Planning Application - 2nd August 2018

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Flat A, 41 Hollycroft Avenue, NW3 7QJ

The application is for a rear dormer extension to the upper-most roof space of the property, with the insertion of two roof windows to the front street facing roof slope at the same level and a roof window at the rear.

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Site location plan Existing

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Site plan Proposed

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Design & access statement

Includes:

- Overview
- Use
- Heritage statement
- Planning history
- Street scene
- Access
- Scale
- Proposed design components & solution

Overview

The property, Flat A, 41 Hollycroft Avenue, is an upper floor level maisonette property used as a family dwelling house, located on the northeast side of Hollycroft Avenue, London NW3 7QJ

The property is set over 3 floors, which, for the purposes of this application are named as first, second and third floor (attic) levels. The proposed development is located on the third floor level, which is currently an accessible, partly habitable attic space.

41 Hollycroft Avenue is a semi-detached property adjoined with 39 Hollycroft Avenue.

Use

As described above, the property is currently used a family dwelling house, resided by a large family. This will remain the case following the proposed alteration works.

The enclosed proposal for a dormer extension to the rear of the property, is driven by the applicants wish to create further habitable living space within the current attic room.

Heritage statement

Hollycroft Avenue is situated within the Redington / Frognal Conservation Area, which is more specifically referred to as 'The Crofts' within the Conservation Area statement dated 2003.

Whilst the building itself is not listed, it is noted as making a positive contribution to the Conservation Area within the statement.

As several properties on Hollycroft Avenue, and within the Conservation Area, the house was designed by the Architect Charles Quennell, and constructed by builder / developer George Hart.

The property has a particular Arts and Crafts style, using rich red and soft orange brickwork, clay roof tiles, tile hanging, gables, bay and dormer windows.

Planning history

When first constructed in the early 20th Century, 41 Hollycroft Avenue was built as a single dwelling house situated over 5 floor levels, including a lower ground floor at the same level as the rear garden.

In 1982 a planning application* was made and approved to split the property into two dwelling houses / self contained maisonettes.

Ref: 35479* - Change of use and works of conversion to form two self-contained maisonettes including the erection of a ground floor conservatory at the rear supported on brick piers a storey high and the formation of a side entrance.

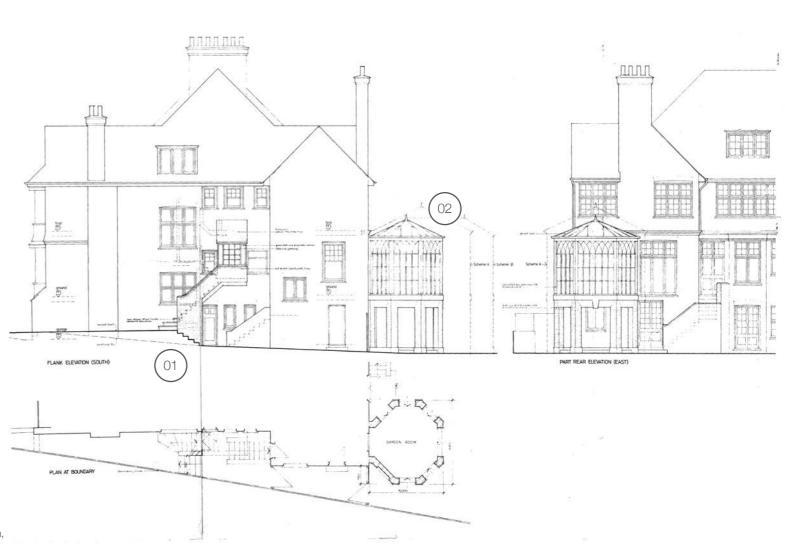
The conversion included adding a side entrance door and steps to create access into the upper maisonette.

The lower maisonette was split over two levels, lower ground (garden level) and ground floor, and as described above, the upper maisonette, known as Flat A, 41 Hollycroft Avenue is over 3 levels.

In 1985 a further planning application** was made and again approved, to add a lower ground floor level extension with roof terrace to serve the lower maisonette dwelling.

Ref: PL/8501/851** - Construction of rear extension at lower ground / basement level with a balcony over for use in connection with the lower maisonette.

Several other external alterations have been made to the upper maisonette, Flat A, 41 Hollycroft Avenue, before the current owner / application purchased the property. These are three small roof windows to the rear and side roofs of the existing attic space, and a small terrace of off the first floor living room overlooking the rear garden. There appears to be no record of when these alterations were made, and by whom, although looking at the condition of each, they might be at least 20 years old.



Extract / drawing from the 1982 planning application, showing the now built side steps and entrance to allow access to Flat A (1). The conservatory (2) was not built, albeit the later application for rear extension and roof terrace was.

Site - aerial photograph Existing

- 01. Site boundary (yellow dotted line)02. Roof / attic space existing (white dashed line)

- 03. Front garden04. Rear garden05. 39 Hollycroft Avenue06. 41 Hollycroft Avenue





Street scene Existing



Access

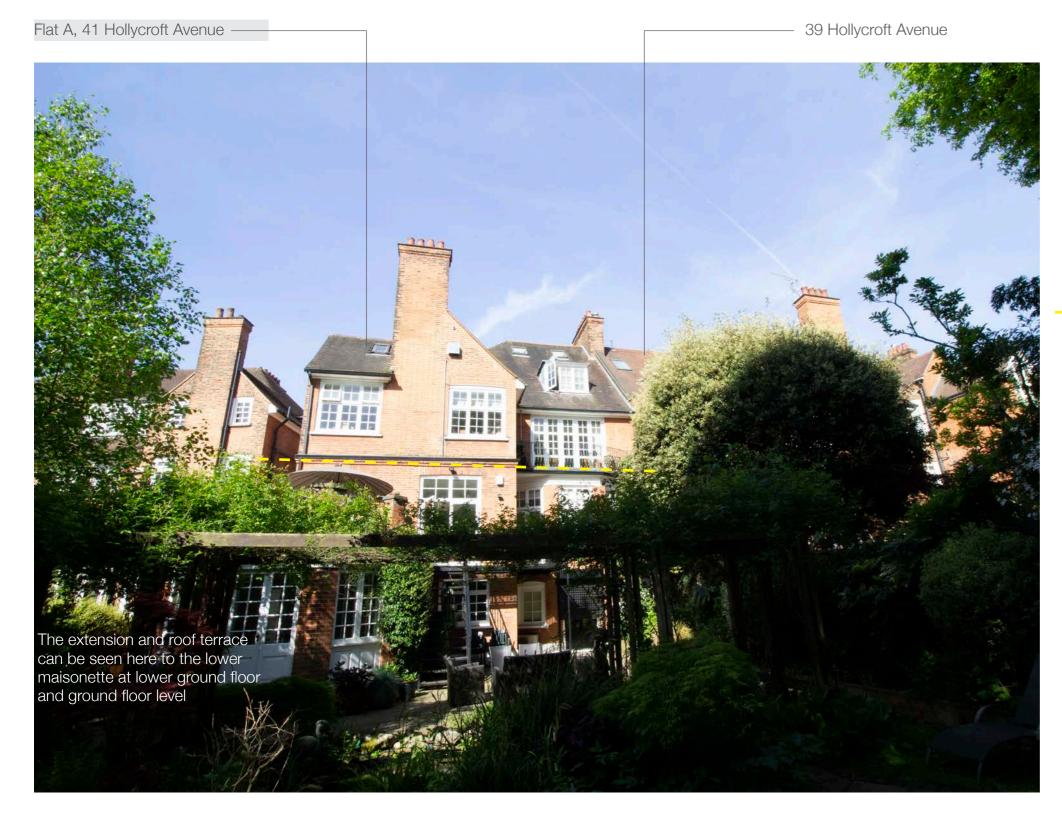
The access to the property will remain as it currently is, via a path from the main highway (Hollycroft Avenue), and entered via the side entrance door and steps that were built following the planning application made in 1982 as described above.

39 Hollycroft Avenue Flat A, 41 Hollycroft Avenue 43 Hollycroft Avenue -Path to side entrance door

Side entrance access built as part of the alterations to convert the building into two self contained maisonettes



Rear of property Existing



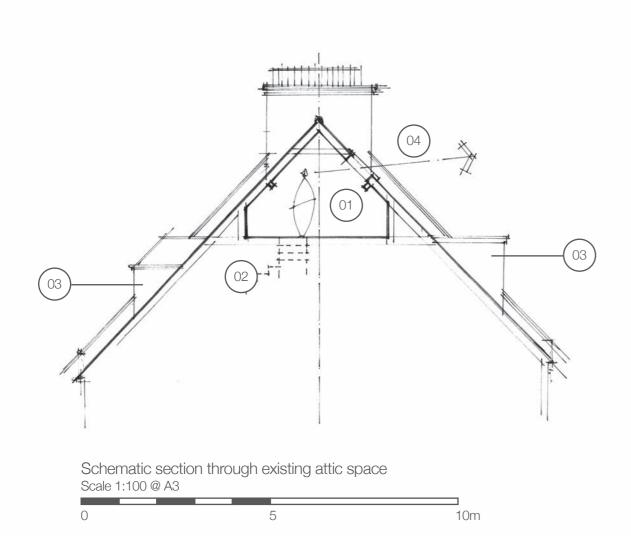


Scale - Existing

The current attic space on the 3rd floor level sits within the existing profile of the roof, with exception to the slight projection of 3 small roof windows above the original clay tiles.

- Key elements: 01. Existing attic space
- 02. Existing access / stairs into attic space
- 03. Existing dormer windows to floors below
- 04. Existing roof windows

Please refer to scaled plans, elevations and sections later in this document for further information.





Scale - Proposed

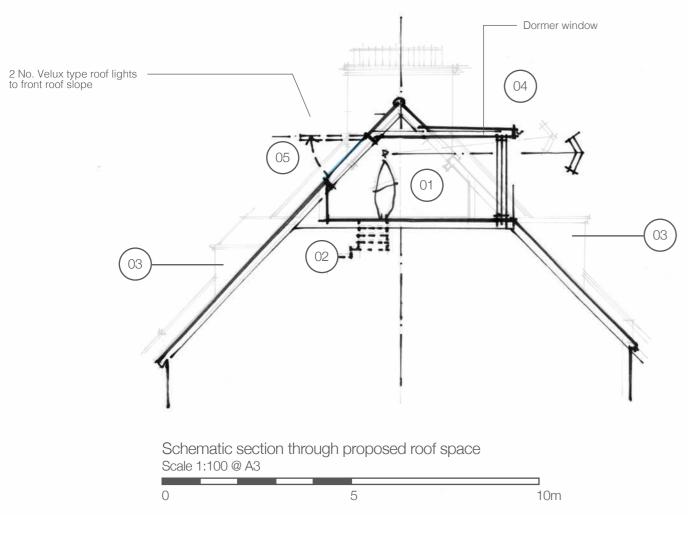
The proposed rear dormer extension will be in keeping by way of scale to the existing property. It will sit well below the ridge line of the existing upper roof, and be set back from the boundary line between the adjoining semi-detached neighbour 39 Hollycroft Avenue.

The overall width of the dormer extension will be the same width as the existing French doors below on first floor.

Key elements:

- 01. Proposed roof space
- 02. Access / stairs into roof space (as existing)
- 03. Dormer windows to floors below (as existing)
- 04. Proposed dormer window / extension.
 - 3.5m wide, with full height sliding / folding doors.
 - 350mm below ridge line
- 05. 2 No. roof windows to front roof slope
 - circa 900 wide x 1600 high

Please refer to scaled plans, elevations and sections later in this document for further information.





Materials and appearance

Overall, the current appearance of the property resembles what we understand to be the original design and details, with exception to the later additions as highlighted above.

The proposed dormer extension will use materials, finishes and details that match as closely as possible to all original and existing elements of the property, ensuring that it's appearance is sympathetic and in keeping to the Redington / Frognal Conservation Area

The roof the proposed dormer will be flat and covered with zinc, as the existing dormer below, with the side / flank walls being tile hung using clay tiles to match the existing surrounding roofs.

The doors to the rear with be double glazed timber units, detailed to match the windows and door to the rear of the property below.

The roof windows to the front of the property will be dark grey powder coated aluminium, with a vertical centre glass parting bead.

Much needed repair works will also be undertaken to the roofs and windows, to help retain the structural integrity of the building, as well as enhance the overall appearance.









- 01. Zinc roof to the existing rear dormer window at second floor level
- 02. 'Heritage' roof windows will we used on the front roof slope and hipped end of the converted attic space
- Existing clay tiles will be matched to, where used, as well as much needed repair work undertaken.
- 04. Doors to the dormer will match those to the first floor level balcony.

Amenity & surrounding area

Whist the dormer extension will clearly provide a higher vantage point than anywhere else within the current configuration of Flat A, we feel that it will have no detrimental effect to the amenity of the immediate neighbours by way of overlooking, noise or overshadowing.

From the existing roof windows of the current attic space, the rear garden to 39 Hollycroft Avenue can already be overlooked, albeit with limited visibility.

From the first floor living area, and second floor bedroom, the rear garden to 39 Hollycroft Avenue can also be overlooked, but again with limited visibility, even more so within the summer months due the dense tree growth on the boundary line.

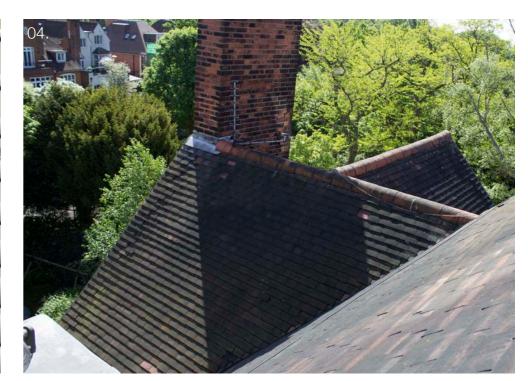
The rear garden to 41 Hollycroft Avenue can't be seen at all form these locations due to the foot print of the building at this levels. A gable roof restricts this view.

- 01. View from the attic space towards the rear garden of 39 Hollycroft Avenue
- 02. View from the first floor lounge / balcony towards the rear garden of 39 Hollycroft Avenue
- 03. View from the second floor bedroom towards the rear garden of 39 Hollycroft Avenue
- 04. View from the attic space towards the rear garden of 41 Hollycroft Avenue

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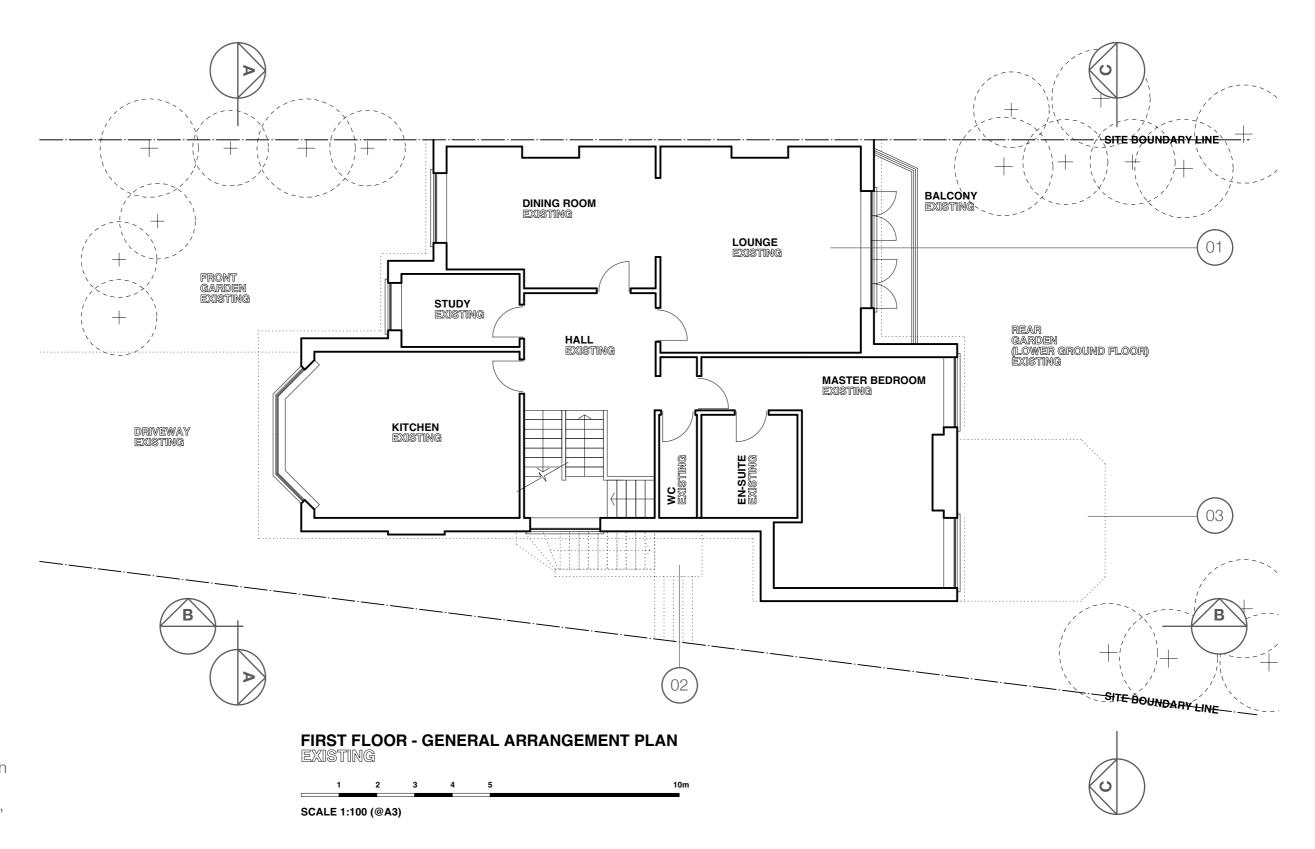


Scaled plans, elevations & sections

- 101 First floor general arrangement Existing
- 102 Second floor general arrangement Existing
- 103 Third floor / attic space general arrangement Existing
- 104 Third floor / roof space general arrangement Proposed
- 105 Roof finishes Existing
- 105 Roof finishes Proposed
- 201 Front elevation AA Existing
- 202 Front elevation AA Proposed
- 203 Side elevation BB Existing
- 204 Side elevation BB Proposed
- 205 Rear elevation CC Existing
- 206 Rear elevation CC Proposed

Drawing ref: 101 First floor GA plan **Existing**

- 01. Existing first floor configuration of Flat A
- 02. Existing steps / access from lower ground floor to Flat A
- 03. Existing lower ground floor extension and roof terrace to the lower maisonette



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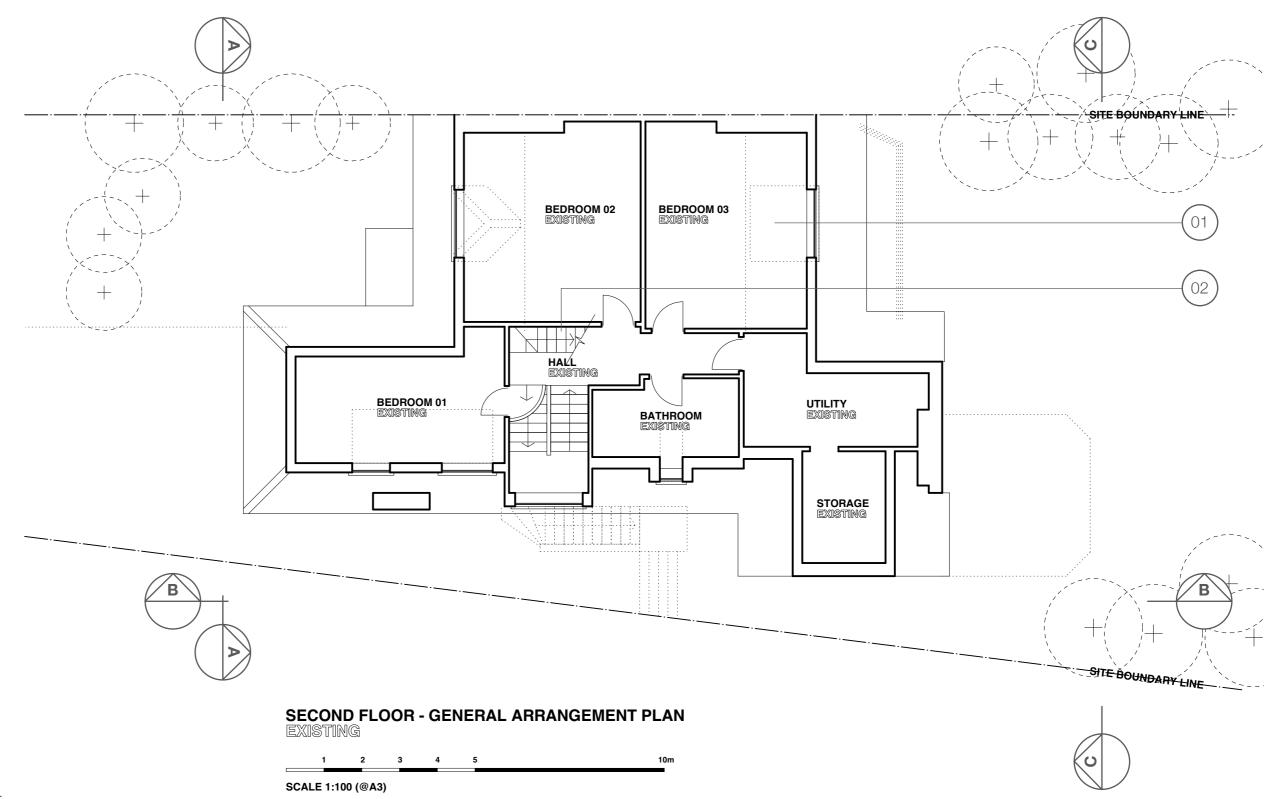
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Drawing ref: 102 Second floor GA plan

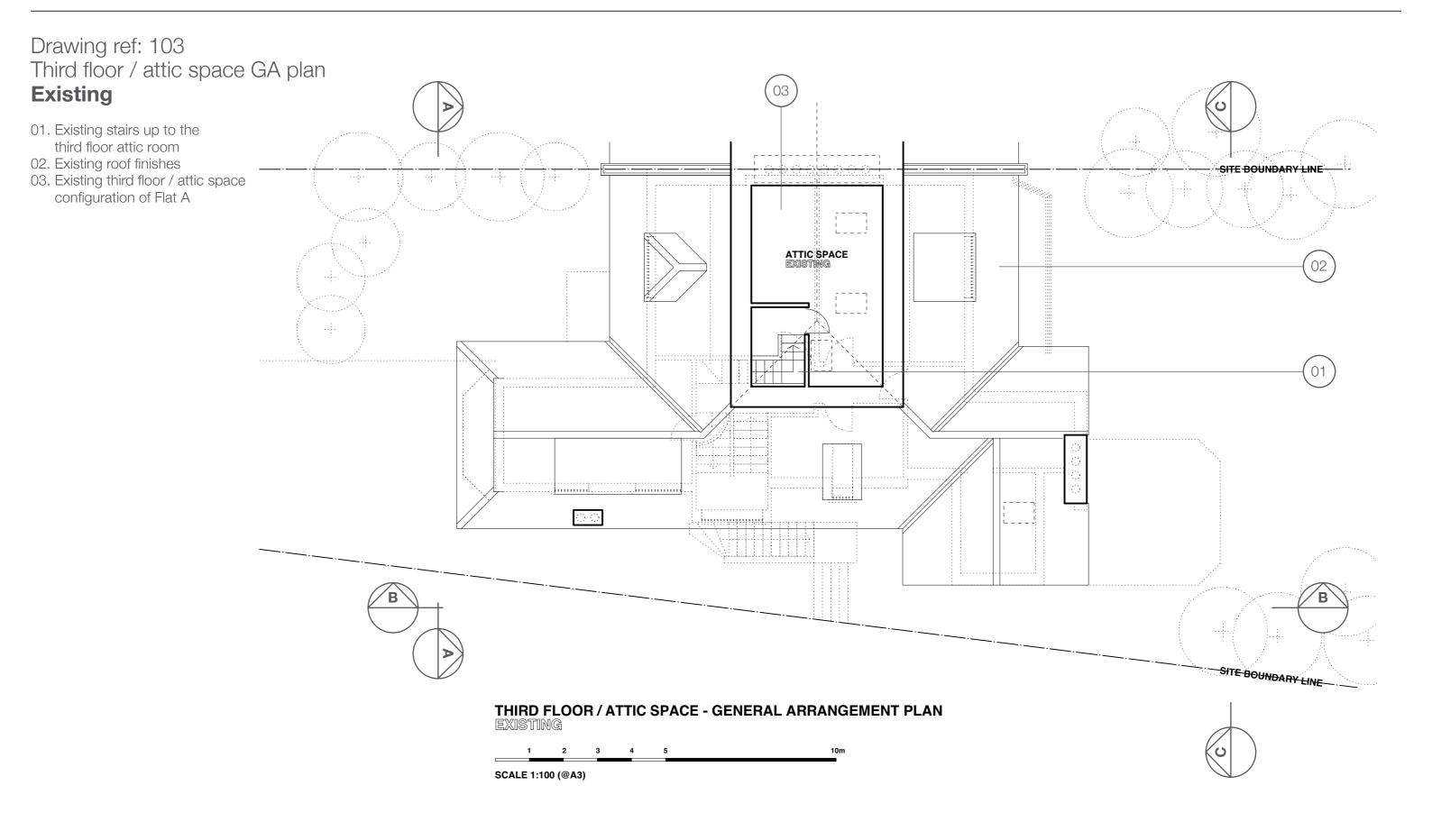
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- 01. Existing second floor configuration of Flat A
- 02. Existing stairs up to the third floor attic room

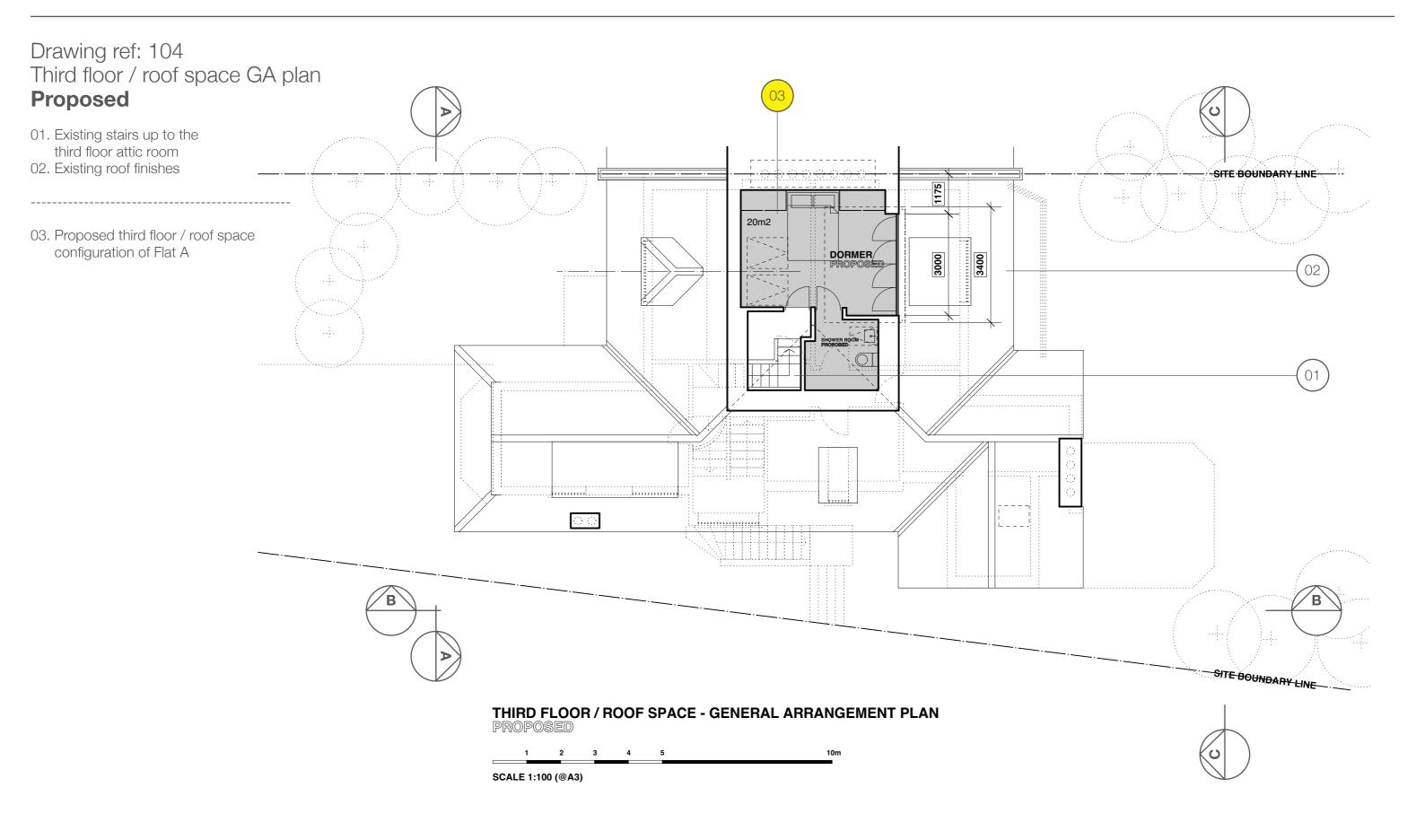


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The proposed dormer extension to the rear, and inserted roof windows to the front roof slope, have no effect to the second floor level of the property.



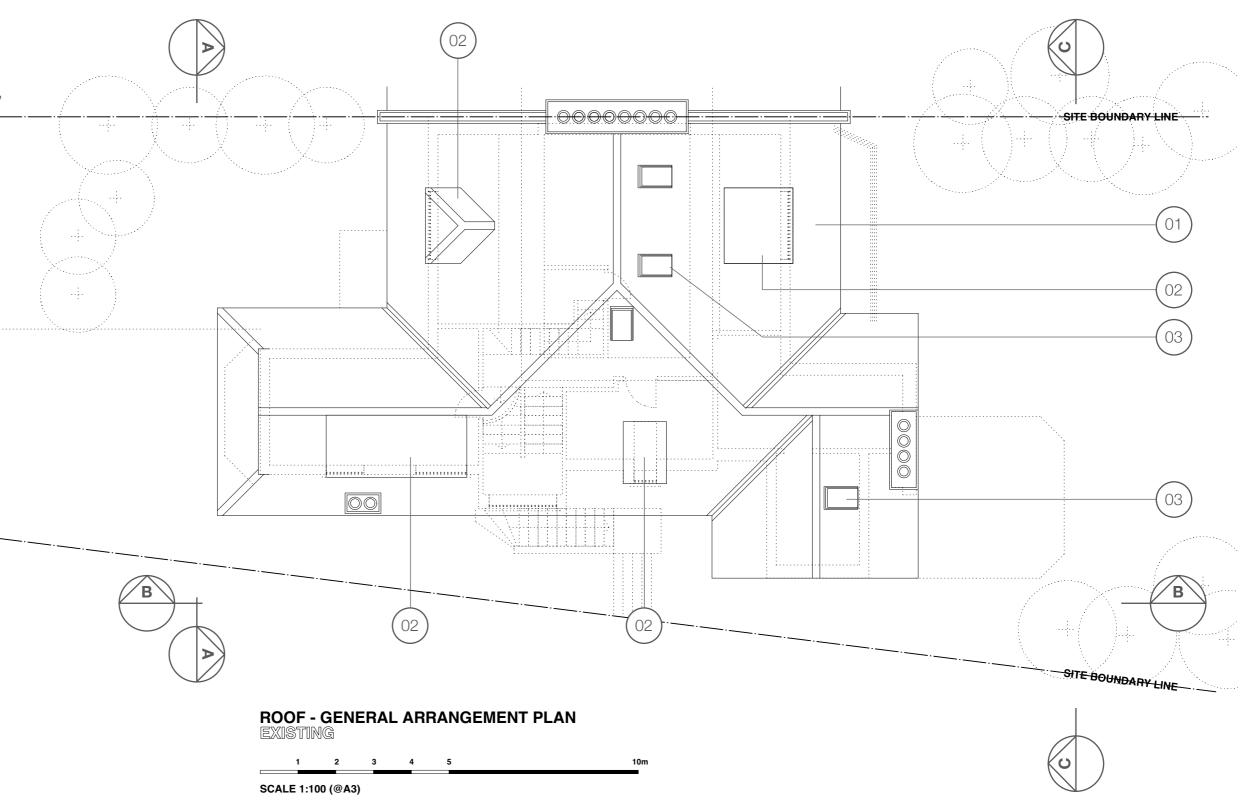
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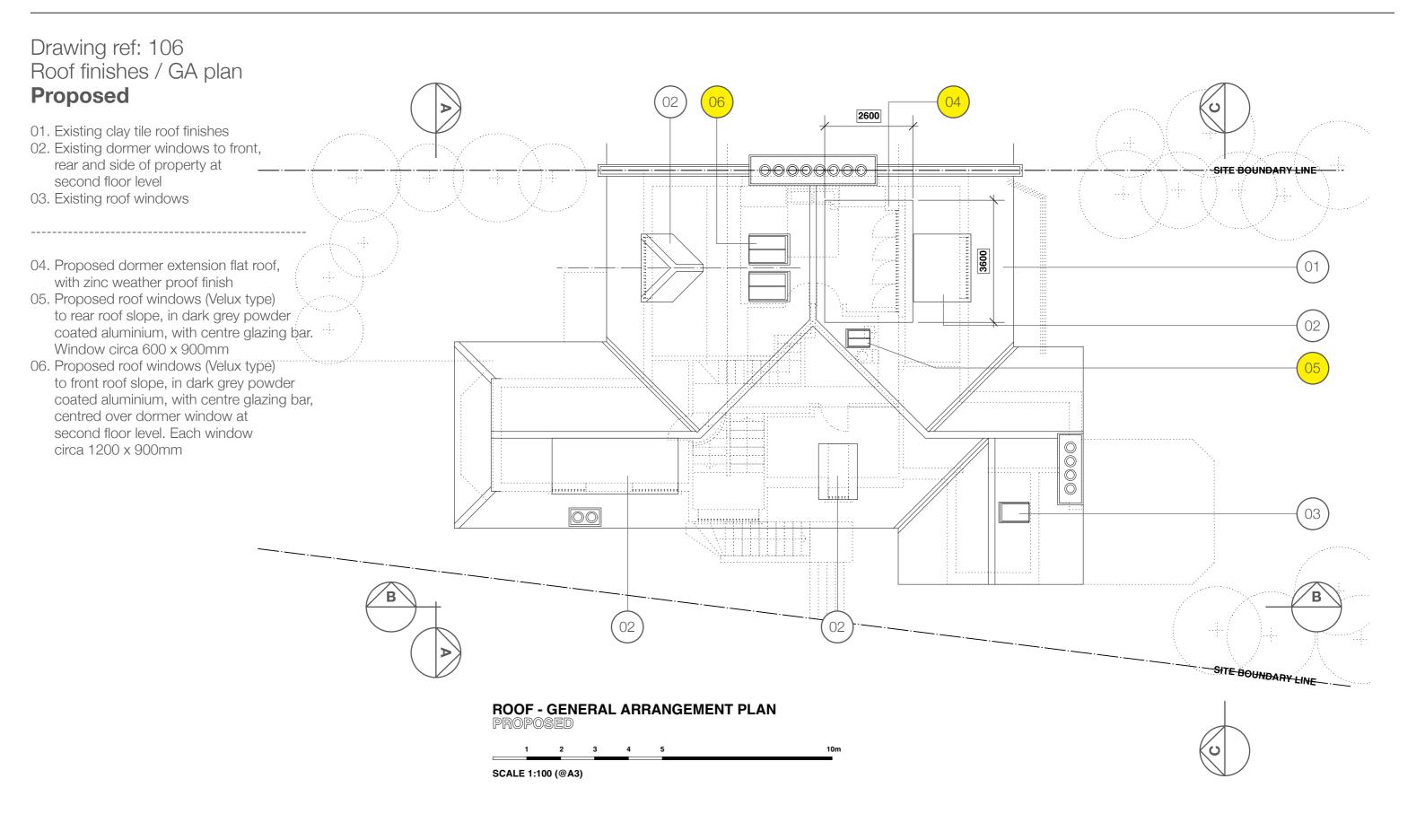


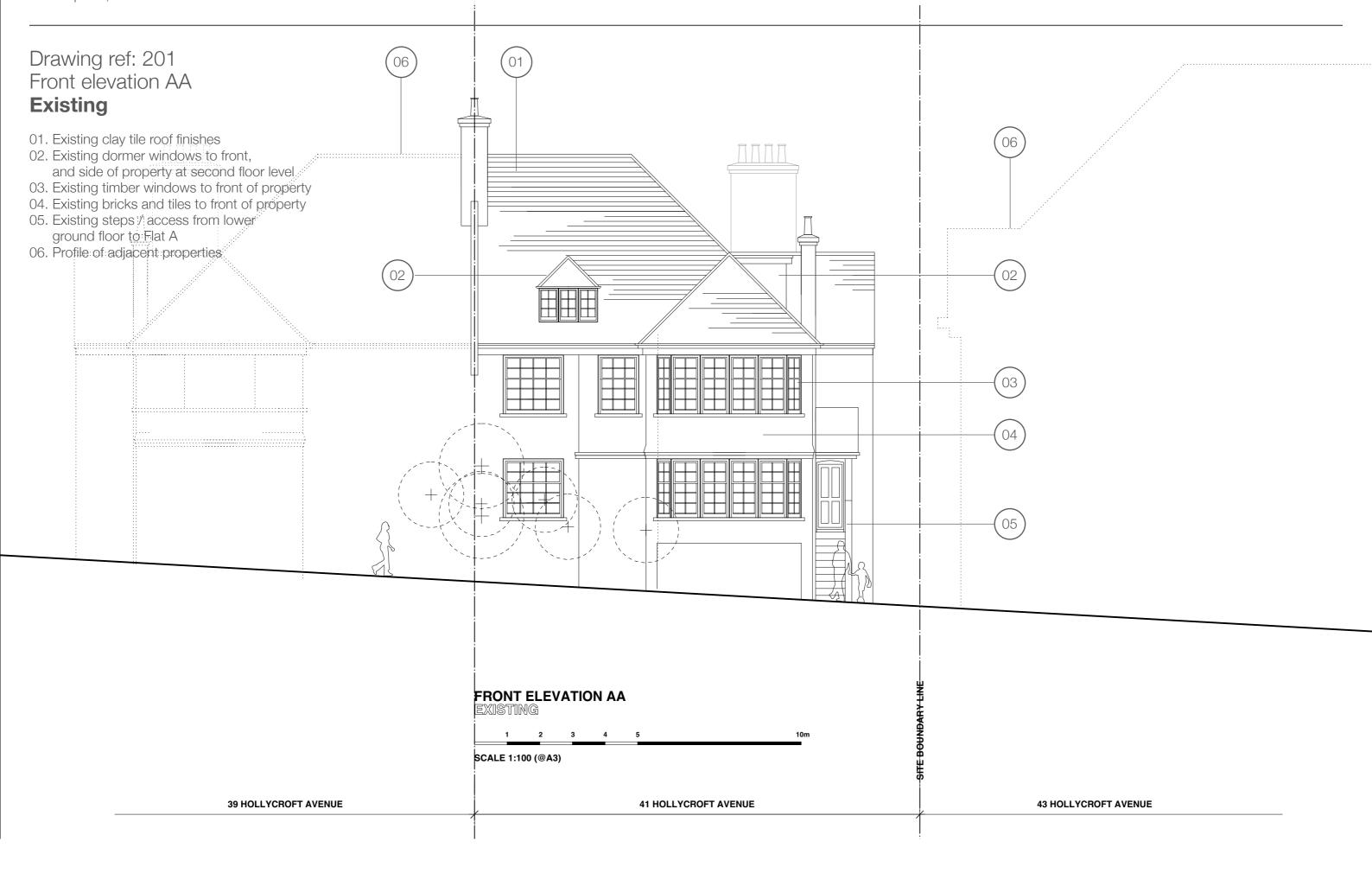
Drawing ref: 105 Roof finishes / GA plan

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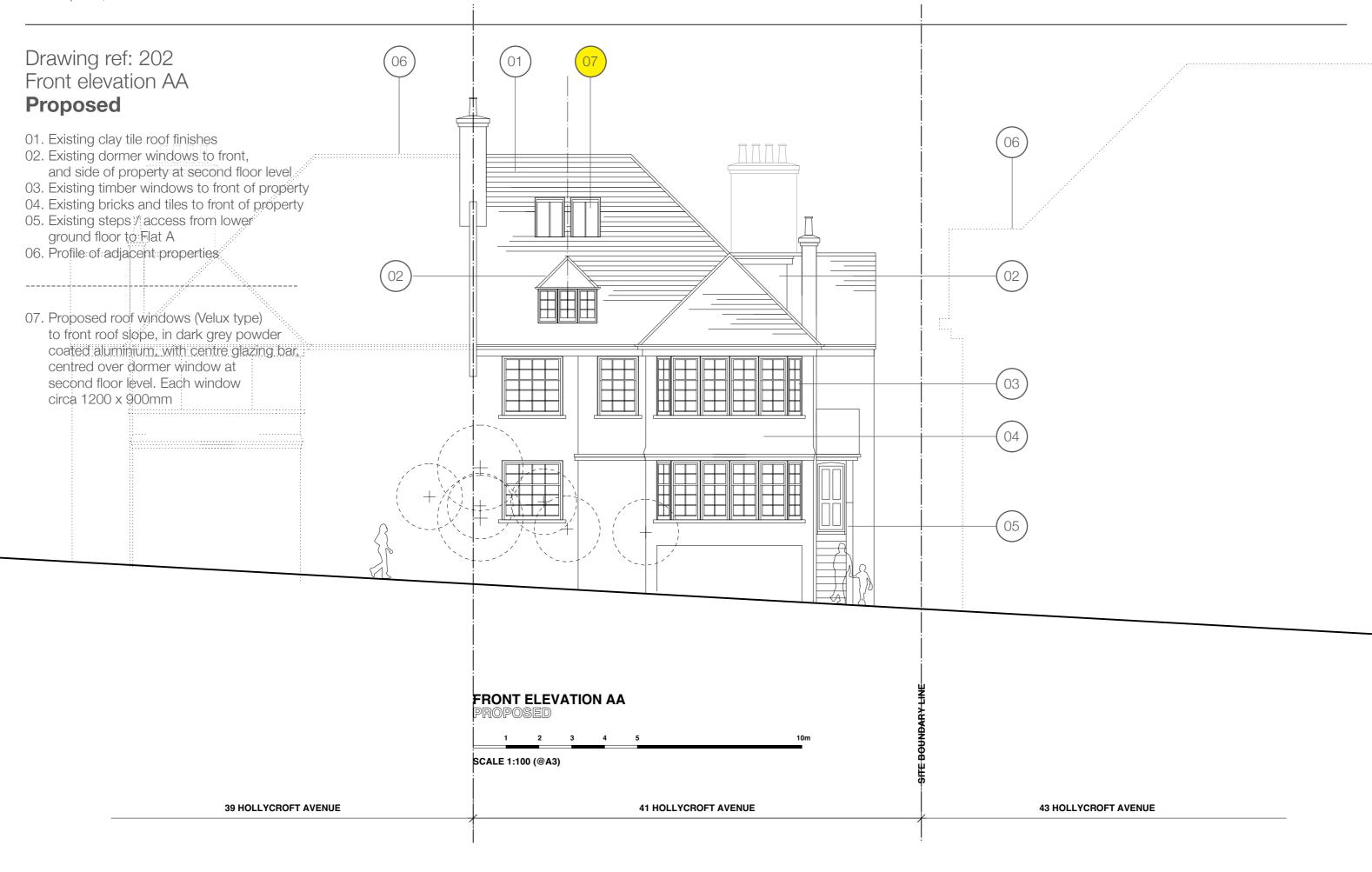
- 01. Existing clay tile roof finishes
- 02. Existing dormer windows to front, rear and side of property at second floor level
- 03. Existing roof windows



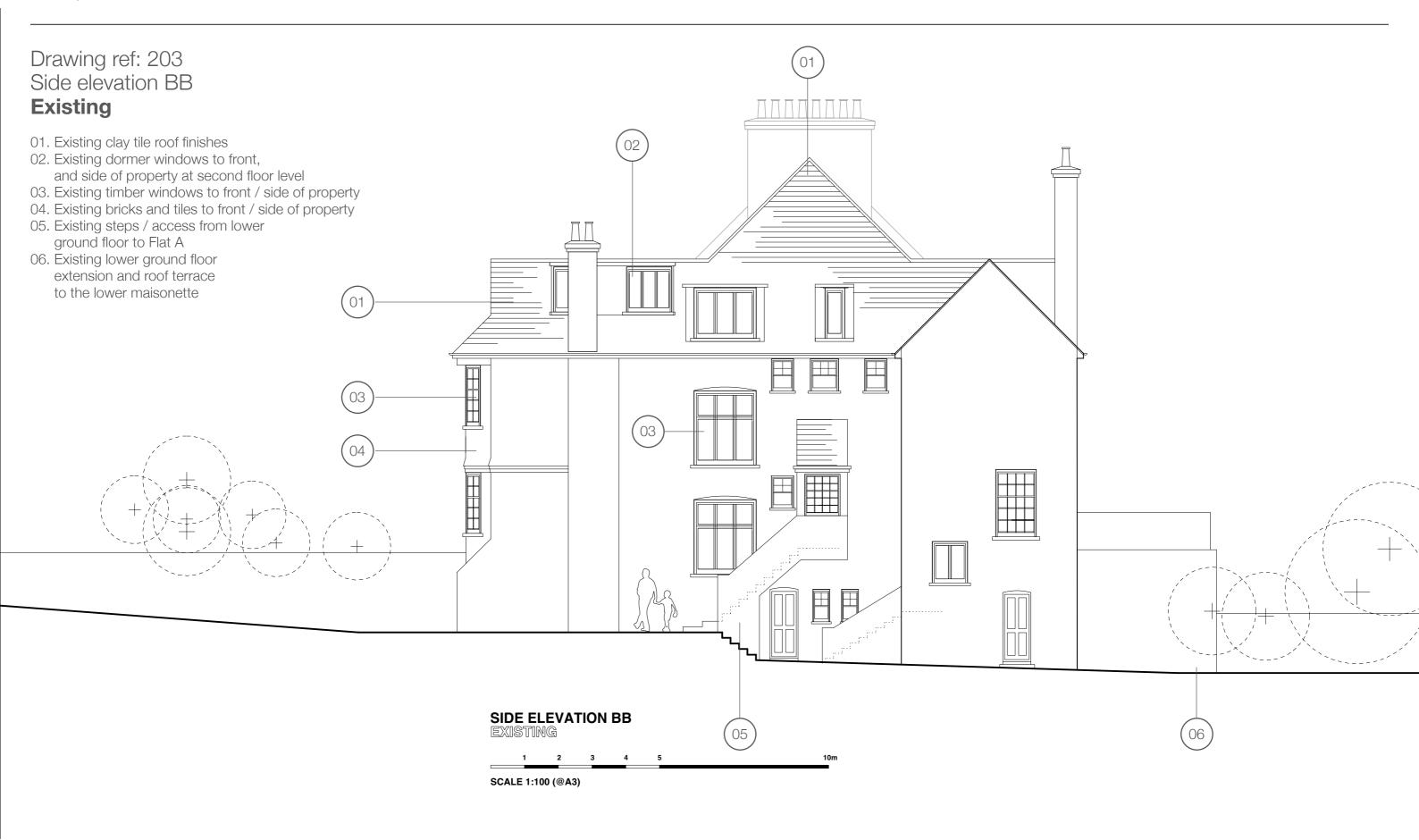


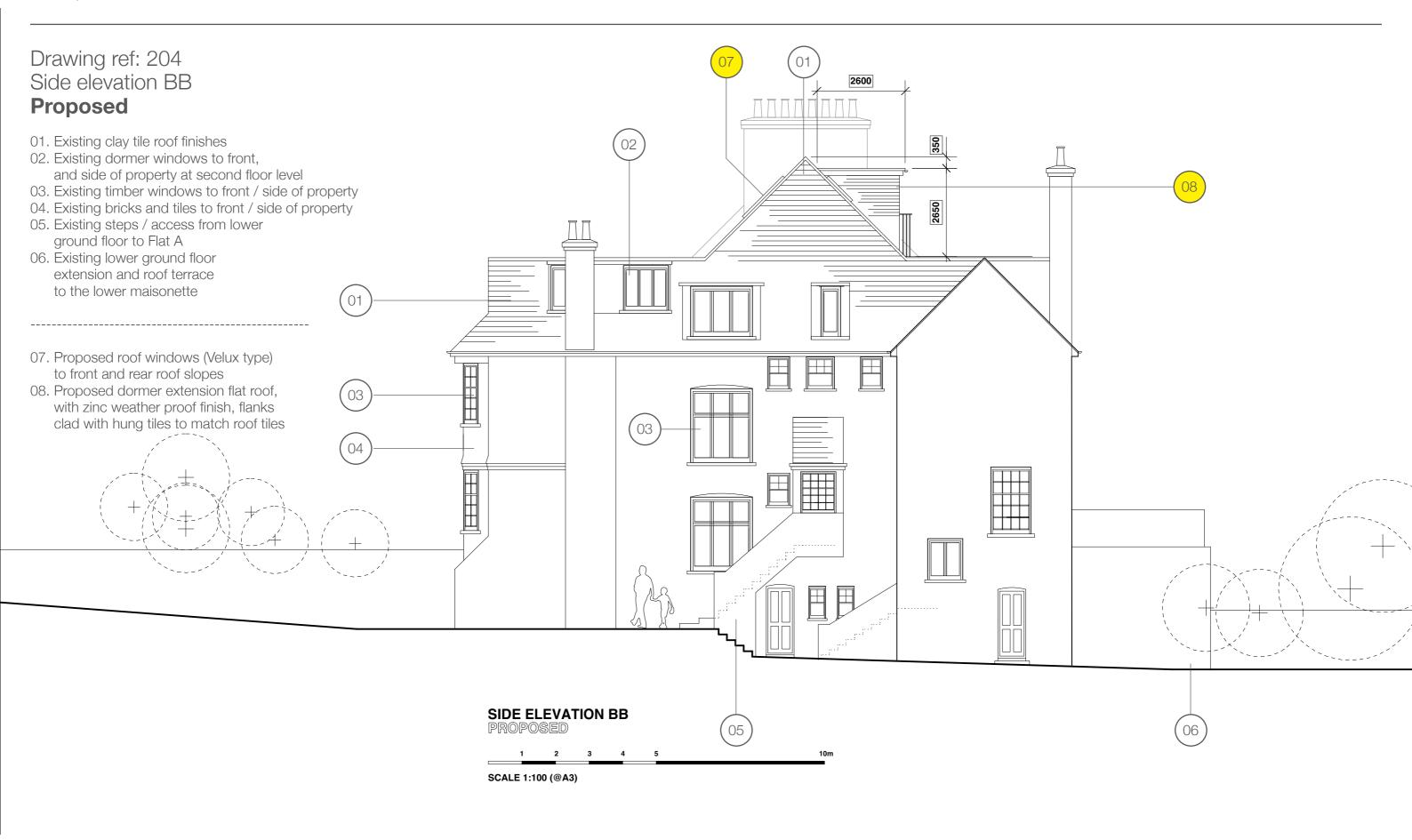


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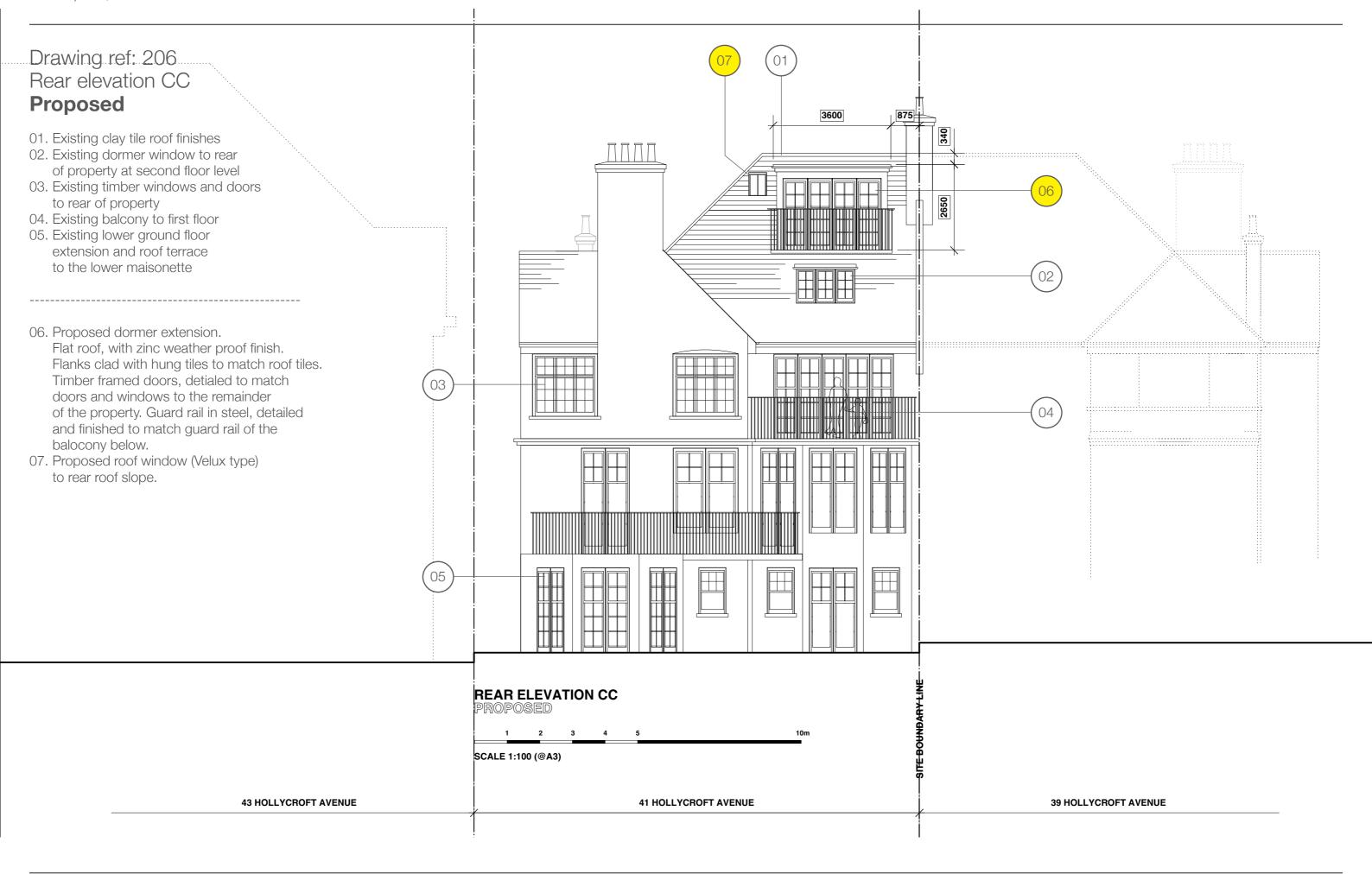


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Summary

We hope that the information and drawings above were clear an helpful.

Overall we feel that the proposed development is not incongruous to the existing property and surrounding area by way of scale and appearance.

The materials to be used are in keeping with original and existing building. Dormer windows are a typical detail of the style of property and the conservation area aesthetic.

The proposal creates limited additional overlooking to the adjacent properties, and therefore we feel that the scheme will have no detrimental impact to them. Nor does the proposal create any overshadowing.

We look forward to hearing back from you soon. Thank you.

Please contact Giles with any questions. Thank you

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