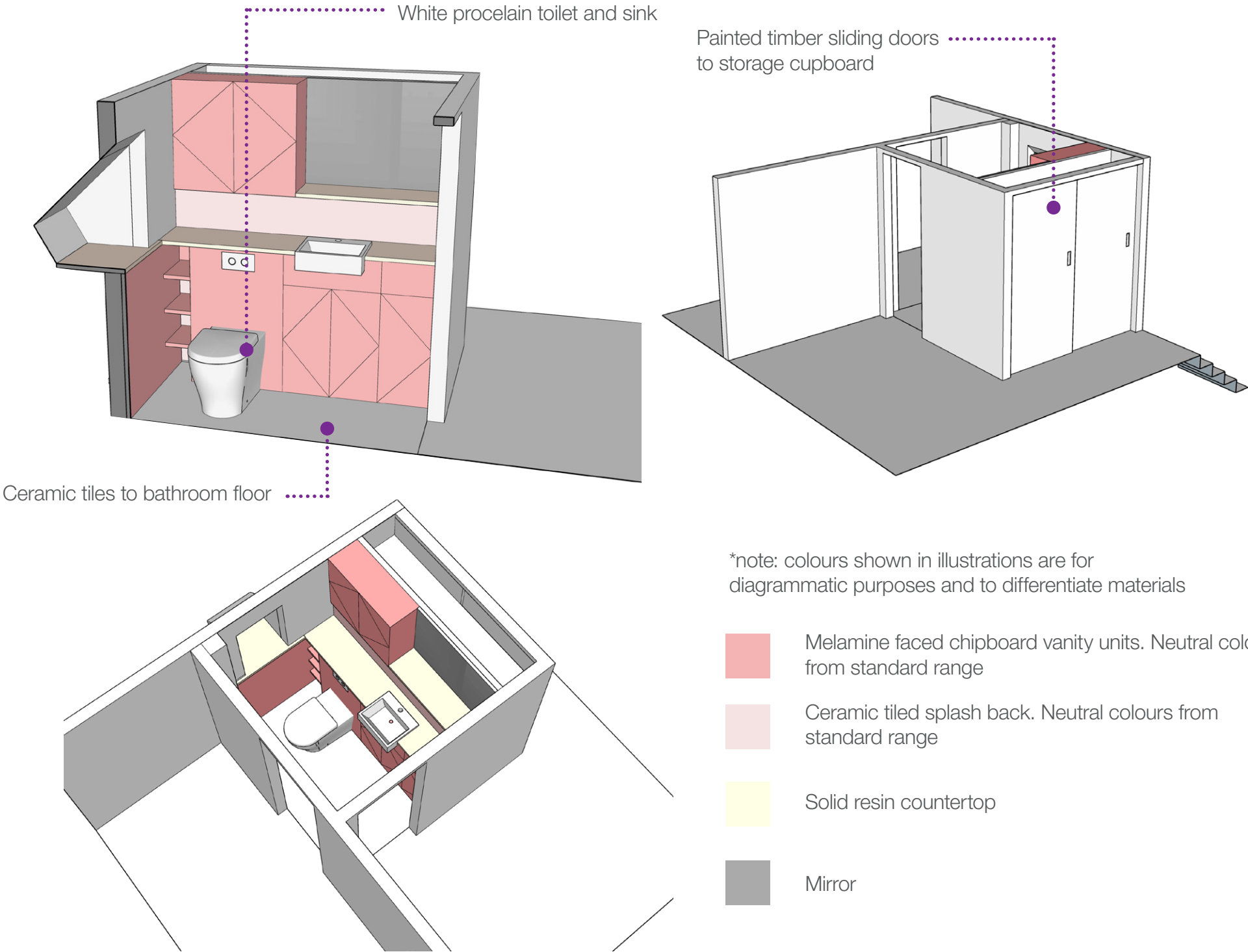
BEDROOM

The proposed alterations include the removal of the bath tub and instead, install a new internal partition to create a storage cupboard accessed from the adjacent hallway.

The en-suite becomes a smaller WC with a fitted vanity unit against the new partition.

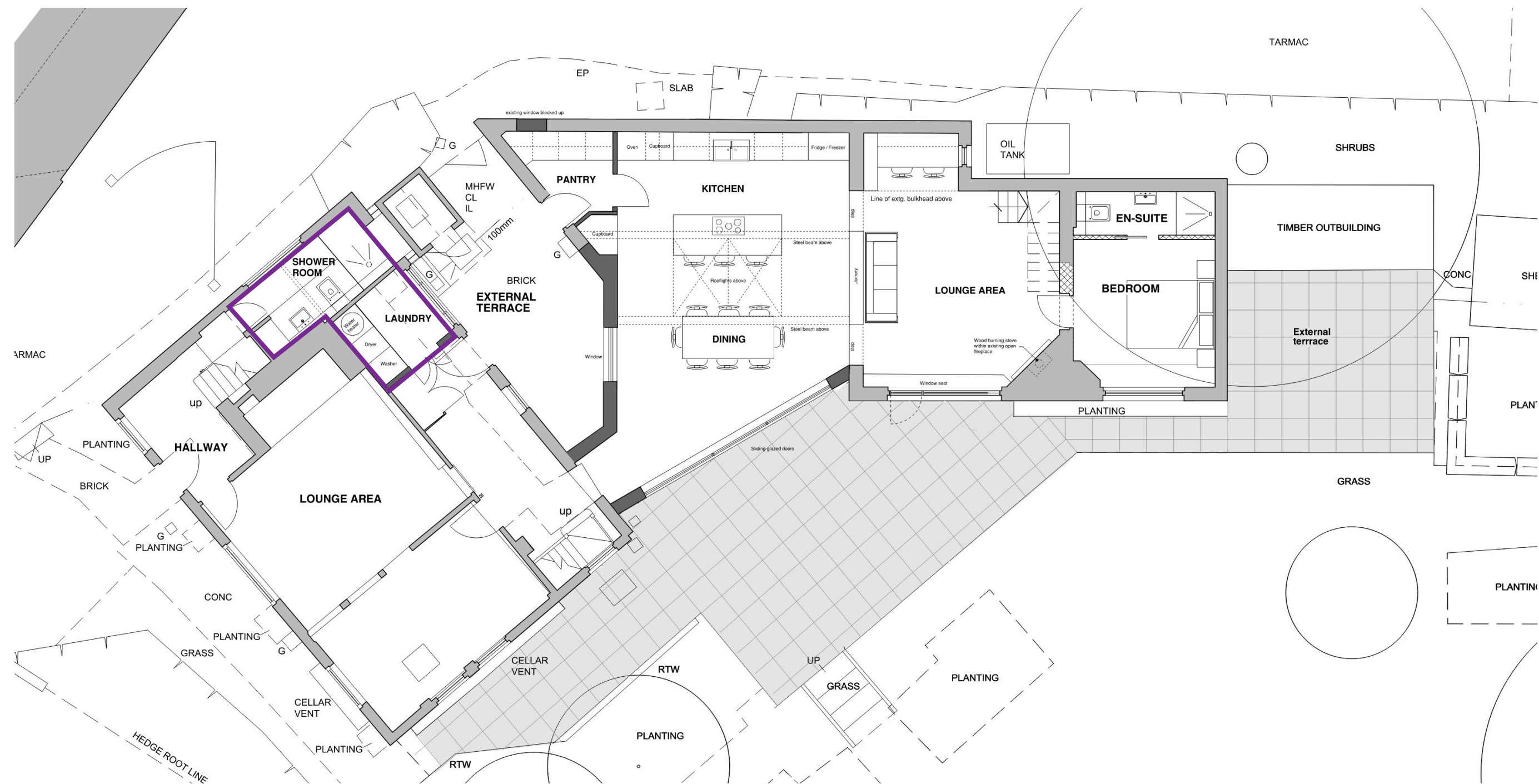
All proposed walls and units are removable. No original or historic features are to be modified as part of this proposal.

Both of the doors to the bedrooms will remain as existing



3. Internal Alterations

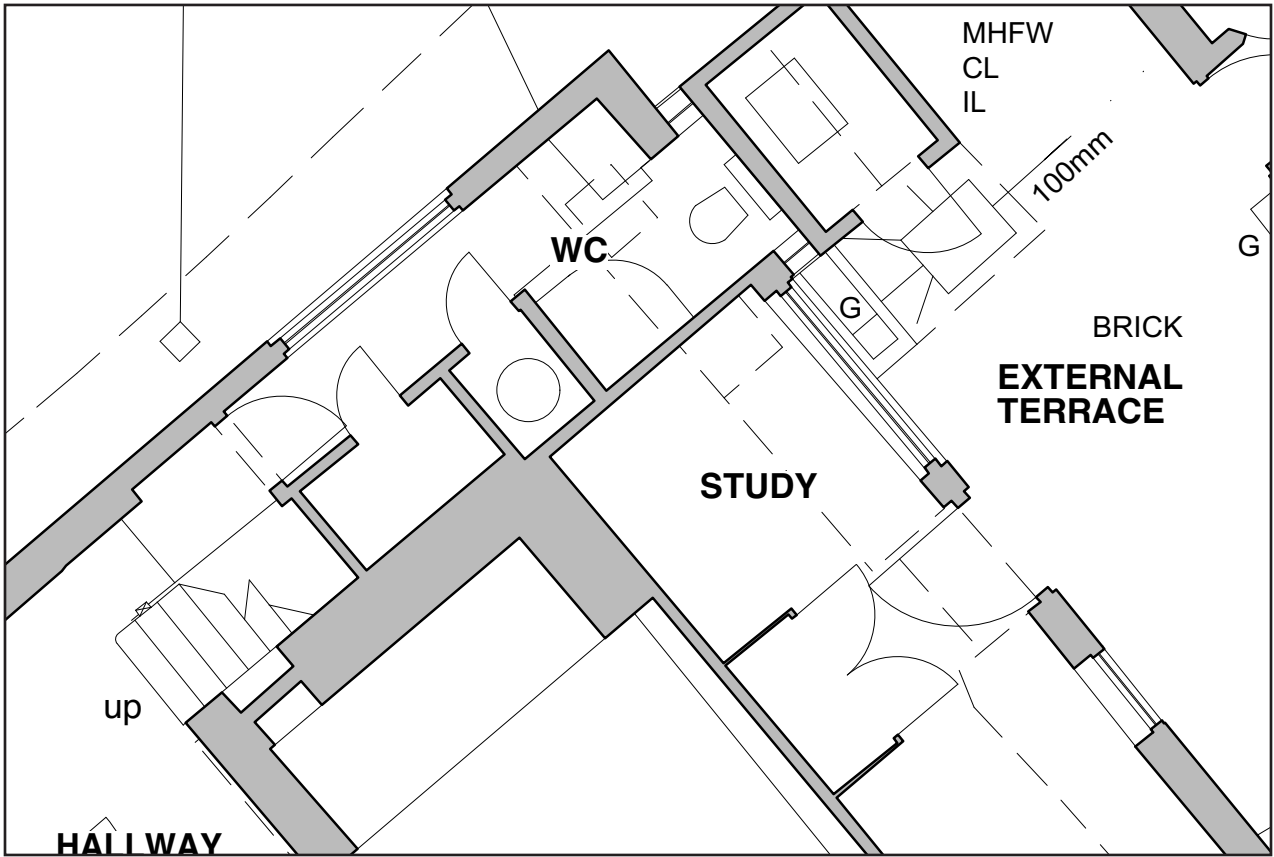
Level 00 Shower Room and Laundry



3. Internal Alterations

Level 00 Shower Room and Laundry

Enlarged Plan - Existing



The existing WC / Shower room consists of a shower, toilet and wash hand basin on a raised plinth + two built-in cupboards, one for storage and the other concealing the old water heater.

The shower room is extremely cramped with narrow access and restricted head height above the toilet.

The water heater requires replacement.

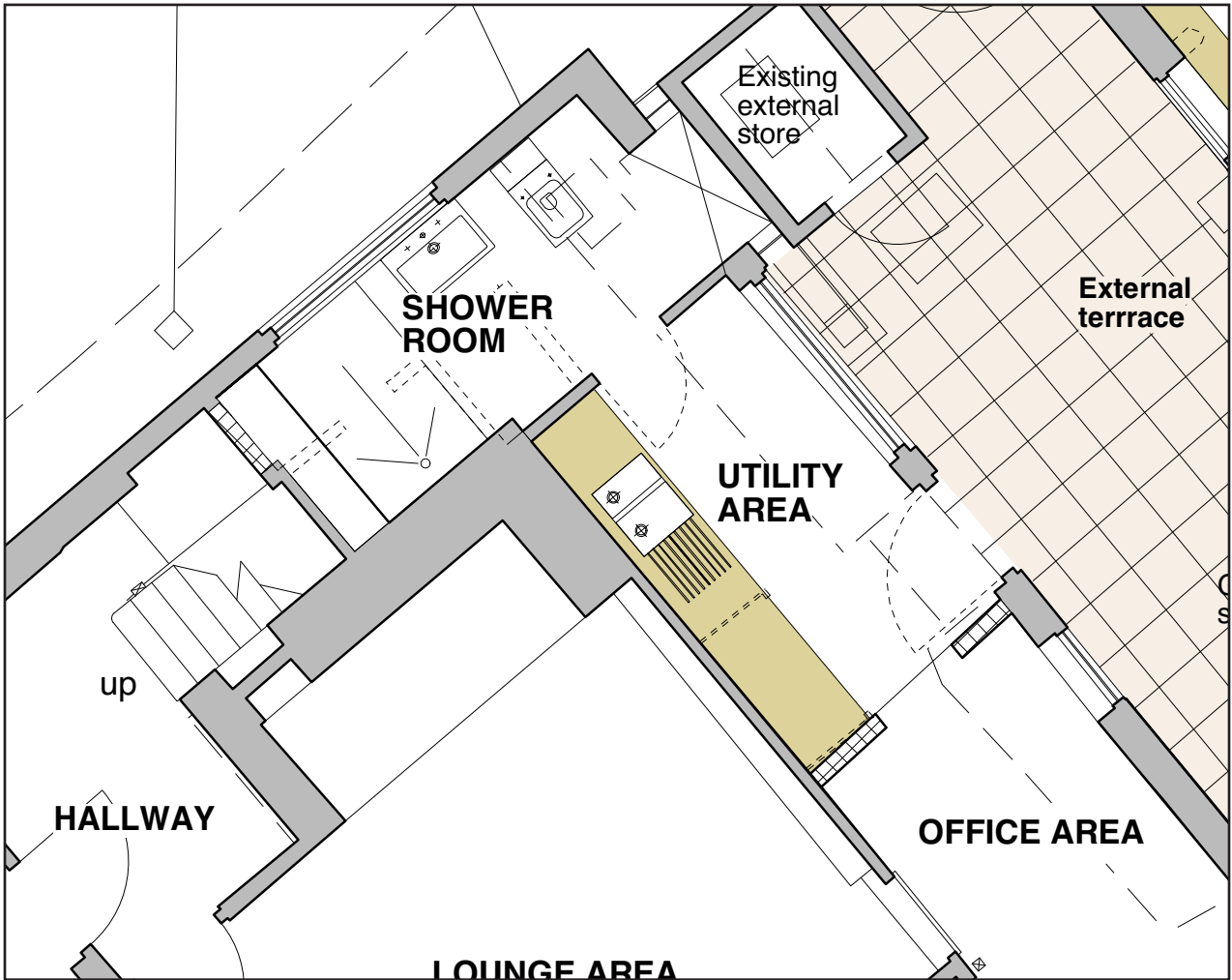
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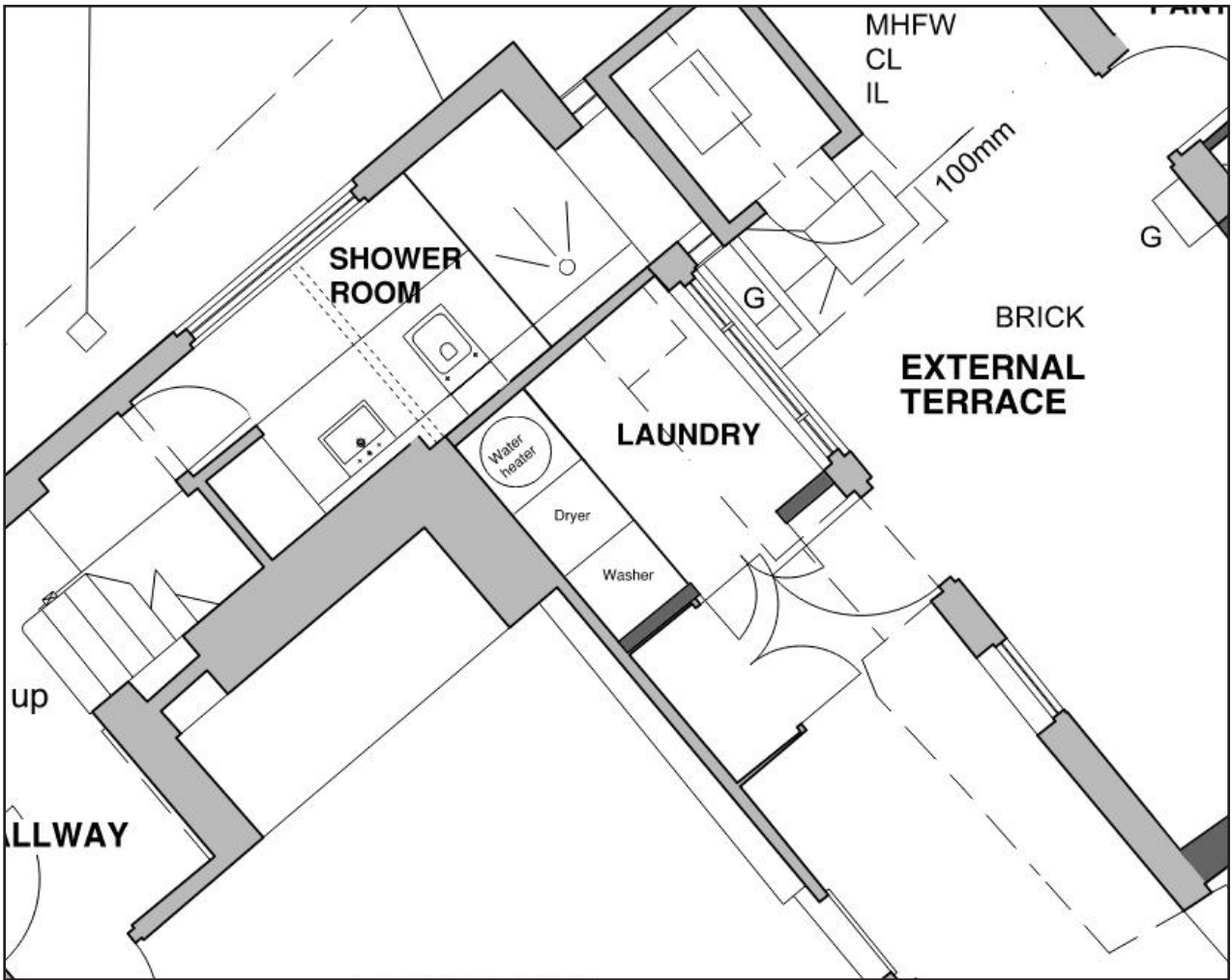
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Level 00 Shower Room and Laundry

Enlarged Plan - Approved Plans (DM/21/0568)



Enlarged Plan - Proposed Alteration



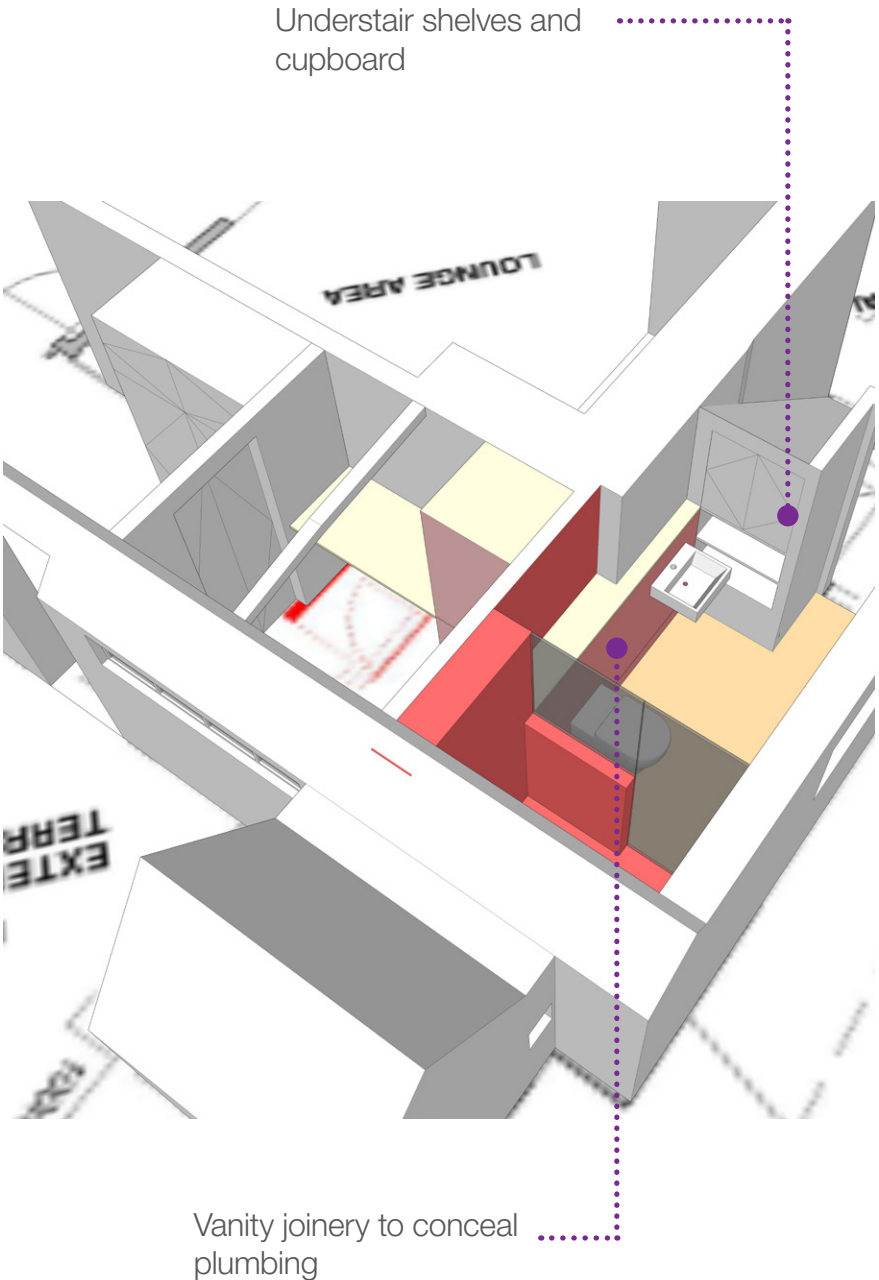
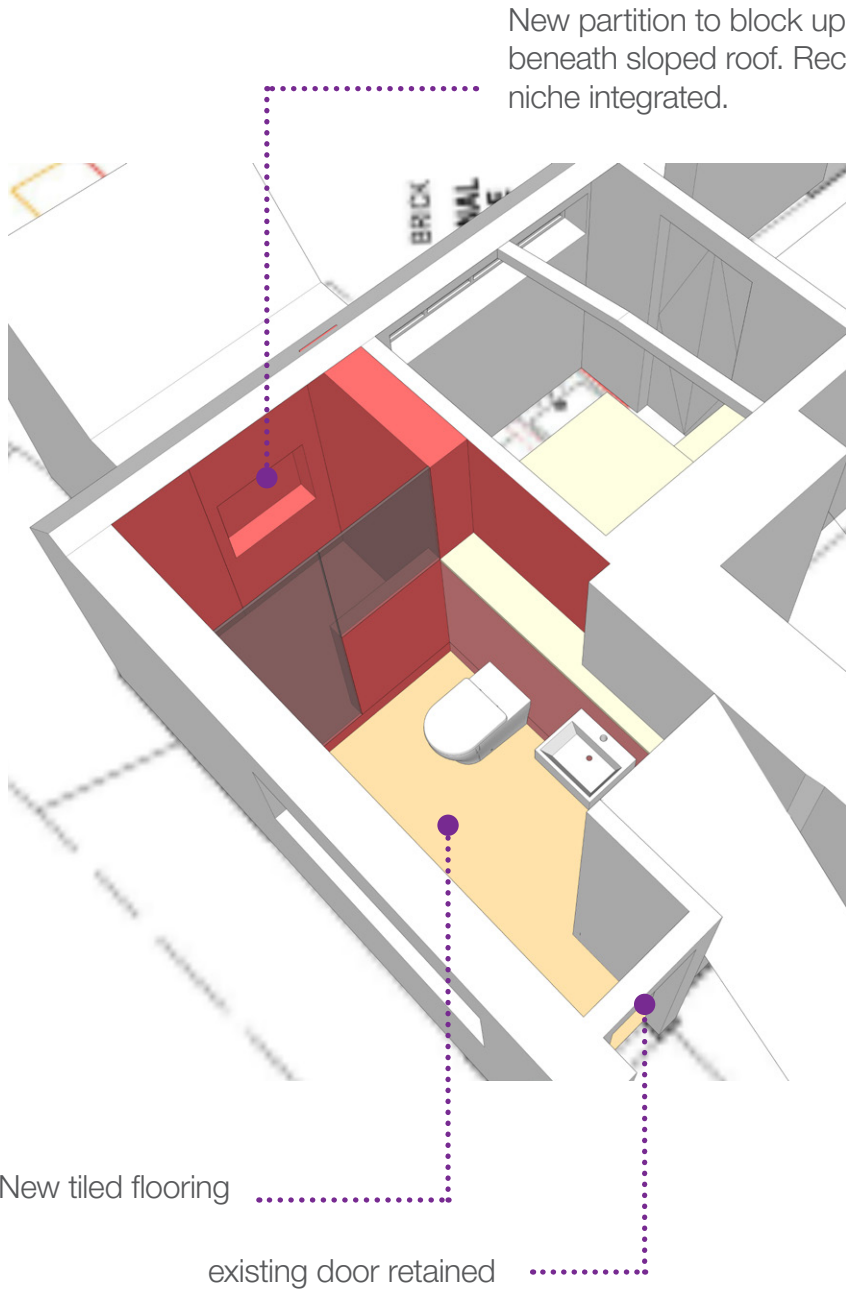
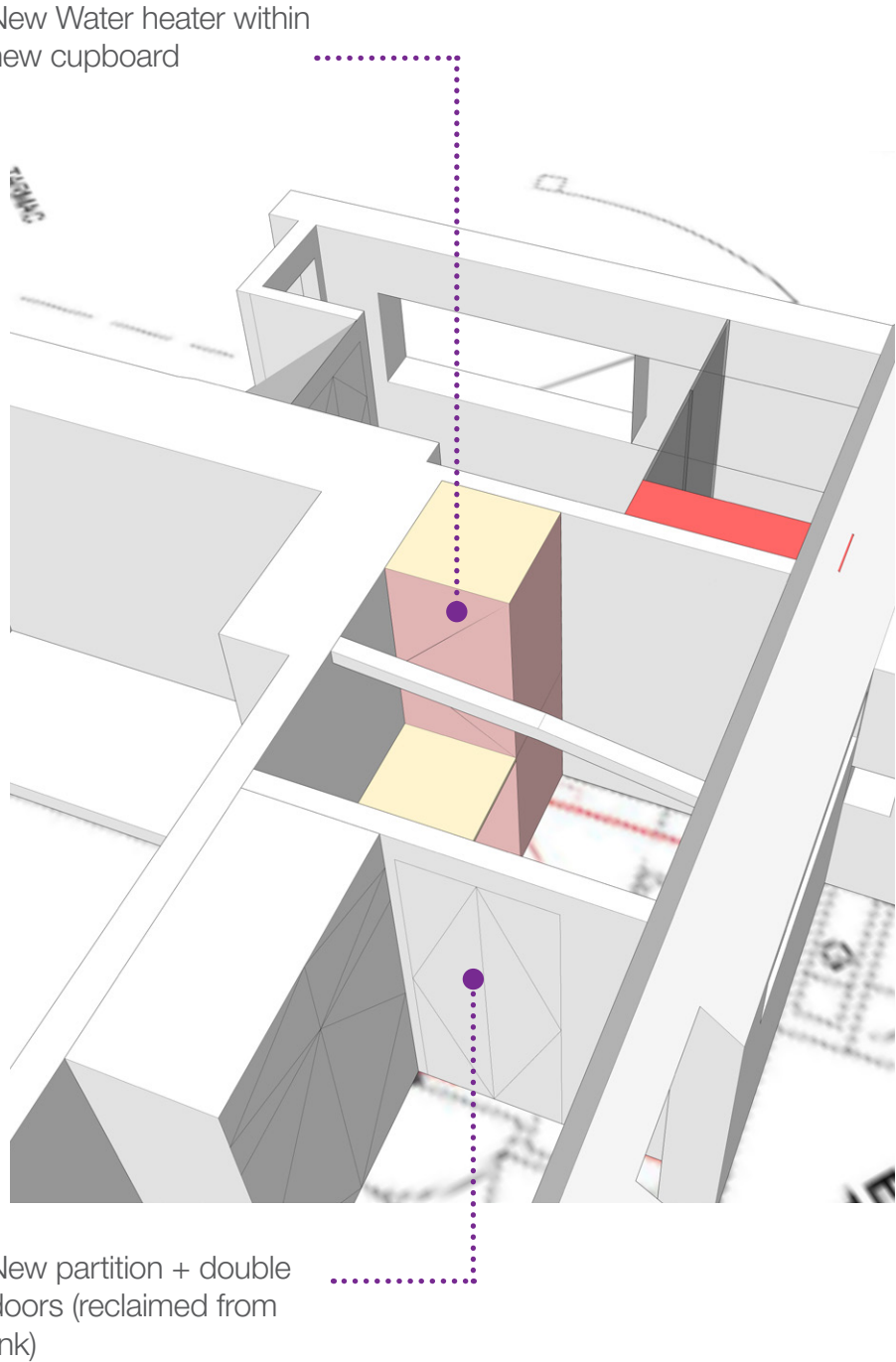
Shower room
The proposed plans seek to re-organise the existing shower room without creating a new opening between the shower room and hallway/utility area. The proposals also seek to retain the existing door and point of access. The proposed removal of the built-in cupboards aligns with the previously approved plans.

Laundry room
Similar to the approved plans, the proposals seek to create a laundry room at the end of the existing hallway, housing the new water heater and washer / dryer appliances. A new wall is proposed to create the laundry room. This room is smaller than the approved plans.

All existing windows remain intact and undisturbed. No original or historic features are to be modified as part of this proposal.

3. Internal Alterations

Level 00 Shower Room and Laundry



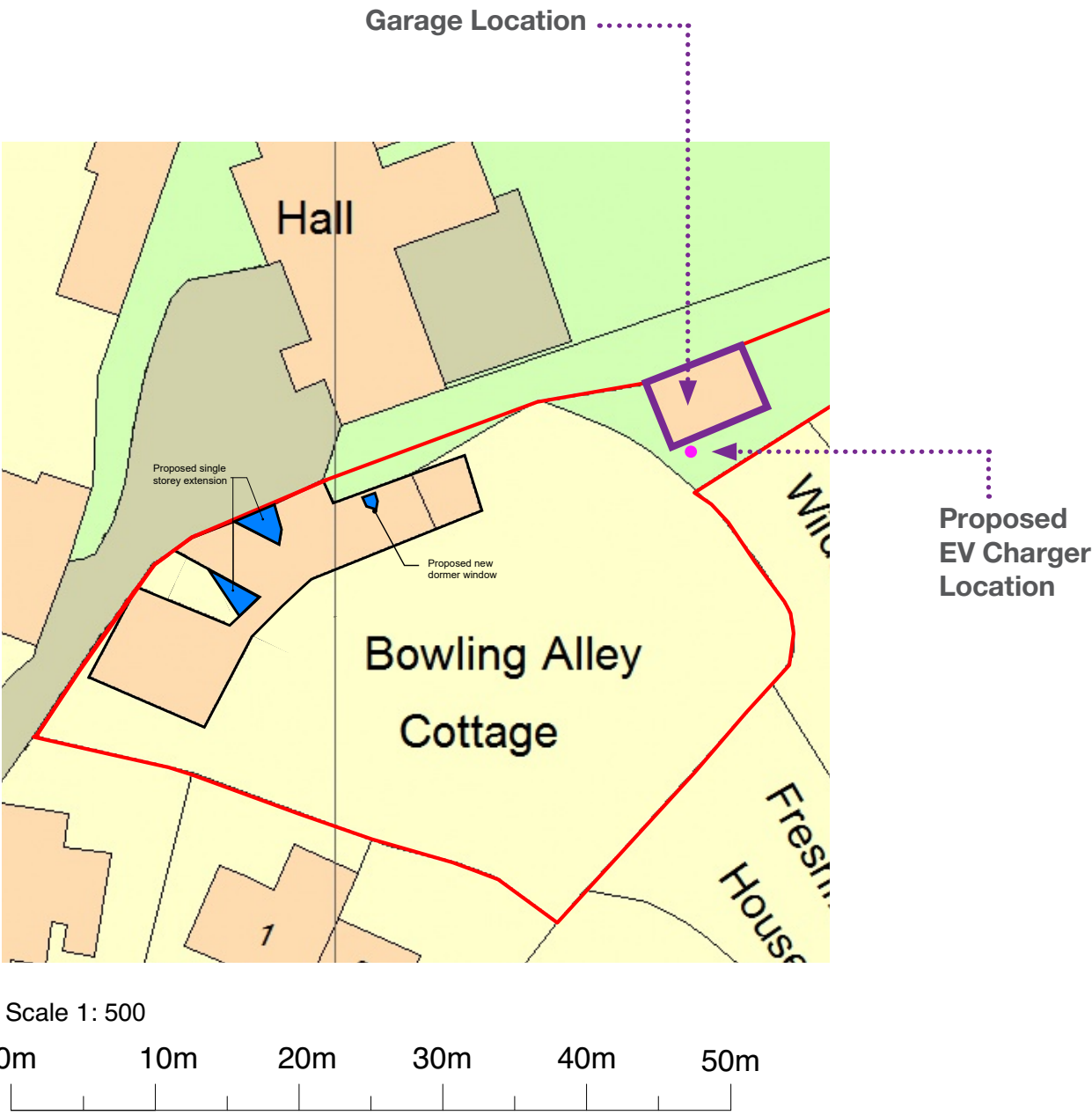
- Melamine faced chipboard joinery units. Neutral colour from standard range
- Ceramic tiled splash back. Tiling to raised plinth to match. Neutral colours from standard range

- Wooden surface to joinery
- New floor tiles (to replace existing)
- Mirror

*note: colours shown in illustrations are for diagrammatic purposes and to differentiate materials

04 EV Charger - Garage

4. EV Charger - Garage
Existing Photographs & Elevations

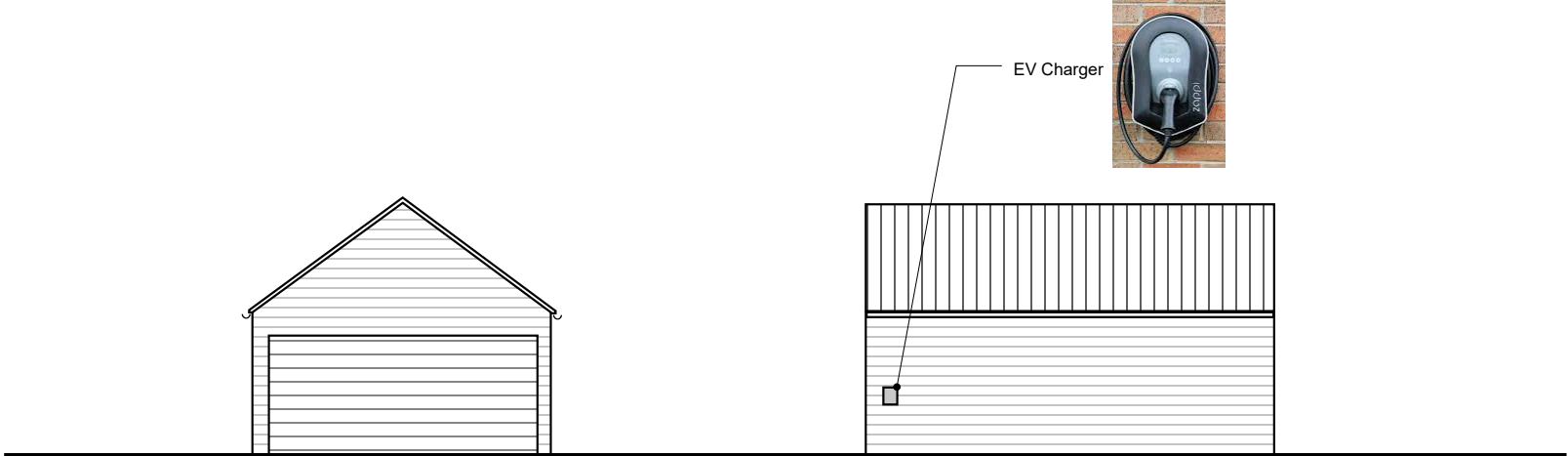


BLOCK PLAN



EV Charger Location
The proposed location of the EV charger will be entirely concealed from public view on the north elevation of the garage.

GARAGE ELEVATIONS

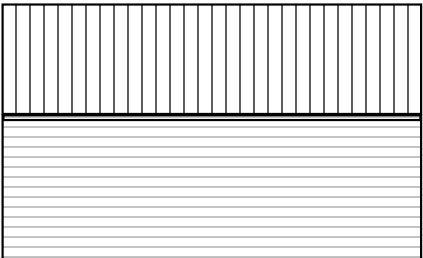


PROPOSED ELEVATION W
No External changes proposed to this elevation

PROPOSED ELEVATION X



PROPOSED ELEVATION Y
No External changes proposed to this elevation



PROPOSED ELEVATION Z
No External changes proposed to this elevation

05 Heritage Statement

5. Summary & Heritage Statement

The proposals noted herein seek to reduce the impact of the approved design on the existing collection of buildings, preserve and enhance the character of the listed building and provide a more appropriate internal arrangement that suits a contemporary lifestyle.

The reduced extent of the link renovation and extension ensures the link remains subservient to both the existing listed cottage and the annex building and maintains the legible hierarchy between the three building elements

The internal alterations to the ground floor shower room and laundry are similar in scope to the approved plans with no changes / impact to the existing heritage features of the cottage. All works are fully removable in the future.

The internal alterations to the first floor en-suite reduces the extent of the approved modifications, proposing minor updates and improvements to the en-suite and the integration of much needed storage. By avoiding the approved plans to convert the bedroom to an en-suite significantly reduces the potential impact of additional plumbing on the heritage features of the existing cottage.

In all, this is considered in the NPPF, chapter 16. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Paragraph 185 states: “Plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats.” The proposal will provide the historical cottage a continuation of its legacy by providing spaces more fitting for contemporary rural living. It will further allow the modern family and future generation to work, contribute, and live in the surrounding rural landscape