

**By Email**

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Dear David,

**Re: 1 Steeles Studios – Daylight and Sunlight Addendum Letter**

GIA have been instructed to review a proposal by James Gorst Architects Limited (received on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018) for the 1 Steeles Studios site.

The site is located in the London Borough of Camden at Steeles Studios near Havistock Hill. The existing site comprises of two separate two storey residential properties. Drawings of the existing site and previous scheme can be found in Appendix 01 of this letter report.

We have previously produced a daylight and sunlight report (dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018) for the scheme issued to GIA on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018. There have since been modifications to the previous scheme which we have reviewed to understand if the proposed changes will alter the daylight and sunlight position as outlined in our April 2018 report. No technical analysis has been undertaken as part of our review, however, we have overlaid (see Figure 01) the 3D model of the previous scheme with the new proposal to identify the changes in massing.

The 3D context model used for the April 2018 report has not been updated, therefore all assumptions and sources of information remain the same. GIA have considered all properties that were included within our previous report.

**Methodology**

The daylight and sunlight methodology undertaken and documented within our April 2018 report is predicated on the BRE Guidelines 2011 which is the leading authority on light matters.

The BRE Guidelines provide the following methodologies for the assessment of daylight within neighbouring properties:

- Vertical Sky Component (VSC); and
- No Sky Line (NSL).

The VSC method calculates the amount of sky visible at the centre of the window face (vertical plane) and the value is quantified as a percentage.

The NSL assessment considers the distribution of daylight within a room and calculates where the sky can and cannot be seen at table top height (850mm). This assessment takes the number and size of windows serving a room into account. There is no qualitative assessment of the light in the room, only where sky can and cannot be seen.

To understand the quantum of sunlight that a neighbouring property receives, the BRE provides the Annual Probable Sunlight Hours (APSH) calculation. This considers the number of 'sunspots' that can be seen from a window in the existing situation and compares that to the proposed.

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In accordance with the BRE Guidelines, only the daylight and sunlight amenity to habitable rooms such as living rooms, kitchens and bedrooms in residential properties have been considered. Non-habitable rooms such as bathrooms, WCs, store rooms and circulation spaces were not included in the planning assessment (Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight, A guide to good practice page 7, paragraph 2.2.2).

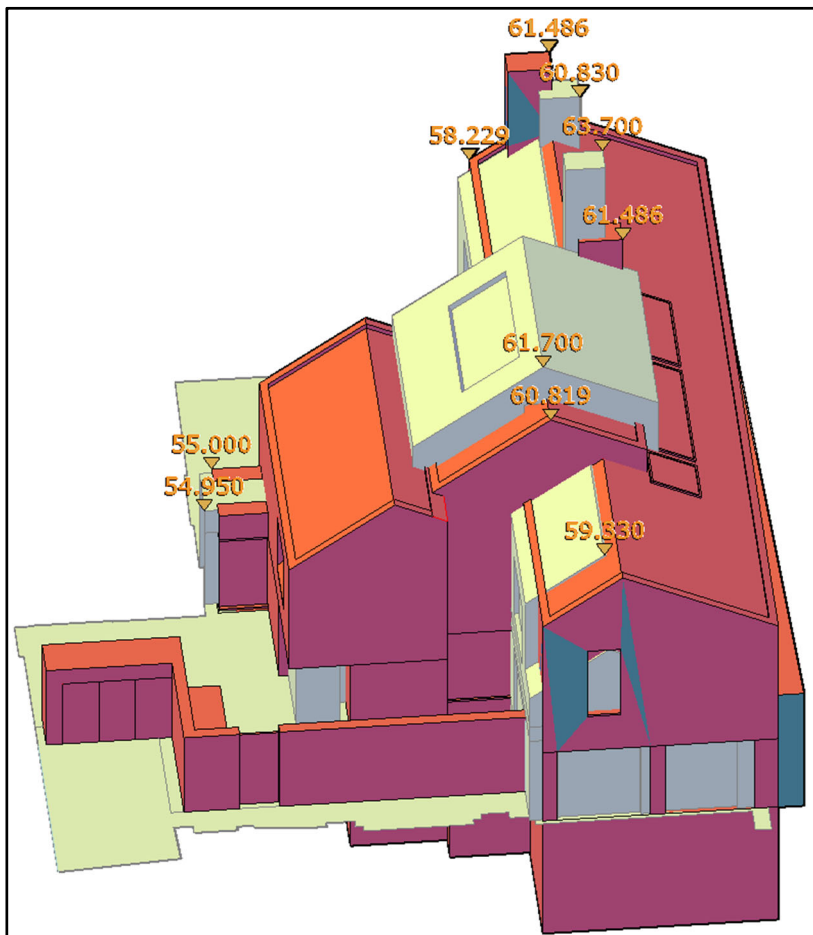
The following properties containing residential units were assessed in relation to the previous scheme:

- The Sir Richard Steele (97 Haverstock Hill);
- Stanbury Court; and
- 2 Steeles Studios.

The technical analysis undertaken against the previous scheme illustrated near total compliance with the BRE Guidelines for daylight (VSC and NSL) and sunlight (APSH). There was only one window which experienced a fractional transgression in VSC, however, due to mitigating windows and NSL compliance to the room served by this window, we believe the change in daylight is unlikely to be noticeable.

### Proposed Scheme

GIA have overlaid the previous development with the proposed scheme to understand where the changes in massing are located. On Figure 01 below, the previous development is illustrated in light green and the proposed scheme is highlighted in red. The proposed scheme reduces the height of the central pitched roof by circa 0.88 metres. Elsewhere on the proposal the changes in massing are minor and in our opinion, will not alter the daylight and sunlight position from the previous scheme.



**Figure 01 – Previous Development and Proposed Scheme overlaid**

## Summary

GIA have undertaken a non-technical review to understand whether, in our opinion, the modifications to the previous scheme (issued to GIA on the 20th April 2018) for the 1 Steeles Studios site will alter the daylight and sunlight position as documented in our April 2018 report.

Based on our professional judgement and understanding of the massing changes, we do not believe that the changes to the proposed scheme will affect the daylight and sunlight position. As such, the overall conclusions within our daylight and sunlight report remain the same.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely  
For and on behalf of GIA



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Encl: Appendix 01 - Drawings

# Appendix 01

*Drawings*

*Existing*





PLAN VIEW  
SCALE 1:150

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

IR01-Sketch Drawings (James Gorst Architects)  
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IR04 - Sketch-up-James Gorst Architects 060917  
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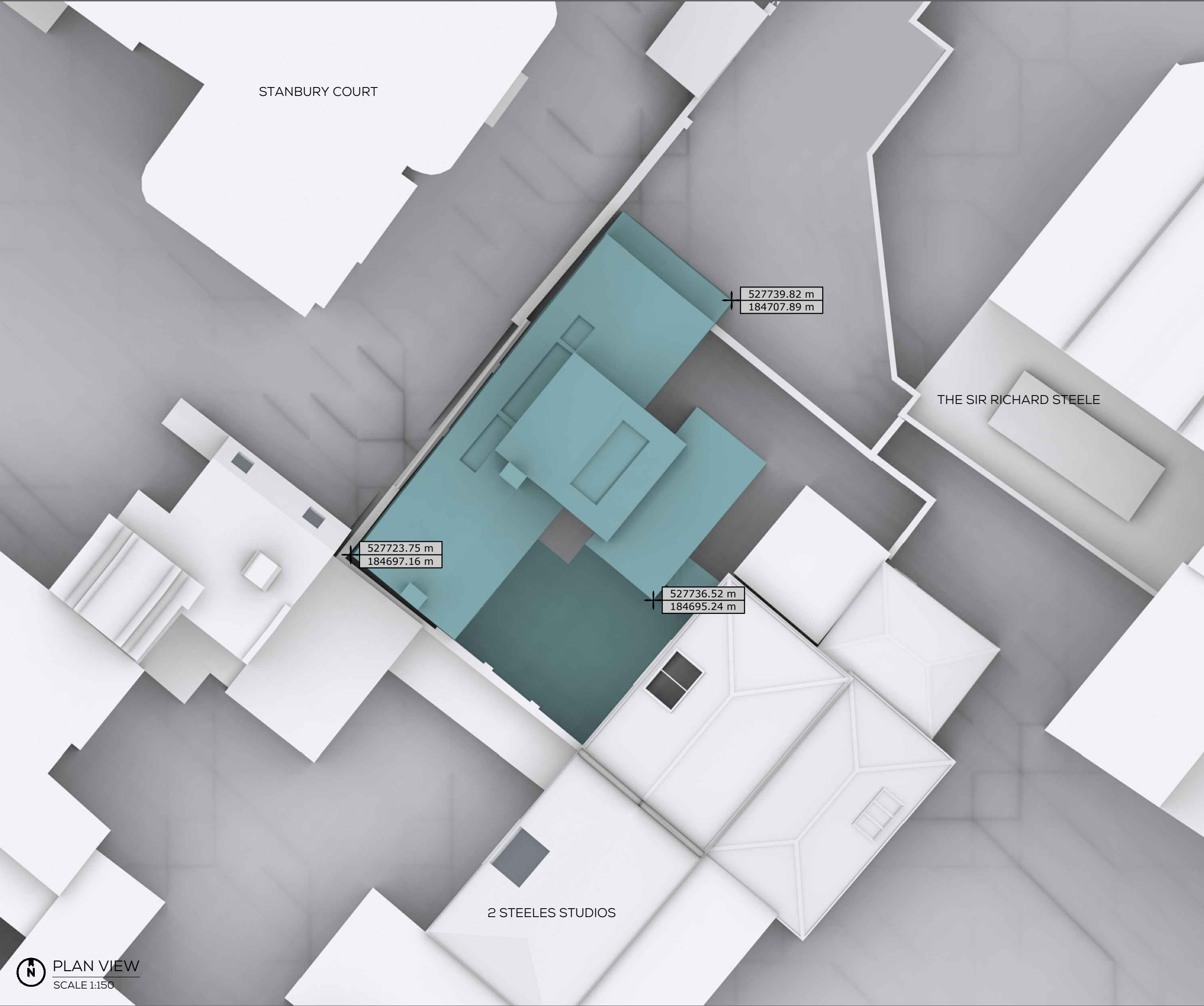
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*Proposed*





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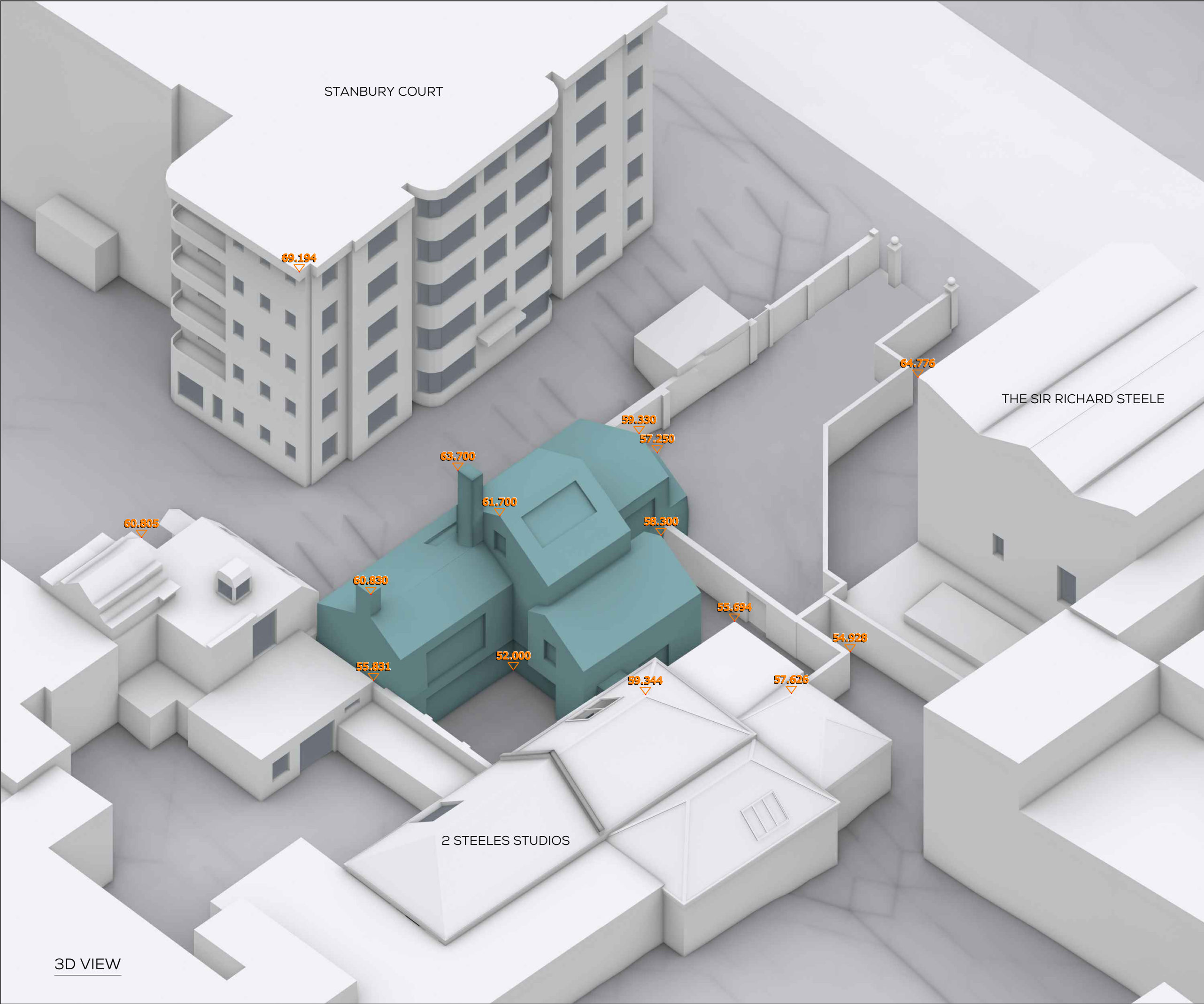
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