

1-8 College Yard

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INTRODUCTION

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One of the starting points in our design development for this planning application was to look at the refusal given to the previous planning application PA/2013/1873.

We developed a design strategy for a smaller scheme that addressed each reason for refusal in the previous scheme in detail. There were 12 reasons for refusal, of which 4 were related to the design of the scheme; the other 8 were all in relation to planning obligations. The four reasons were:

- 1.) The proposed development, by virtue of its design, bulk and massing, would appear as an over-dominant feature in the townscape, and would fail to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the adjacent Dartmouth Park Conservation Area and the setting of nearby listed buildings.
- 2.) The proposed internal layout, by virtue of its location, layout and proximity between habitable rooms windows would fail to provide a satisfactory level of amenity for future residential occupiers.
- 3.) The proposed built form of the development, by virtue of its layout and location, would encroach further into the yard, which would have a harmful impact on access, turning, and general manoeuvrability for vehicles accessing this area, detrimental to general road and pedestrian safety
- 4.) The proposed development, by reason of its siting, design and reliance on planting, would not provide sufficient mitigation to prevent overlooking between potential future residential occupants of the development and existing residential windows surrounding the site

The following pages set out how we have addressed each of these issues in our proposed scheme.

COMPARISON FIGURES

BETWEEN PREVIOUS REFUSED SCHEME, EXISTING BUILDING AND PROPOSED SCHEME

	Refused Scheme PA/2013/1873	Existing Building	Proposed Scheme	Comparison with Refused Scheme	Comparison with Existing Building
Volume Above Ground (Excluding front and rear gardens):	2648m3	2474m3	2221m3	-16.1%	-10.2%
			If roof terrace removed: 2010m3	-24.1%	-18.8%
Footprint:	360m2	381m2	287m2	-20.3%	-24.7%
Roof Terraces Area:	94m2	n/a	70m2	-25.5%	n/a
Maximum Height:	9.8m	7.5m	8.9m If roof terrace removed: 7.5m	-9.3% -23.1%	17.9% 0.0%
Minimum Width Across College Lane:	2.3m	2.3m	3.5m	52.2% improvement	52.2% improvement
Distance From Rear Wall to Back Gardens of Evangelist Road (Excluding any pop outs):	2.9m	0.0m	2.9m	0.0%	290.0% improvement
Number of Units:	9	1	6	-33.3%	n/a
Habitable Rooms:	30	n/a	26	-13.3%	n/a

REASON 1 - DESIGN, BULK & MASSING

1.) The proposed development, by virtue of its design, bulk and massing, would appear as an over-dominant feature in the townscape, and would fail to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the adjacent Dartmouth Park Conservation Area and the setting of nearby listed buildings.

- Design of proposed scheme directly influenced by College Lane and the Dartmouth Park Conservation Area
 - Scheme provides mostly terraced housing
 - Number of units reduced from 9 to 6
 - Combination of brick and render
 - Varying depth and roofline from College Lane
 - Clearly legible separate houses
- Facade consists of small, broken up volumes set back varying distances
 - Townscape improved by setting back at least 1.2m from lane
- Safer and more open feel to College Lane it is now 52% wider between buildings
 - Refused scheme had large massing volumes
 - Refused scheme built up to College Lane boundary
 - Proposed scheme has reduced volume
 - Proposed scheme has reduced footprint
 - Proposed scheme has reduced height



Existing buildings further along College Lane



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REASONS FOR PREVIOUS REFUSAL

REASON 1 - DESIGN, BULK & MASSING



Existing buildings further along College Lane



The existing view down College Lane from College Yard



Our proposed scheme

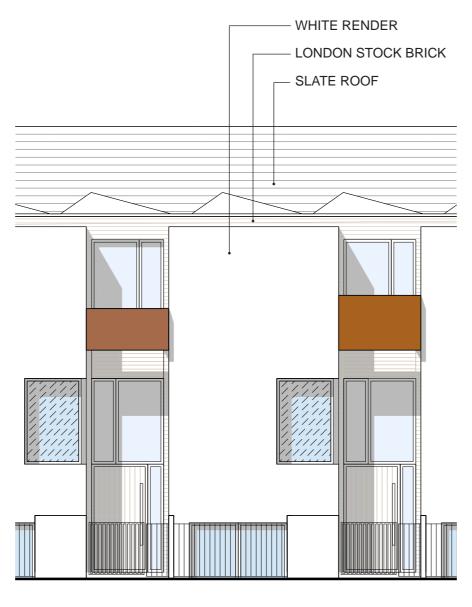
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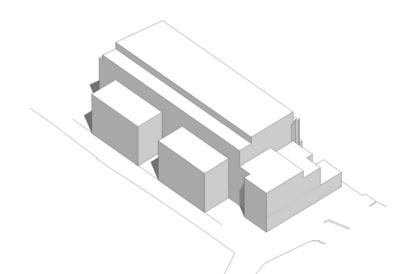
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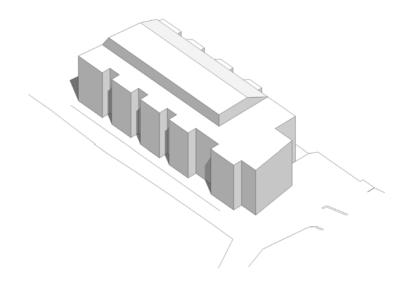
Varying rooflines, facade-depth and materials further along College Lane



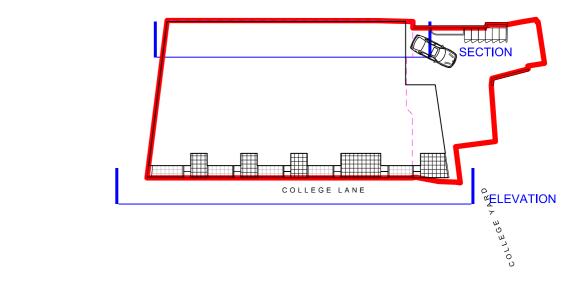
Proposed elevation to College Lane

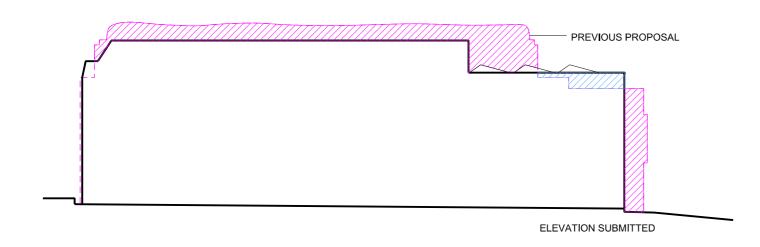


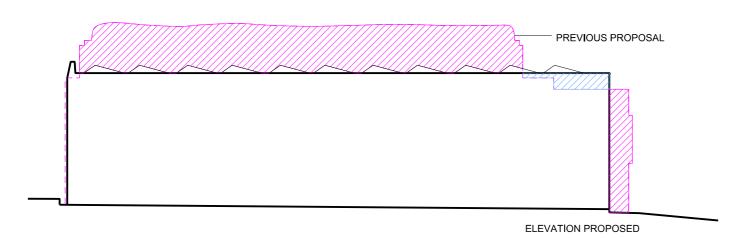
Massing of refused scheme - large volumes along College Lane

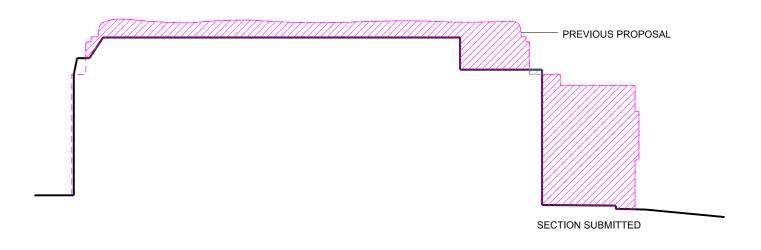


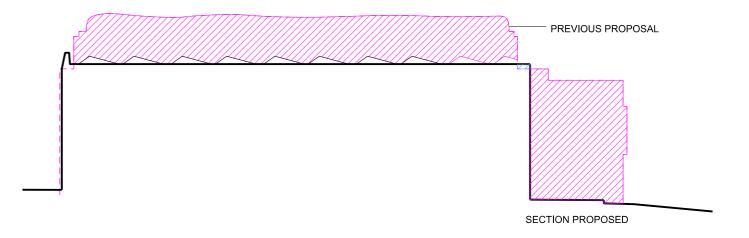
Massing of proposed - broken up smaller volumes set back from College Lane





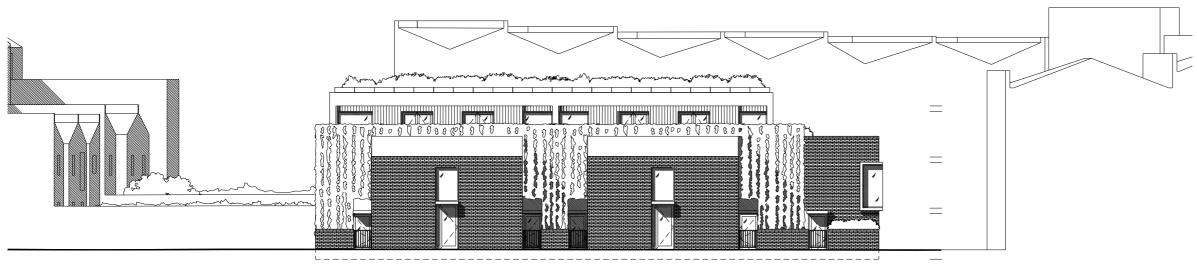






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PREVIOUS ELEVATION FOR APPLICATION PA/13/1873



PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION ALONG COLLEGE LANE AS SUBMITTED



NEW PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION ALONG COLLEGE LANE

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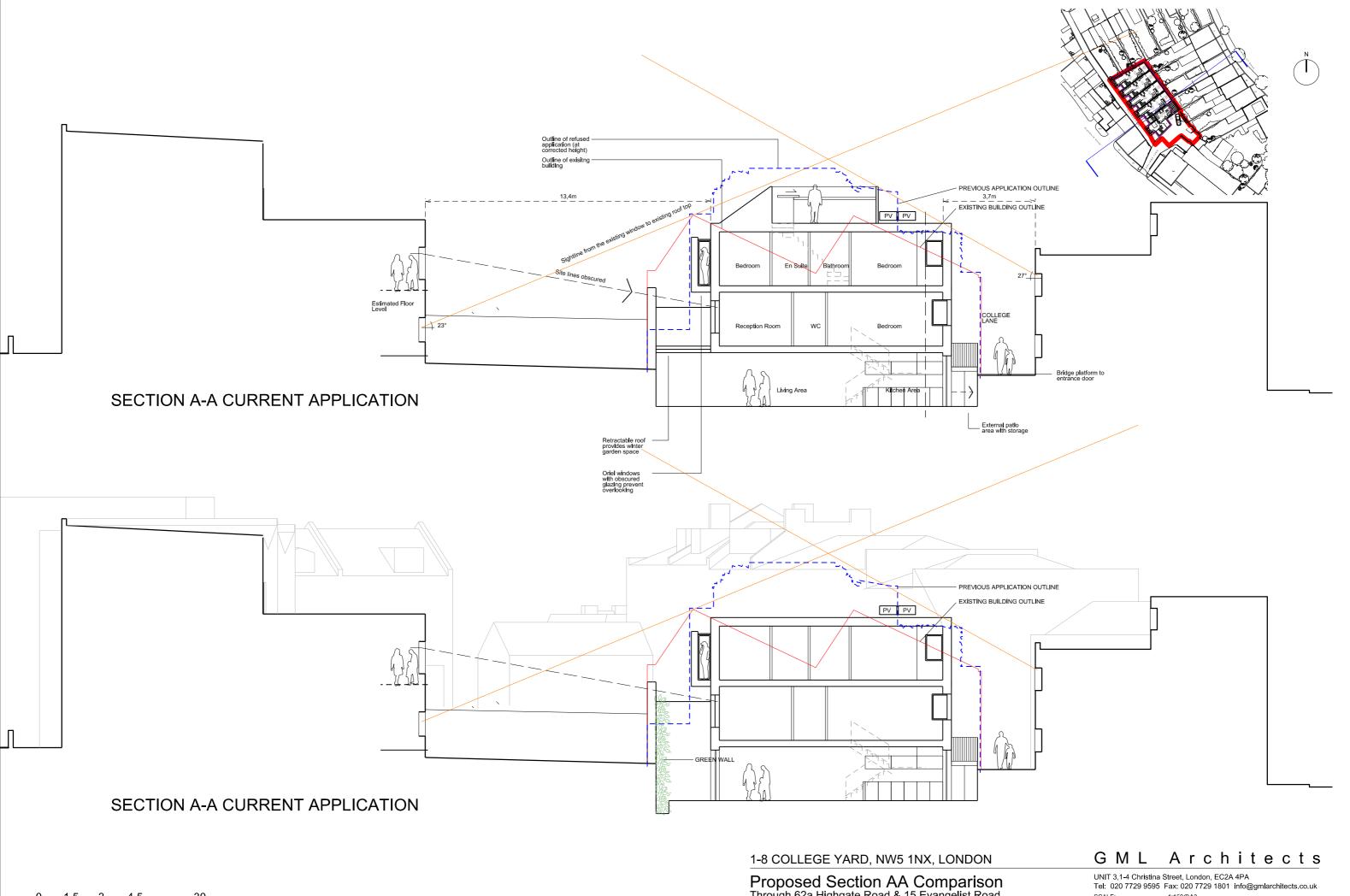
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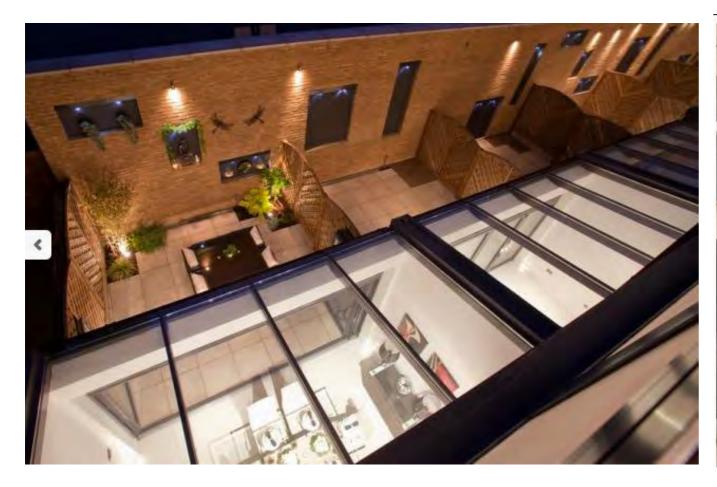
Proposed Section AA Comparison Through 62a Highgate Road & 15 Evangelist Road PLANNING APPLICATION JULY 2014

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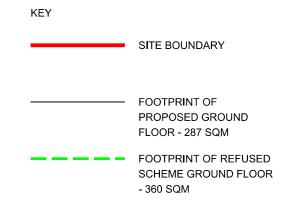
PRECEDENTS

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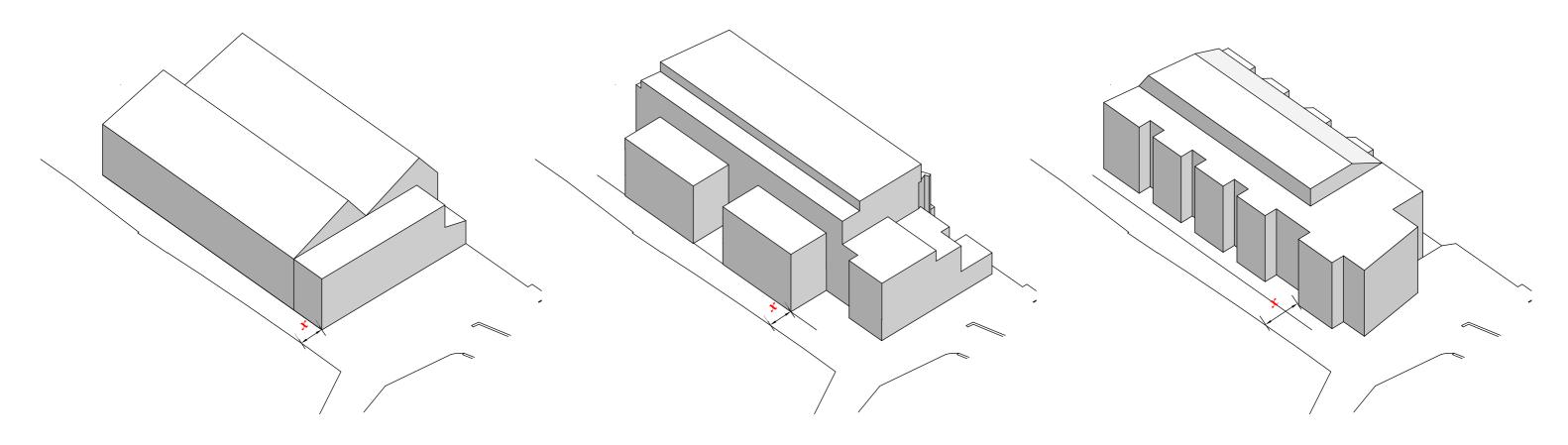


Site Comparison- Upper Ground Floor

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Existing Site

= 2.3m = 381m2 Min width of xFootprint
Building volume above ground = 2474m3

Refused Scheme

Min width of x= 2.3m= 360m2 = 2648m3 Footprint
Building volume above ground

Proposed Scheme

Min width of x= 3.5mFootprint
Building volume above ground = 287m2 = 2221m3

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Volume Comparison

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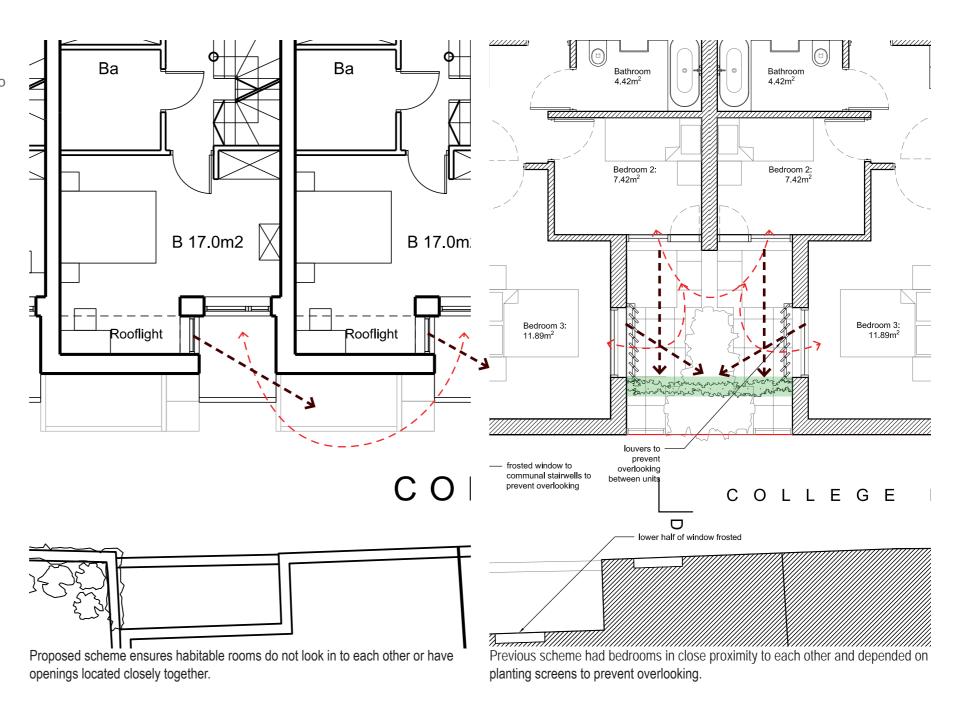
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REASON 2 - LOCATION, LAYOUT AND PROXIMITY BETWEEN HABITABLE ROOMS

2.) The proposed internal layout, by virtue of its location, layout and proximity between habitable rooms windows would fail to provide a satisfactory level of amenity for future residential occupiers.

- Layout of habitable rooms so that no habitable rooms look into other private habitable rooms within the development or outside.
- All windows in habitable rooms along upper front and rear façades face in the same direction, and therefore away from each other.
- Windows to habitable rooms located at furthest point away from next habitable room.
- All houses have at least 3 habitable rooms with views over distance (over 18m).
- All houses and flats have suitable daylight levels to provide adequate amenity.



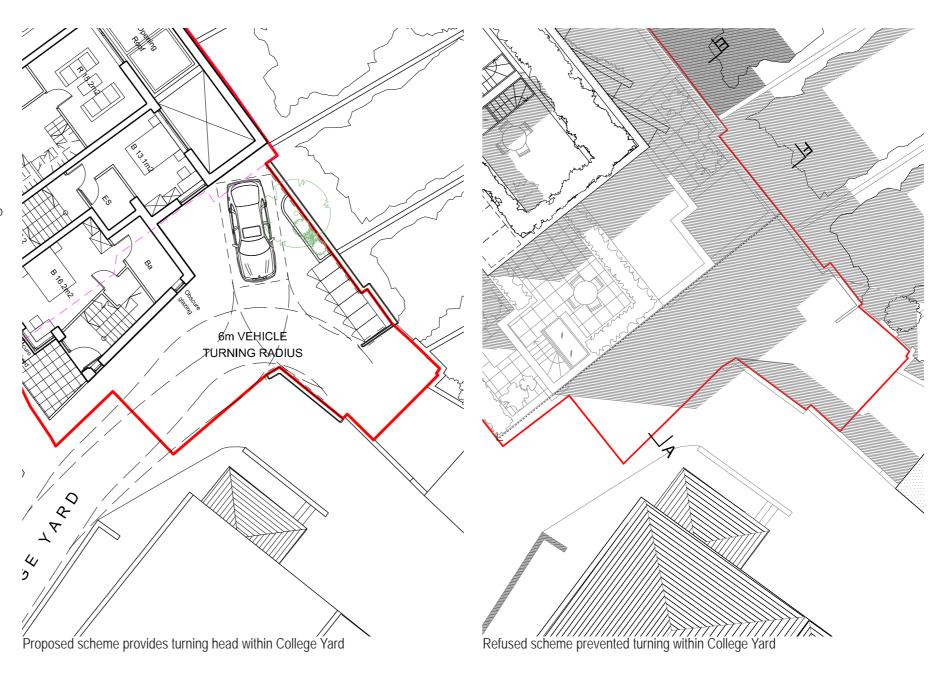
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REASON 3 - HARMFUL IMPACT ON ACCESS & TURNING IN COLLEGE YARD

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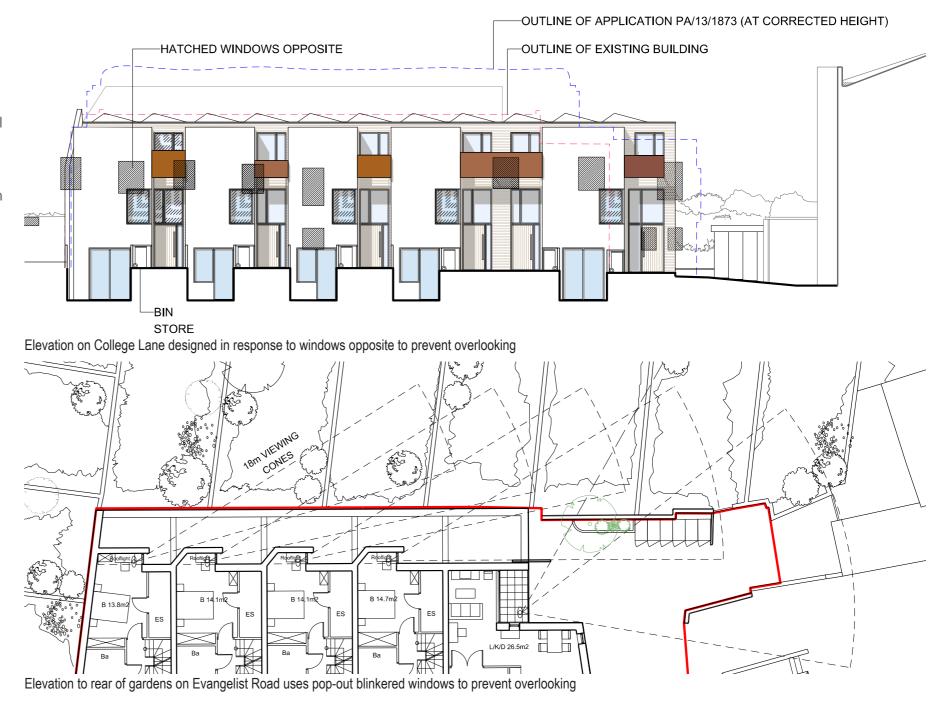
- Scheme designed to allow turning head in College Yard
- Turning head allows vehicles to access and exit College Yard in forward gear.
- Proposed scheme brought back behind existing building line to improve access over existing situation
- Building footprint reduced significantly in this area compared to refused planning application

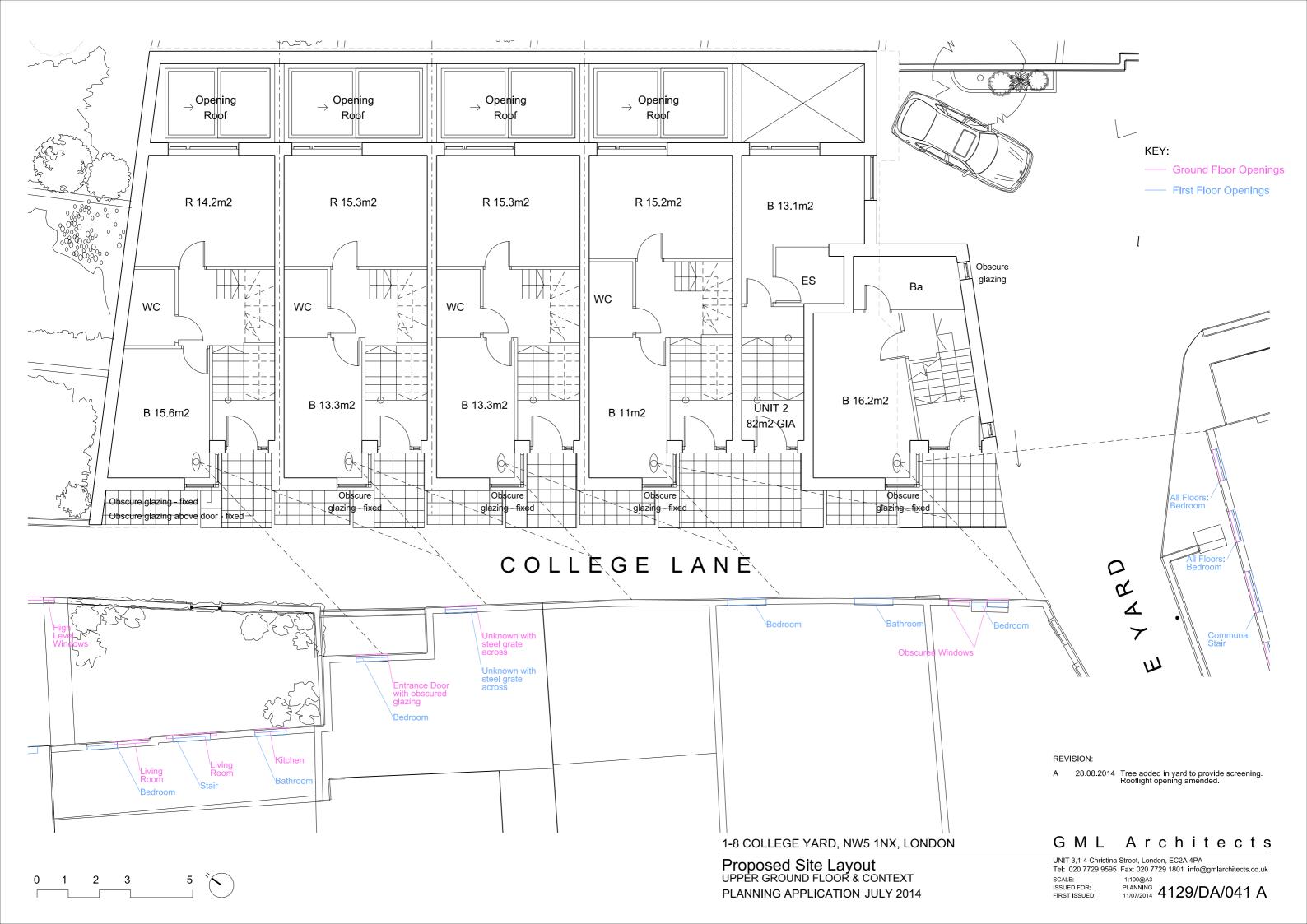


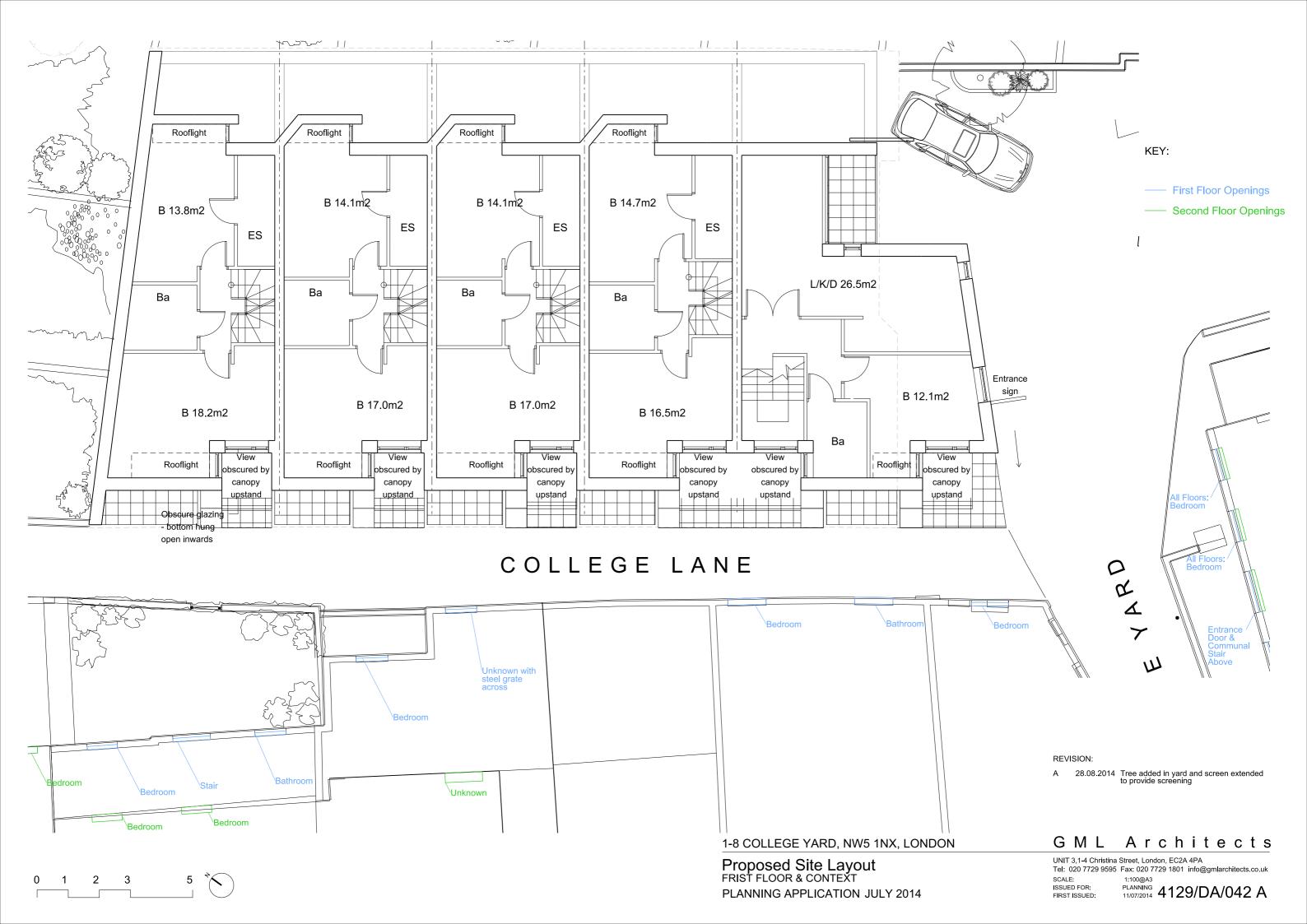
REASON 4 - OVERLOOKING BETWEEN FUTURE RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANTS AND EXISTING WINDOWS

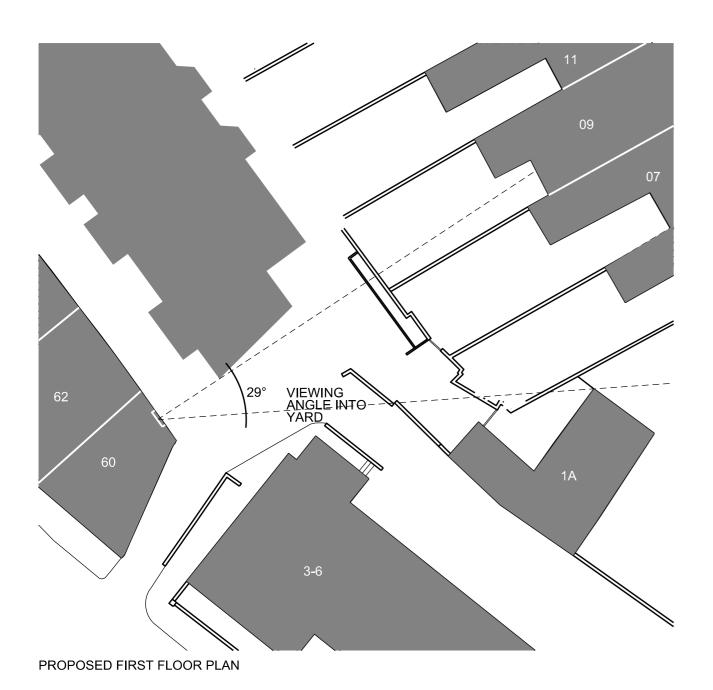
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- Careful surveying and analysis has been undertaken of existing residential windows surrounding the site.
 - Scheme design developed in response to the analysis
- On College Lane, a combination of frosted glass and fixed metal screens prevents overlooking both ways between occupiers and neighbours
- To the rear, pop-out windows prevent overlooking of houses on Evangelist and Lady Somerset Roads
- Proposed roof terrace uses fixed solid walls to provide screening
- There is no reliance on planting to form permanent screening, as proposed in the refused scheme
- All screening is by fixed elements integrated within architectural design of the scheme.











NO 60 HIGHGATE ROAD



REFUSED SCHEME FIRST FLOOR PLAN

No.60 Study - Plans

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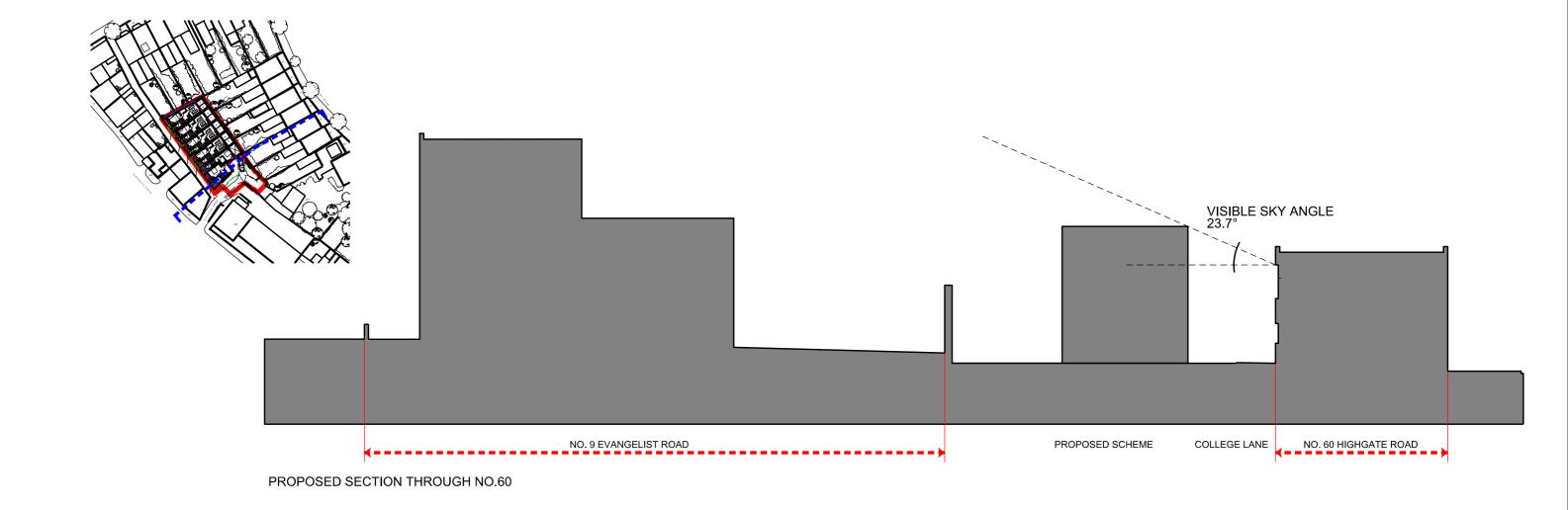
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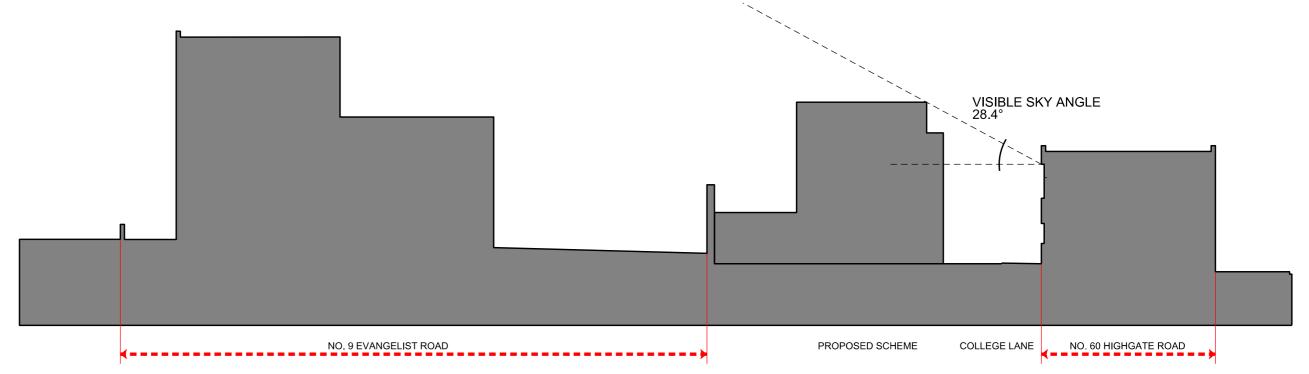
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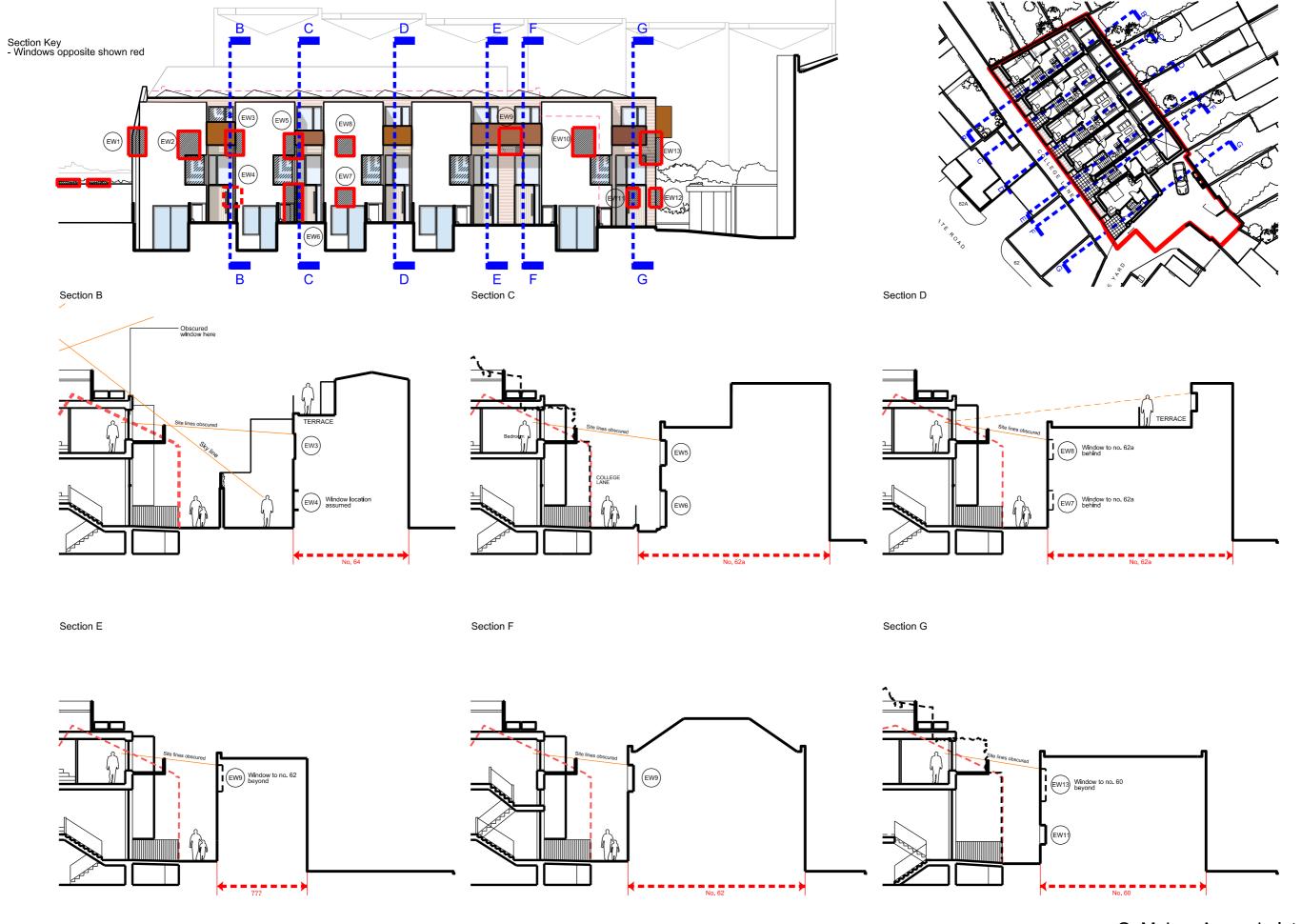
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