

# 1. Executive Summary

This report is an assessment of the application to modify the approved alterations and additions, including altering and extending the approved rear projecting single-storey living room structure at 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove.

The application was notified to surrounding properties and 20 submissions were received in response to the notification.

The main issues that have arisen from the application include:

 Overshadowing and bulk impacts to neighbouring properties and alteration/deletion of original front side windows.

The non-compliances are acceptable given that the amended plans the subject of this report include lowering the rear projecting ground floor section of the approved additions and retaining the original windows in the north-eastern front side elevation of the retained portion of the dwelling. Therefore, the application is recommended for approval.

# 2. Proposal

The proposal includes modifications to the alterations and additions to the dwelling approved under D/2019/252. The modification includes altering and extending the approved rear projecting single-storey living room structure of the additions 1.494m rearward and 1.3m toward the south-eastern side boundary. The roof form of this structure is also proposed to be altered so as not to create additional shadow impact to the rear of 93 Grove Street.

The modifications originally included deletion of the original two side windows in the retained front portion of the dwelling. However, the current amended plans retain these windows to satisfy heritage design concerns.

The current amended plans also incorporate redesign in accordance with certain conditions of the original development consent. These specific design requirements are contained in condition 7a, b, c and d of the development consent, which reads as follows:

#### 7. Design Change

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the Certifying Authority must be provided with amended plans demonstrating the following:

- a. All basement areas including the lower floor Storage room, stairwell to the storage room and adjacent void area must be deleted such that the floor levels of all new internal areas are at or above RL 15.180m AHD.
- b. The masonry parapet roof form above the rear single-storey living room structure shall be deleted and the roof over this area shall be altered to be a low, shallow pitched ski llion roof falling toward the side boundary with 93 Grove Street so as to reduce shadow impact to that property.
- c. The gable-ended roof at the rear of the first floor addition shall be modified to a partial hip, commencing at a point equal to 2.5m above finished floor level of the master bedroorn/ensuite, and pitching at 30 degrees back towards the front of the site.
- d. The existing glazed enclosure of the front verandah shall be removed.
- e. Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, an amended schedule of colours and finishes is to be submitted to the Certifying Authority that demonstrates the use of light grey cladding (for element EF-02) and colour bond roofing (for element EF-04). The following equivalents of the mid to dark greys in the Australian Standard Colours AS2700 are not acceptable: N42 Storm Grey, N44 Bridge Grey, N52 Mid Grey, N54 Basalt, N55 Lead Grey, N63 Pewter, N64 Dark Grey and N65 Graphite Grey.

- f. The colorbond metal roofing is to have a medium (M) solar absorptance rating under the BCA.
- g. Existing face brickwork is not to be sealed or painted. Repairs to existing external brickwork are to be undertaken using the same type and strength of mortar as the existing. Hard cement mortar is not to be utilised.

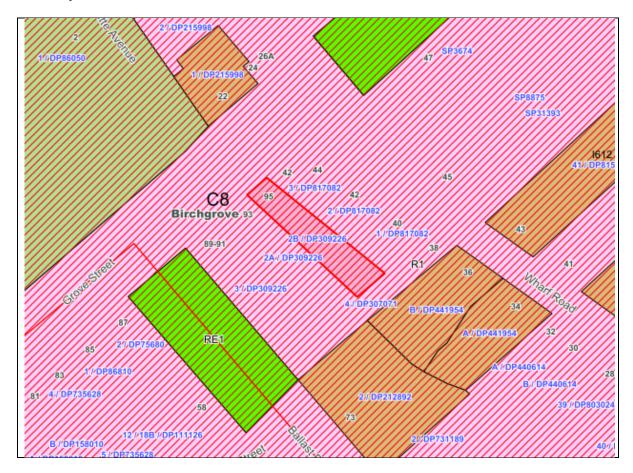
The current amended plans, the subject of this report, also include lowering the roof height of the rear projecting single-storey living room structure.

# 3. Site Description

The subject site is located on the south side of Grove Street close to the intersection of Wharf Road. The site area is 299.7sqm with a primary frontage to Grove Street of approximately 7m. An existing single storey dwelling is located on the site. The site, and its immediate southwestern neighbour (93 Grove St) is located approximately five metres above the street level.

Surrounding land uses are predominantly one and two storey dwelling houses, with a contemporary three storey townhouse immediately adjacent to the north-eastern side boundary. Birchgrove oval and park is opposite the site.

The subject site is zoned R1 - Residential and is located within a conservation area.



# 4. Background

# 4(a) Site history

The following outlines the relevant development history of the subject site and any relevant applications on surrounding properties.

# **Subject Site**

Application	Proposal	Decision & Date
D/2014/345	Alterations and additions to dwelling including	Approved - 2014
	detached studio at 95 Grove	
PREDA/2018/282	Alterations and additions to dwelling	Issued - 2018
D/2019/252	Alterations and additions to dwelling	Approved 8/4/2020
PREDA/2020/0164	Alterations and additions to dwelling	Issued - 2020

# **Surrounding properties**

Nil relevant

# 4(b) Application history

The following table outlines the relevant history of the subject application.

Date	Discussion / Letter / Additional Information
Notified until 17 Sept 2020	20 objections received
1 Oct 2020	Requested additional information including dimensioned drawings, shadow diagrams. Also, design amendments including retention of front side windows and reduction in height of rear single storey section of additions.
4 Nov 2020	Additional information and further drawings received in response to Council letter. Design changes incorporated.

#### 5. Assessment

The following is a summary of the assessment of the application in accordance with Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

## 5(a) Environmental Planning Instruments

The application has been assessed against the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments listed below:

- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55—Remediation of Land
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017

The following provides further discussion of the relevant issues:

# 5(a)(i) State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index):

A BASIX Certificate was submitted with the application satisfying the requirements of the *BASIX SEPP*, which can be referenced in the relevant conditions of development consent.

# 5(a)(ii) State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) (Vegetation SEPP)

*Vegetation SEPP* concerns the protection/removal of vegetation identified under the SEPP and gives effect to the local tree preservation provisions of Council's DCP.

The modification does not include the removal of vegetation from within the site. The original development consent included the removal of a fruit tree, which is exempt development.

# 5(a)(iii) Leichhardt Local Environment Plan 2013 (LLEP 2013)

The application was assessed against the following relevant clauses of *the Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013*:

Clause 1.2 - Aims of the Plan & Clause 2.3 - Zone objectives and Land Use Table

The proposal is consistent with the relevant aims of the plan and zone objectives as the design of the proposal is considered to be of a high standard and has a satisfactory impact on the private and public domain.

Clause 2.7 - Demolition

The proposal satisfies the clause as the proposed demolition works are permissible with consent; and standard conditions have been placed in the original development consent to manage impacts which may arise during demolition.

Clause 4.3A - Landscaped areas for residential accommodation in Zone R1

The design incorporates 60sqm of area which is compliant with the definition of Landscaped Area in LLEP 2013. This equates to 20.02% of the site area which is the minimum requirement.

The design incorporates 155.6sqm of site coverage which is compliant with the definition in LLEP 2013. This equates to 51.92% of the site area which is less than the maximum allowable of 60%, and therefore complies.

Clause 4.4 – Floor Space Ratio

The application proposes a compliant floor space ratio of 0.58:1 (172.5m²). The maximum permissible FSR for the site is 0.9:1.

Clause 5.10 - Heritage Conservation

The proposal achieves the objectives of this clause as the application has been adequately designed to conserve the heritage significance of the heritage conservation area; and the application submitted a Heritage Impact Statement, which satisfactorily demonstrates that the proposal achieves the relevant controls and objectives.

Clause 6.1 - Acid Sulfate Soils

The subject site is identified as containing Class 5 acid sulphate soils, and is considered to adequately satisfy this clause as the site is on a raised rock area, whereby the application does not involve any works that would result in exposure of acid sulphate soils.

Clause 6.2 – Earthworks

The application is considered to adequately satisfy this clause. Subject to conditions the proposed earthworks are unlikely to have a detrimental impact on environmental functions and processes, existing drainage patterns, or soil stability.

## Clause 6.4 - Stormwater management

Stormwater drainage design drawings have been submitted demonstrating satisfactory stormwater disposal to the street frontage of the site.

#### (i) Clause 2.3 - Land Use Table and Zone Objectives

The site is zoned LR1 under the LLEP 2011.

The following table provides an assessment of the application against the development standards:

Standard		Proposal	non compliance	Complies
Floor Space Ratio Maximum permissible: 269.73sqm	0.9:1 or	0.58:1 or 172.5sqm	-	Yes
Landscape Area Minimum permissible: 59.94sqm	20% or	20.02% or 60sqm	-	Yes
Site Coverage Maximum permissible: 179.82sqm	60% or	51.92% or 155.6sqm	-	Yes

# 5(b) Draft Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2020 (Draft IWLEP 2020)

The Draft IWLEP 2020 was placed on public exhibition commencing on 16 March 2020 and accordingly is a matter for consideration in the assessment of the application under Section 4.15(1)(a)(ii) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The amended provisions contained in the Draft IWLEP 2020 are not relevant to the assessment of the application. Accordingly, the development is considered acceptable having regard to the provisions of the Draft IWLEP 2020.

# 5(c) Development Control Plans

The application has been assessed and the following provides a summary of the relevant provisions of Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013.

LDCP2013	Compliance
Part A: Introductions	
Section 3 – Notification of Applications	Yes
Part B: Connections	
B1.1 Connections – Objectives	Yes
B2.1 Planning for Active Living	Yes
B3.1 Social Impact Assessment	Yes

B3.2 Events and Activities in the Public Domain (Special Events)  Part C C1.0 General Provisions Yes C1.1 Site and Context Analysis Yes C1.2 Demolition Yes C1.3 Alterations and additions Yes C1.4 Heritage Conservation Areas and Heritage Items Yes C1.5 Corner Sites n/a C1.6 Subdivision N/a C1.7 Site Facilities Yes C1.8 Contamination Yes C1.9 Safety by Design Yes C1.10 Equity of Access and Mobility Yes C1.11 Parking Yes C1.12 Landscaping Yes C1.13 Open Space Design Within the Public Domain N/a C1.14 Tree Management Yes C1.15 Signs and Outdoor Advertising n/a C1.16 Structures in or over the Public Domain: Balconies, Verandahs and Awnings C1.17 Minor Architectural Details n/a C1.19 Rock Faces, Rocky Outcrops, Cliff Faces, Steep Slopes and Rock Walls C1.20 Foreshore Land
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C2.2.2.6 – Birchgrove Distinctive Neighbourhood Yes
Part C. Place Costion 2 Posidontial Provisions
Part C: Place – Section 3 – Residential Provisions
C3.1 Residential General Provisions  Yes
C3.2 Site Layout and Building Design  No – See discussion below
C3.3 Elevation and Materials Yes
C3.4 Dormer Windows n/a
C3.5 Front Gardens and Dwelling Entries Yes
C3.6 Fences Yes
C3.7 Environmental Performance Yes
C3.8 Private Open Space Yes
C3.9 Solar Access Yes - The amended plans
the subject of this report
confirm that the proposal
complies with the solar
access requirements to
adjoining properties
private open space and
Living Room window.
C3.10 Views Yes
C3.11 Visual Privacy Yes
C3.12 Acoustic Privacy Yes

C3.13 Conversion of Existing Non-Residential Buildings	n/a
C3.14 Adaptable Housing	n/a
Part D: Energy	
Section 1 – Energy Management	Yes
Section 2 – Resource Recovery and Waste Management	
D2.1 General Requirements	Yes
D2.2 Demolition and Construction of All Development	Yes
D2.3 Residential Development	Yes
D2.4 Non-Residential Development	n/a
D2.5 Mixed Use Development	n/a
Part E: Water	
Section 1 – Sustainable Water and Risk Management	
E1.1 Approvals Process and Reports Required with	Yes
Development Applications	
E1.1.1 Water Management Statement	Yes
E1.1.2 Integrated Water Cycle Plan	n/a
E1.1.3 Stormwater Drainage Concept Plan	Yes
E1.1.4 Flood Risk Management Report	n/a
E1.1.5 Foreshore Risk Management Report	n/a
E1.2 Water Management	Yes
E1.2.1 Water Conservation	Yes
E1.2.2 Managing Stormwater within the Site	Yes
E1.2.3 On-Site Detention of Stormwater	n/a
E1.2.4 Stormwater Treatment	n/a
E1.2.5 Water Disposal	Yes
E1.2.6 Building in the vicinity of a Public Drainage System	Yes
E1.2.7 Wastewater Management	Yes
E1.3 Hazard Management	n/a
E1.3.1 Flood Risk Management	n/a
E1.3.2 Foreshore Risk Management	n/a

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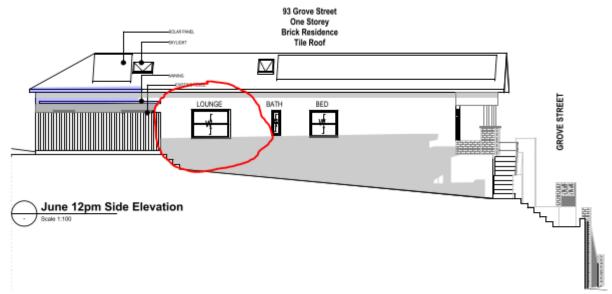
#### C3.9 Solar Access

The site is oriented at approximately 42 east-west and the applicable LDCP2013 controls regarding impact to adjoining properties are:

C12 Where the surrounding allotments are orientated east/west, main living room glazing must maintain a minimum of two hours solar access between 9am and 3pm during the winter solstice. C18 Where surrounding dwellings have east/west facing private open space, ensure solar access is retained for two and a half hours between 9am and 3pm to 50% of the total area (adjacent to living room) during the winter solstice.

[Note: 40 to 42 Wharf Road are located to the north-east of the site and are not impacted by shadow from the proposed modifications to the approved form of the additions]

The shadow diagrams submitted with amended plans which are the subject of this report confirm that the proposal complies with the solar access requirements to adjoining properties' private open space and living room windows. It is noted that 93 Grove Street is the only neighbouring property impacted by shadows from the subject site during the assessment times under the DCP.



ABOVE: The red circled area identifies the side window serving the living room in 93 Grove Street. The purple shaded area represents shadow falling the rear side awning adjoining the kitchen. No new shadows are cast to the dwelling from works the subject of the Modification Application.

The proposed modifications to the rear projecting single-storey living room structure of the approved development will not result in additional shadow impacts to the side living room window of 93 Grove Street. Solar access to this window satisfies the provisions of control C12 to Part C3.9 LDCP2013.

As the footprint of the rear single storey loungeroom is proposed to be increased, the applicant was requested to amend the modification drawings to reduce the overall height of this rear element by 300mm so as to reduce apparent bulk of the enlarged room and to ensure that no significant additional shadows impact 93 Grove Street. The plans the subject of this report reflect that reduction.

The development consent includes condition 7, which in part, requires certain amendments to the approved rear additions so as to reduce the overall bulk and resultant shadows to the rear private open space of 93 Grove Street.

The shadow diagrams submitted with the amended plans, the subject of this report, reflect both the reduction in shadow impact as a result of redesign to satisfy condition 7, and also, the further requested reduction in overall height of the loungeroom roof by 300mm. These diagrams confirm that the proposed modifications to the approved additions would not result in a breach of the solar access controls in respect to 93 Grove Street.

In this regard the submitted shadow diagrams demonstrate that the proposed modifications do not impact the side living room window of No.93 Grove Street and satisfy control C12. Further, the proposed modification to the rear ground floor room satisfies control C18. In this regard, the rear yard private open space of 93 Grove Street would receive 50% solar access for 2.5 hours between 11am and 2pm at the winter solstice.

#### C3.2 Site Layout and Building Design

The section of the additions proposed to be modified are set well back on the site and comply with the Building Envelope control.

The proposed modification to the approved form of the development does not result in breaches of the side setback controls. The proposal to enlarge the rear ground floor living room does not result in that portion of the additions breaching this control to either side boundary. This is due to the low roof height and because the lounge room would have a floor level below existing ground level due to minor excavation.

The rear ground level room projection is proposed to have a setback from the southwestern side boundary of 0.609m and a setback from the north-eastern side boundary of 1.1m-1.3m. The room would have a gutter level 2.25m higher than the rear courtyard level in 93 Grove Street, at the closest point to the rear wall of the dwelling on the adjoining property. The modified design thereby presents a bulk significantly less than that which would be the case for a single storey dwelling erected at the same setback and same ground level as the rear courtyard of 93 Grove Street. Consequently, the rear room is located well within the setback envelope specified in the DCP and complies.

The proposed increase in rearward extent of the ground floor living room by 1.5m would result in a breach of the rear Building Location Zone by 1.5m, given that the existing approval established a BLZ on the subject site at the rear wall of this room under D/2019/252. The current rear ground level building location zone in the absence of the existing development approval would be breached by 4.7m.

Having regard to the objectives of this control, however, the proposed modification works would not result in any significant overshadowing additional to that which would be caused by the approved form of development under D/2019/252. Further, the modification works would not result in any breach of the floor space ratio, landscaped area and site cover development standards, or create adverse shadow, privacy or bulk impacts to neighbouring properties.

# 5(d) The Likely Impacts

The assessment of the Development Application demonstrates that, subject to the recommended conditions, the proposal will have minimal impact in the locality.

## 5(e) The suitability of the site for the development

Provided that any adverse effects on adjoining properties are minimised, this site is considered suitable to accommodate the proposed development, and this has been demonstrated in the assessment of the application.

#### 5(f) Any submissions

The application was notified in accordance with Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013 for a period of 14 days to surrounding properties. 22 submissions were received in response to the initial notification. The amended plans the subject of this report were not required to be renotified.

The following issues raised in submissions have been discussed in this report:

- Increased overshadowing confirmation of impact to side & rear wall of 93 Grove Street; loss of solar access to 91 Grove Street & 40 Wharf Road.
- Breach of Building Location Zone

In addition to the above issues, the submissions raised the following concerns which are discussed under the respective headings below:

- The increase in visual bulk from the development

<u>Comment:</u> The increased footprint of the rear single storey level loungeroom is of a height, bulk and form commensurate with a minor rear addition to a dwelling house and would not be visible from the street.

- Overdevelopment

<u>Comment:</u> The proposed modifications result in a development that complies with Principal LEP Development Standards and DCP controls and are not representative of an overdevelopment.

Removal of original windows inside of retained front portion of dwelling.

<u>Comment:</u> The amended plans include minor internal room reconfiguration and retention of the existing front two original side windows in the dwelling. The amendments are minor and also resolve the heritage design concerns with alterations to these openings.

- Lack of Private Open Space

<u>Comment:</u> The development satisfies the requirement for provision of Private Open Space. ie minimum 16sqm and 3m dimension, directly accessible to the principal indoor living areas.

- Pollution from proposed fireplace/chimney.

<u>Comment:</u> The amended plans the subject of this report have deleted the chimney to the rear loungeroom. The amended plans specify the heating in this room to be provided by a 'Bioethanol Fireplace' with 'no flue required'.

- Privacy/ overlooking

<u>Comment:</u> The increased footprint of the rear single storey level loungeroom does not result in privacy or overlooking as the floor level of the new space is below that of (3 Grove Street and the nearest windows in the rear elevation of 42 Wharf Road are greater than 5m from the window in the north-eastern elevation of the proposed loungeroom. Consequently, it is considered that the proposed modification does not raise significant privacy impacts

- Excavation damage to 40 Wharf Road/ stability of rock shelf/ groundwater seepage & drainage.
- Comment: The floor level of the rear single storey level loungeroom has been set to the level of the existing dwelling, which at its deepest, would be approximately 0.5m below the existing rear yard level. Given the 1m-1.3m setback from the north-eastern side boundary, and the minor increase in overall footprint of the modifications represent to the approved development, it is considered that the works would be unlikely to result in any significant impact on the stability of the rock shelf or groundwater seepage. Further, the submitted Stormwater Drainage Concept Plan provide for the direction of overland stormwater flows toward the Grove Street frontage.
- Blockage of north-east breezes to No.93 Grove Street.

<u>Comment:</u> The proposed enlarged foot print of the rear ground floor loungeroom is unlikely to result in any impact in this regard greater than the original approved form of the additions given that the modified roof form over this room would have a lower gutter on its south-western side than the originally approved room in spite of the reduction in side setback.

Loss of wildlife habitat for birds.

Comment: No evidence has been provided to establish a basis for this objection.

The following matters that were raised in submissions appear to relate to the alterations and additions to the site as a whole, rather than the modifications to the approved development that are the subject of the current modification application:

- Impact of condition of consent requiring a replacement tree within the subject site.

<u>Comment:</u> Condition 32 of the development Consent was imposed in response to the removal of an existing fruit tree in the rear of the subject site. The condition reads as follows and is considered appropriate.

#### 32. Certification of Tree Planting

Prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate, the Principal Certifier is to be provided with evidence certified by a person holding a minimum qualification of AQF3 Certificate of Horticulture or Arboriculture that:

A minimum of 1 x seventy five (75) litre size additional tree, which will attain a minimum mature height of six (6) metres, must be planted in a more suitable location within the property at a minimum of 1.5 metres from any boundary or structure and allowing for future tree growth.

The tree is to conform to AS2303- Tree stock for landscape use. Trees listed on the species list from Council's Tree Management Controls, palms, fruit trees and species recognised to have a short life span will not be accepted as suitable replacements.

If the replacement trees are found to be faulty, damaged, dying or dead within twelve (12) months of planting then they must be replaced with the same species (up to 3 occurrences). If the trees are found dead before they reach a height where they are protected by Council's Tree Management Controls, they must be replaced with the same species.

- No setback provided to ground and first floors of additions.

<u>Comment:</u> This objection appears to refer to the approved two storey section of the originally approved additions that are not the subject of the modification application.

Impact of proposal on Sydney Water easement.

<u>Comment:</u> No evidence has been submitted that the subject site is burdened by an easement. Any such easement on an adjoining property is not a matter affecting the subject site.

Additions are out of character with area

<u>Comment:</u> As the modification to the rear ground floor room is not visible from the street, this objection appears to refer to the approved two-storey section of the originally approved additions that are not the subject of the modification application.

Loss of green corridor views between Ballast Point Road & Wharf Road

<u>Comment:</u> As the modification to the rear ground floor room is not visible from the Ballast Point Road, this objection appears to refer to the approved two-storey section

of the originally approved additions that are not the subject of the modification application.

Out of scale & character with streetscape/ visibility

<u>Comment:</u> As the modification to the rear ground floor room is not visible from the street, this objection appears to refer to the approved two-storey section of the originally approved additions that are not the subject of the modification application.

- Construction noise

<u>Comment:</u> The existing development consent contains advice that noise arising from the works must be controlled in accordance with the requirements of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and guidelines contained in the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority Environmental Noise Control Manual.

- Garbage removal

<u>Comment:</u> The modification application does not impact on the existing disposition of domestic waste storage on the site.

- Non-compliance with FSR, Site coverage and Landscaped area controls.

<u>Comment:</u> The modification works do not result in a breach of these development standards.

Basement level

<u>Comment:</u> The modification application does not include any basement. A lower floor storage room level was deleted by condition of the original development consent.

- Height of two storey additions

<u>Comment:</u> The two-storey portion of the approved additions are not the subject of the modification application and the majority of changes made to the two-storey portion of the additions shown on plans are to satisfy conditions of consent. The exception being the deletion of the approved upper level north-eastern side bedroom balcony. No objection is raised to the deletion of this element, or to the deletion of condition 7k of the development consent.

- Loss of light to 42 Wharf Road.

<u>Comment:</u> As 42 Wharf Road is located to the north-east of the subject site, the proposed modification works would not result in any significant loss of light to that property.

Upper level balcony

<u>Comment:</u> The modification application includes the deletion of this approved element of the original development consent.

5(g) Section 4.55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Under Section 4.55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*, the determining authority, when considering a request to modify a Determination, must:

- (a) be satisfied that the development as modified is substantially the same development; as the development for which consent was originally granted;
- (b) consult with any relevant authority or approval body;
- (c) notify the application in accordance with the regulations;
- (d) consider any submissions made; and,
- (e) take into consideration the matters referred to in Section 4.15 as are of relevance to the development the subject of the application.

The above has been addressed during the assessment of the application as follows:

- The development being modified is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted;
- The application was notified in accordance with the regulations and Council's policy and the submissions addressed in this report; and
- Matters under Section 4.15 have been addressed within this assessment report.

# 5(h) The Public Interest

The public interest is best served by the consistent application of the requirements of the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments, and by Council ensuring that any adverse effects on the surrounding area and the environment are appropriately managed.

The proposed modification is not contrary to the public interest.

#### 6 Referrals

# 6(a) Internal

The application was referred to the following internal sections/ officers and issues raised in those referrals have been discussed in section 5 above.

Development Engineer – No issues raised with proposed modification.

Heritage Officer – Comments received to the originally lodged plans did not support the proposed removal of original window openings on the front side elevation of the retained portion of the dwelling to suit a modified internal layout. These windows are required to remain in their current location and the internal layout of the dwelling to be reworked to suit.

The amended plans the subject of this report have implemented the above requirement so that these windows are retained.

The suitability of proposed colours and finishes indicated on the submitted drawings. In this regard, the original consent contains a requirment in Condition 7e, f & g (noted above), requiring specific colours and finishes to be incorporated into the design.

#### 6(b) External

The application was not required to be referred to external bodies.

# 7. Section 7.11 Contributions/7.12 Levy

Section 7.11 contributions/7.12 levies are not payable for the proposed modification.

## 8. Conclusion

The proposal generally complies with the aims, objectives and design parameters contained in *Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013* and *Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013*.

The development will not result in any significant impacts on the amenity of the adjoining premises/properties and the streetscape and is considered to be in the public interest.

The application is considered suitable for approval subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions.

## 9. Recommendation

A. That the Inner West Local Planning Panel exercising the functions of the Council as the consent authority, pursuant to section 4.55of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, grant consent to Modification Application No. MOD/2020/0293 for modification to the approved alterations and additions including extending the rear ground floor addition at 95 Grove Street BIRCHGROVE NSW 2041 subject to the conditions listed in Attachment A below.

# Attachment A - Recommended modified conditions of consent

# 6. Documents related to the consent

The development must be carried out in accordance with plans and documents listed below:

Plan, Revision and Issue No.	Plan Name	Date Issued	Prepared by
DA300/P11	Architectural Plans - Ground Floor	3/11/2020	DKO
DA301/P11	Architectural Plans - First Floor	3/11/2020	DKO
DA302/P9	Architectural Plans - Roof Plan	3/11/2020	DKO
DA303/P10	Architectural Plans  - West Elevation	3/11/2020	DKO
DA304/P11	Architectural Plans - East Elevation	3/11/2020	DKO
DA305/P10	Architectural Plans - North Elevation	3/11/2020	DKO
DA306/P10	Architectural Plans - South Elevation	3/11/2020	DKO
DA307/P11	Architectural Plans – Section S-03	3/11/2020	DKO
DA308/P9	Architectural Plans – Section S-04	3/11/2020	DKO
DA309/P2	Architectural Plans - Section S-15	3/11/2020	DKO
L-000/E	Landscape Plan - Coversheet	5/8/2020	Site Image Landscape Architects
L-50/E	Tree Removal Plan	5/8/2020	Site Image Landscape Architects
L-100/E	Landscape Plan	5/8/2020	Site Image Landscape Architects
L-500/E	Landscape Typical Details	5/8/2020	Site Image Landscape Architects
SW-01-DA/0	Proposed Stormwater Drainage	2/4/2019	Calibre
SW-02-DA/0	Impervious Area	2/4/2019	Calibre
A342324_03	BASIX Certificate	21/10/2020	Ecomode Design
3234BXrpt/Rev1	Geotechnical Investigation	18/11/2019	JK Geotechnics
	Arboricultural Development Impact Assessment Report	14/05/2019	Birds Tree Consultancy

As amended by the conditions of consent. (As modified by MOD/2020/0293)

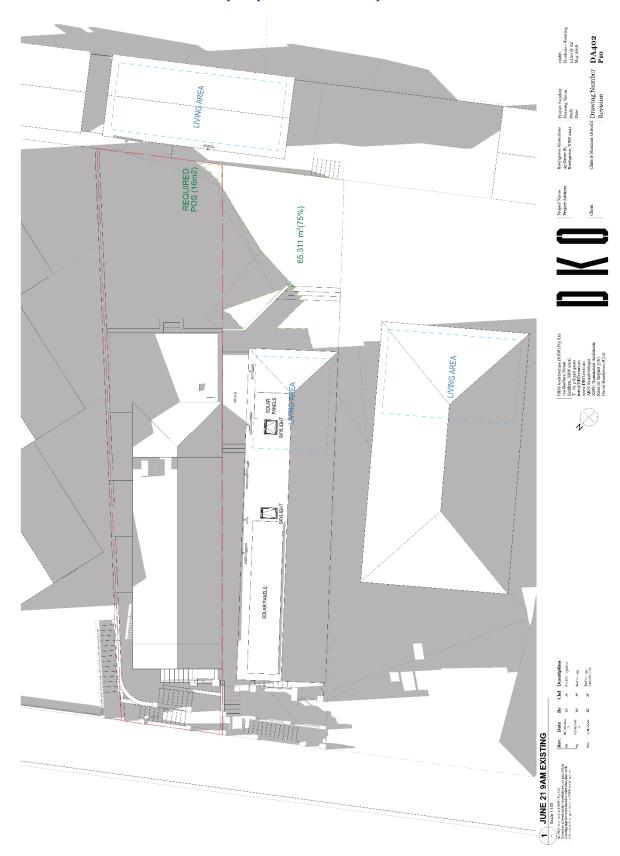
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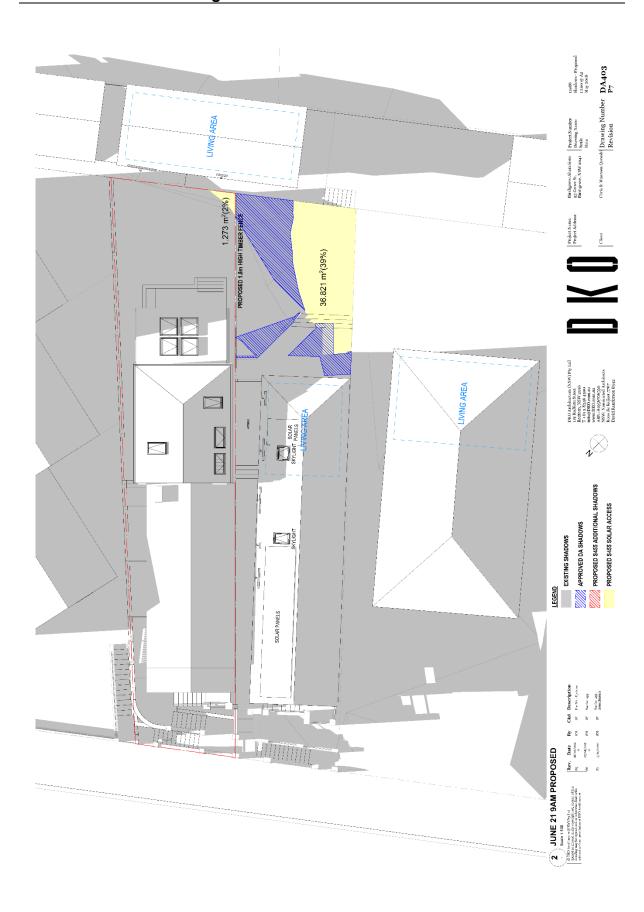
Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the Certifying Authority must be provided with amended plans demonstrating the following:

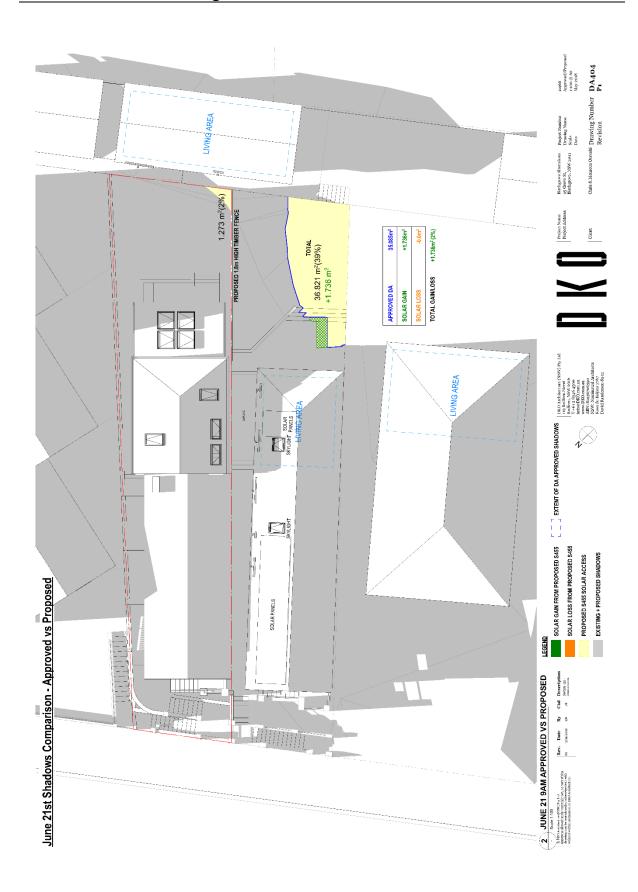
- a. All basement areas including the lower floor Storage room, stainwell to the storage room and adjacent void area must be deleted such that the floor levels of all new internal areas are at or above RL15.180m AHD.
- b. The masonry parapet roof form above the rear single-storey living room structure shall be deleted and the roof over this area shall be altered to be a low, shallow pitched skillion roof falling toward the side boundary with 93 Grove Street so as to reduce shadow impact to that property.
- c. The gable-ended roof at the rear of the first floor addition shall be modified to a partial hip, commencing at a point equal to 2.5m above finished floor level of the master bedroom/ensuite, and pitching at 30 degrees back towards the front of the site.
- d. The existing glazed enclosure of the front verandah shall be removed.
- e. Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, an amended schedule of colours and finishes is to be submitted to the Certifying Authority that demonstrates the use of light grey cladding (for element EF-02) and colour bond roofing (for element EF-04). The following equivalents of the mid to dark greys in the Australian Standard Colours AS2700 are not acceptable: N42 Storm Grey, N44 Bridge Grey, N52 Mid Grey, N54 Basalt, N55 Lead Grey, N63 Pewter, N64 Dark Grey and N65 Graphite Grey.
- f. The colorbond metal roofing is to have a medium (M) solar absorptance rating under the BCA.
- g. Existing face brickwork is not to be sealed or painted. Repairs to existing external brickwork are to be undertaken using the same type and strength of mortar as the existing. Hard cement mortar is not to be utilised.
- h. Sandstone walling is not to be sealed or painted. Repairs to existing sandstone walls are to be undertaken using Compo Mortar. Hard cement mortar is not to be utilised as this can hasten the deterioration of the surrounding stonework.
- i. Modern paint films are not to be employed on any building element dating from prior to 1930. Modern paint films trap moisture and salts and are prone to blistering and failure when applied to traditional building materials. Finishes such as lime wash or mineral paint that are designed to be breathable are to be utilised. Where render has been finished using a cement wash, this treatment should be continued.
- j. No penetrations for services through original brickwork are to be undertaken. Existing air vents are not to be reduced in size by pipework. The route of any new service lines are to be carefully worked out on site to minimise impact on significant internal fabric such as timber joinery or fibrous plaster ceilings.
- k. Fixed horizontal louvres shall be installed above the solid balustrade of the side balcony serving the upper level master bedroom, achieving a height of 1600mm above the finished floor level.

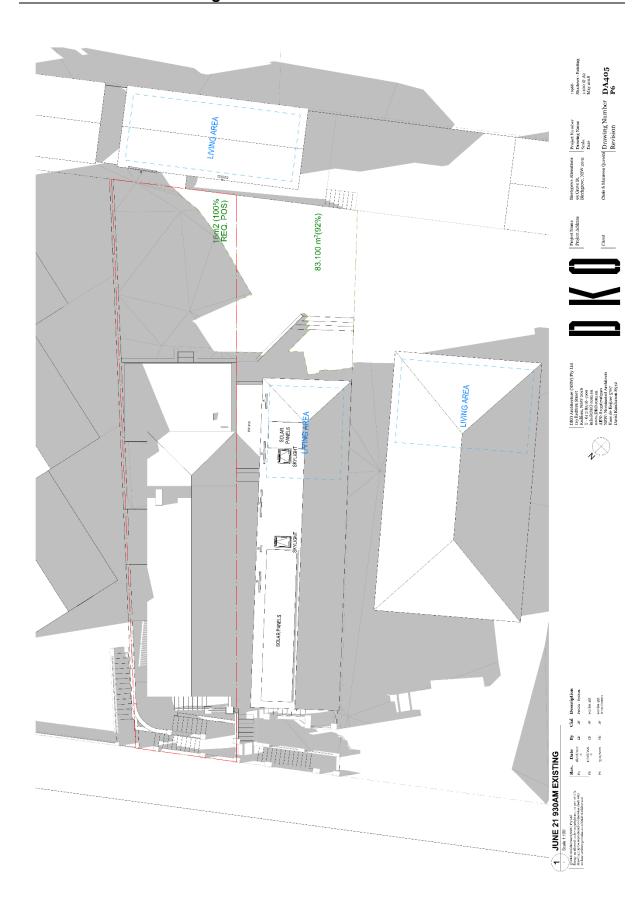
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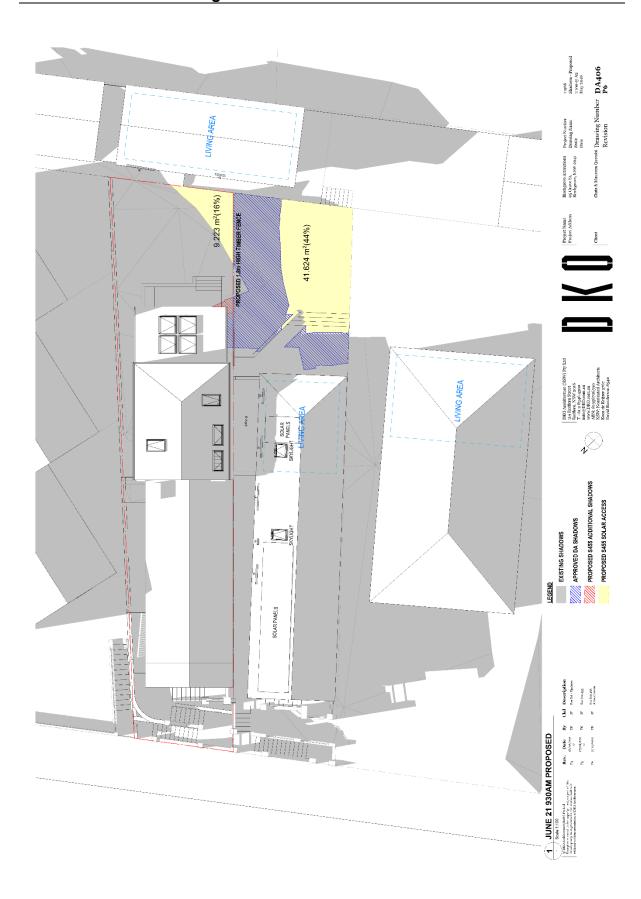
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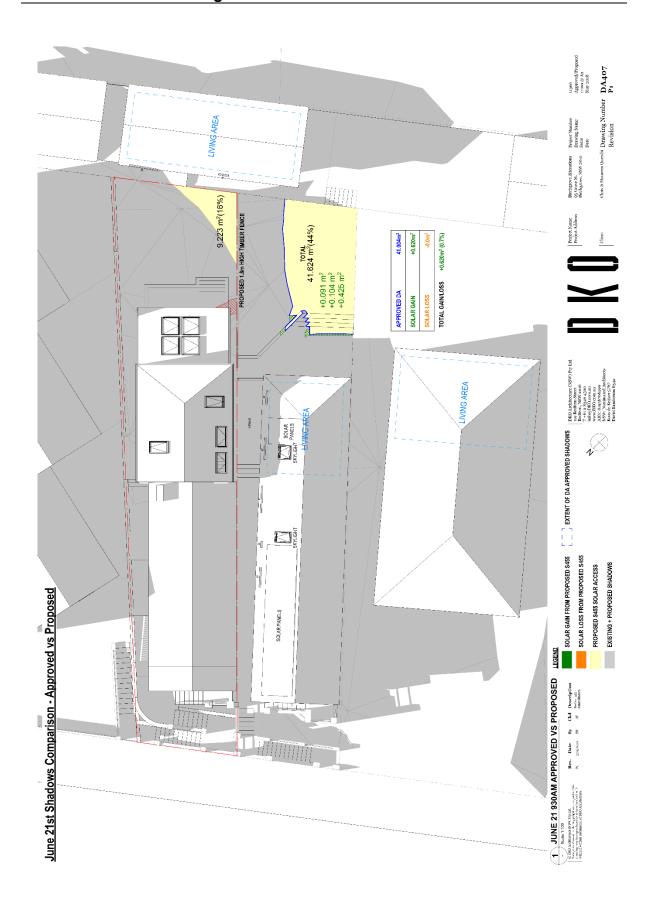


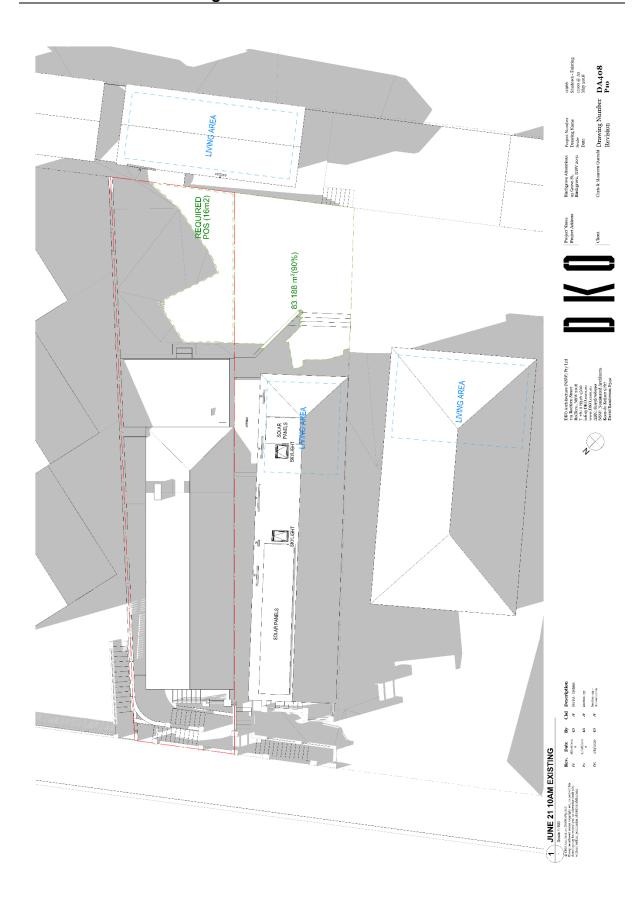


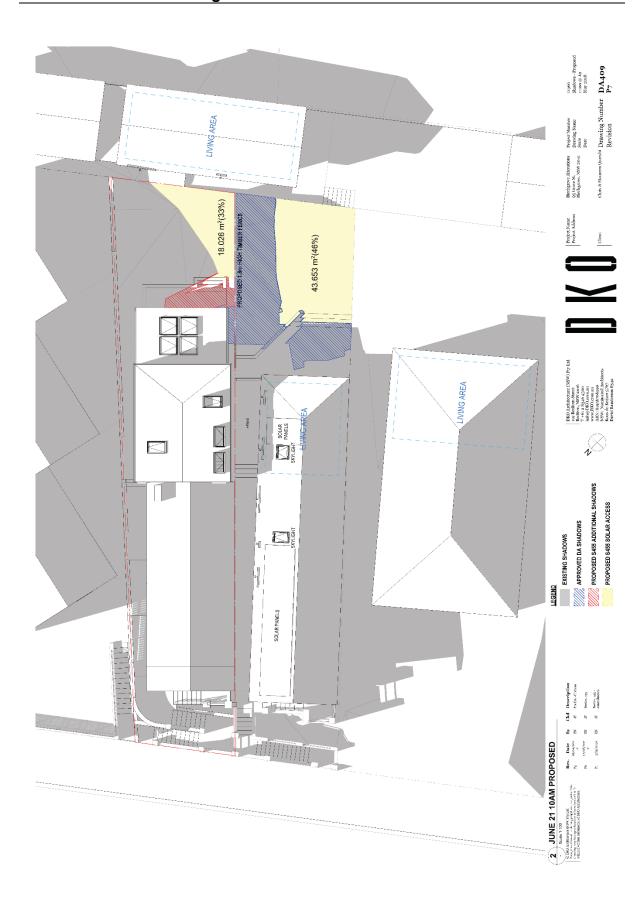


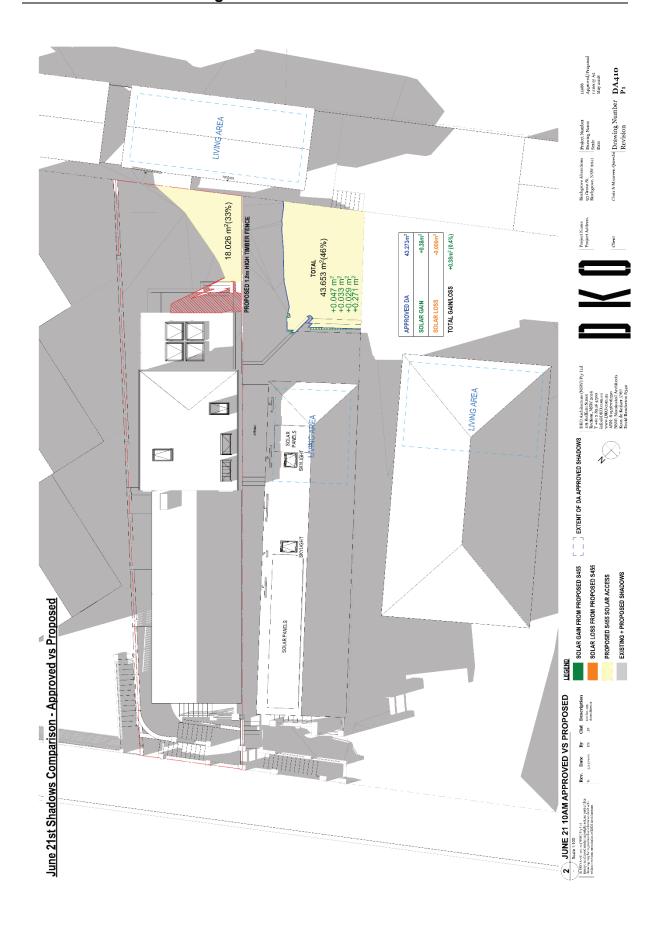


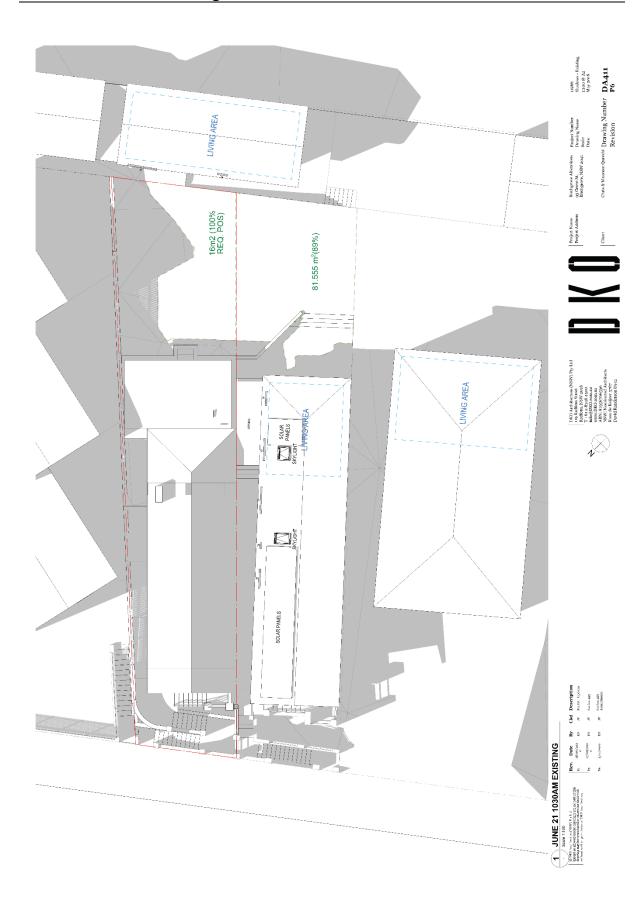


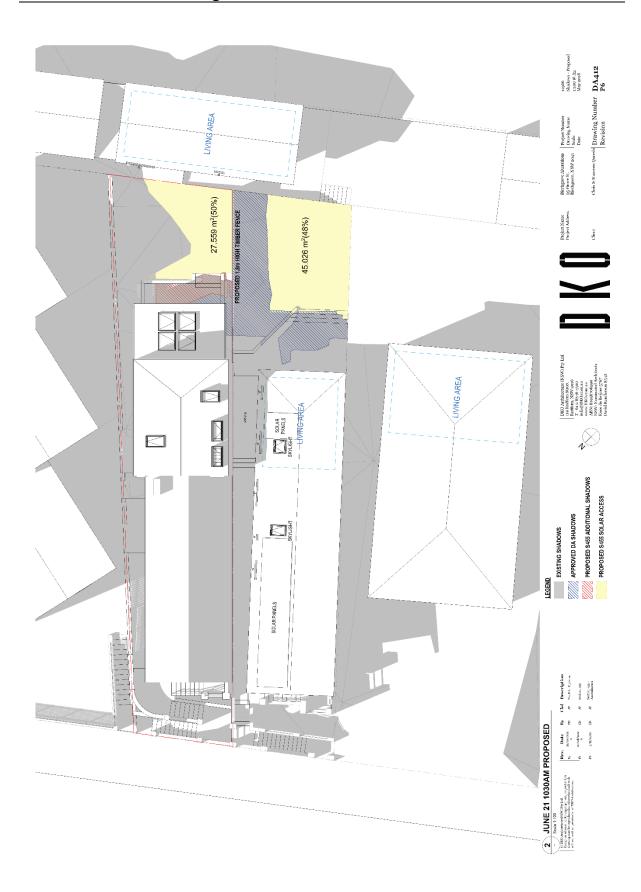


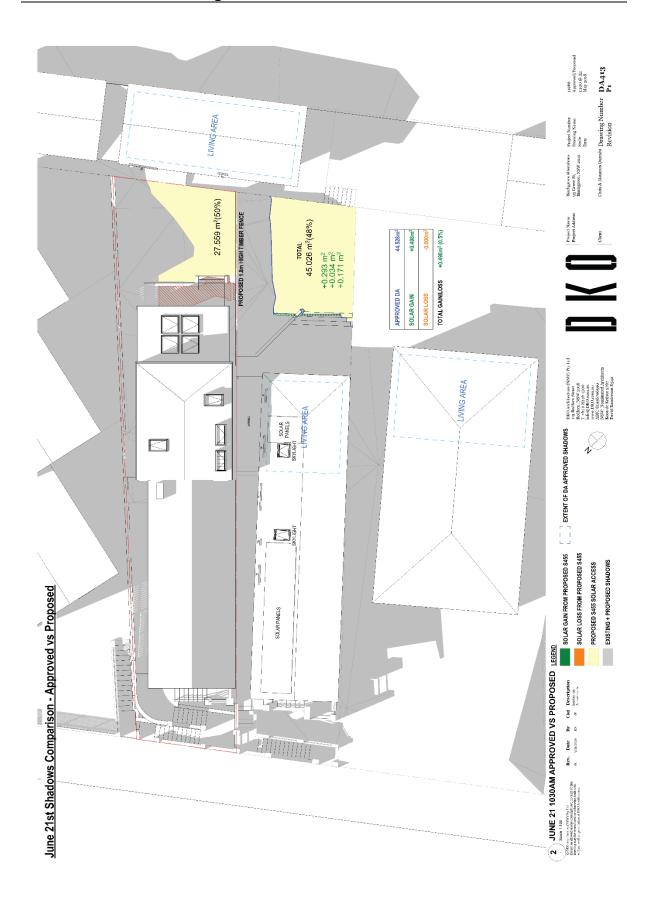


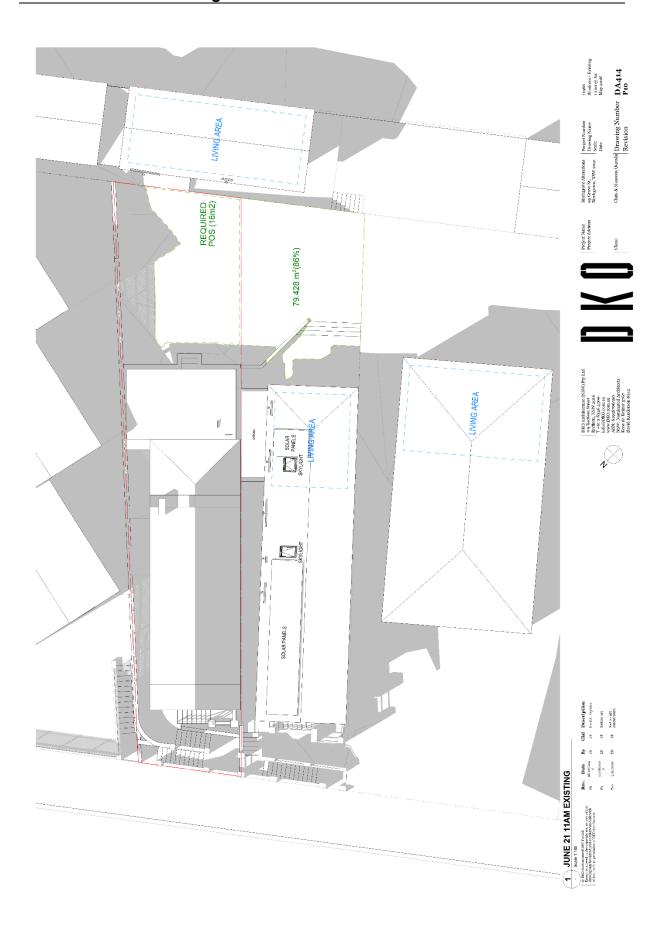


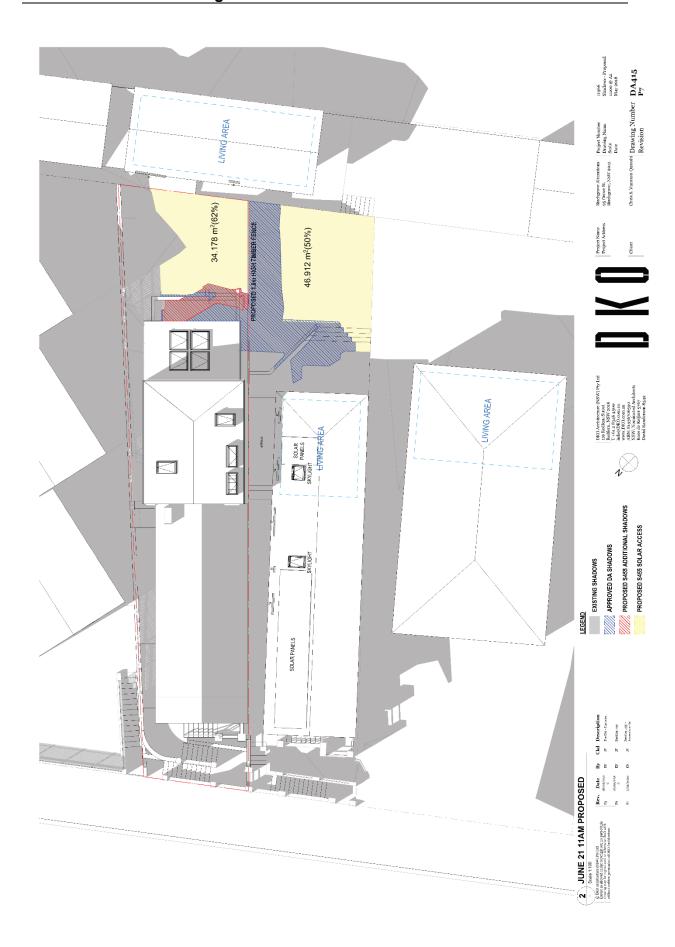


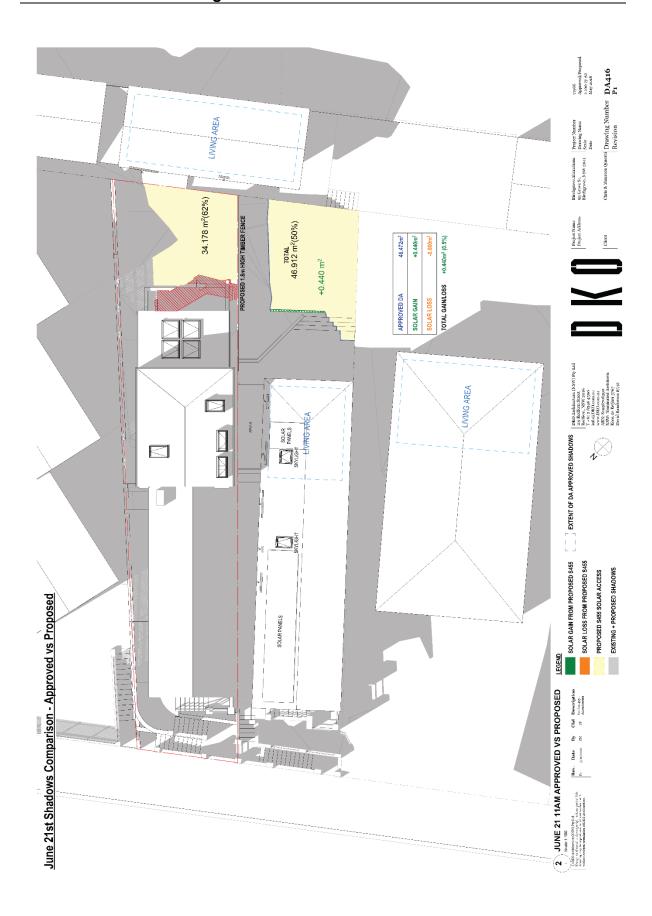


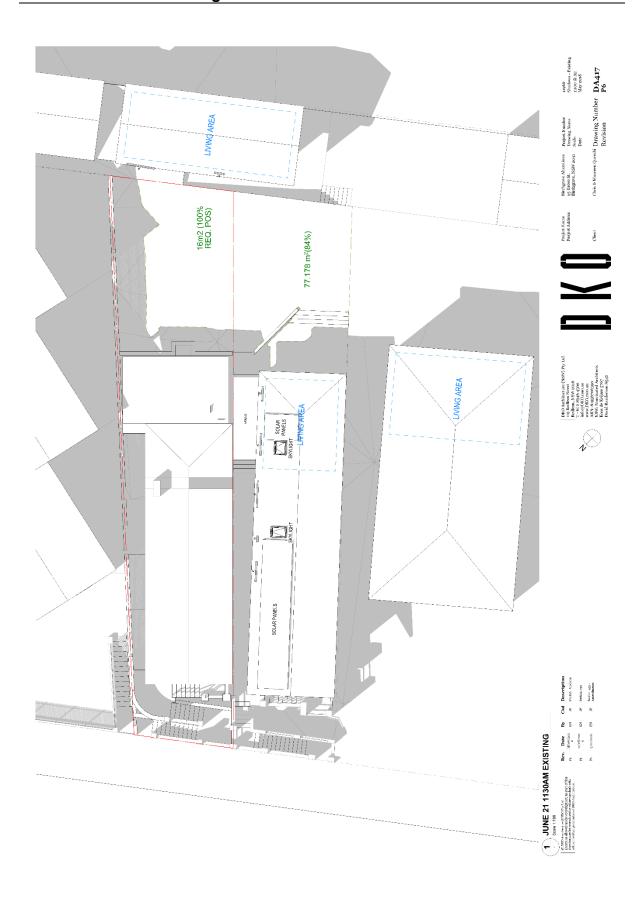


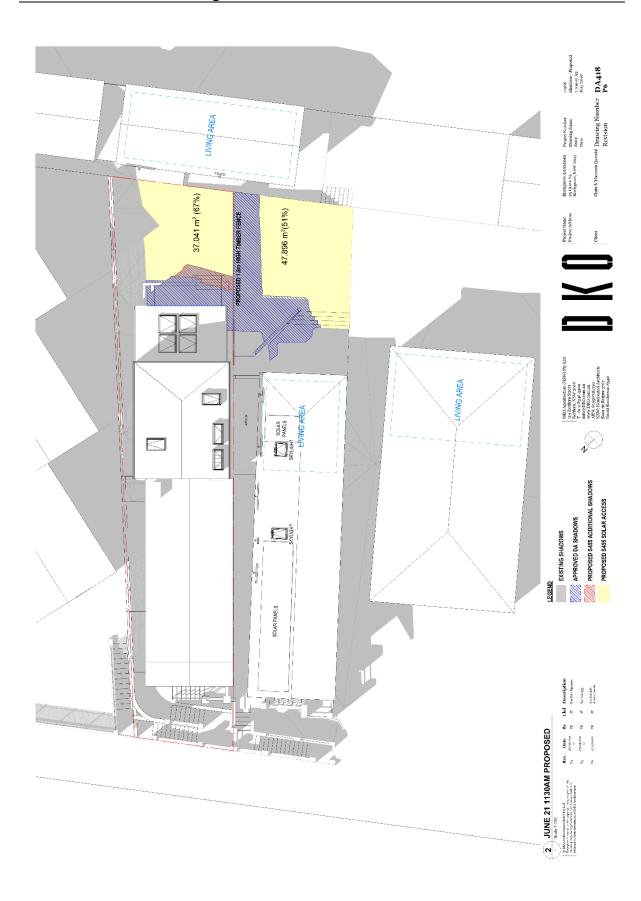


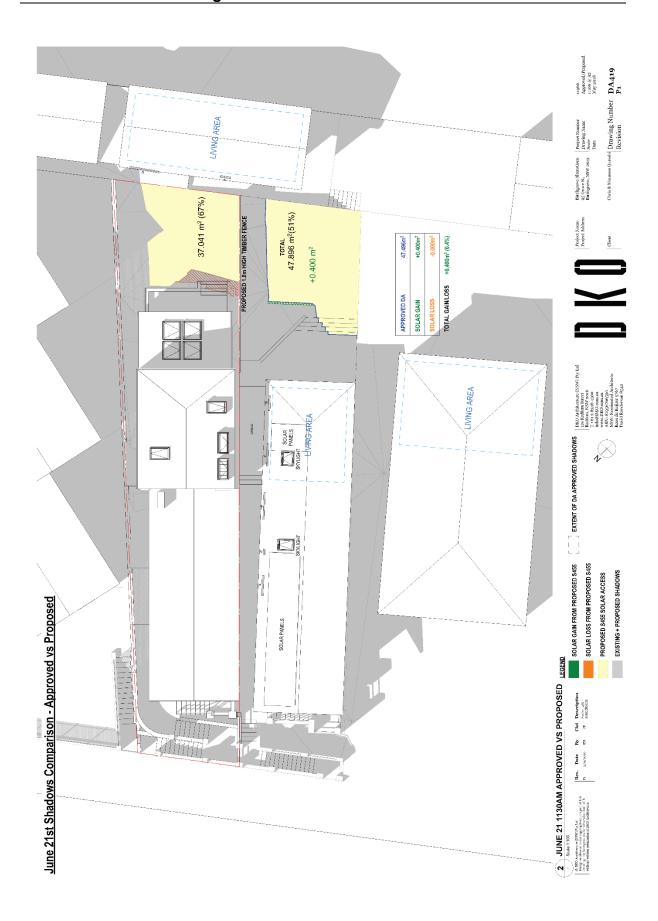


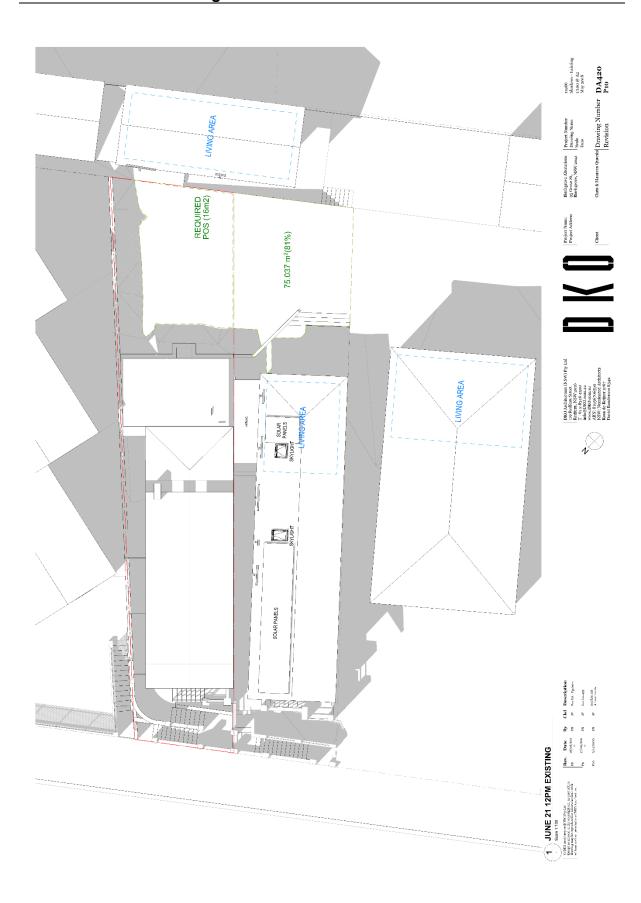


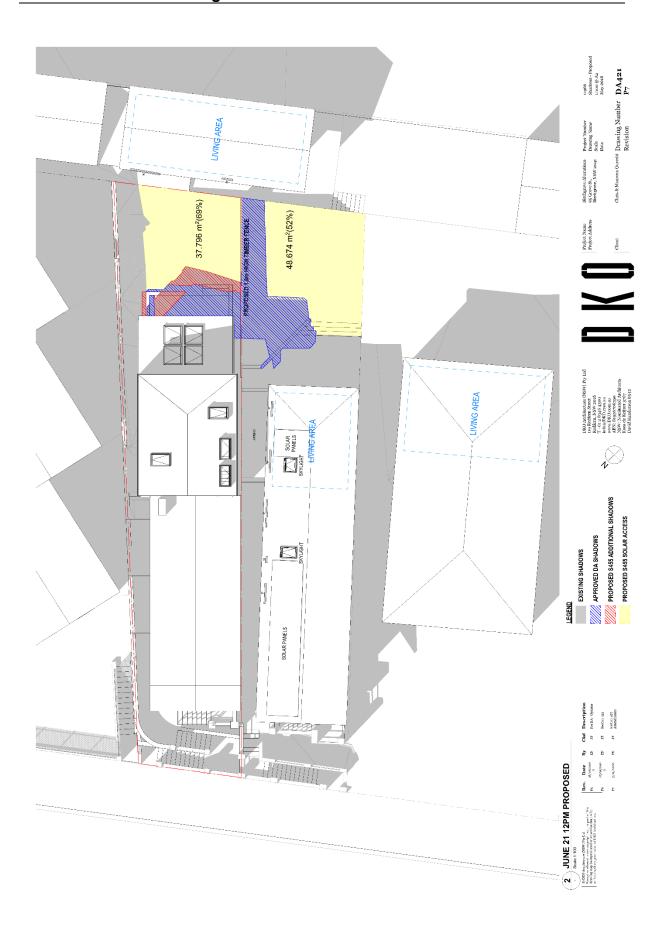


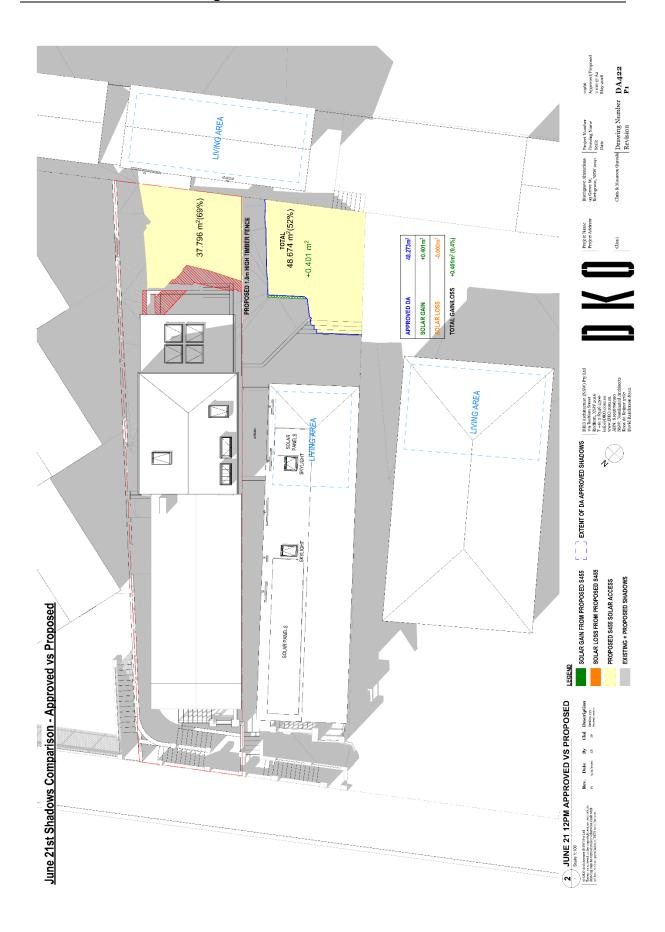


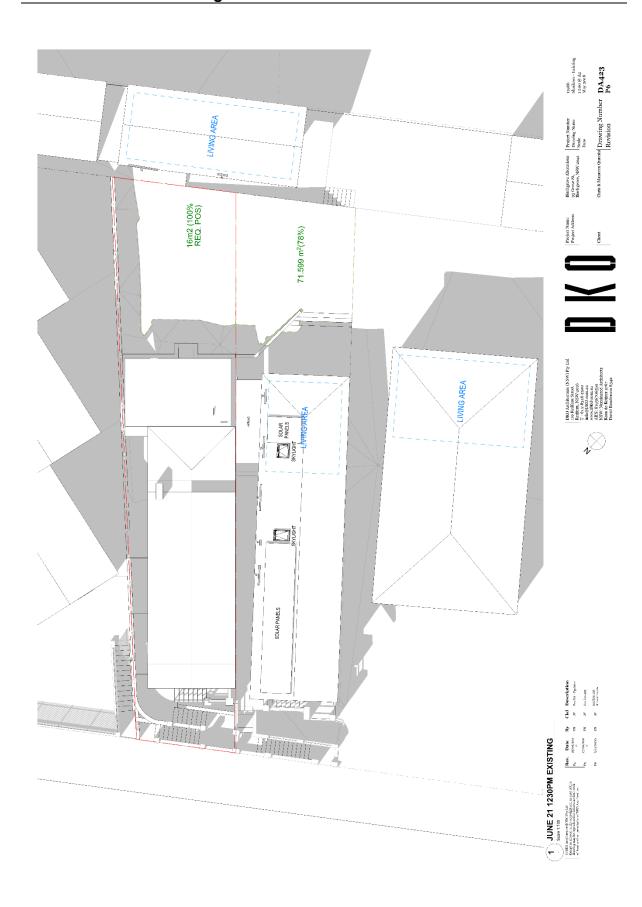


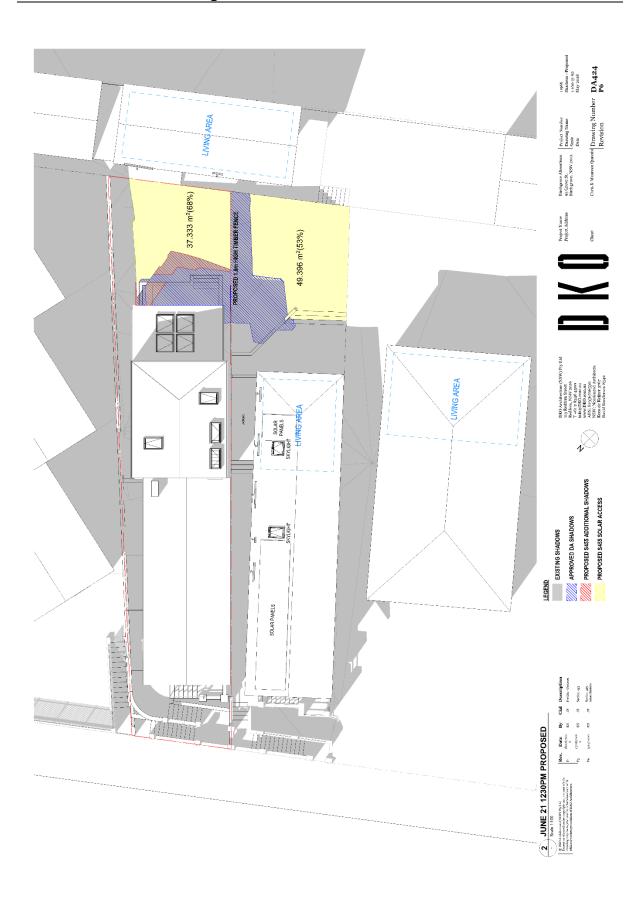


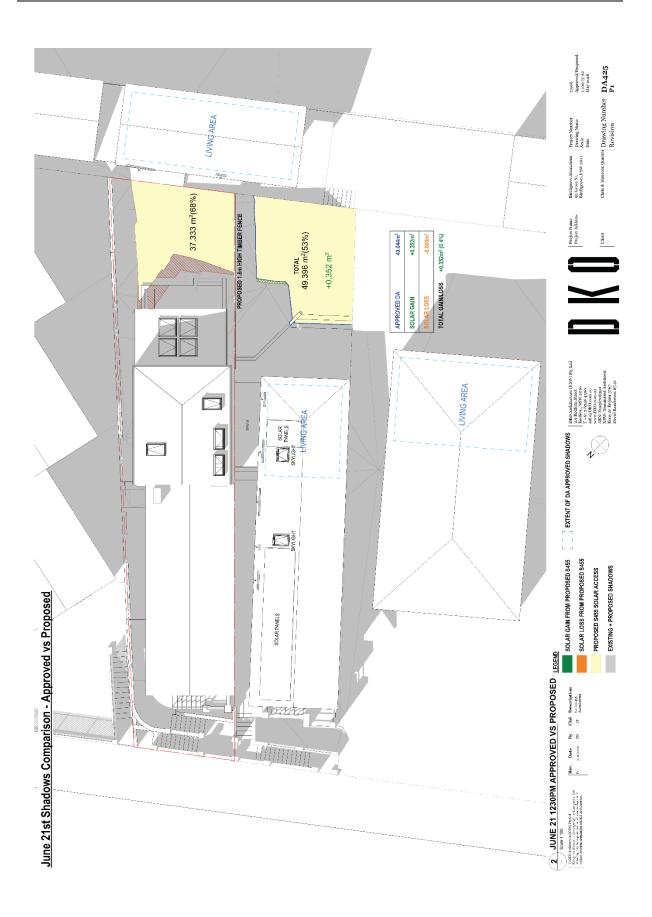


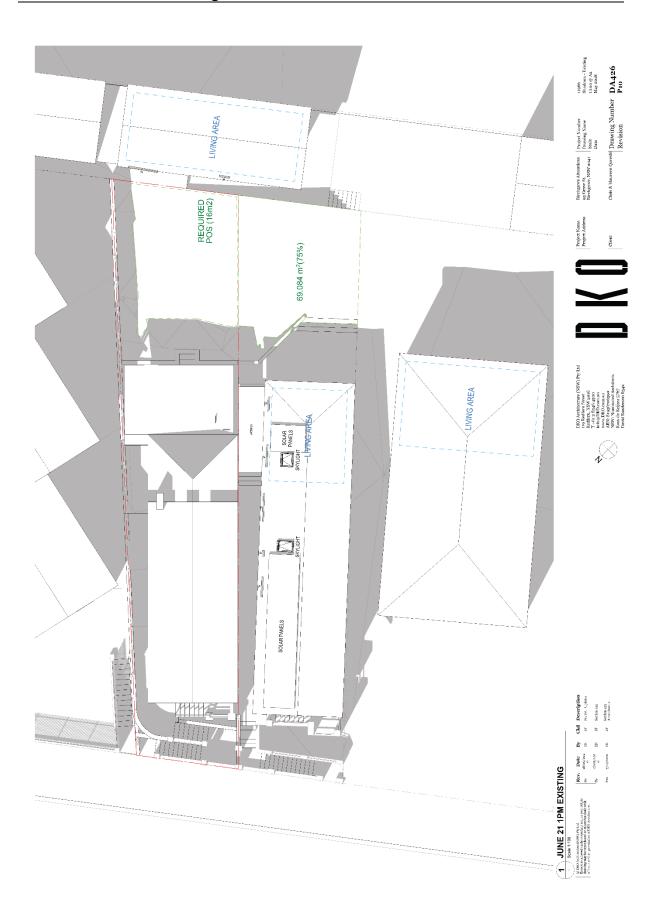


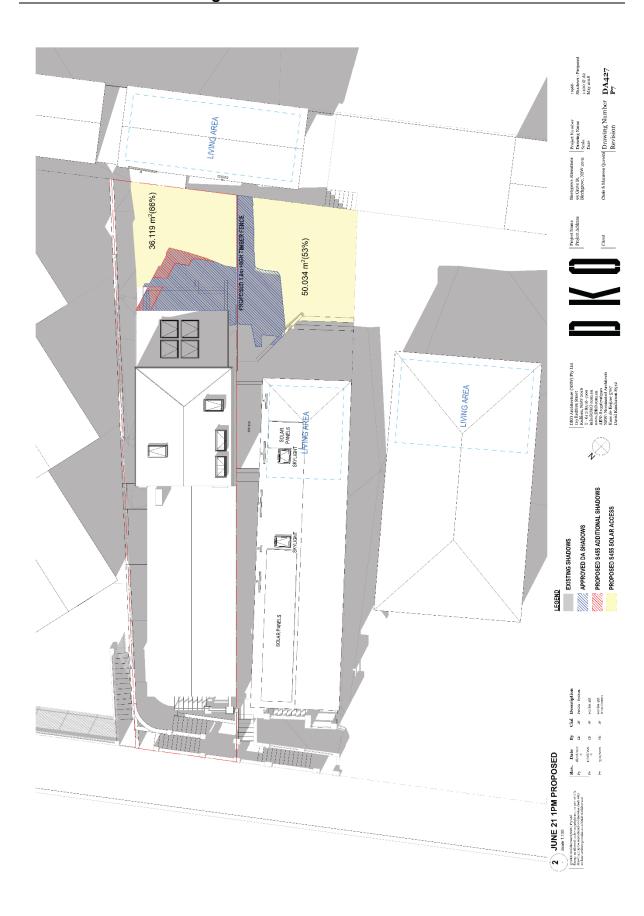


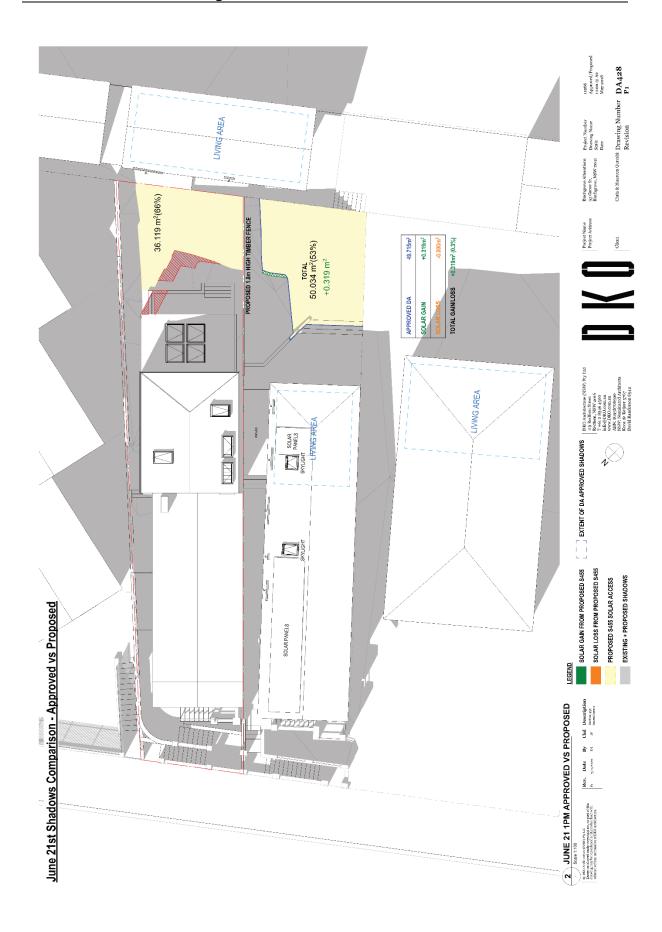


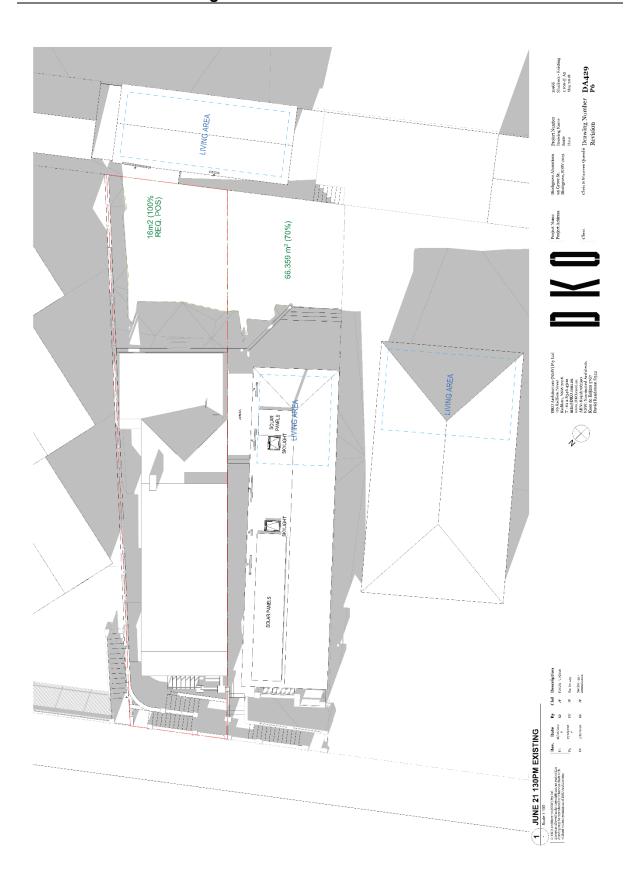


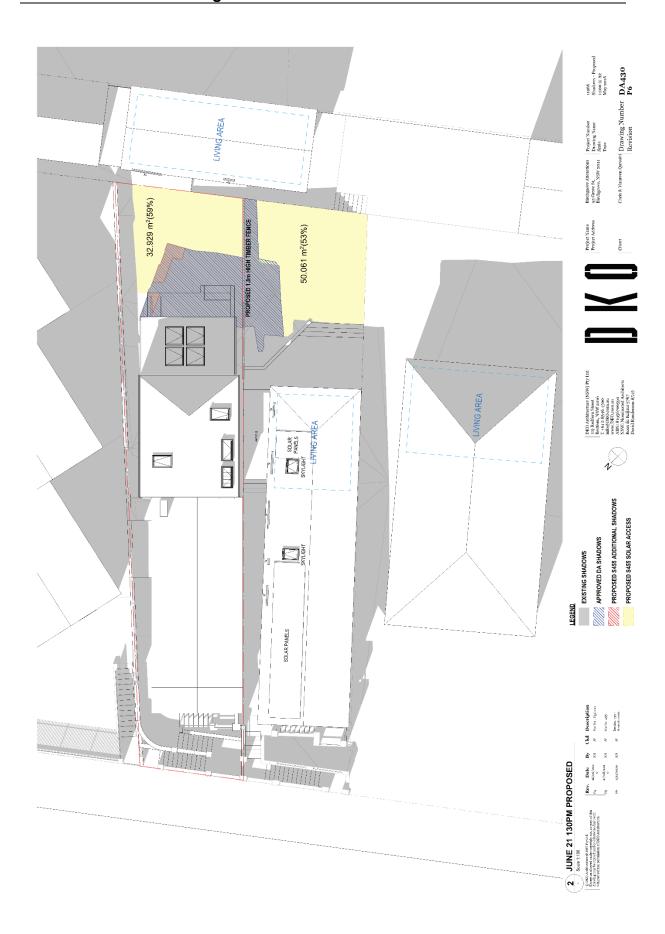


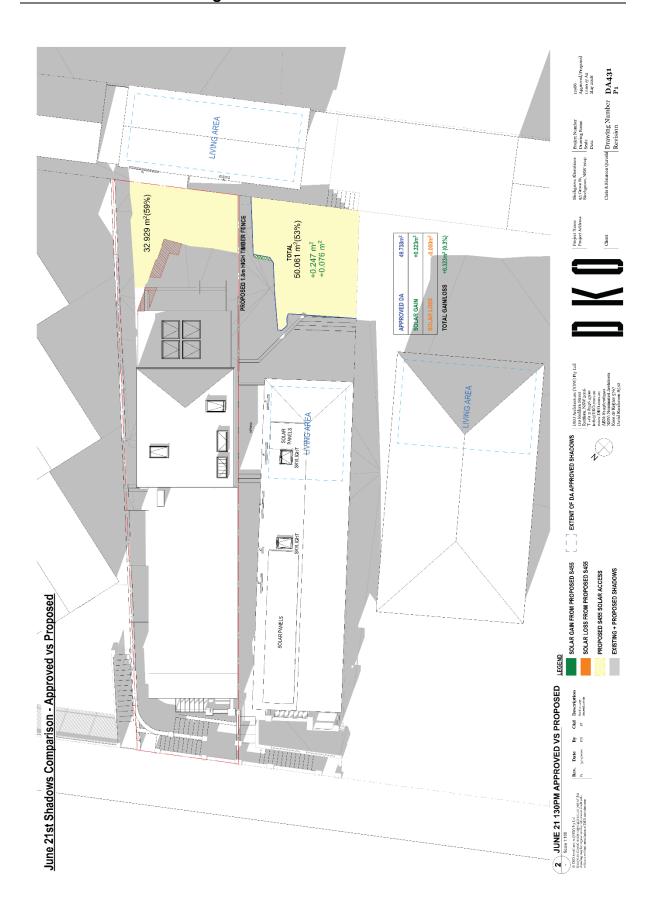


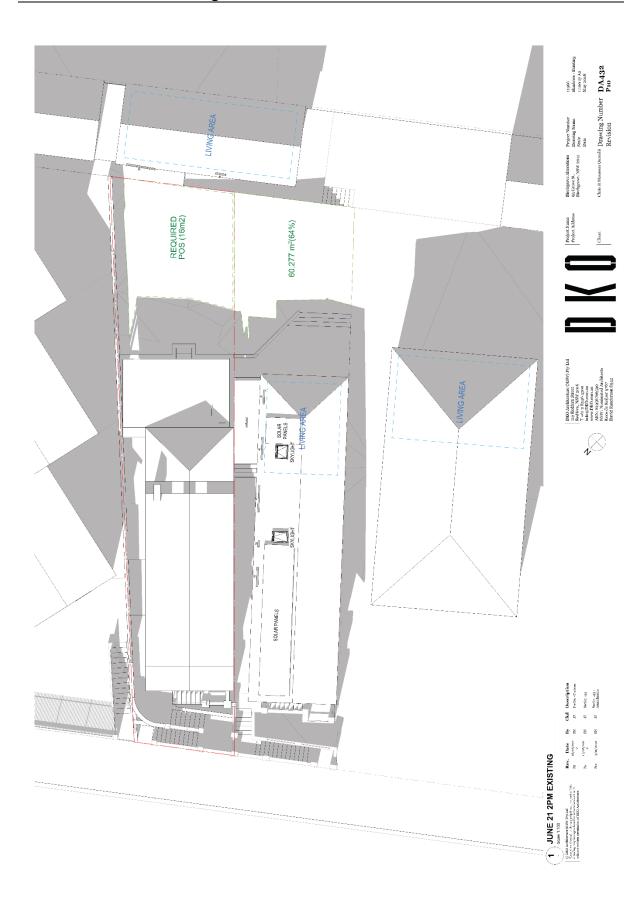


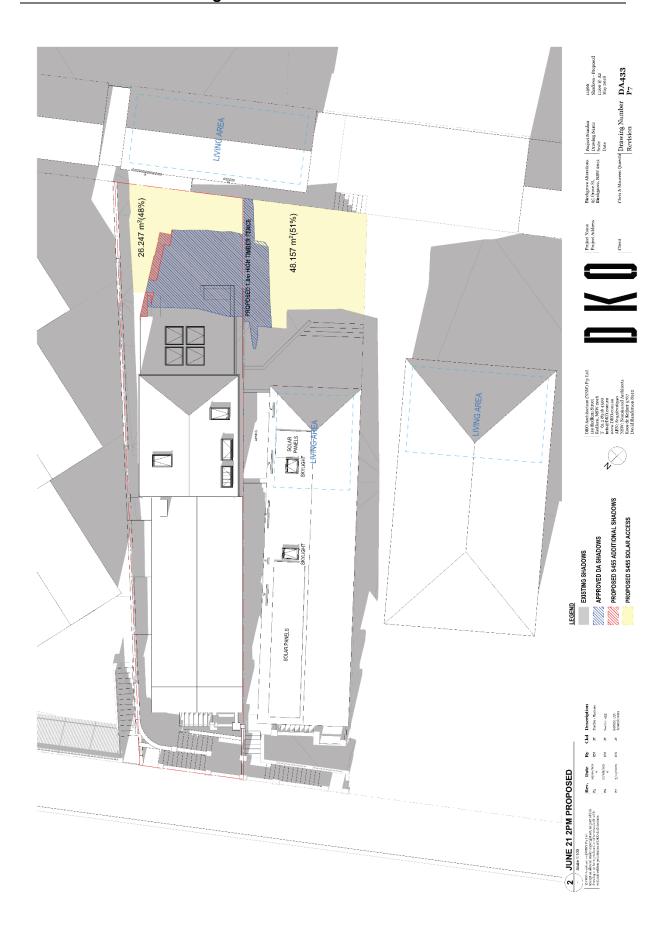


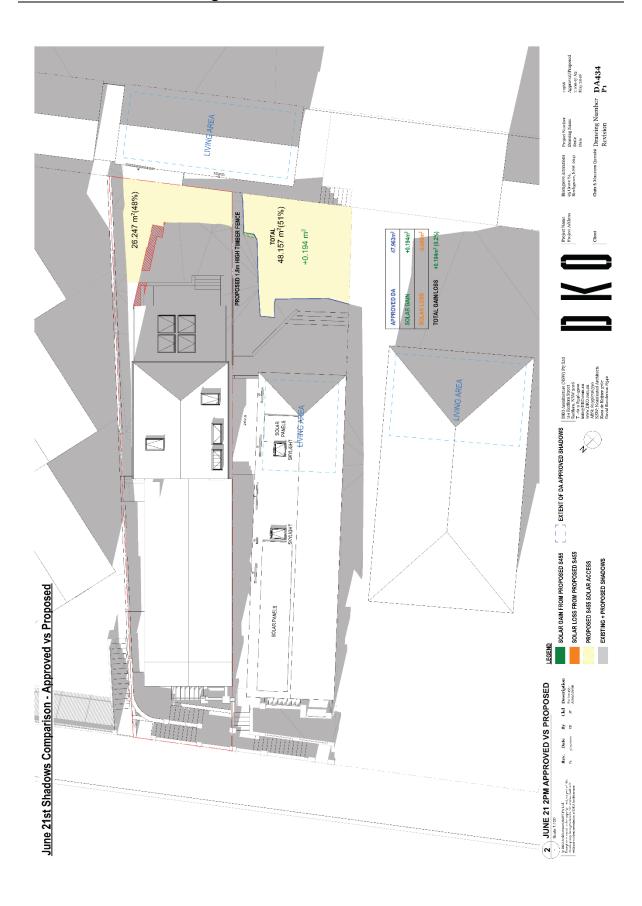


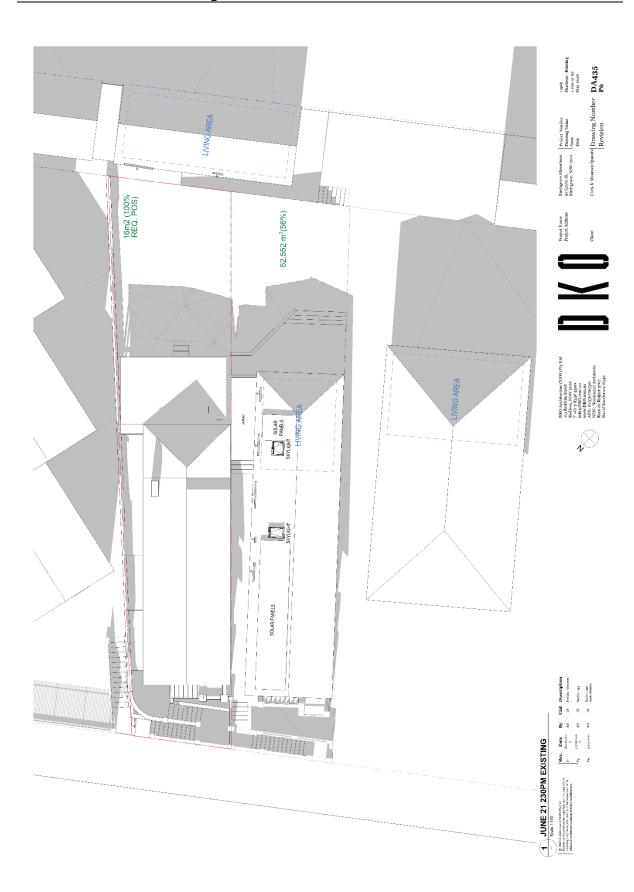


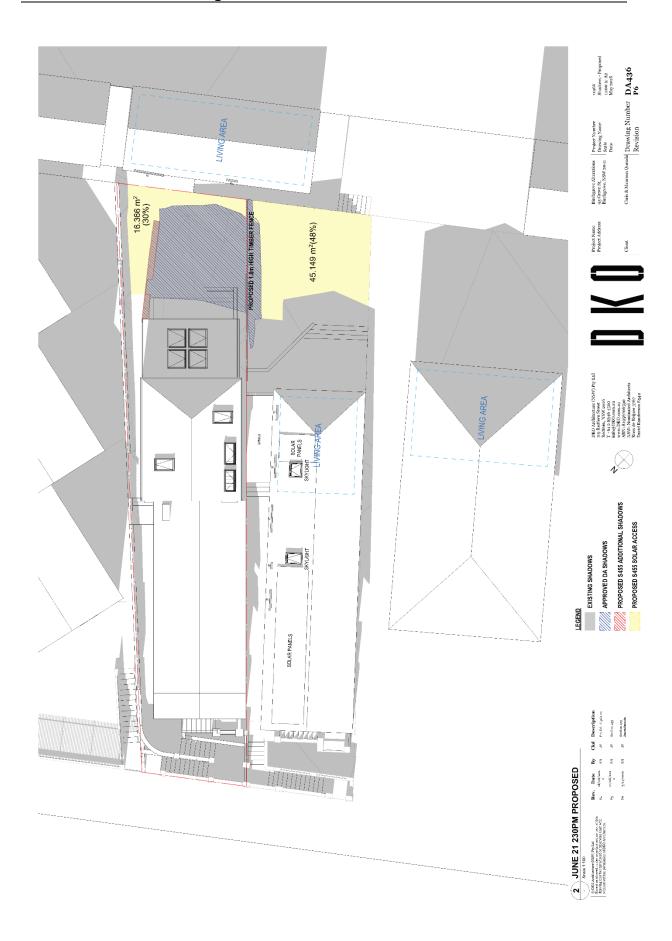


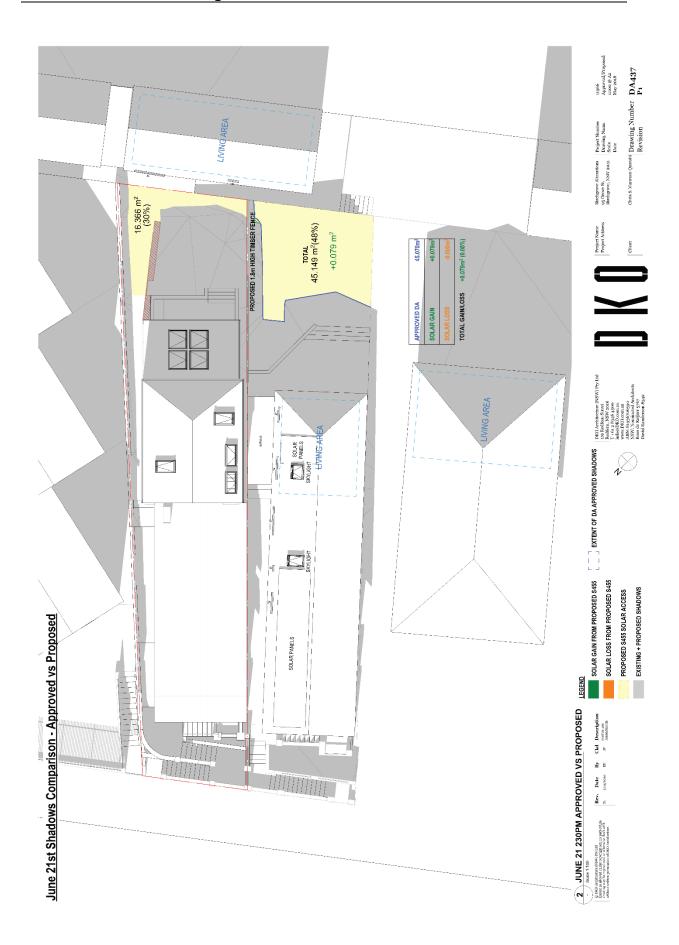


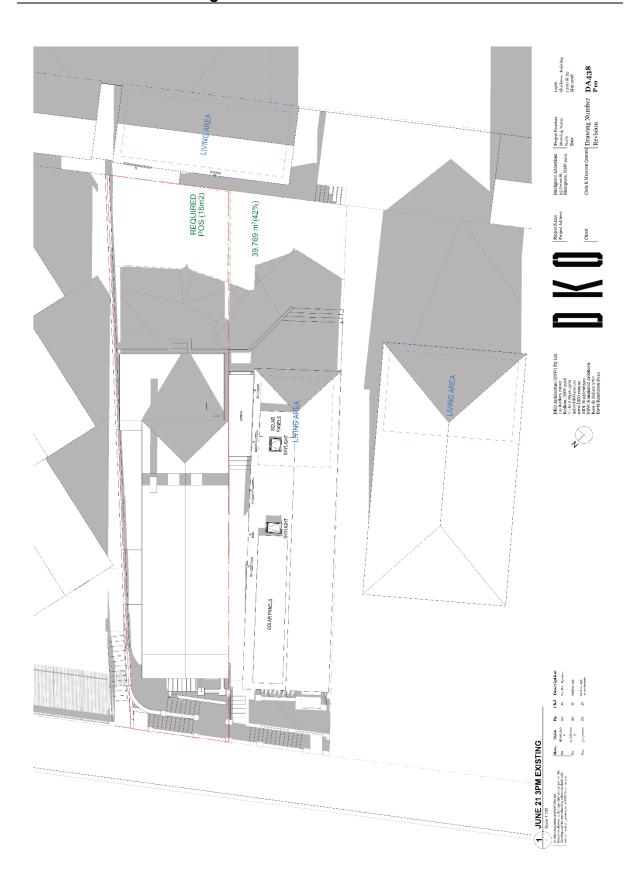


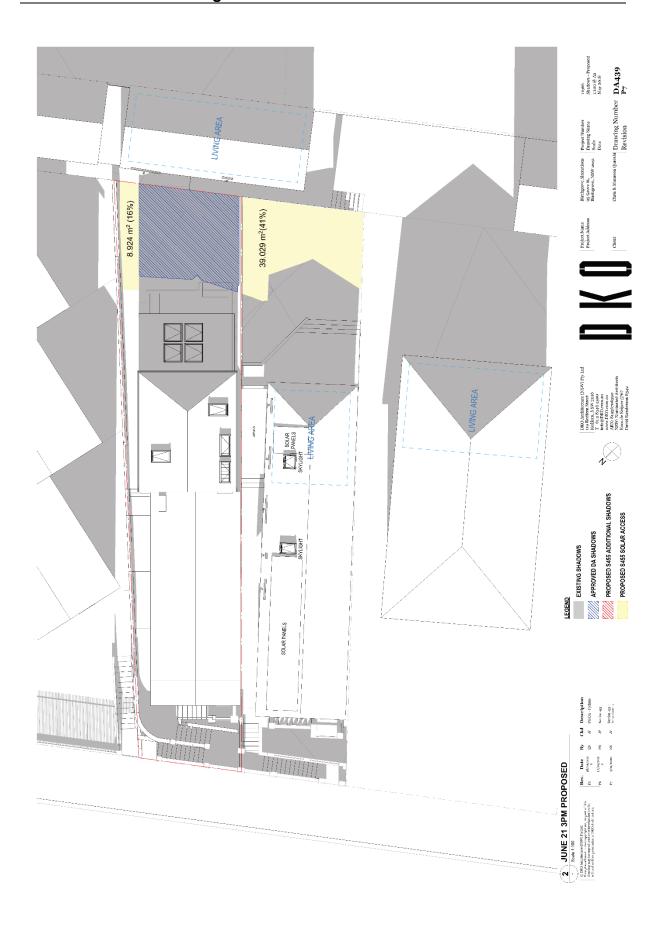


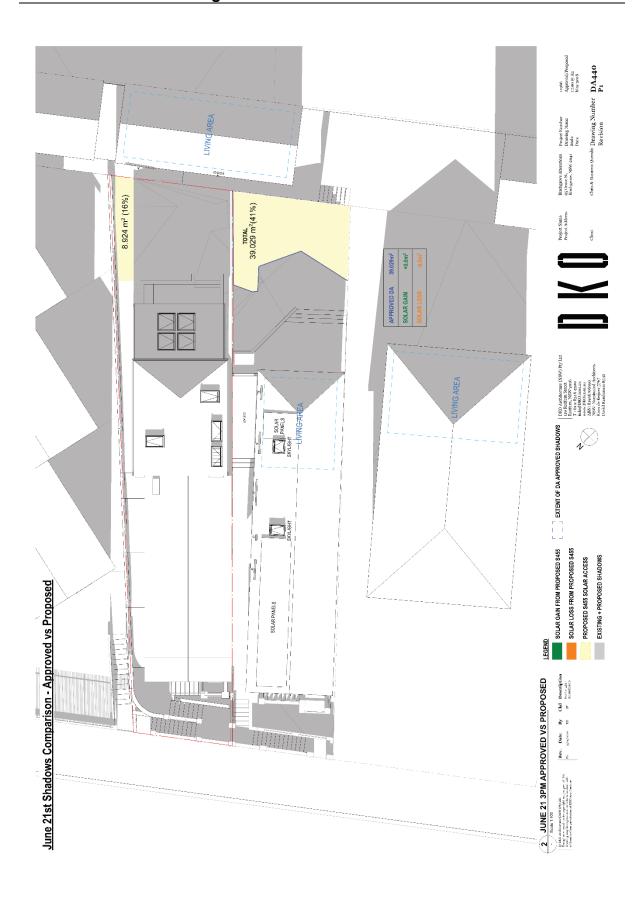


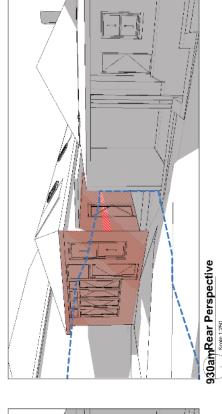












9am Rear Perspective

LDCP 2013 Provisions

Solar access to neighbouring dwelling - Living Areas

Retaining solar access to neighbouring dwellings main living room glazing

Where the surrounding allotments are orientated east/west, main living room glazing must maintain a minimum of two hours solar access between 9am and 3pm during the winter 55

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C13 Where surrounding dwellings currently receive less than the required amount of solar access to the main living noom between 9am and 3pm during the winter solatios, no further reduction of solar access is permitted.

Self inflicting shadow or existing shadows

Extent of proposed 1.8m high timber paling fence

Neighbouring dwelling does not achieve sunlight to rear and side glazing with the existing dwelling of 95 Grove Street is self inflicting shadow to the rear wall of 95 Grove Street is self inflicting shadow and the shadow to the version greated with the existing shadow to the existing dwelling of 95 Grove Street.

Hence, the proposed fence and the proposed development does not reduce solar access to the main living room of 93 Grove Street as it already receives zero sunlight.

10am Rear Perspective

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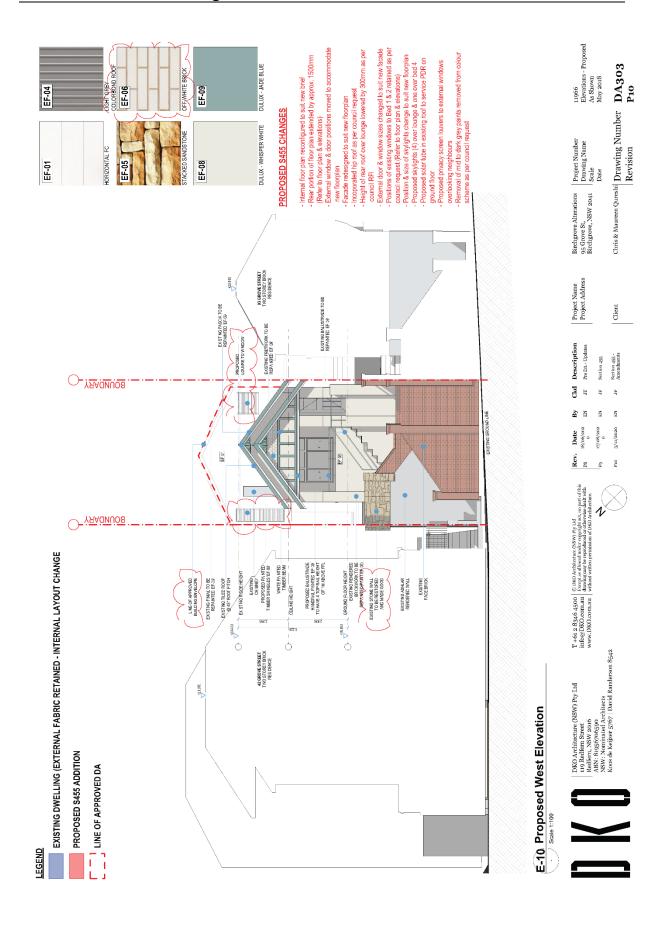
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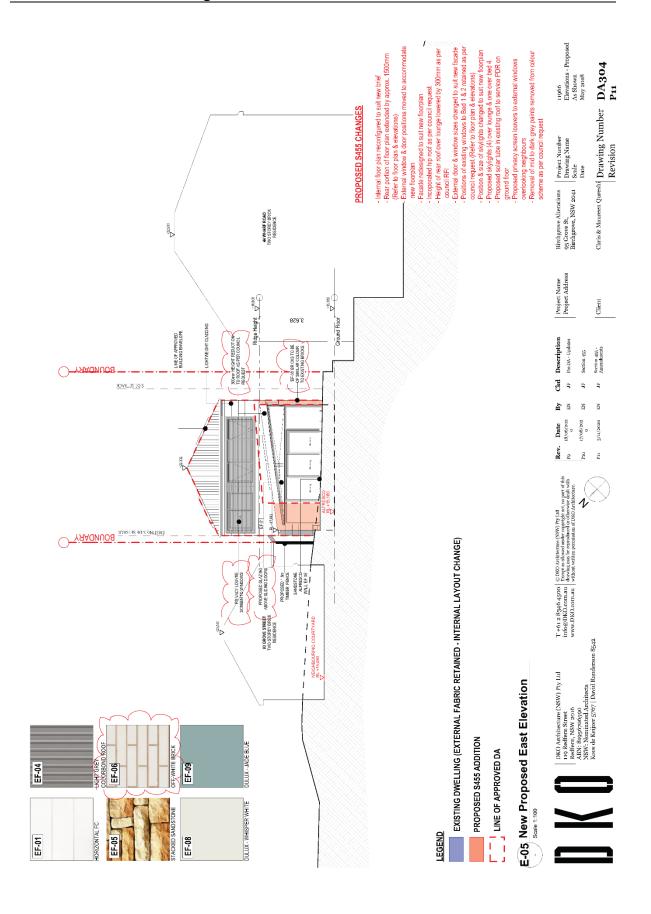
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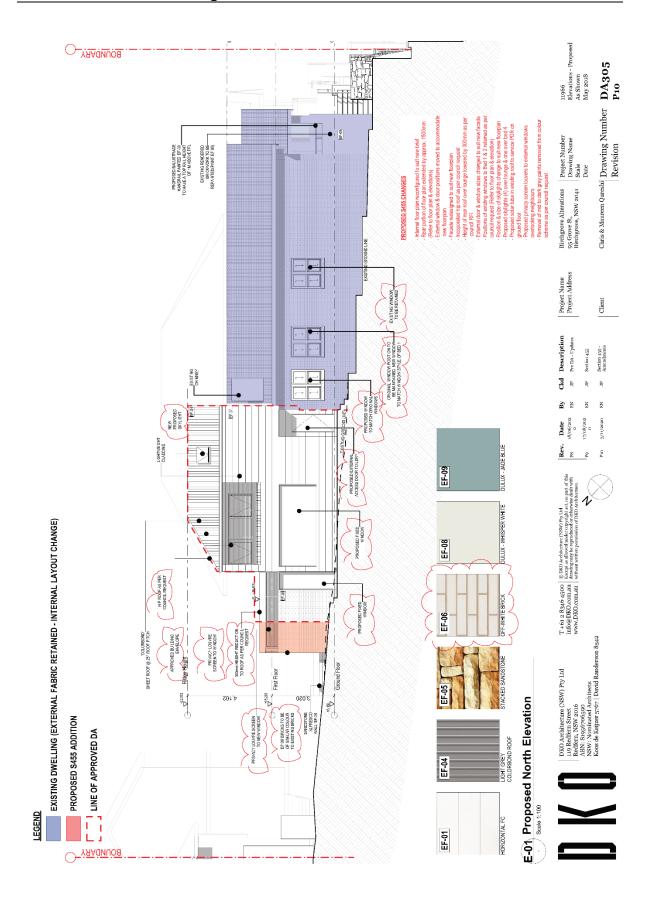
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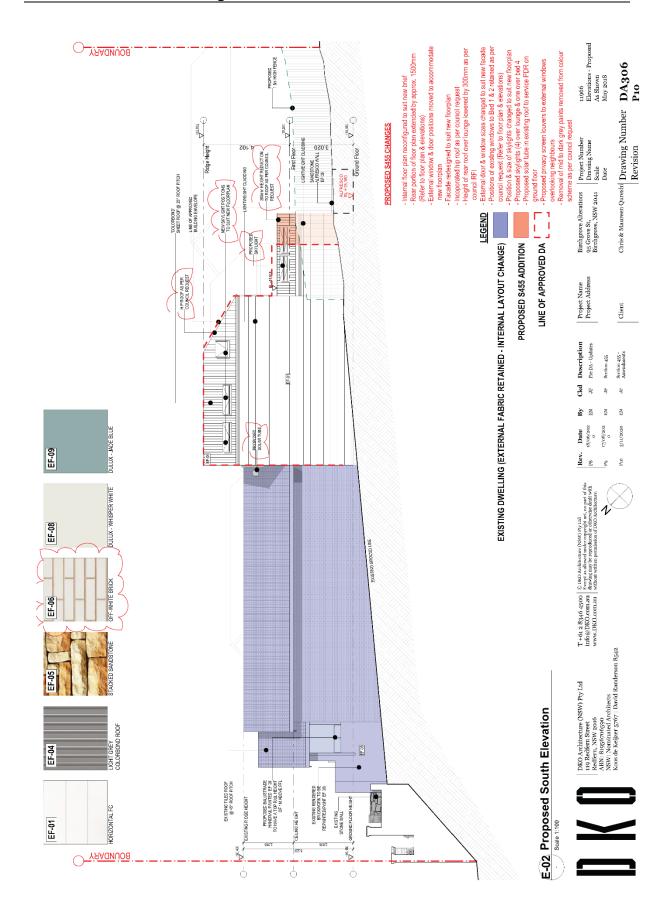
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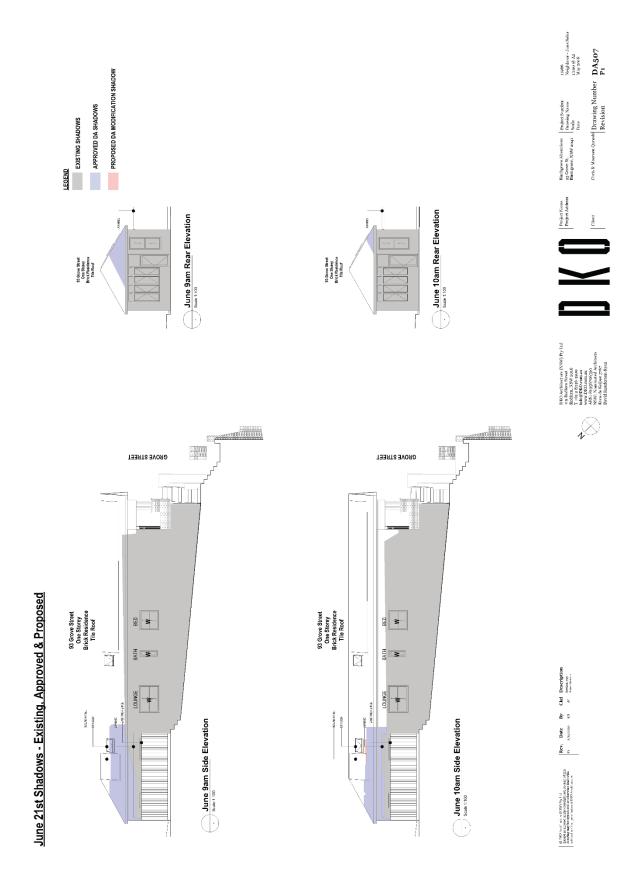
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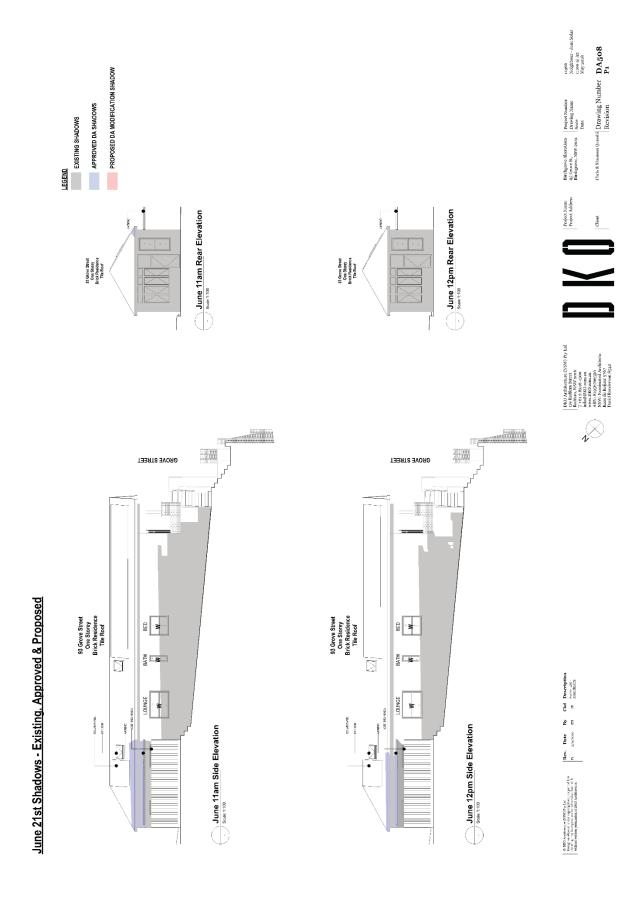


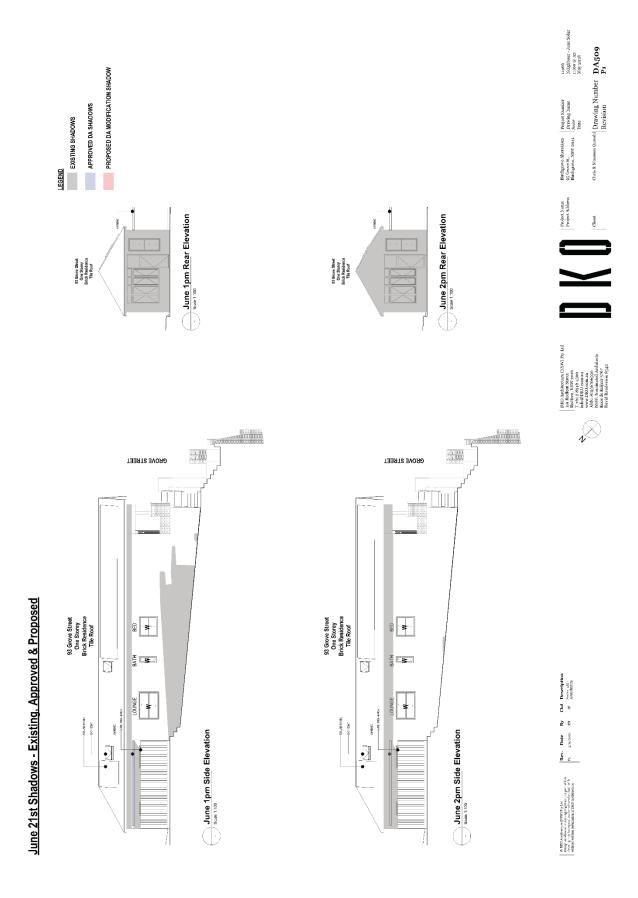






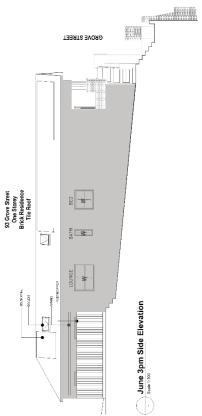






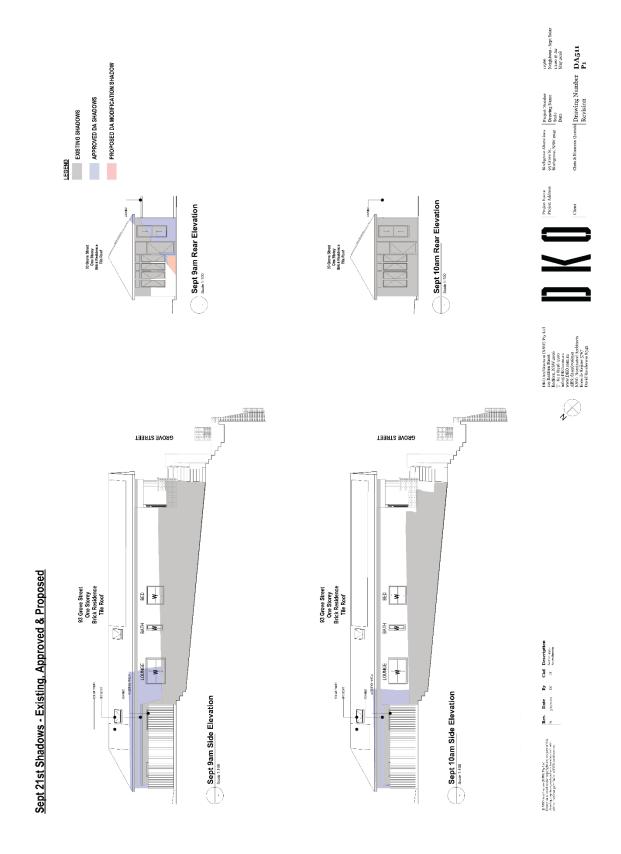
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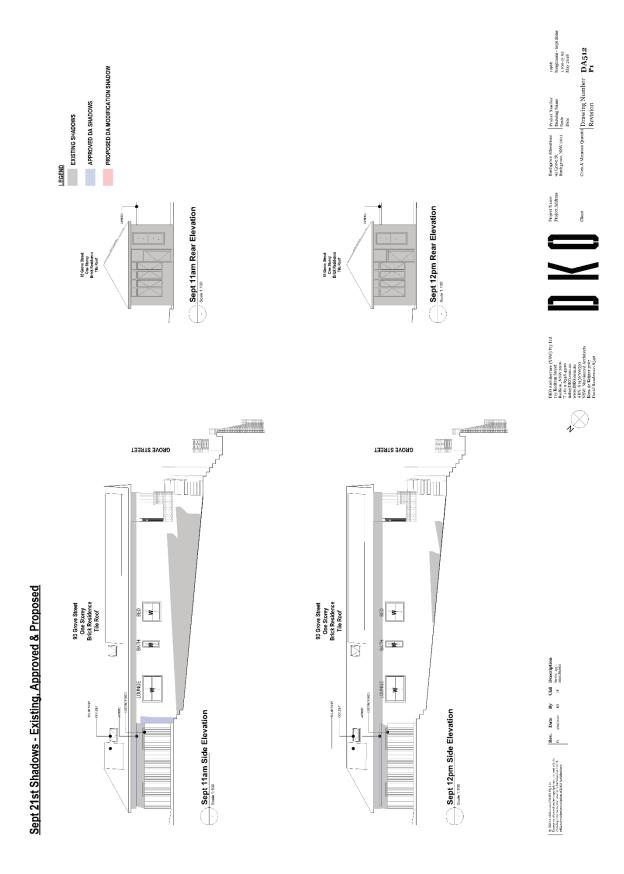
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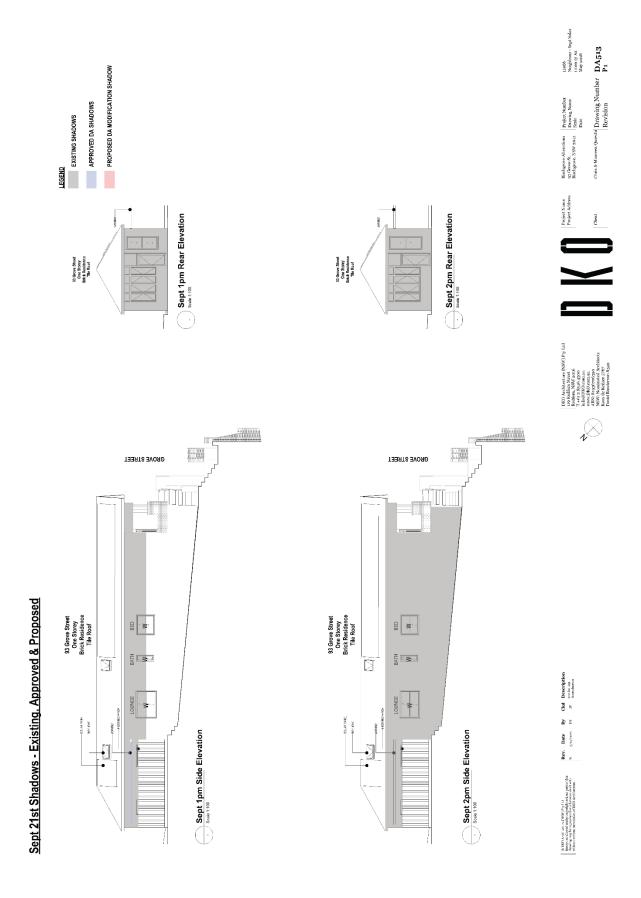


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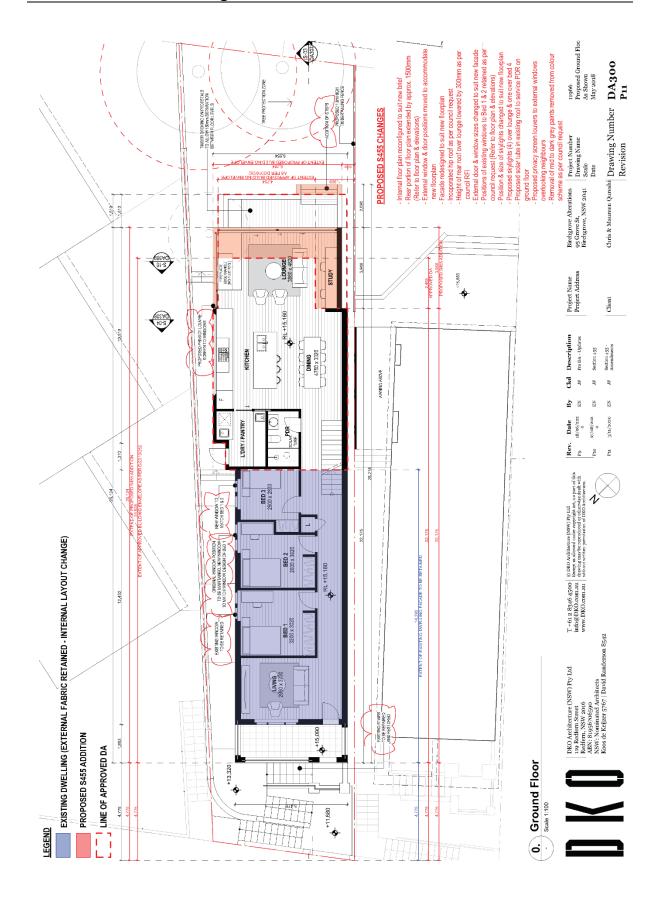


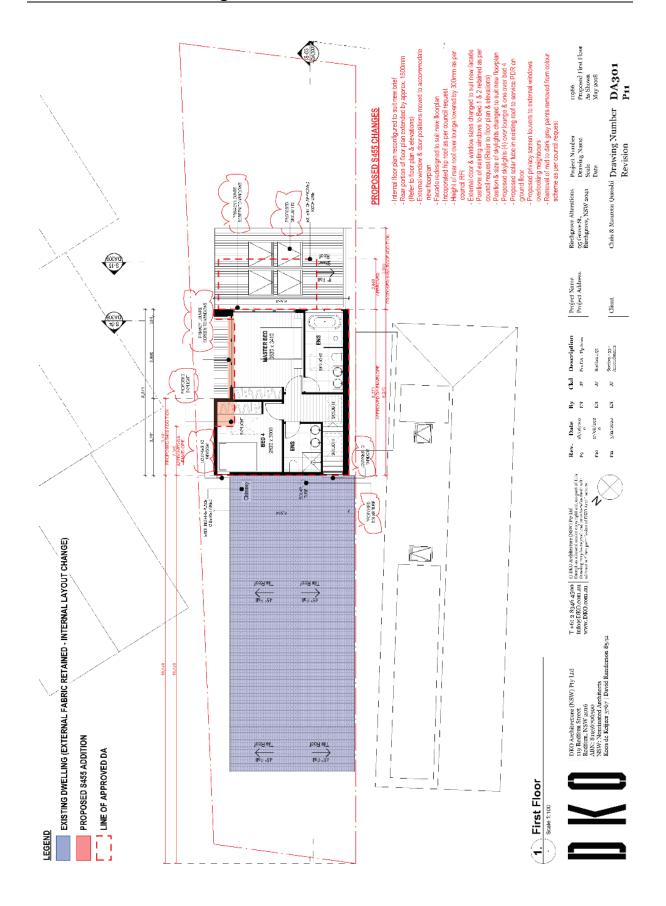


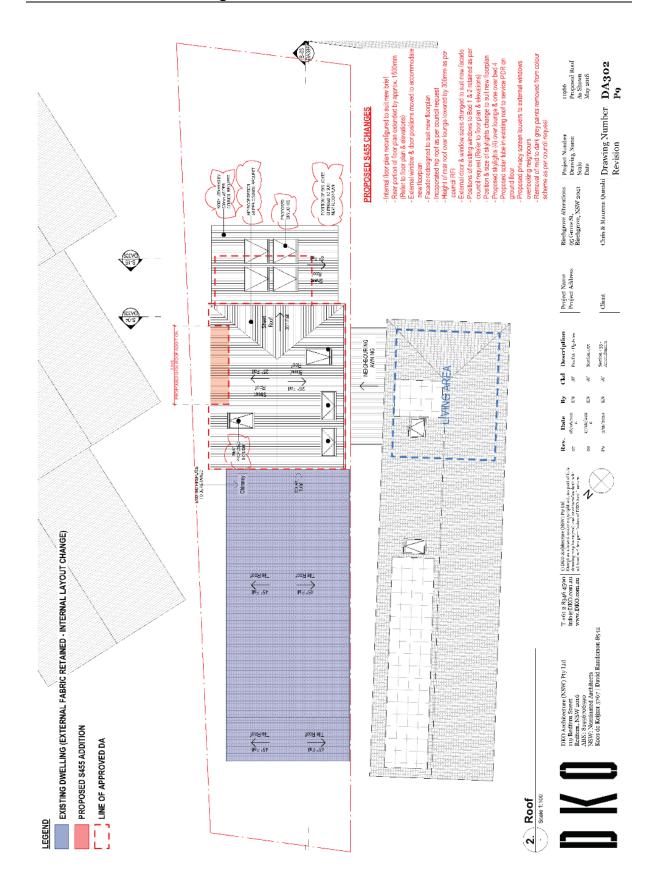


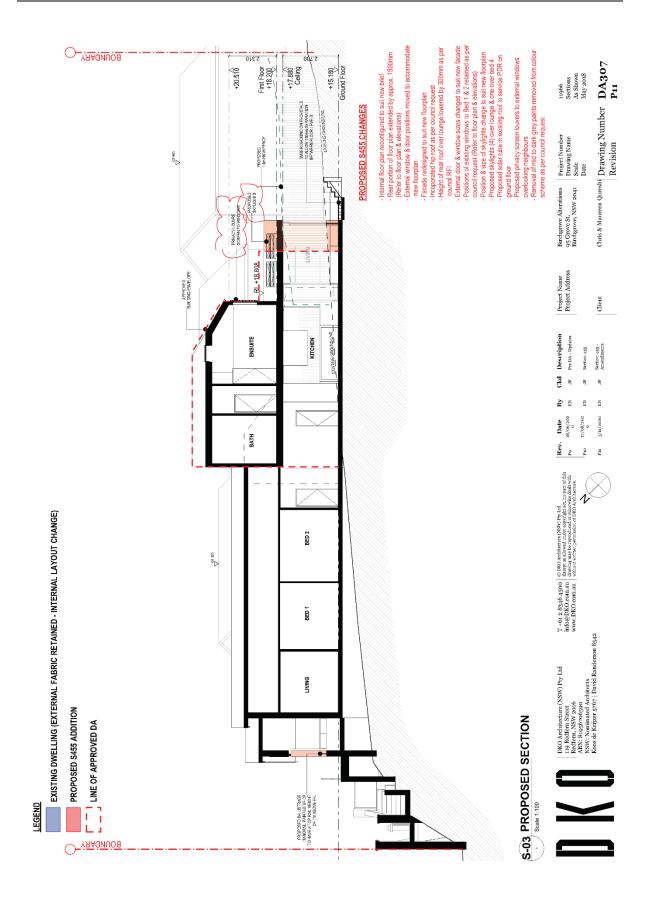
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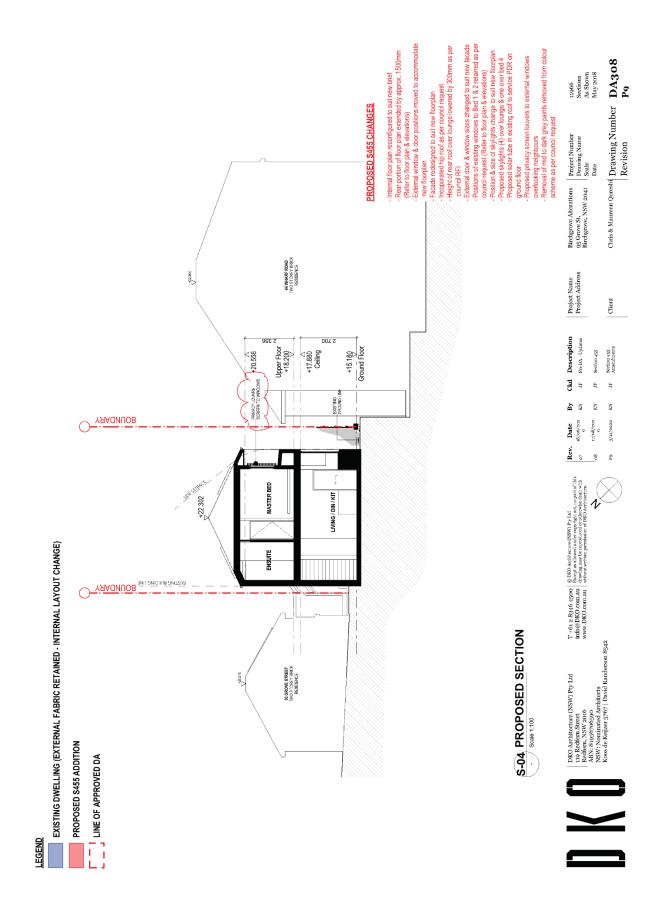
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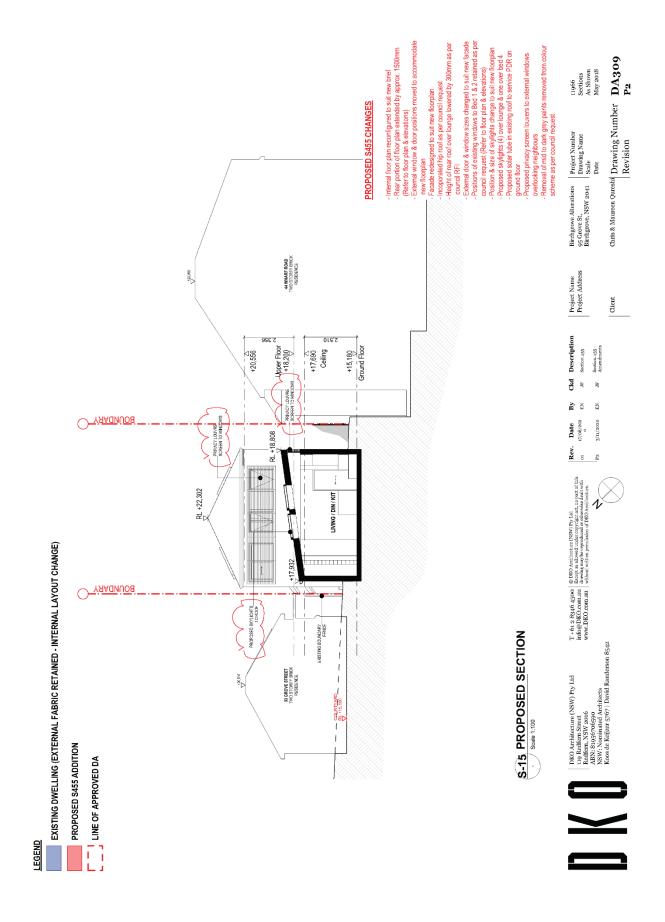


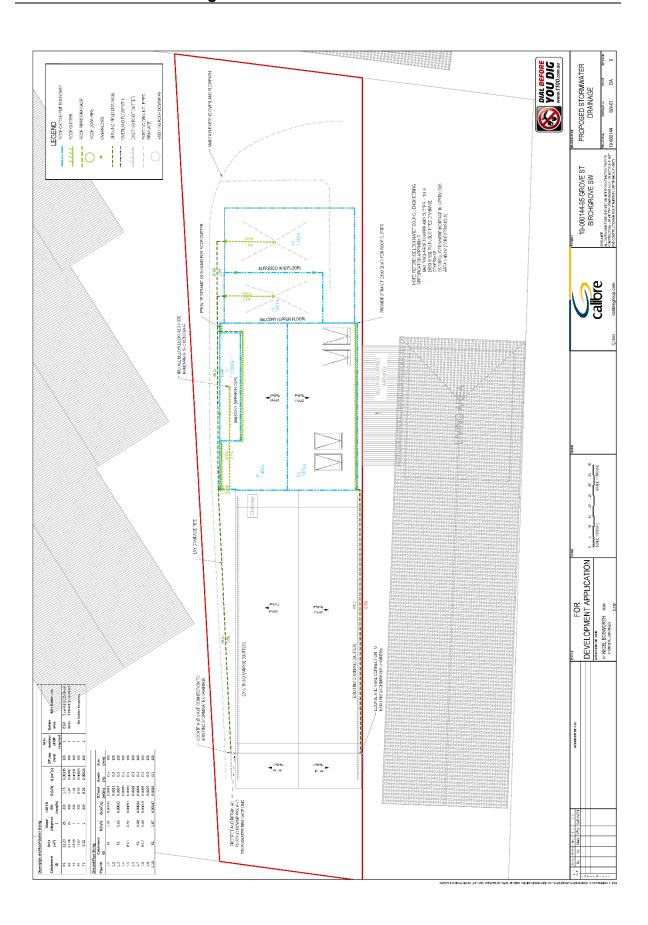












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# **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

## CONCEPT LANDSCAPE PLAN

95 Grove Street Birchgrove NSW 2041

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SHRUB			
Gardenia augusta 'Florida'	Gardenia Florida	1×1	200mm
Grevillea 'Fireworks'	Grevillea	1×1	200mm
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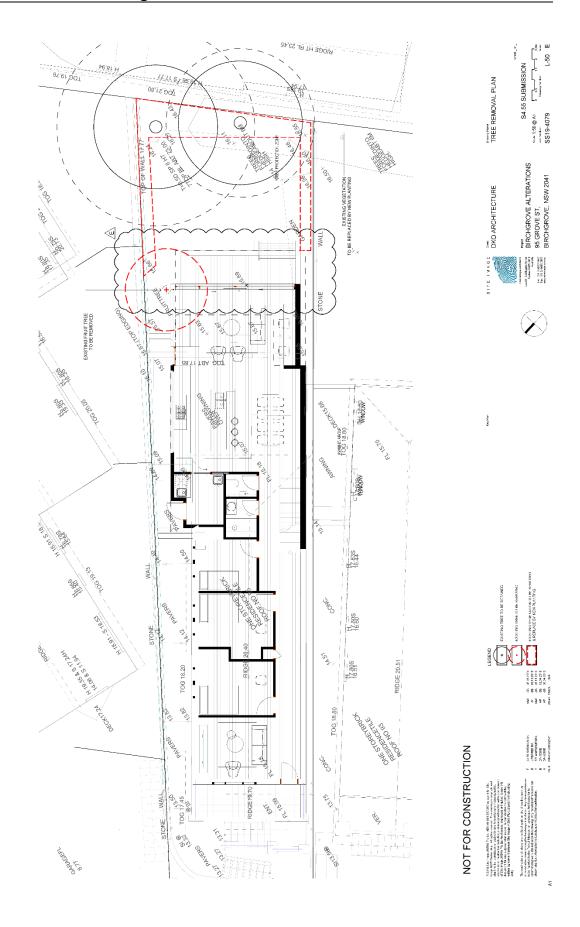
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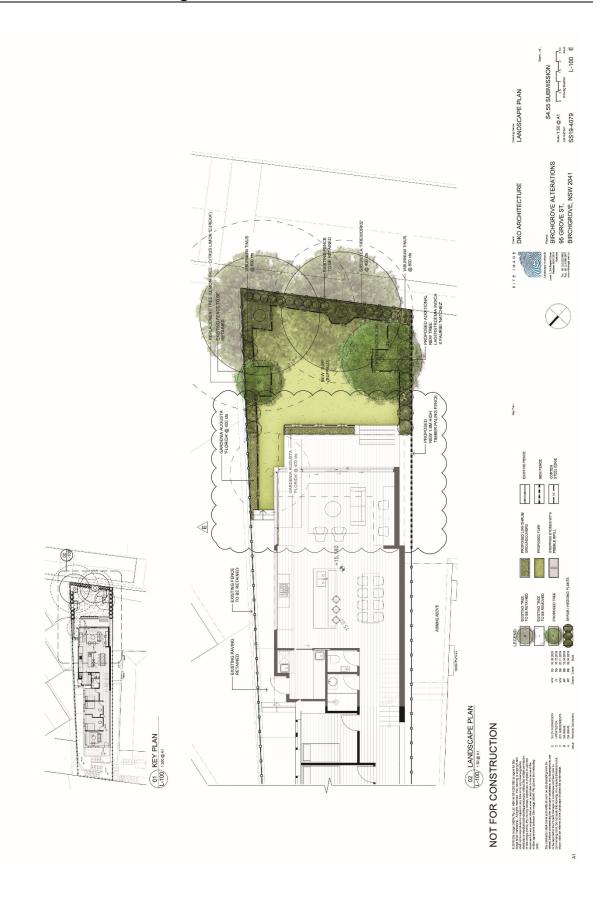
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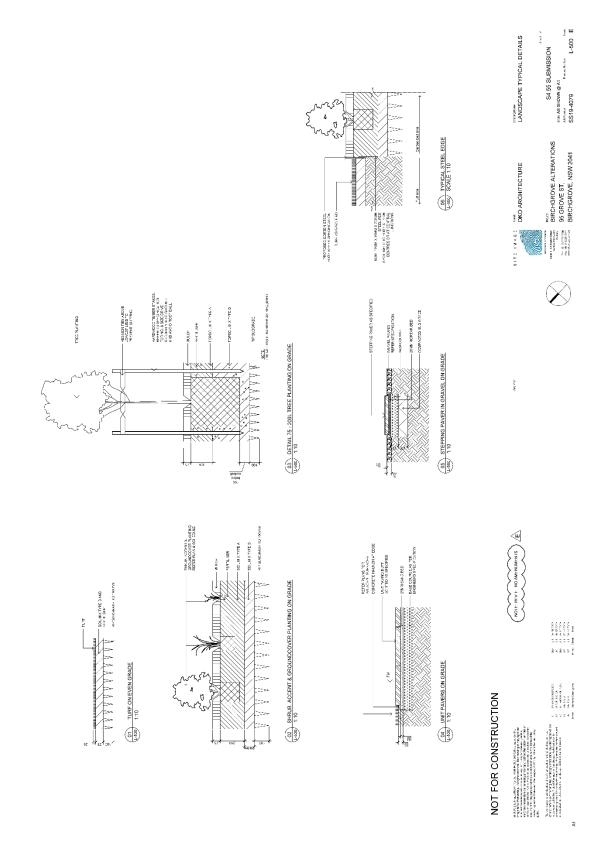
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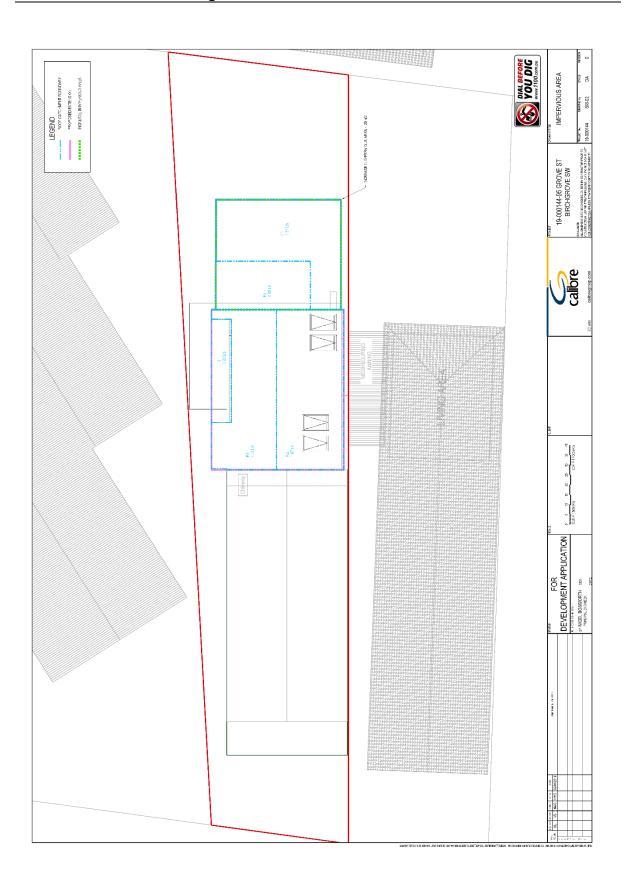
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### **Attachment C – Statement of Heritage Significance**

## HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT



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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Preamble

This Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) has been prepared in conjunction with a S4.55 modification to Development Application (D/2019/252) for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling at No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove, New South Wales.

The site is located within the Inner West Council Local Government Area (formerly Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils). The principal planning control for the site is the *Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013* (*LEP 2013*). The site is <u>not</u> listed as a heritage item by Schedule 5, Part 1 of the *LEP 2013*. The site <u>is</u> located within the Birchgrove and Ballast Point Heritage Conservation Area as identified by Part 2 of this Schedule. Under Part 5.10 of the *LEP 2013*:

### (4) Effect of proposed development on heritage significance

The consent authority must, before granting consent under this clause in respect of a heritage item or heritage conservation area, consider the effect of the proposed development on the heritage significance of the item or area concerned. This subclause applies regardless of whether a heritage management document is prepared under subclause (5) or a heritage conservation management plan is submitted under subclause (6).

### (5) Heritage assessment

The consent authority may, before granting consent to any development:

- (a) on land on which a heritage item is located, or
- (b) on land that is within a heritage conservation area, or
- (c) on land that is within the vicinity of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), require a heritage management document to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the heritage significance of the heritage item or heritage conservation area concerned.

The appropriate heritage management document in this instance is a Heritage Impact Statement (HIS).

This statement has been prepared at the request of the owners of the site and accompanies plans prepared by DKO Architecture.

### 1.2 Authorship

This statement was prepared by Patricia Sims, B.Arts, B.Appl.Sc. (Env.Des.), B. Arch., Grad.Dip.Herit.Cons. and James Phillips, B.Sc.(Arch), B.Arch, M.Herit.Cons.(Hons), of Weir Phillips Heritage.

### 1.3 Methodology

This HIS has been prepared with reference to the NSW Heritage Division publication *Statements of Heritage Impact* (2002 update) and with reference to the Council planning documents listed under Section 1.6 below.

### 1.4 Physical Evidence

An inspection of the property and the surrounding streetscape took place in September 2018. The photographs contained within this report were taken at this time.

### 1.5 Documentary Evidence

### 1.5.1 General References

### 1.5.2 Heritage Listing Sheets

- Birchgrove and Ballast Point Heritage Conservation Area, Birchgrove. State Heritage Inventory Database No.: 5063206.
- Birchgrove Park, Birchgrove. State Heritage Inventory Database No.: 1940578.

### 1.5.3 Planning Documents

- Leichhardt Development Control Plan 2013.
- Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013.

### 1.6 Site Location

No. 95 Gove Street, Birchgrove is located on the eastern side of the Street near the intersection with Wharf Road (Figure 1). The site is identified as Lot 2B of D.P. 309226.



Figure 1: The location of the subject site. Google Maps 2018.

### 2.0 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

Present-day Balmain lies in the traditional lands of the Wangal and Cadigal people of the Dharug speaking language group.

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The colony of NSW was established in January 1788 at Sydney cove. From January 1793, succussive governors granted land outside the township boundaries in order to open up the colony to settlement and augment food supplies. The subject property stands on a grant of 550 acres made to William Balmain, a Surgeon, on 26th April 1800. In 1801 Balmain transferred his grant to fellow surgeon, John Gilchrist. The sandstone of the Balmain peninsula, however, offered little assistance to would-be agriculturists and the peninsula remained sparsely populated into the 1830s.

By the 1830s the Balmain peninsula was no longer as isolated as it had been. Between 1839 and 1844, a number of substantial villas and more simple cottages were built on land formerly part of Balmain's grant. The first planned thoroughfares on the peninsula (Darling, Nicholson and Johnston Streets) were laid out during this era. Maritime industries were established as boat builders and shipwrights discovered the deep inshore waters of the bay. A regular ferry service began in 1844 and shops and trades began to offer their services.

The land on which No. 95 Grove Street stands was sold to Captain Charles Smith in April 1853. Captain Charles Smith a shipping merchant and whaler was born at Kirriemuir, Forfashire, Scotland. His father migrated to Australia in 1832 and was the founder of the wine industry in the Riverina. Charles stayed in Scotland and joined the Merchant Navy, eventually migrating to Australia in 1936, where he turned to whaling. Smith was a successful merchant, whaler and property owner. He was on a number of commercial boards and was the founding councillor of St Andrews College, University of Sydney. His career culminated as the Director of the Bank of NSW from 1890-97. He retired from active business life in 1888, aged 80 and died of embolism on 27 June 1897.

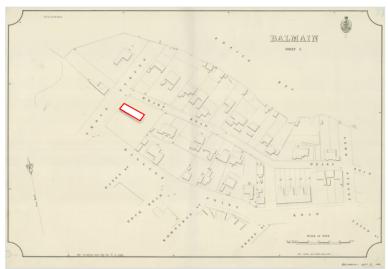


Figure 2: Balmain Section 5 Map 1889. State Library of NSW. No.95 Grove Street is outlined in red.

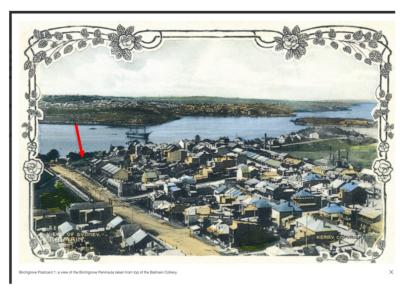


Figure 3: 1890 Post Card looking north toward the Harbour from Grove Street. No.95 Grove Street is the vacant lot at the bottom of Grove Street, down near the harbour. Leichhardt Library. The lot of No.95 Grove Street is vacant. Shown by a red arrow.

Balmain developed rapidly during the middle decades of the nineteenth century, as Figure 2 a map from 1889 illustrates with numerous villas built on Wharf and Ballast Point Road. However, the adjacent subdivision of the *Birchgrove Estate* in 1860 was not a success; only eleven allotments were sold before 1866.

In 1925, No.95 Grove Street was purchased by John Drenman. A Sands Directory search suggests that Drenman built the house around 1927. His wife, Frances Drenman lived at the house until 1950. From this date there have been numerous registered owners.

### 3.0 SITE ASSESSMENT

### 3.1 The Site

For the following, refer to Figure 4, an aerial photograph over the site, and to the survey that accompanies this application.

The site is located on the eastern side of Grove Street. It is set high above the street, approximately 6m above the footpath. The site continues to rise a further 2m toward the rear. The site is approximately rectangular in shape with a splay to the rear. The western (Grove Street) boundary is 6.96m; the eastern boundary is 8.635m; the northern boundary is 38.99m; and the western boundary is 38.80m. The site area is 299.7 m2.

The building, described below is located towards the front of the site providing for a larger sloped rear yard. The building is located 300mm off and parallel to the southern boundary. The northern setback is wider and not parallel.

The house is set high above Grove Street and accessed from two flights of concrete stairs which form the front setback to the house. The building on the site is a freestanding, single storey, modified interwar dwelling. The building has a simple rectangular plan with a terracotta tiled roof and gable end to Grove Street. The

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brickwork to the Grove Street elevation is rendered and painted whereas the other elevations are painted or face brickwork only.



Figure 4: An aerial photograph showing the subject site and its surrounds. SIX Maps 2018. Site outlined in red.

Attached to the rear of the house is a semi enclosed paved, outdoor and laundry area. The back yard rises gradually to the rear boundary, it is turfed and planted with shrubs and trees around the perimeter. The northern setback is concreted with a timber pailing fence on the boundary. The southern boundary is also concreted with no fence separation to its neighbour.

### 3.2 The Building

### 3.2.1 The Exterior

The western, Grove Street elevation is set 6m above the footpath. Three flights of stairs lead to the front entry porch. The stair treads are a mixture of concrete and terrazzo with engaged face brick and steel pipe balustrades. There is also an ashlar render retaining wall with sandstone balustrade as part of the stair. The entry porch has been enclosed with a mix of glazing types and the addition of textured render to the brick work. The gable end has been modified with timber panelling.

The southern elevation is located 300mm off the boundary. This elevation is face brick with no openings.

Figure 5 illustrates the front, Grove Street elevation.



Figure 5: The front (northern) elevation of No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove. WPH 2018.

The northern elevation has a greater side setback to the boundary which expands with the splay of the site toward the eastern, rear boundary. The elevation is constructed of painted brickwork and has three window openings: a single timber framed, double hung window to the second bedroom, a double casement and lead light window to the lounge room and a double set of timber framed, double hung windows to the dining room. There is a rendered chimney rises above this elevation.

Figure 6 to 8 illustrate the northern and southern elevations.



Figure 6: Northern elevation of No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove. WPH 2018.



Figure 7: Northern elevation of No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove. WPH 2018.



Figure 8: Southern elevation of No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove. WPH 2018.

The eastern, rear elevation, is constructed of painted brickwork and lies under a hipped roof. The elevation includes a single door and set of timber framed, double hung windows opening out from the dining area. The bathroom structure juts out on the southern side. Attached to the rear elevation is the semi enclosed out door area and skillion roof which runs the full width of the house. The laundry is partitioned off behind the bathroom wall. The area is paved and steps up to the rear garden. Figures 9-12 illustrate the rear, eastern elevation and outdoor area.



Figure 9: Eastern, elevation of No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove from the rear boundary. WPH 2018.



Figure 10: Rear outdoor area looking to bathroom extension and partitioned laundry area. WPH 2018.



Figure 11: Outdoor area, partitioned laundry area. WPH 2018.



Figure 12: Outdoor area built to northern boundary. WPH 2018.

### 3.2.2 Interior

The floor plan is best understood with reference to the plans that accompany this application.

The original plan and interior finishes of the house have been retained. The rooms exhibit interwar period detailing including profiled timber skirtings, angled architraves, picture rails and panelled doors. The timber floorboards are consistent thoughout, as are the decorative plaster ceilings and cornices.

The house is entered through the enclosed front porch. The porch has a tessellated tile floor.

The timber panel, front door with lead light insert opens into a narrow hallway, divided by a fretwork timber screen. The ceilings are decorative plaster. Two bedrooms are accessed off the hallway. The bedrooms have similar ceilings, architraves and skirting details as the hallway.

The hallway opens into a lounge room with an ornate, domed plaster ceiling. A fire place is set in the corner of this room it has a simple timber surround and mantle. A set of leadlight casement windows are located in the north wall.

The lounge room leads through to a dining room where a corner fire place is located. Off the dining room is a small kitchen and bathroom. The bathroom and kitchen have contemporary joinery.

Figures 13 to 18 illustrate the general character of the interior of the dwelling.



Figure 13: Enclosed entry porch to Grove Street. WPH 2018.



Figure 14: Entry hallway. WPH 2018.

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Figure 15: Front Bedroom to enclosed entry porch. WPH 2018.



Figure 16: Lounge room with decorative dome ceiling, Fireplace and leadlight window. WPH 2018.



Figure 17: Dining area leading to semi enclosed outdoor area. WPH 2018.



Figure 18: Contemporary bathroom. WPH 2018.

### 3.3 The Surrounding Area

For the following, refer to Figure 19, an aerial photograph over the site and the surrounding area.



Figure 19: Aerial photograph over the site and the surrounding area. The site is marked by the red arrow. Google Maps.

Grove Street runs along the eastern side of Birchgrove Park terminating at Miklouho-Maclay Park and Sydney Harbour. No. 95 Grove Street is located on the eastern side where all the houses in this section of the street are set high above overlooking Birchgrove Park. Grove Street is residential in character with a range of architectural styles including Victorian and contemporary terraces, freestanding federation houses, townhouses, contemporary infill and multi residential apartments at the Harbour end. The street is wide with parking to both sides and a generous bitumen footpath along the eastern edge. There are no trees.

The immediately adjoining property to the south of the subject site is No. 93 Grove Street. The dwelling on the site is similar in scale, proportion and style to the subject site, however it is more intact displaying significant Federation detailing as illustrated in Figure 20. Further to the east are a pair of Federation period semis, again relatively intact.

Immediately to the north of the subject site is Nos 40,42 and 44 Wharf Road, a row of three attached, contemporary, two storey townhouses angled diagonally to Grove Street and Wharf Road. They are built on a masonry and sandstone podium to both street frontages that incorporates garaging and separate pedestrian entries. The townhouses are illustrated in Figures 23 and 24.

Figures 20 to 29 illustrate the general character of the street in the vicinity of the site. The location of the subject site is marked by the red arrow in each photograph.



Figure 20: No.95, 93, and 91 Grove Street. The site is marked by the red arrow. WPH 2018.



Figure 21: No.95, 93, and 91 Grove Street and adjacent park The site is marked by the red arrow. WPH 2018.



Figure 22: Looking south up Grove Street. Birchgrove Park on the right. WPH 2018.

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Figure 23: Aerial photograph over the site and the surrounding area. The site is marked by the red arrow. WPH  $2018.\,$ 



Figure 24: No.42 Wharf Road (corner Wharf Road and Grove Street) and No.95 Grove Street to the right. The site is marked by the red arrow. WPH2018.



Figure 25: No.44, 42 and 40 Wharf Road, with No. 95 Grove Street Behind. The site is marked by the red arrow. WPH  $2018\,$ 



Figure 26: View up Grove street from corner of Wharf Road. The site is marked by the red arrow. WPH 2018.



Figure 27: No 26a Grove Street diagonally opposite the subject site. WPH 2018.



Figure 28: Local heritage item No. 22 Grove Street. Opposite the subject site. WPH 2018.



Figure 29: No. 47 Wharf Street, on the Harbour at the corner of Wharf Road and Grove Street. WPH 2018.

### 4.0 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### 4.1 Summary of Existing Citations and Listings for the Site

No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove:

- Is <u>not</u> listed as a heritage item on the State Heritage Register under the auspices
  of the NSW Heritage Act 1977.
- Is not listed as an item of local heritage significance by Schedule 5 Part 1 of Leichhardt LEP 2013.
- <u>Is</u> located within Birchgrove and Ballast Point Heritage Conservation Area as defined by Schedule 5 Part 2 of the *Leichhardt LEP 2013*.
- <u>Is</u> located within the vicinity of local heritage items as defined by Schedule 5
  Part 1 of the *Leichhardt LEP 2013*.

The Leichhardt Heritage Review 2004 provides the following statement of significance for Birchgrove and Ballast Point Heritage Conservation Area:

- One of a number of conservation areas which collectively illustrate the
  nature of Sydney's early suburbs and Leichhardt's suburban growth
  particularly between 1871 and 1891, with pockets of infill up to the end
  of the 1930s (ie prior to World War II). This area retains evidence
  (though somewhat diminished in the last twenty years) of the growth of
  Birchgrove and Ballast Point as marine suburbs and as a maritime
  industrial area from the 1870s-1920s, and other industry developed
  prior to 1941.
- Demonstrates the close relationship between landform, the layout of the roads and the siting of the early villas and industries to take advantage of the marine position.
- Demonstrates the close physical relationship between industry and housing (both middle class and workers housing) in nineteenth century cities.
- Demonstrates the development of brick making in Sydney through its building materials with the use of plastered brick walls and dry-pressed face bricks (unplastered, unpainted) walls.

 Demonstrates one of a number of late nineteenth century bay reclamation projects which characterise Sydney Harbour.

### 4.2 Heritage Items in the Vicinity of the Site

For the following, 'in the vicinity' has been determined with reference to physical proximity, existing and potential view corridors and the nature of the proposed works.

Figure 30 shows the location of heritage items, listed by Schedule 5, Part 1 of the *Leichhardt LEP 2031* with respect to the site. Heritage items are coloured brown and numbered. Landscape heritage items are coloured green. Conservation Areas are hatched in red and numbered. The subject site is indicated by the black arrow.



Figure 30: Detail of the Leichhardt Heritage Map. The subject site is indicated by the black arrow. Leichhardt LEP 2013.

The following heritage items listed under Schedule 5 Part 1 of the  $\it Leichhardt LEP 2013$  are located within the vicinity of the subject site:

- Birchgrove Park includes Birchgrove Oval Tennis Courts, playground, caretaker's, Birchgrove (1535).
- House including interiors, 22 Grove Street, Birchgrove (1537).
- Clifton Villa, House, 73 Ballast Point Rd, Birchgrove (I519)
- Exeter Villas, semi-detached house, 34 Wharf Rd, Birchgrove (1610)
- Exeter Villas, semi-detached house, 36 Wharf Rd, Birchgrove (1608)
- 4.2.1 The State Heritage Database provides the following statement of significance for Birchgrove Park, George Street, Birchgrove (1535):

Birchgrove Park is of high local historic, aesthetic, technological and social significance as one of a number of waterfront open public reserves created by the State Government and specifically formed Trust from the early 1880s. Gazetted in 1894 the creation of the Park reflects the Victorian practice of acquiring, resuming and reserving open public land in developing suburbs. The Birchgrove Park Trust formed in 1882 to oversee its creation and development included notable Balmain identities including Elkington, Deloitte and Buchanan. It significantly retains clear water views, stone features and open grassed areas retaining a number of mature plantings and specimen trees and amphitheatre like configuration around the Oval. The recleamation of the mud-flats of Snail's Bay, form and graceful shape of the Park represents a modest technical and aestethic achievement of the late 19th century. The Park allows both passive recreation and organised sport and is of high social significance to the local community and sporting clubs including the Balmain District Cricket Club, Balmain Tennis Association and NSW Rubgy League.'1

Birchgrove Park is a Late Victorian period public reserve including tennis courts, playing oval, playground and caretaker's residence.

This item has a lot boundary curtilage. The principal view corridors towards this item are from directly outside of it in the surrounding streets including Grove Street, Rose Street, The Terrace and Louisa Road, on approach in either direction along these roads and from within the grounds of the park itself. There are views to and from the subject site to this item.

4.2.2 The State Heritage Database provides the following statement of significance for *House including interiors*, 22 Grove Street, Birchgrove (1537).

No. 22 Grove Street is of local historic and aesthetic significance as a good and highly intact late Victorian period dwelling with Filigree details constructed in c. 1879. Despite subdivision of the site and some modifications and alterations the building retains its overall scale, form, character and details including face brick and rendered façades, roof form and chimneys, open verandah and balcony and associated cast iron details and roof, pattern of openings and timber windows and doors. The building is enhanced by several mature trees and adjacent Park and makes a positive contribution to the Grove Street streetscape.

Whitfield, No. 22 Grove Street, is a two storey Victorian Filigree Style free standing terrace. The front elevation to Grove Street is constructed of face brickwork, with ashlar rendered side walls and a gabled slate tiled roof.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Birchgrove Park, Birchgrove. State Heritage Inventory Database No.: 1940578.

This item has a lot boundary curtilage. The principal view corridors towards this item are from directly outside of it on Grove Street. The dwelling is concealed until close on approach along Grove Street due to the heavy vegetation around it. There are views to and from the subject site to this item.

4.2.3 The State Heritage Database provides the following statement of significance for *House, 'Clifton Villa', including interiors,* 73 Ballast Point Road, Birchgrove (I519):

No. 73 Ballast Point Road is of local historic and aesthetic significance as a good example of a two storey plus attic stone Victorian Rustic Gothic style dwelling constructed c. 1870. Despite some additions, the building significantly retains its overall scale, form, character and details including the stone facades, distinctive double gable roof form and timber details, chimney, roof dormers, open verandah and associated details, pattern of openings, attached and detached stone wings and front fence. The building is a prominent feature in the area and due to its elevated location is also partially visible from Wharf Road. It is enhanced by several mature trees and garden setting and makes a positive contribution to the Ballast Point Road streetscape.

No. 73 Ballast Point Road, 'Clifton Villa', is a Victorian Rustic Gothic Style sandstone dwelling. This item has a lot boundary curtilage. The principal view corridors to this item are from Ballast Point Road and Bates Street. There are also views of it from the harbour. There are no views to and from the subject site and this item due to the intervening house, topography level changes and dense landscaping between the properties.

4.2.4 The State Heritage Database provides the following statement of significance for Semi-Detached *House, 'Exeter Villas', including interiors,* 34 Wharf Road, Birchgrove (1608):

No. 34 Wharf Road is of local historic and aesthetic significance as a good example of a Victorian Regency style single storey plus attic stone semi-detached dwelling constructed in c. 1870. Despite alterations to the rear, the building significantly retains its overall scale, form, character and details as presents to the street including the stone facades, roof form, party wall and chimney, roof dormers, open front verandah and associated details, side entry and pattern of openings and front wall/fence. The building is elevated above street and is enhanced by a garden setting. With the adjoined semi Nos. 34-36 make a positive contribution to the Wharf Road streetscape.

No. 34 Wharf Road, 'Exeter House', is a Victorian Regency Style semi-detached dwelling. This item has a lot boundary curtilage. The principal view corridors to this item are from Wharf Road. There no views to and from the subject site and this item due to the intervening houses, topography level changes and dense landscaping between the properties.

4.2.5 The State Heritage Database provides the following statement of significance for Semi-Detached *House, 'Exeter Villas', including interiors,* 36 Wharf Road, Birchgrove (1610):

No. 36 Wharf Road is of local historic and aesthetic significance as a good example of a Victorian Regency style single storey plus attic stone semi-detached dwelling constructed in c. 1870. Despite alterations to the rear, the building significantly retains its overall scale, form, character and details as presents to the street including the stone facades, roof form, party wall and chimney, roof dormers, open front verandah and associated details, side entry and pattern of openings and front

wall/fence. The building is elevated above street and is enhanced by a garden setting. With the adjoined semi Nos. 34-36 make a positive contribution to the Wharf Road streetscape.

No. 36 Wharf Road, 'Exeter House', is a Victorian Regency Style semi-detached dwelling. This item has a lot boundary curtilage. The principal view corridors to this item are from Wharf Road. There no views to and from the subject site and this item due to the intervening houses, topography level changes and dense landscaping between the properties.

### 5.0 SCOPE OF WORKS

The following should be read in conjunction with the  $\rm s4.55$  plans prepared by DKO Architecture that accompanies this Application.

The scope of work includes:

- Retention of the front section of the cottage to No. 95 Grove Street including the chimney. Internal and external modifications to this section of the house include:
  - o Retain window in Bed 1.
  - o Replace window in Bed 2 within the same window opening.
  - New window to Bed 3 to match the windows in Bed 1 and 2.
  - Modification to some internal walls.
  - The enclosed entry porch overlooking Grove Street is reopened with removing the glazing and installation of a balustrade to the new opening.
- Demolition to the rear of the house including the kitchen, bathroom, laundry and outdoor room.

It is proposed to construct a two storey addition behind the retained single storey cottage including:

- Ground Level: A bathroom, laundry/pantry and open plan kitchen, dining and lounge area at the existing ground floor level of the house. The loungeroom opens out to a small deck and steps up to the rear yard beyond.
- First Floor Level: A Master Bedroom with ensuite, Bedroom 4, bathroom and interconnecting stair.
- The addition is clad in fibre cement weatherboard and facebrick to the rear yard, a hipped corrugated iron roof, timber framed windows and louvred privacy screening.
- The proposed addition steps down to a single storey skillion roof to the rear yard.

### 6.0 METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

The following considers heritage related issues only. It does not consider compliance or otherwise with numerical controls unless non-compliance will result in an adverse heritage impact. Refer to the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) that accompanies this application.

The proposal is assessed with a full understanding of the requirements for Heritage Impact Statements provided by the NSW Heritage Office (now Division) publication *Statements of Heritage Impact* (2002 update) and the relevant objectives and controls provided by the *Leichhardt LEP 2013* and of the *Leichhardt DCP 2013*.

The recommended management provisions on the heritage inventory listing sheet for the heritage items in the vicinity have been read and understood.

### 7.0 EFFECT OF WORK

### 7.1 Effect of Work on Birchgrove and Ballast Point Heritage Conservation Area

The proposed addition to the rear of the cottage will have a minimal and acceptable impact on the significance of Birchgrove and Ballast Point Heritage Conservation Area for the following reasons:

- The proposed changes to the Grove Street elevation, will reinstate the original open entry porch to the cottage.
- The fron
- The chimney and existing windows locations to the north elevation of the cottage are retained as existing.
- The form and envelope of the front portion of the cottage to Grove Street and the Heritage Conservation Area is retained. The existing views from the Heritage Conservation Area to the site is retained.
- The proposed works are confined to the rear of the site which has reduced visibility from the public domain and the heritage Conservation Area. The rear addition begins more than 16 metres from the front the boundary.
- The proposed envelope of the s4.55 visible from the public domain and the Heritage Conservation Area is the same as the approved. There is a minor extension at the rear of the proposal at ground level which is not visible from the public domain.
- The ground floor of the cottage is more than 6 metres above Grove Street this coupled with the distance of the addition from Grove Street, creates an acute viewing angle and minimises the visibility of the addition from street level.
- Where visible, the addition will have a minor impact on the Heritage
  Conservation Area, the works are recessive to an sit behind the cottage. The
  cottage will remain the dominant element on the site from the public domain
  and will continue to contribute to the Heritage Conservation Area as a
  recognisable interwar period dwelling.
- The height of the proposed addition is lower than the townhouses immediate north of the site, Nos 40, 42 and 44 Wharf Road and the house at the rear of the site, No.46 Wharf Road. The buildings will screen the addition from Wharf Road and partially from Grove Street and the Heritage Conservation area. Refer 31.

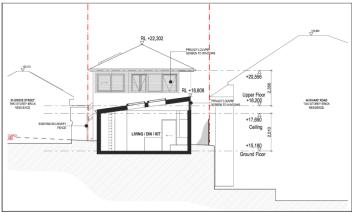


Figure 31: Architect's drawing illustrating Nos 40-44 Wharf Rd is taller than proposed addition to No. 95 Grove Street.

- The form of the proposed addition is in keeping with adjacent angled roof forms within the Heritage Conservation Area.
- The proposed works remove intrusive elements to the building creating a
  positive impact on the Heritage Conservation Area and provide a better
  understanding of the cottage from the interwar period. These include:
  - Reopening the front entry verandah to Grove Street.
  - Removal of contemporary vertical cladding to the front elevation and gable and replacement with timber shingles.
- The proposed material palette and colours is sympathetic to the interwar character of the building and in keeping with the Heritage Conservation Area.

### 7.2 Effect of Work on Heritage Items within the vicinity

The proposed works will have a minimal and acceptable impact on the significance of heritage items in the vicinity for the following reasons:

- The proposed works will not block significant views to or from these items.
- The proposed works are to the rear of the site and will only be viewed obliquely from No. 22 Grove Street and not at all from Birchgrove Park, Clifton Villa or the Exeter semi-detached houses.

### 8.0 CONCLUSIONS

This Heritage Impact Statement has been prepared in conjunction with an s4.55 application to modify D/2019/252 for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling at No. 95 Grove Street, Birchgrove.

No.95 Grove Street is not a heritage item. It is a modified interwar dwelling constructed around 1927 that lies within the Birchgrove and Ballast Point Heritage Conservation Area. The proposed work substantially retain the interwar bungalow on the site with

the proposed rear addition set well back from Grove street. This, combined with the dwelling's height above Grove Street, minimises its visibility from the public domain. Dwellings along Wharf Road, north and east of the subject site are taller than the proposed height of the addition, which will block views to the proposed addition from Wharf Road and the Heritage Conservation Area.

The addition will have a minimal impact on the Heritage Conservation Area as it will only be obliquely viewed from the north on Grove Street. The proposed massing is lower than the adjacent dwellings on Wharf Road and has been reduced further in line with Council's Pre- DA advice.

The proposed works retain and restore the existing details of the bungalow including reopening the front entry porch to Grove street, northern windows and chimney.

The proposed works will have no impact on the significance of the Heritage Items in the vicinity of the subject site at No.22 Grove Street, Birchgrove Park. The location of the addition to the rear of the site and height of the dwelling above Grove Street prevents any interruption to existing view corridors to or from the heritage items and the site.

The proposed works will have no impact on the significance of the Heritage Items in the vicinity of the subject site at Nos 34 and 36 Wharf Road and No.73 Ballast Point Road as there are no view corridors connecting these items with the subject site.

The proposed works fulfil the objectives for works in the vicinity of heritage items set out by the  $Leichhardt\ LEP\ 2013$  and the  $Leichhardt\ DCP\ 2013$ .