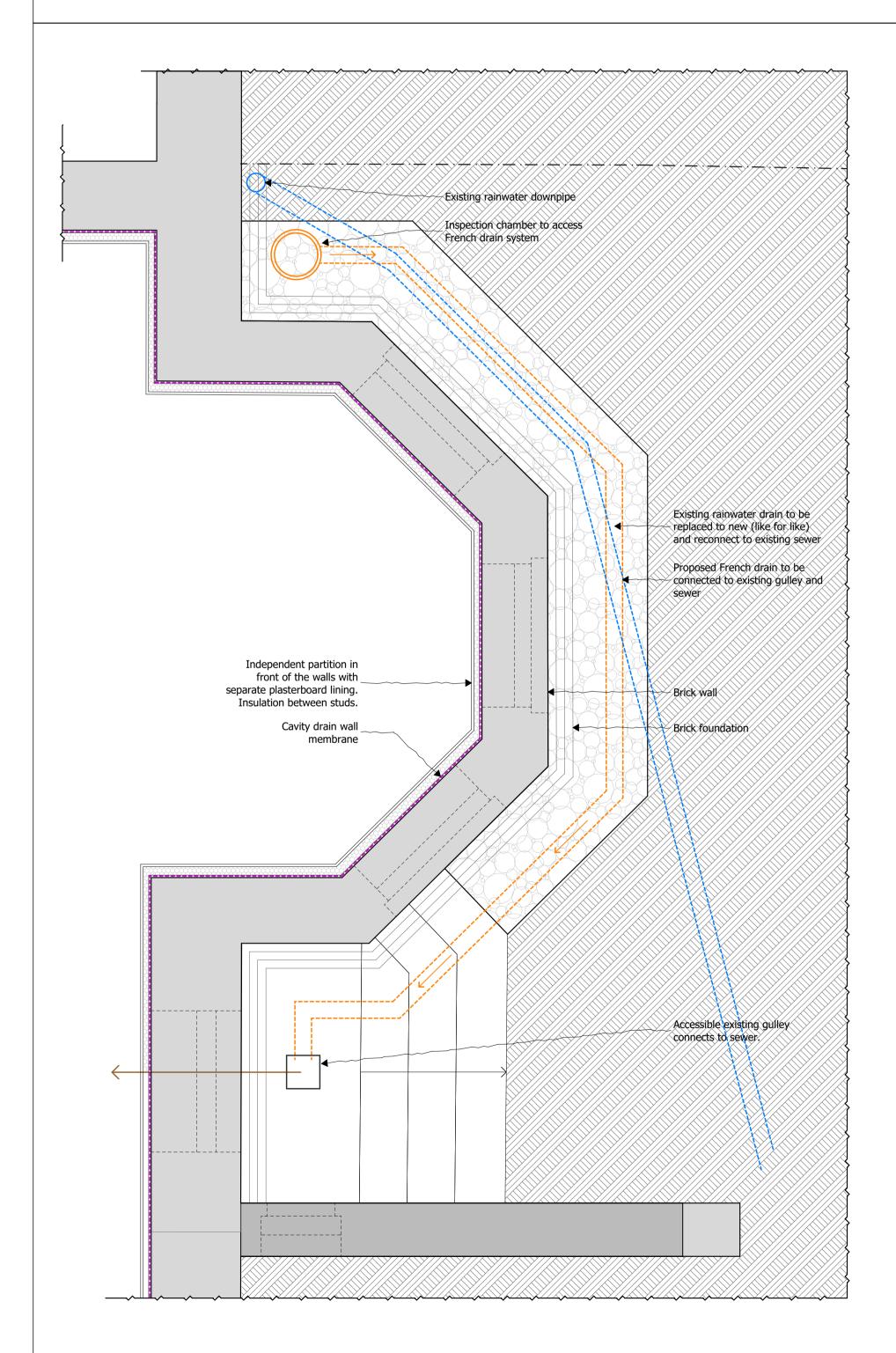
External walls: The external walls were not inspected in detail. At the rear elevation, the walls were generally of similar construction to the front elevation. To the bay window, the walls below ground level had been applied with a vertical course of slate. This was cracked and spalled in areas. This was not acting effectively as a barrier to dampness, however, would reduce the dampness penetrating into the walls. Given the relative flexibility and capacity for movement of the walls, a more rigid material was bound to crack. Given the perched water table rainwater and likely build up of water within the earth against the bay, moisture was always likely to penetrate into the property

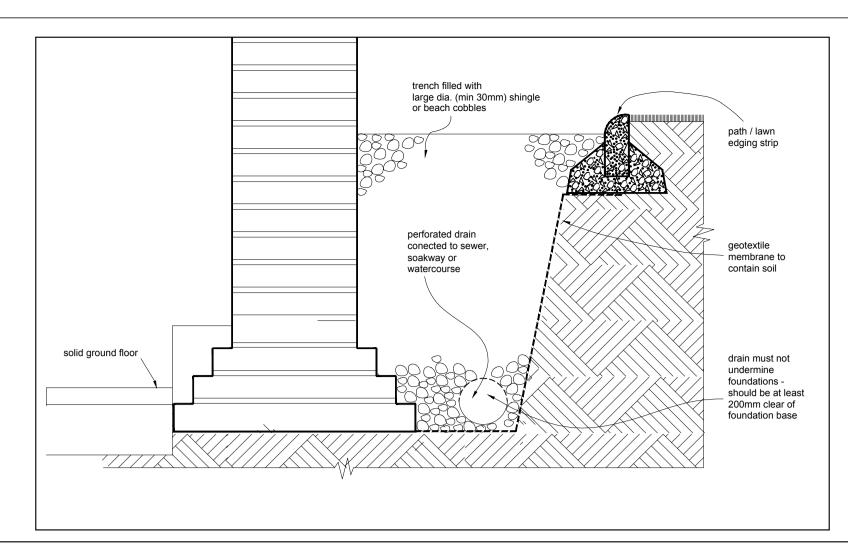
The slate could be retained. It will be providing some protection against groundwater and acting as a type A tanking system albeit with defects, allowing moisture to trickle rather than freely flow through. This would require additional protection internally in the form of a CDM system as mentioned later within the report

To the east there was an excavated trench around the bay window. H+R were informed that this was to be backfilled. Some signs of a retrofit injected DPC were observed. It should be noted that these are rarely effective, as was certainly the case with the building given masonry samples were saturated above DPC level

All areas where external ground levels are above internal ground levels and finished floor levels are intended to remain that way would be deemed below ground structures and would require protection in line with BS8102: 2022. No injected DPCs are required.

An air drain could be installed within the trench around the bay window. An alternative could be a French drain, although these tend to get blocked by silt and therefore should comprise of a perforated pipe, geotextile membrane and inspection chambers





Typical Detail

French drain

General detail for adaption to use
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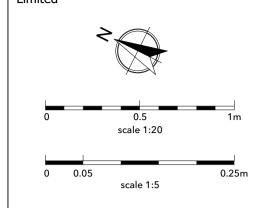
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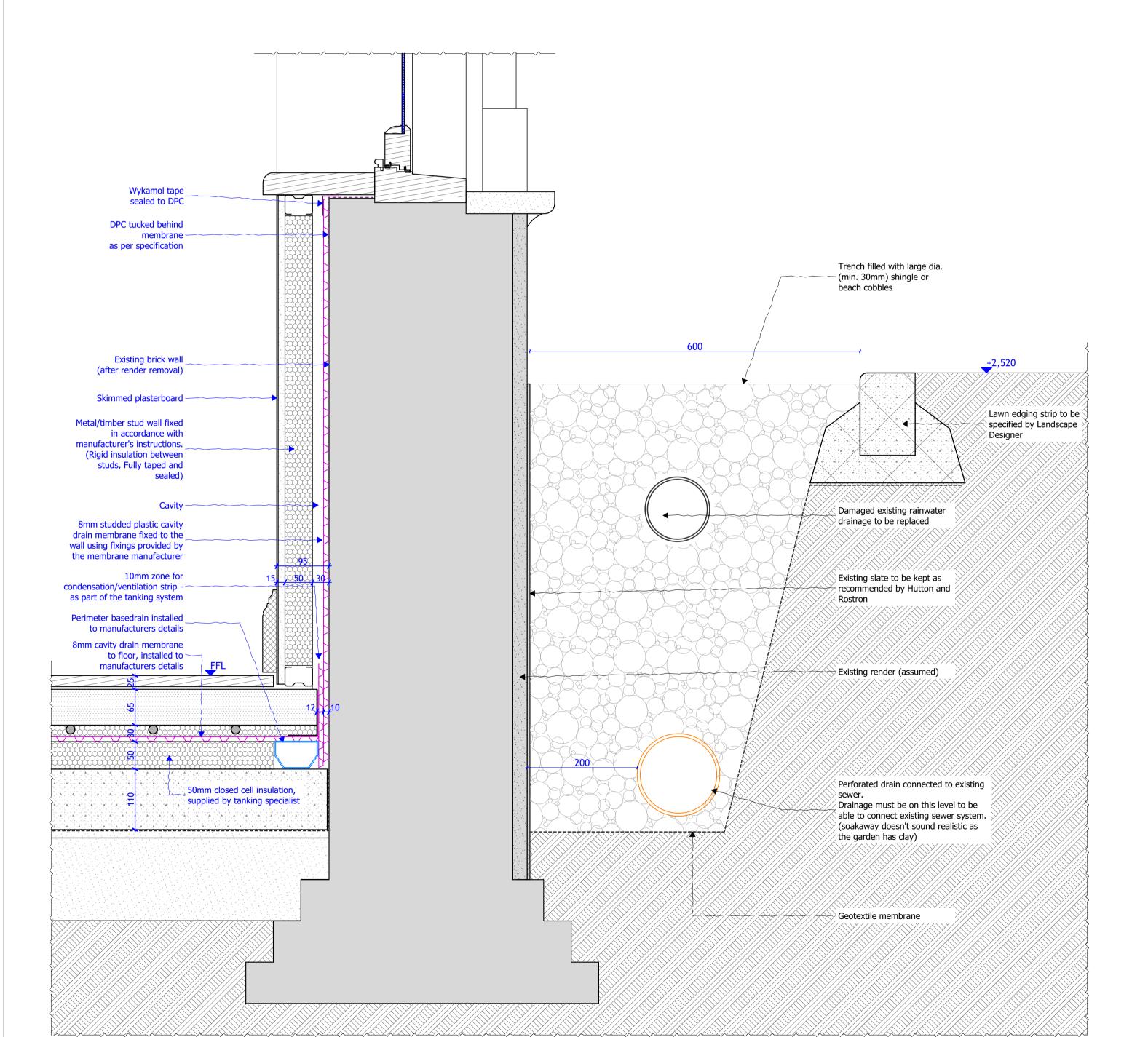
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