



LISTED BUILDING CONSENT DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

White House Hotel
Albany Street, Regent's Park
London NW1 3UP

Melia Hotels International

Basement refurbishment
March 2025



01 INTRODUCTION

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DESIGN STATEMENT FOR BASEMENT REFURBISHMENT PROPOSAL

This report accompanies a reapplication for Listed Building Consent for the refurbishment of a portion of the existing basement of the White House Building, transforming it into a guest swimming pool and spa. Consent for these works was previously granted in 2021 (application reference 2021/0140/L), but as it has now lapsed, we are submitting the application again for exactly the same scope of work. The hotel intends to proceed with the works as soon as the new consent is granted.

The refurbishment includes the conversion of a meeting room into a swimming pool, building on previous applications for the same site. The current basement layout and decoration date back to 1999, with no apparent remnants of the original interior layout or detailing, as highlighted in the Historic Building Report accompanying this application. The proposed works will enhance the 1999 refurbishment without negatively impacting the Listed Building.

The operator’s objective is to provide an additional amenity for guests while upgrading an underutilized part of the building. The new pool area will include a guest swimming pool, changing facilities, and a small sauna.

Access to the pool will be via the existing circular staircase in the northwestern corner, connecting the basement to the ground floor and the hotel lobby. A secondary access and escape route will be available via an existing staircase leading onto Albany Street.

The interior design of the pool and access areas has been developed by Melia Hotel Group’s designers, ASAH, ensuring a high-quality finish that aligns with the operator's commitment to maintaining the hotel’s standards and services, while respecting the character of the Listed Building.



1. Melia White House

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The Melia White House Hotel is a Grade II listed, nine-storey building arranged in a distinctive star shape. Originally constructed in 1936 as serviced flats, the building has undergone multiple transformations and is now a luxury hotel. Its elevations are clad in pale cream faience tiles, with a slightly darker shade used at the ground floor level and for the horizontal banding at each floor, giving the façade a refined and elegant appearance.

The building was gradually converted into a hotel from 1959 onwards, and by 1970, it was officially operating as a full-scale hotel. In 1972, the property was acquired by Rank Organisation, which undertook an extensive three-year renovation.

Throughout the 1980s, a new lift system was installed, and several public and private areas were refurbished, including the main lobby, bar, and guest bedrooms. By 1990, additional facilities were introduced, such as a business centre, leisure centre, and expanded conference and banqueting suites. Between 1974 and 1995, the building underwent further modifications, including several single-storey extensions located between the west and east wings, as confirmed by on-site inspections.

Since 1999, the hotel has been operated by Sol Meliá, which has carried out a major renovation project encompassing upgrades to the entrance lobby, guest rooms, meeting spaces, and restaurant facilities. Today, the Melia White House Hotel offers 548 elegantly designed bedrooms, catering to both business and leisure travelers.



1. Melia White House



2. The White House, Regents Park 1946



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AERIAL VIEWS OF THE WHITE HOUSE HOTEL

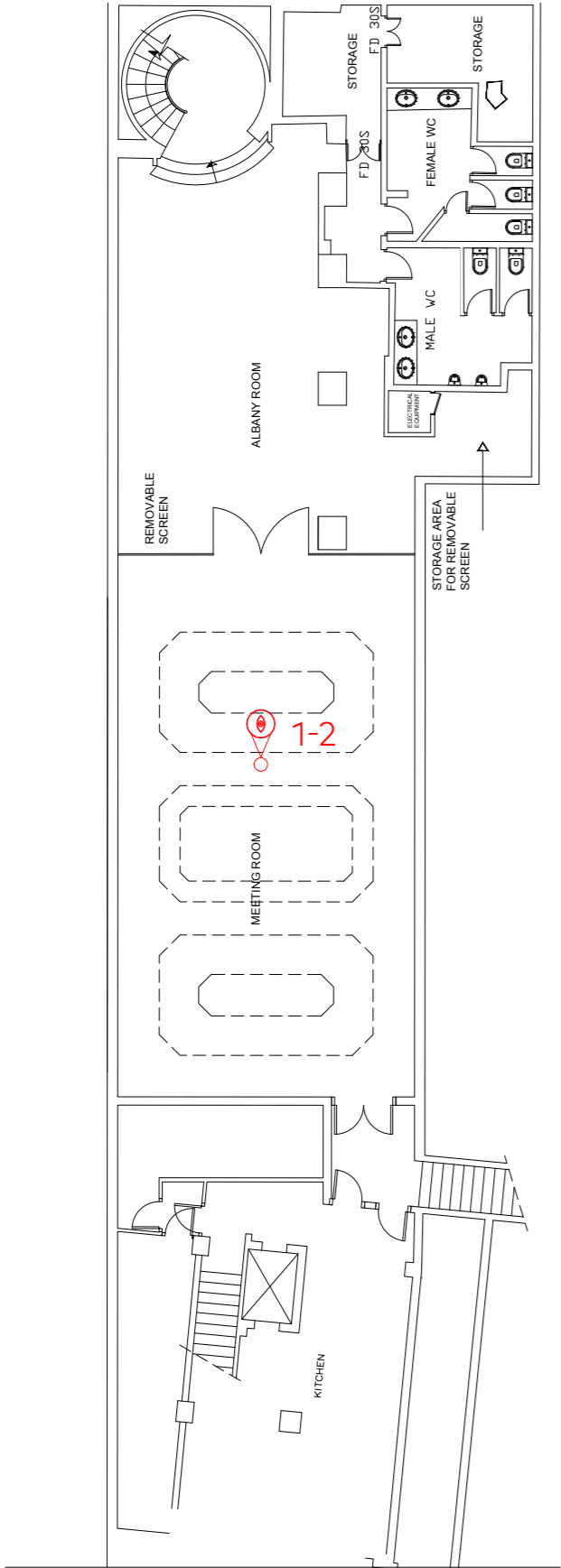




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EXISTING PHOTOS OF THE INSIDE OF THE BASEMENT



Key plan of existing basement



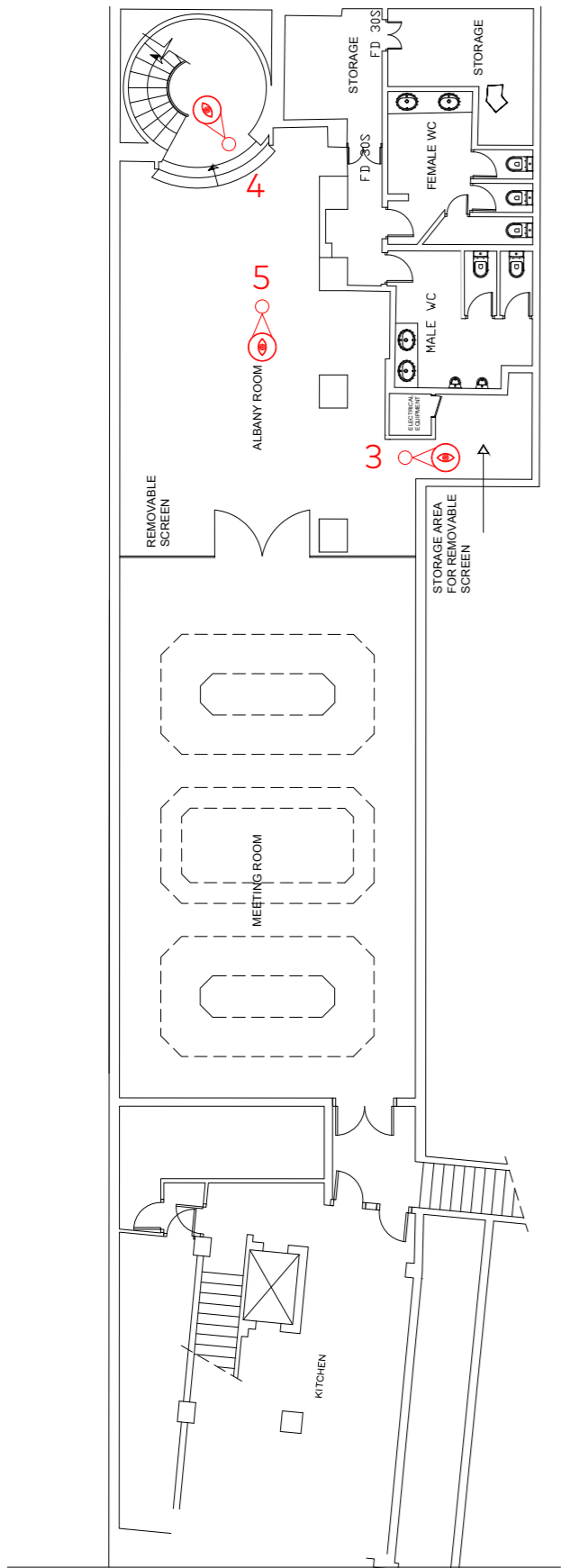
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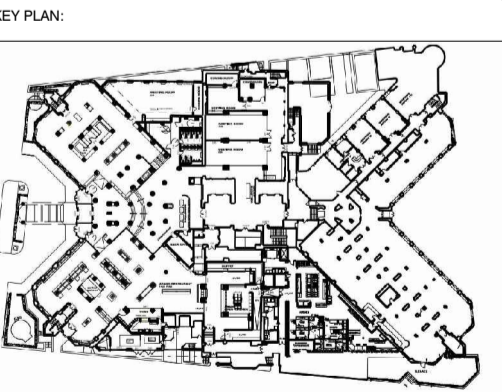


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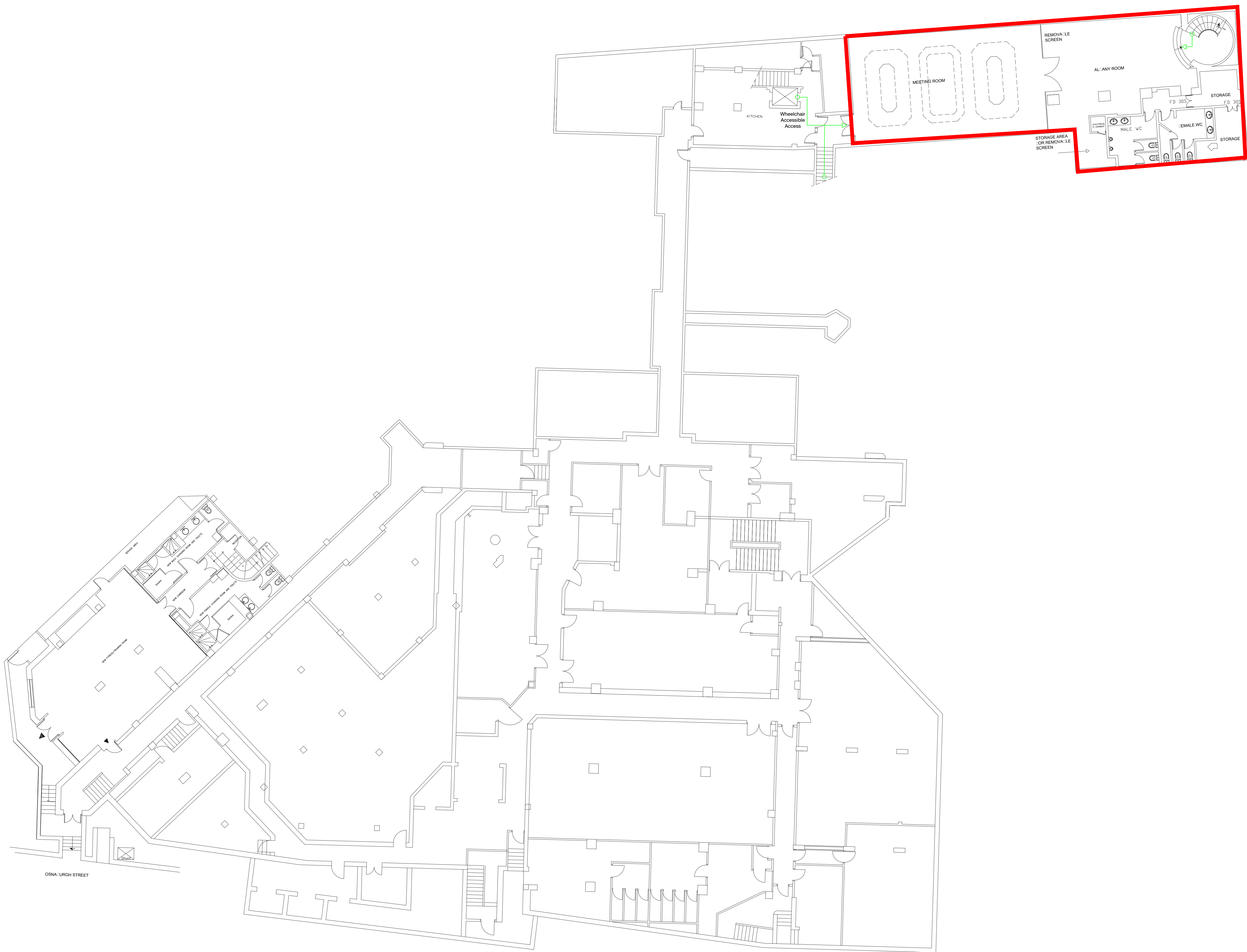


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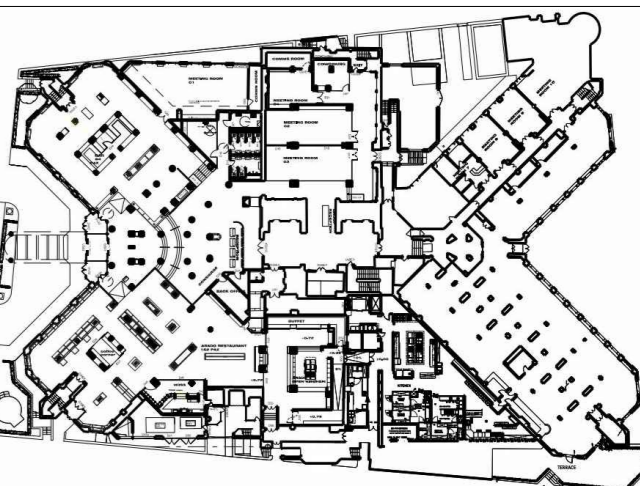
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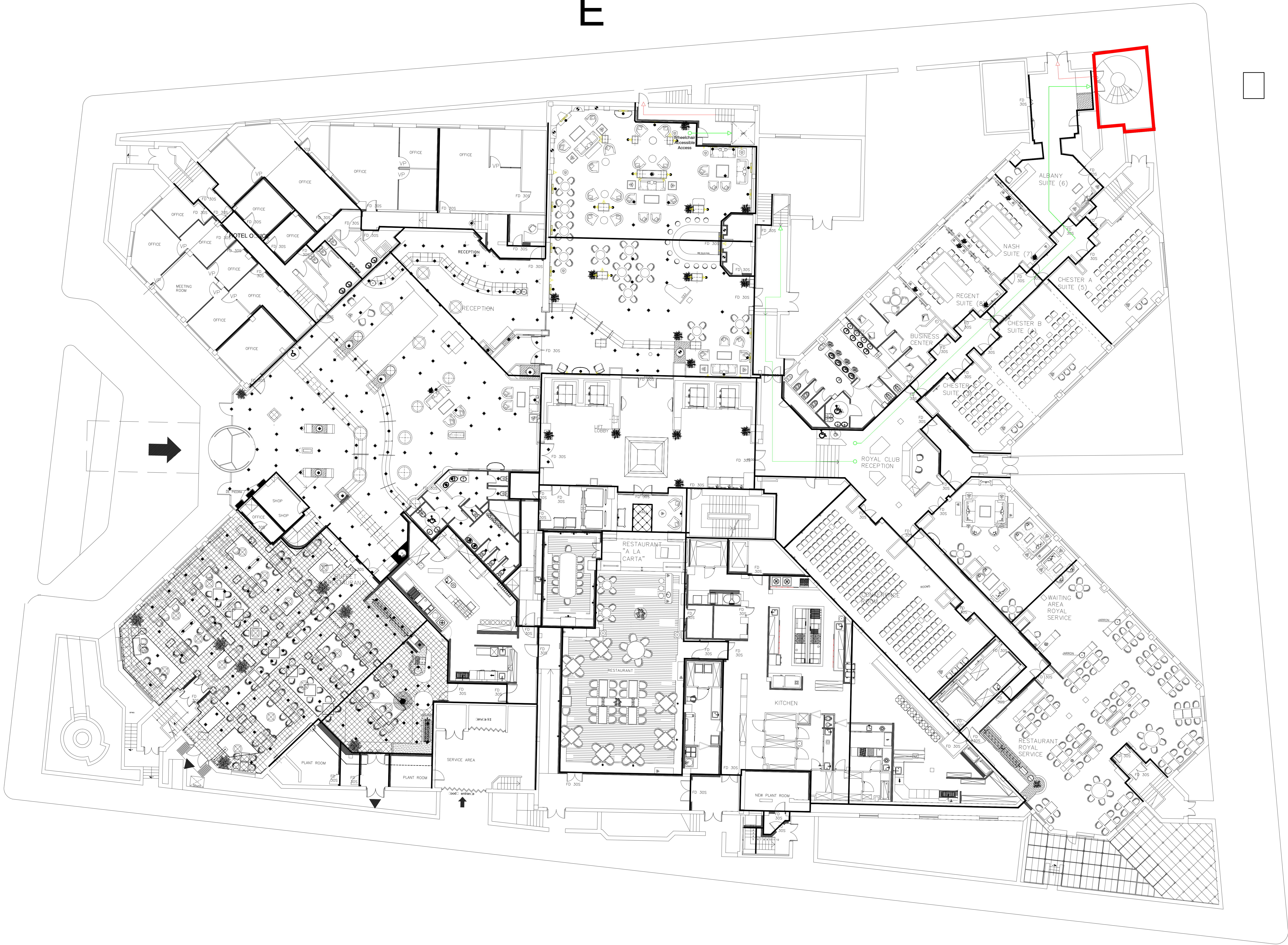
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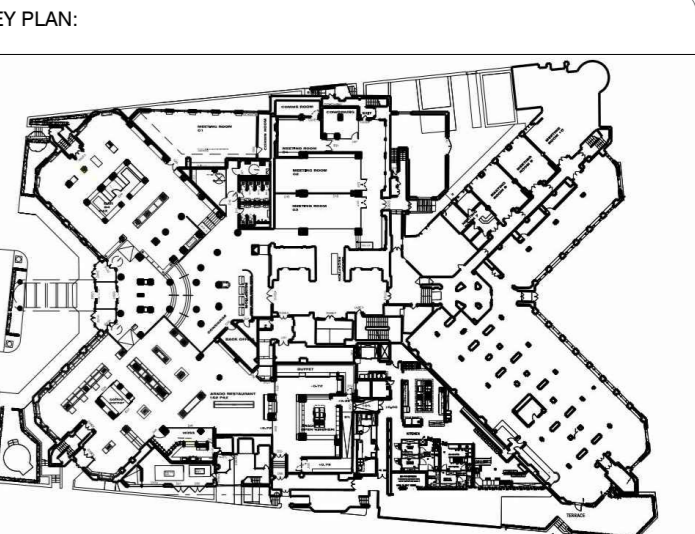
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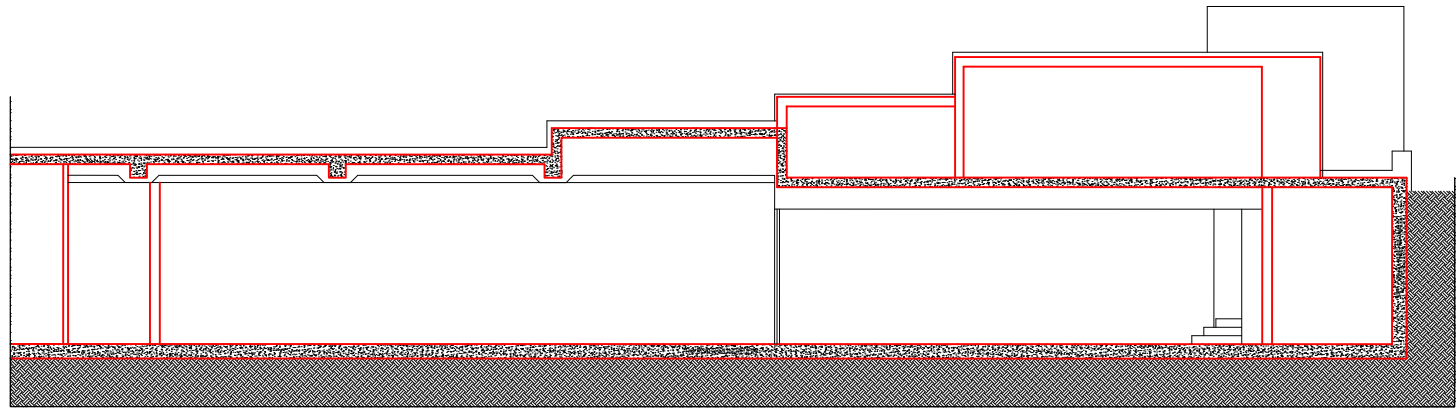
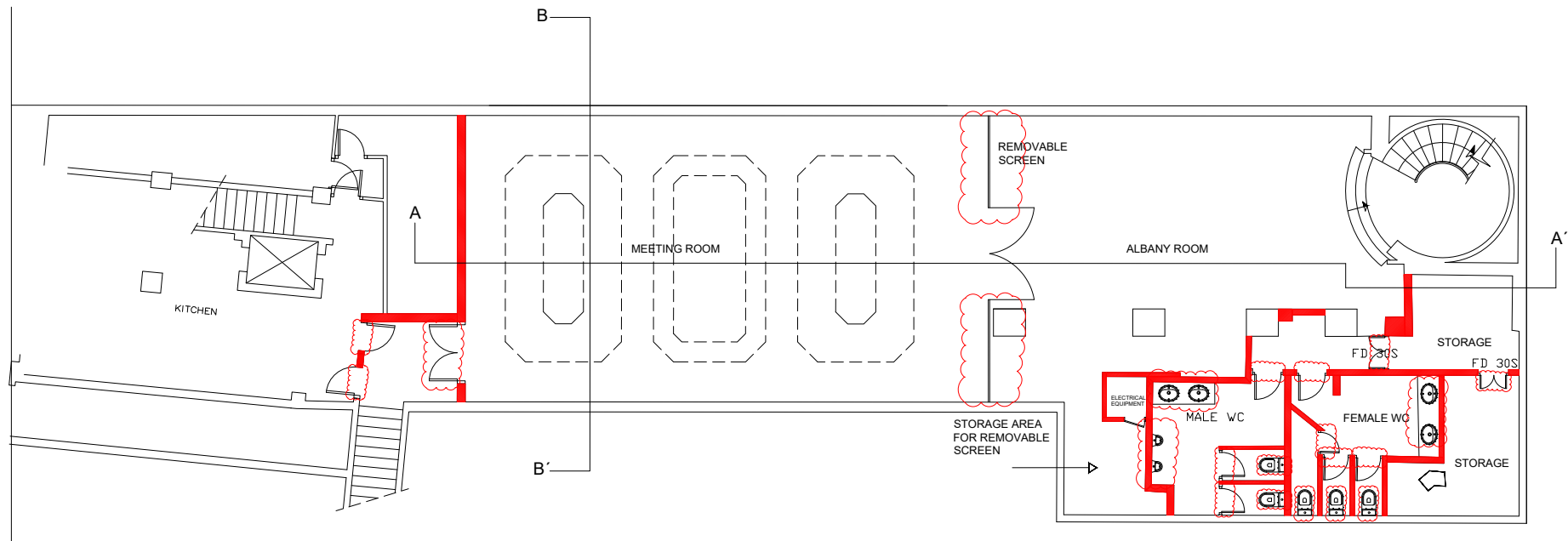
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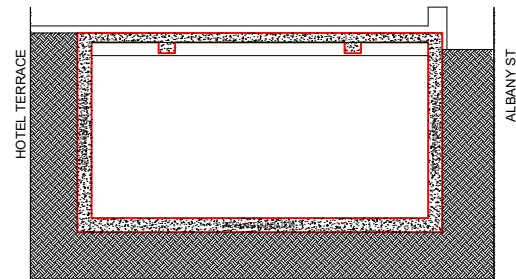
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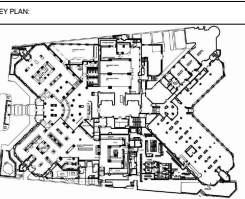
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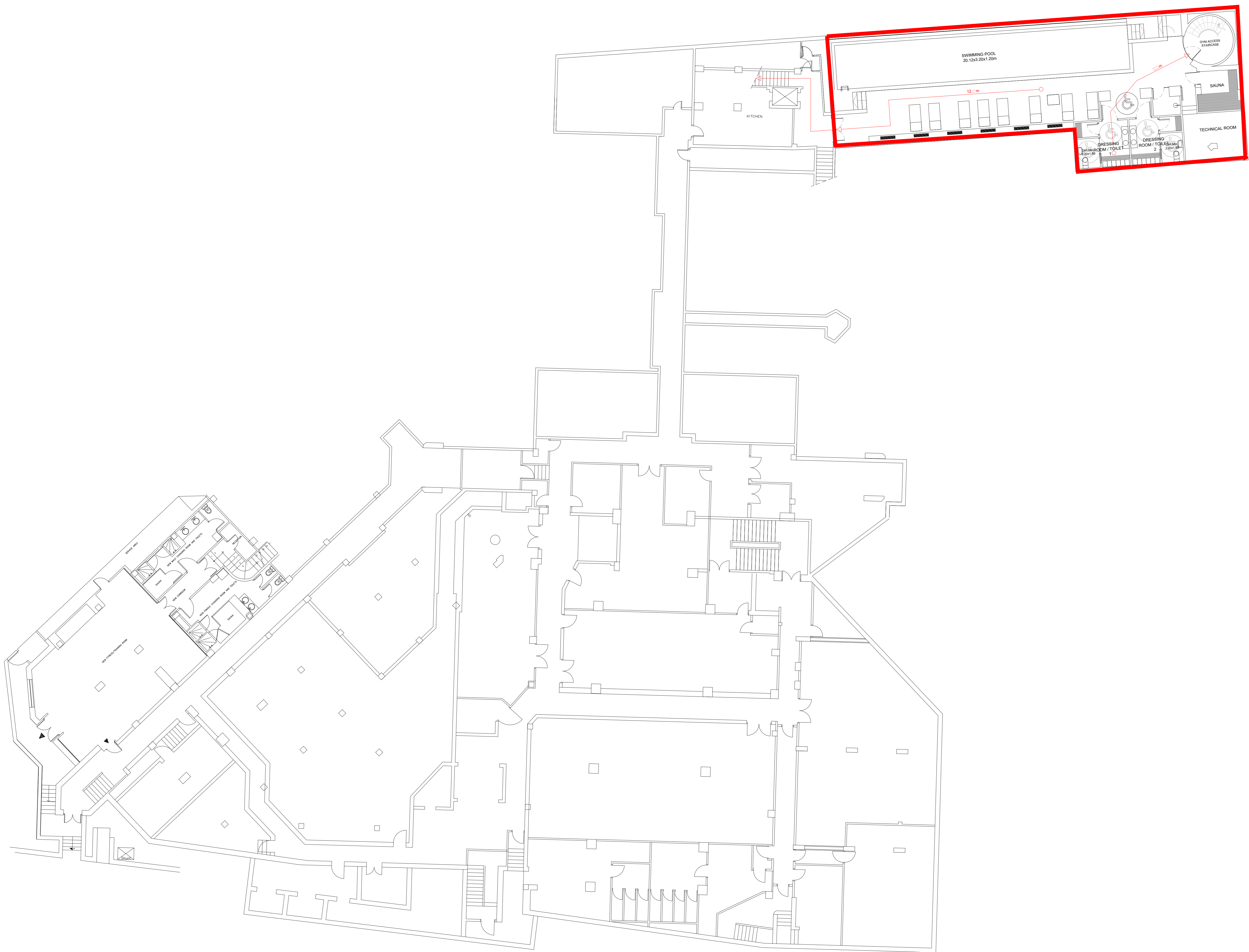
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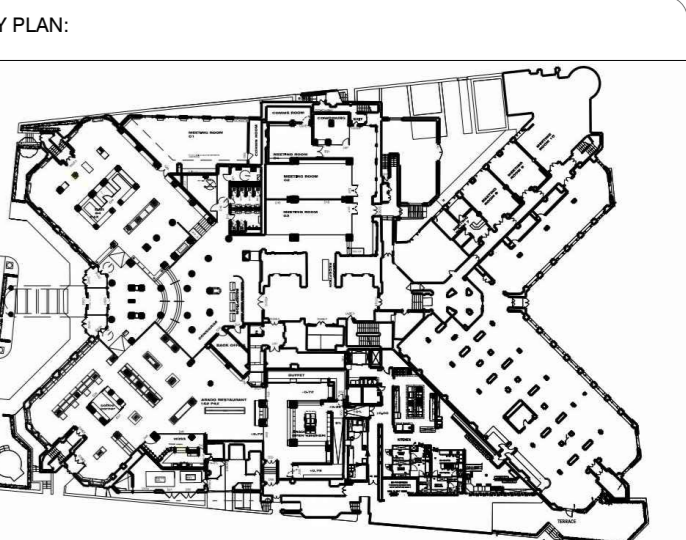
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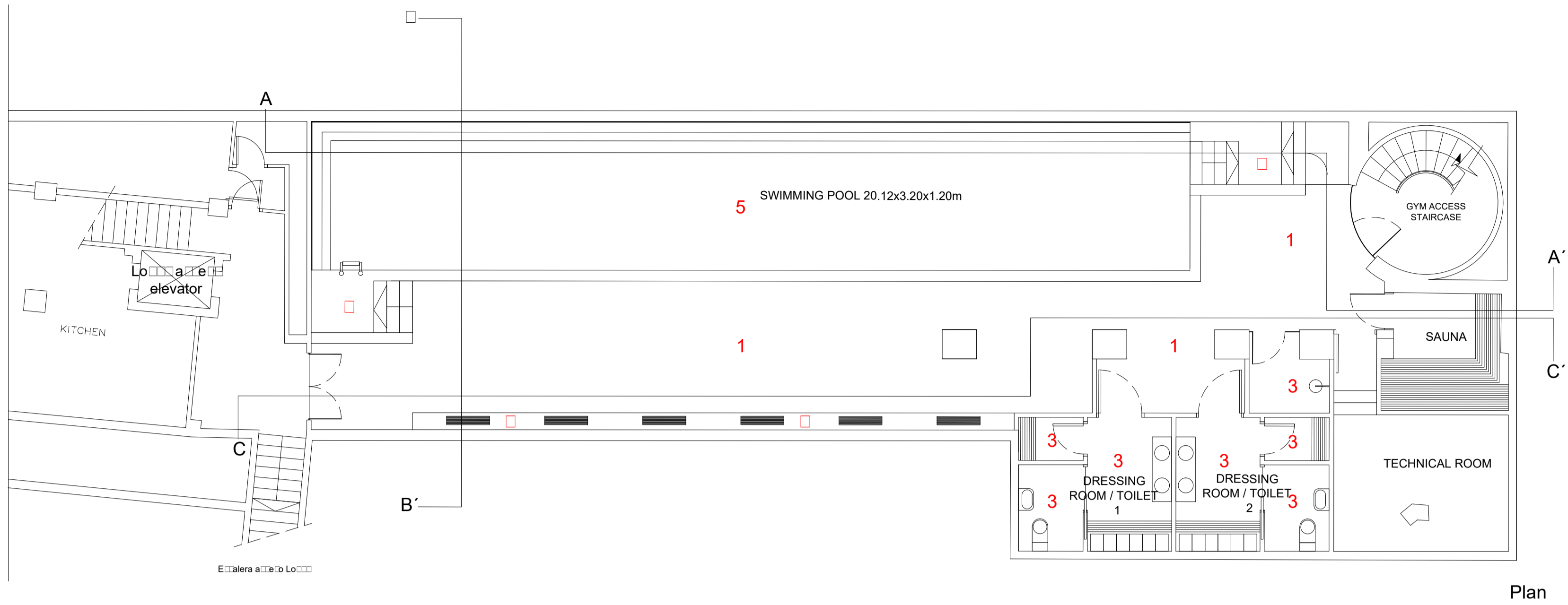
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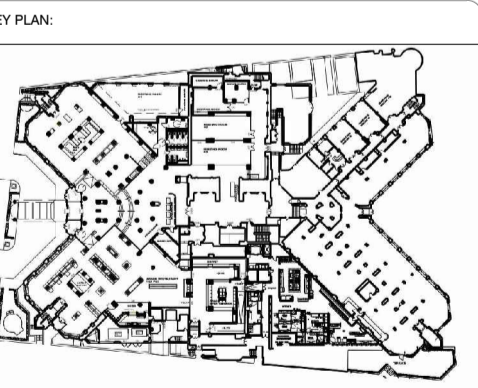
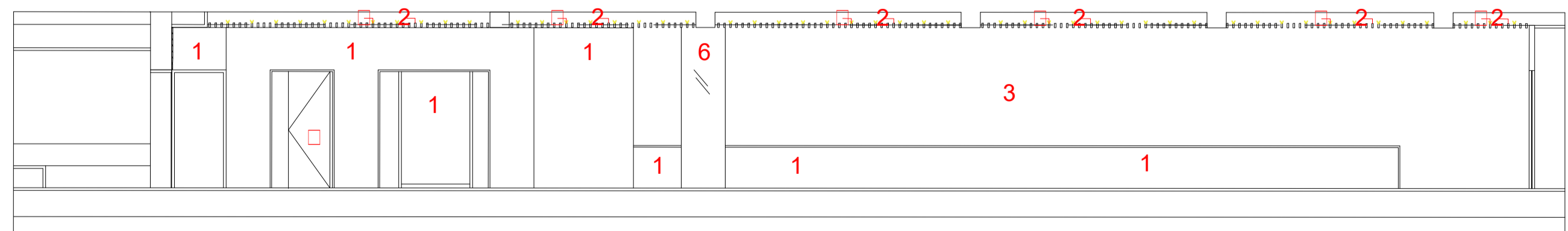
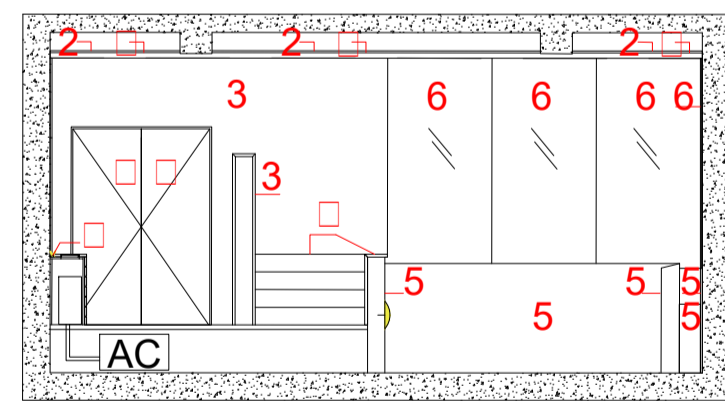
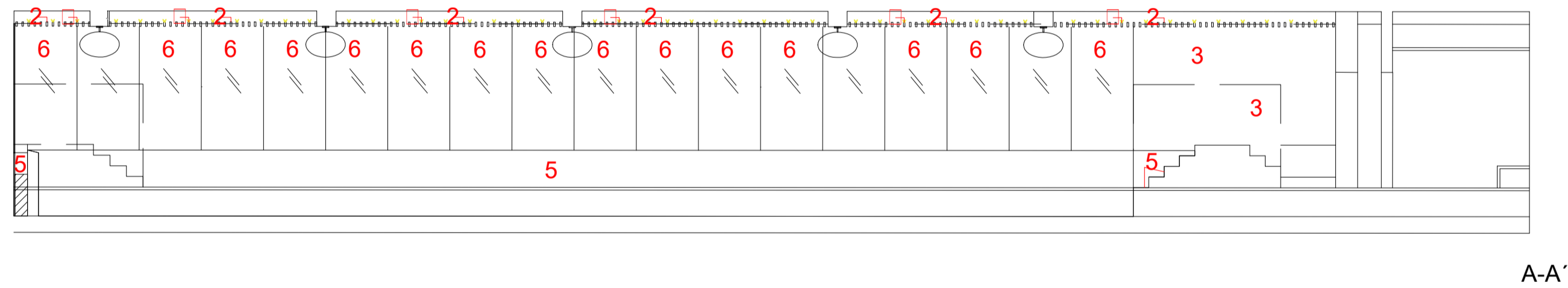
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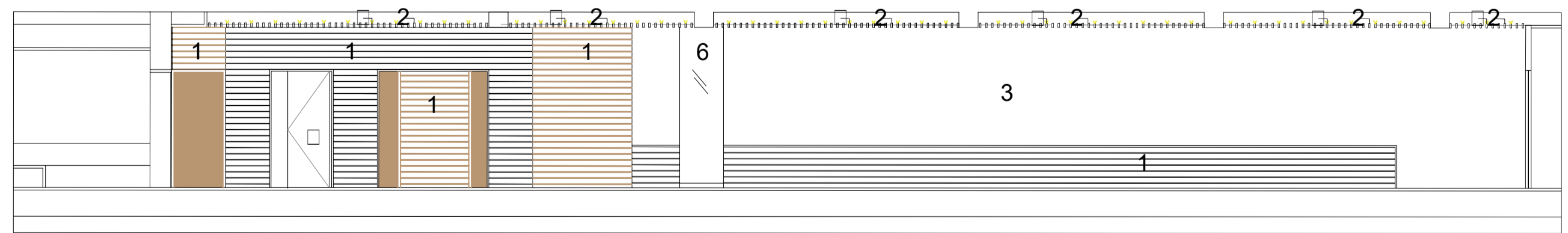
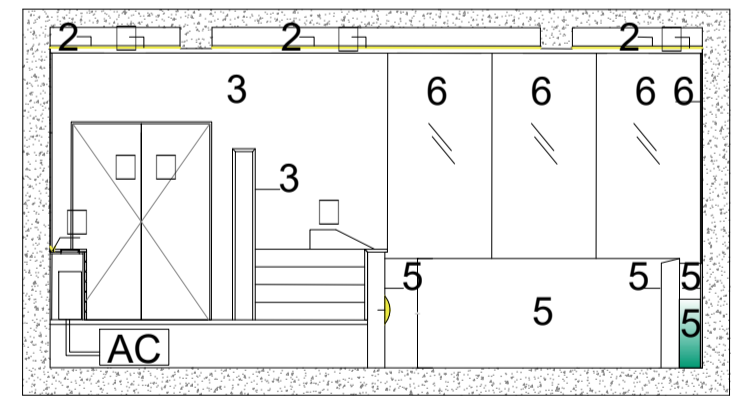
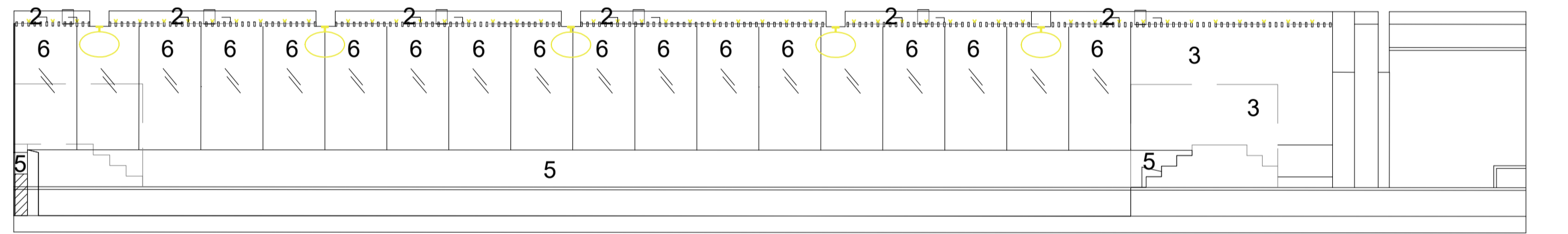
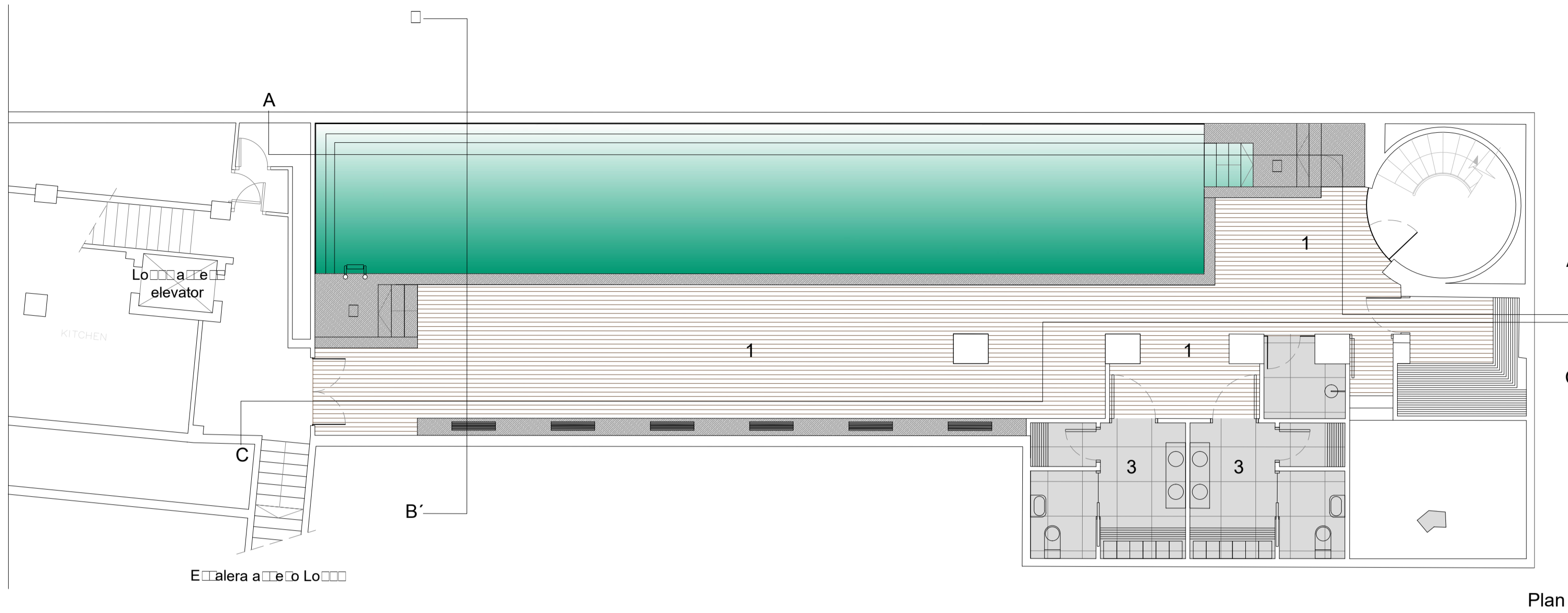
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3. LARGE FORMAT MACAEL MARBLE POLISHING
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5. PIN GRES MISTERY GREY
6. IRON: E MIRROR
7. GLASS
8. LED LIGHTING

FLOOR TEXTURES

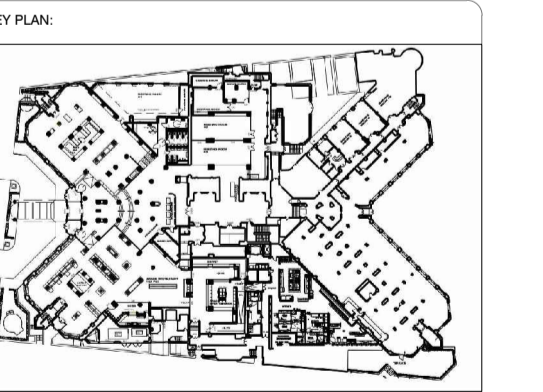
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In order to guarantee the correct operation of the swimming pool services it will be necessary to introduce 2 air extraction grills on the Longford street façade.

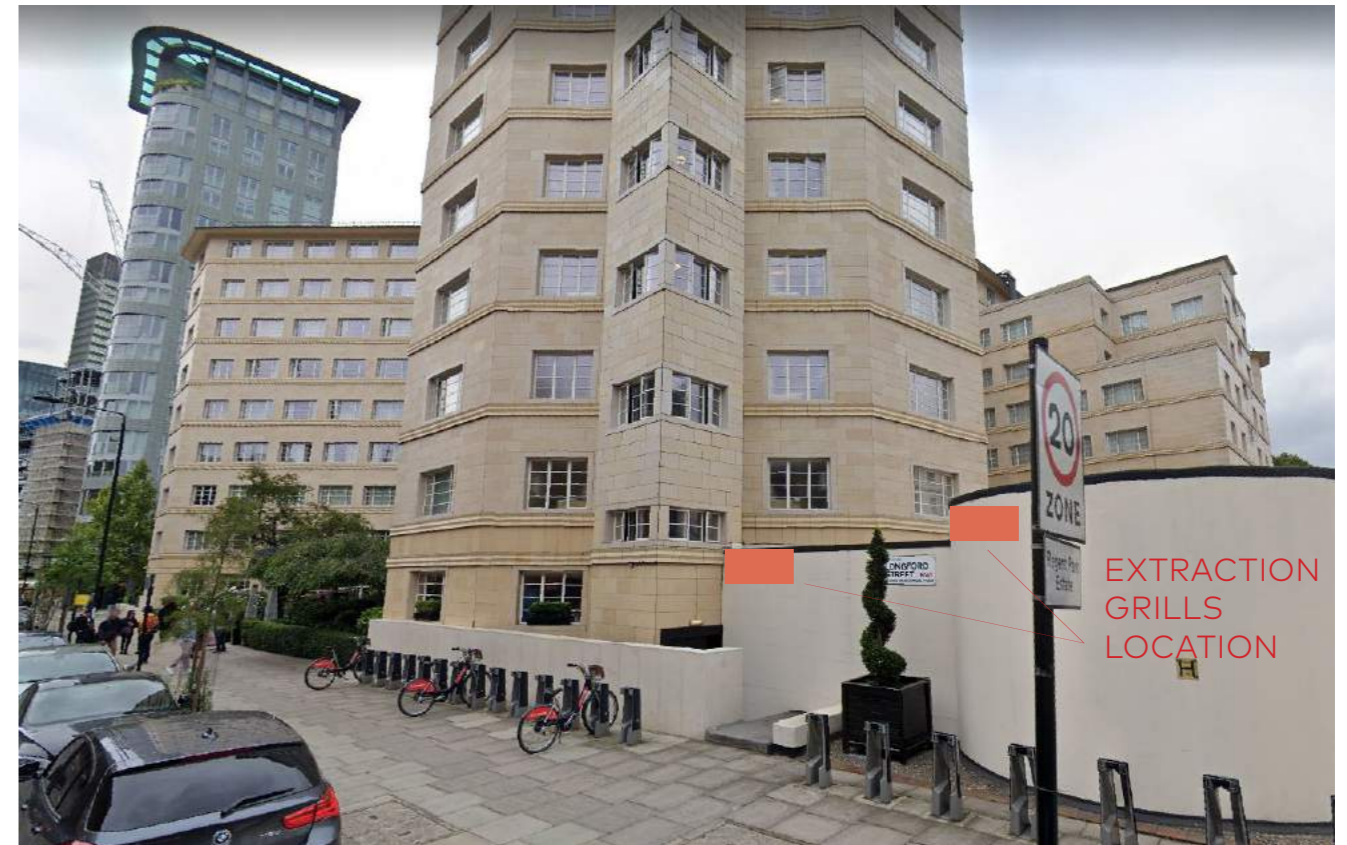
The grills will be located at raised ground floor level on the circular volume which is located on the Longford Street corner.

The grills will feed fresh air and release exhaust air from the swimming pool plantroom located in the basement and the approximate size of the 2 grills in the façade will be 80cm High x 160cm Wide.

The grills themselves will be made of high grade metal and will be in keeping with the rest of the façade metalwork on the building.

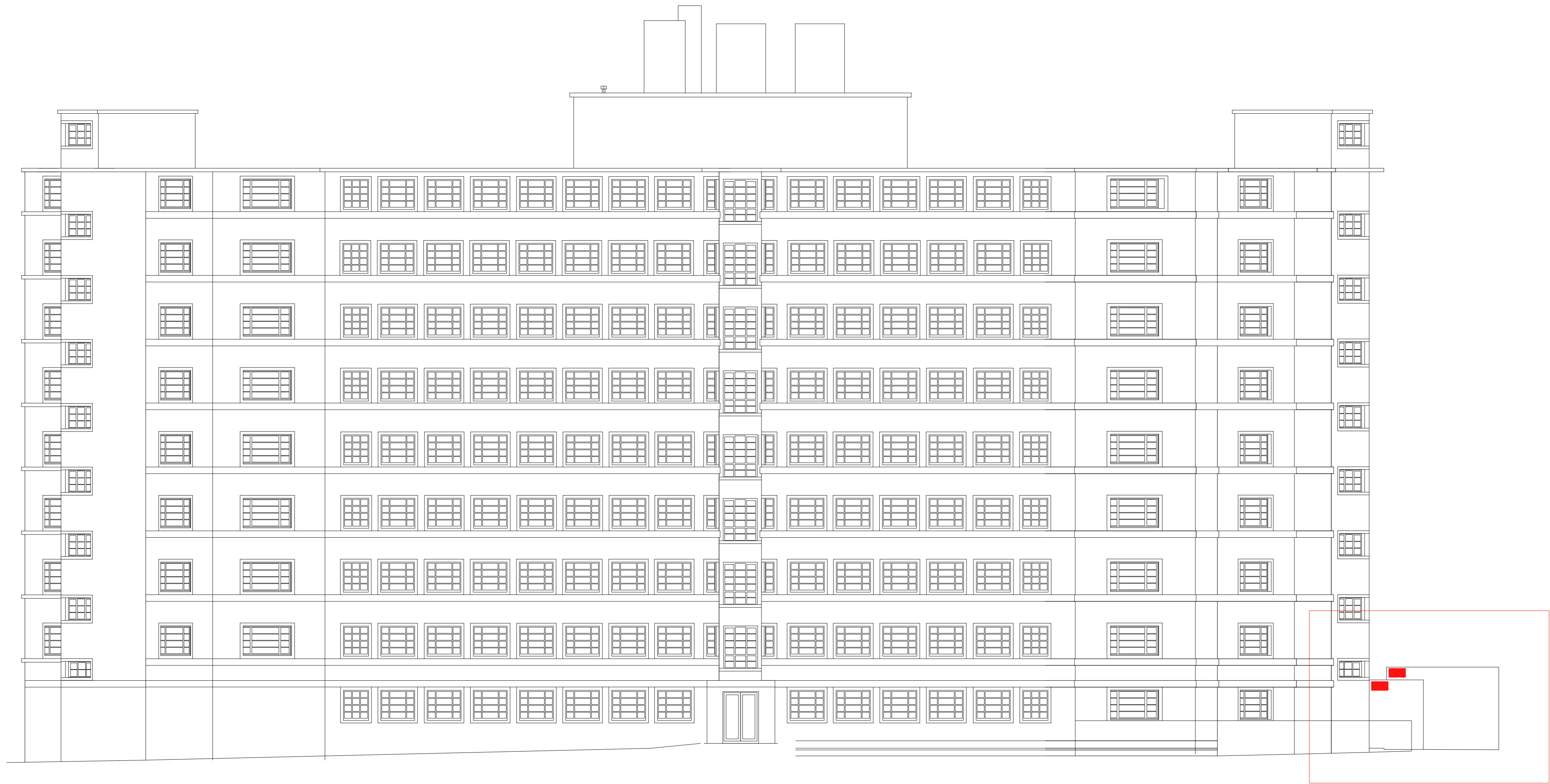


1. Melia White House_ Area of Intervention

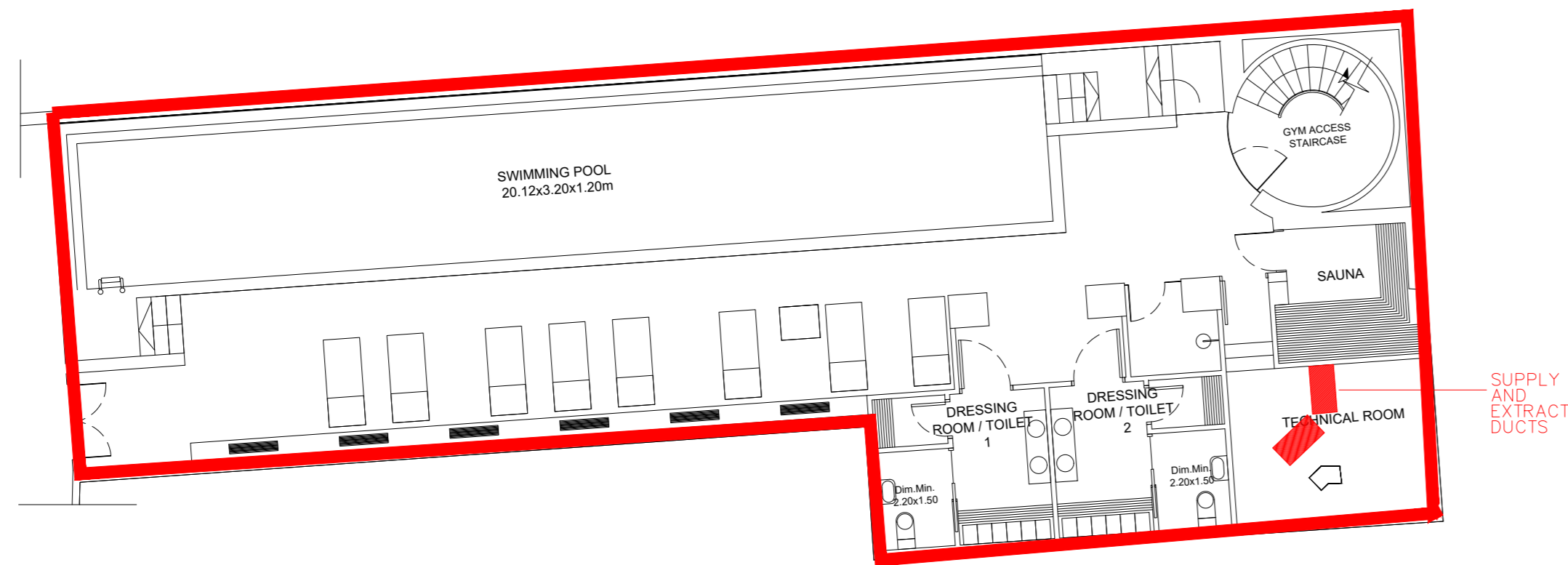


2. Melia White House_ North façade

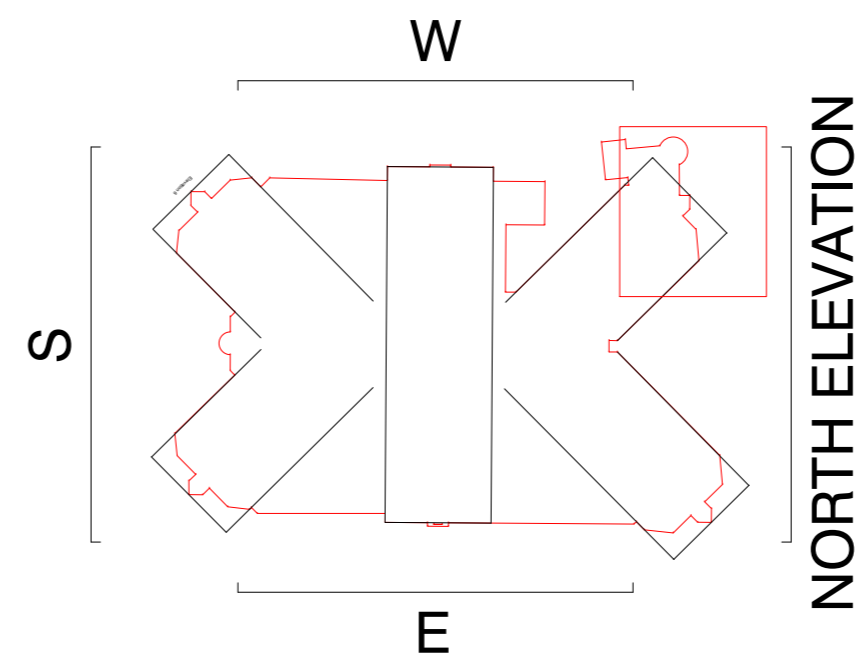
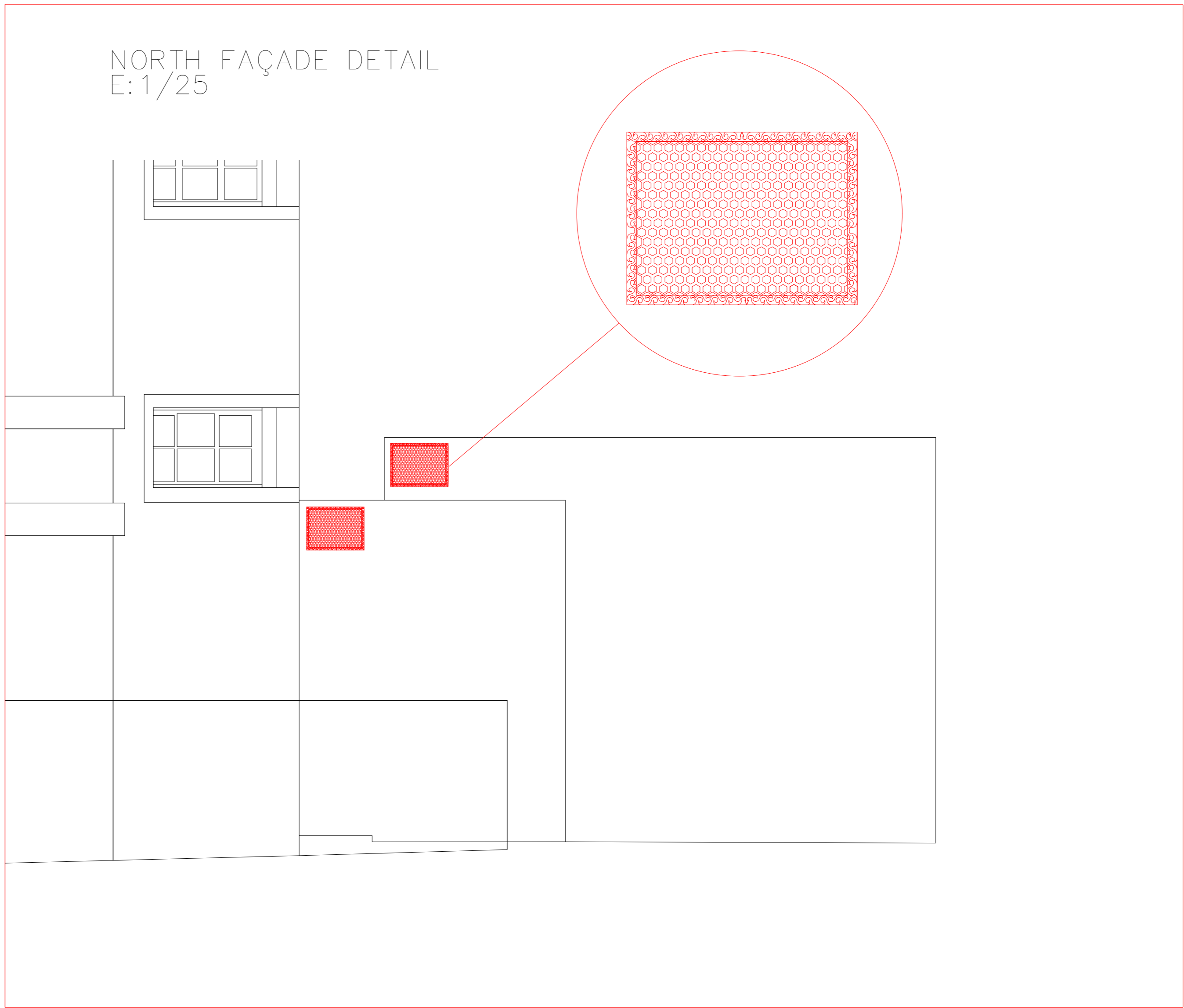
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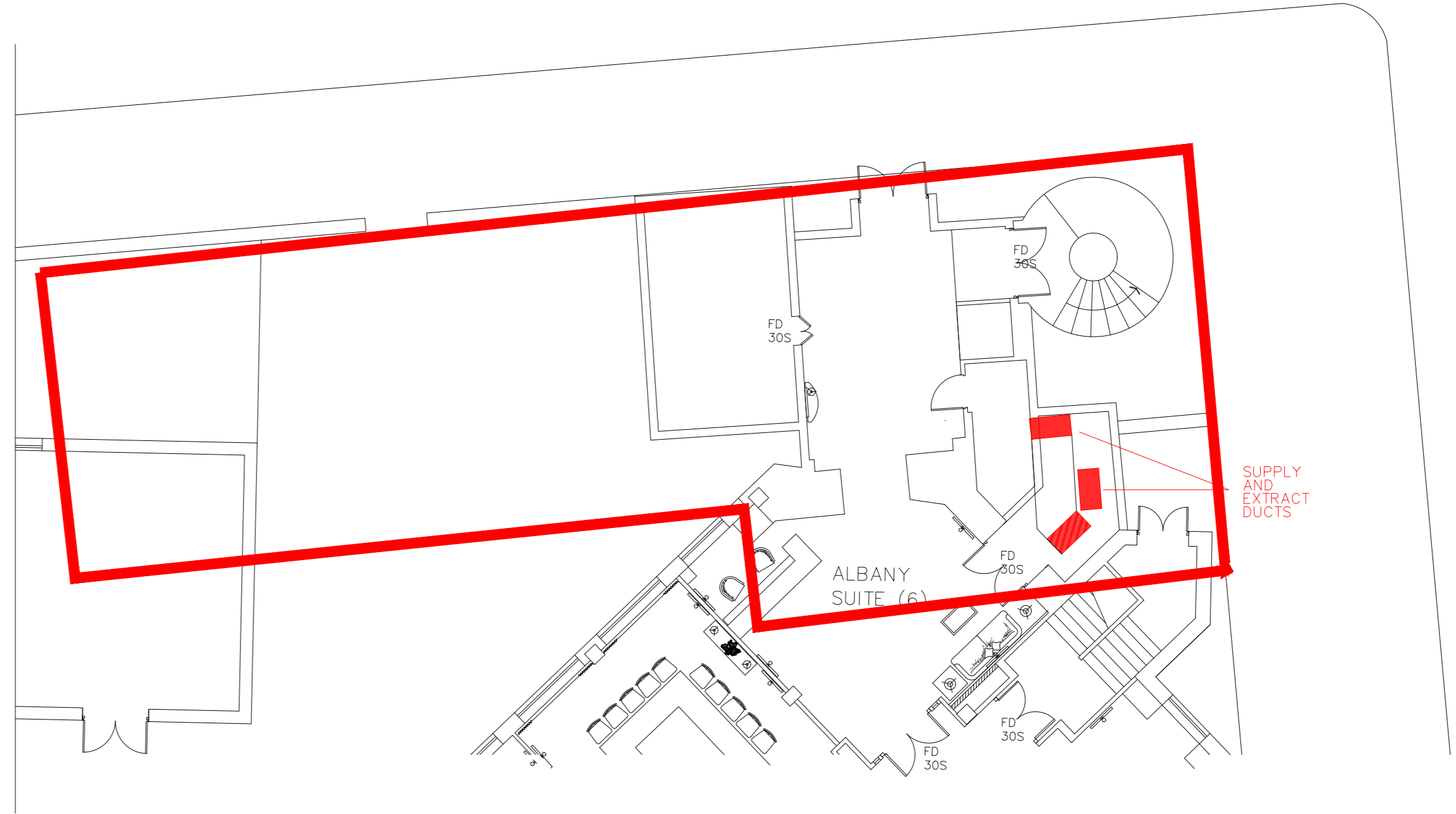
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GROUND FLOOR



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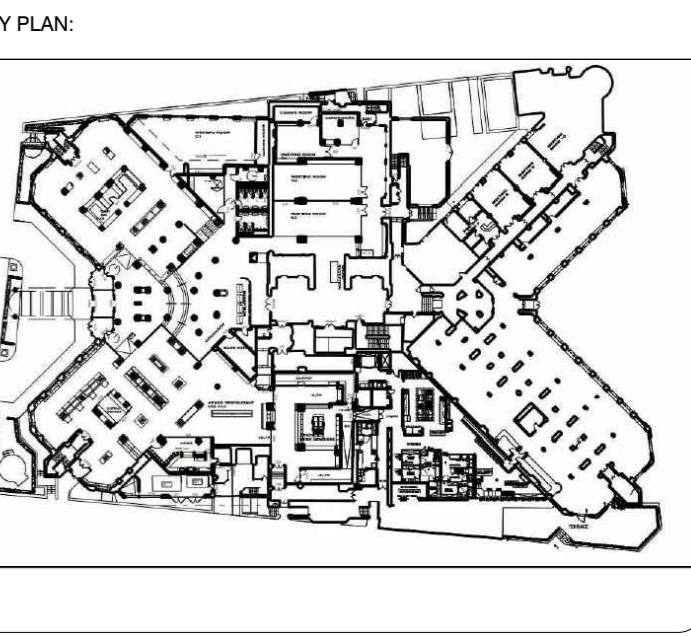
PROPOSED GRILLES

GRILLES SPECS:

1. Cast Iron Heritage Vent and Drain Grilles painted white 160x120mm.

Heritage grilles as the name suggests, are ideal for period properties. These grilles have been used on many properties in the UK, USA and Europe.

Heritage by name and heritage by nature, these stunning Scottish made, hand moulded castings are perfectly and already find themselves ventilating many iconic British properties including Barton Manor (IOW) former home of Queen Victoria and Albert, Holyrood House in Edinburgh and Regents Parks Clarence Gate Lodge.





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