Submission Statement with Design and Access Statement

King's Cross Estate Management Office Application for Planning Permission



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Introduction

This Submission Statement is submitted in support of a full planning application for the relocation of the King's Cross Estate Management Office ('KXEMO') and ancillary back of house facilities to Unit 5 of Building B6 (ground and basement) and part of the shared Zone B basement, located in Development Zone B in the southern part of the Kings Cross Central (KXC) development site (Figure 1).

The overall King's Cross Central ('KXC') mixed use development is derived from the Outline Planning Permission 2004/2307/P dated 22 December 2006 (the 'Outline Planning Permission'). The KXC scheme was subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') and is described in the Revised Development Specification document (September 2005) and Revised Parameter Plans which form part of the Outline Planning Permission and are referred to in the planning conditions.

Approval for Building B6 was established through various Reserved Matters submissions in 2010 and 2016 (Refs. 2010/0870/P, 2014/4125/P and 2016/6537/P). The shared Zone B basement was permitted through two Reserved Matters approvals with references 2010/0862/P and 2011/4090/P. Further details on these approvals are outlined in Section 1 – Background to the Proposals.

Although the application site already has approval for a mixed use building and shared basement zone under separate Reserved Matters approvals, the applicant is seeking full planning permission for use of Unit 5 (Building B6) and part of the shared zone B basement for the use by the KXEMO, as office use (Use Class B1a). Nothing within the current planning application, in terms of use or works, would prejudice the future development of the site pursuant to the Outline Planning Permission or related approved reserved matters submissions.

The application is made by King's Cross Central General Partner Ltd. ('KCCGPL').

The application is not considered to be EIA development and hence, is not supported by an environmental impact assessment. As the application does not include a net increase in floorspace, it will not be liable to the Community Infrastructure Levy (please refer to section 2.1 for further clarification).

The KXEMO is currently situated on the Plot S5, in the north of the KXC development site. This has always been considered a temporary location and, following Reserved Matters approval being granted for Building S5 in December 2018 (ref.2018/4813/P), construction is due to start on that building in Q1 2020. The proposed location for the KXEMO will provide a good quality facility, centrally located on the development to allow the management team to effectively manage the wider estate from a permanent base.

The application site is located within Unit 5 of 3 Pancras Square, (part of Building B6) as well as part of the shared Zone B basement (see Figure 2- Site Location Plan).

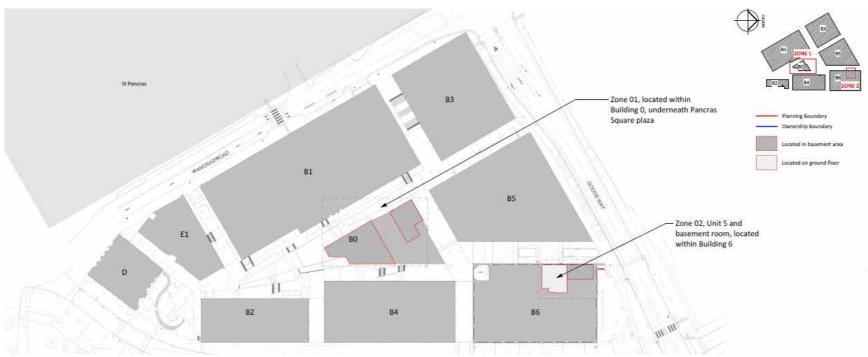


Figure 2: Site Location Plan



Background to the Proposals

1.1 Planning History & Pre-Application Advice





Planning History

Building B6

In 2010, a Reserved Matters submission was approved for Building B6, for the erection of an eleven storey building for use as offices (Class B1) on upper floors and shopping/food and drink uses (Classes A1-A5) at ground floor level (Ref. 2010/0870/P).

Subsequently, in 2014, a revised Reserved Matters application was approved (Ref. 2014/4125/P). A key change of this application was the inclusion of a two storey basement (a one storey basement for the building was previously approved as part of the shared Zone B Basement Reserved Matters (Ref. 2011/4743/P)). Ancillary plant and retail storage were provided at upper basement level, while the lower basement level provided space for refuse and recycling storage, bicycle parking and other ancillary uses. The B6 basement is designed to connect to and is serviced via a large, shared basement beneath Development Zone B, with access off Pancras Road.

Lastly, in 2016, a planning application for additional retail floorspace at ground and basement levels was approved (Ref. 2016/6537/P). Specifically, Units 3 and 4 were reconfigured to create Units 3, 4 and 5.

Zone B Basement

In 2010, a Reserved Matters application was approved for the basement service areas for Buildings B2, B4 and B6, a related vehicular service route and entrance/exit ramp off Pancras Road (Ref. 2010/0862/P).

In 2011, a revised Reserved Matters application was approved (Ref. 2011/4743/P). This application was revised to reflect occupier requirements on the emerging scheme for Building B1, detailed design work on Buildings B2 and B4, and the need to accommodate estate management facilities and plant relating to public realm features. A key feature of this application was the full excavation of the centre of the basement to provide space for additional cycle, car and motorcycle parking, and public realm plant and estate management functions.

Pre-Application Advice

Pre-application advice has been sought from Camden Officers. Officers confirmed the proposed use and amendments to Unit 5 in Building B6 and the relevant areas of the shared Zone B basement would need to be sought via a full planning application and that the most appropriate use for the KXEMO would be Use Class B1a. It was also discussed that the use of the site for the King's Cross Estate Management Office would enliven the frontage of Unit 5 (along the building's western elevation opposite Building B5) and would be in keeping with the surrounding uses, subject to the submission of a planning application and all required information.



Proposals

2.1 Scheme Design

2.2 Access



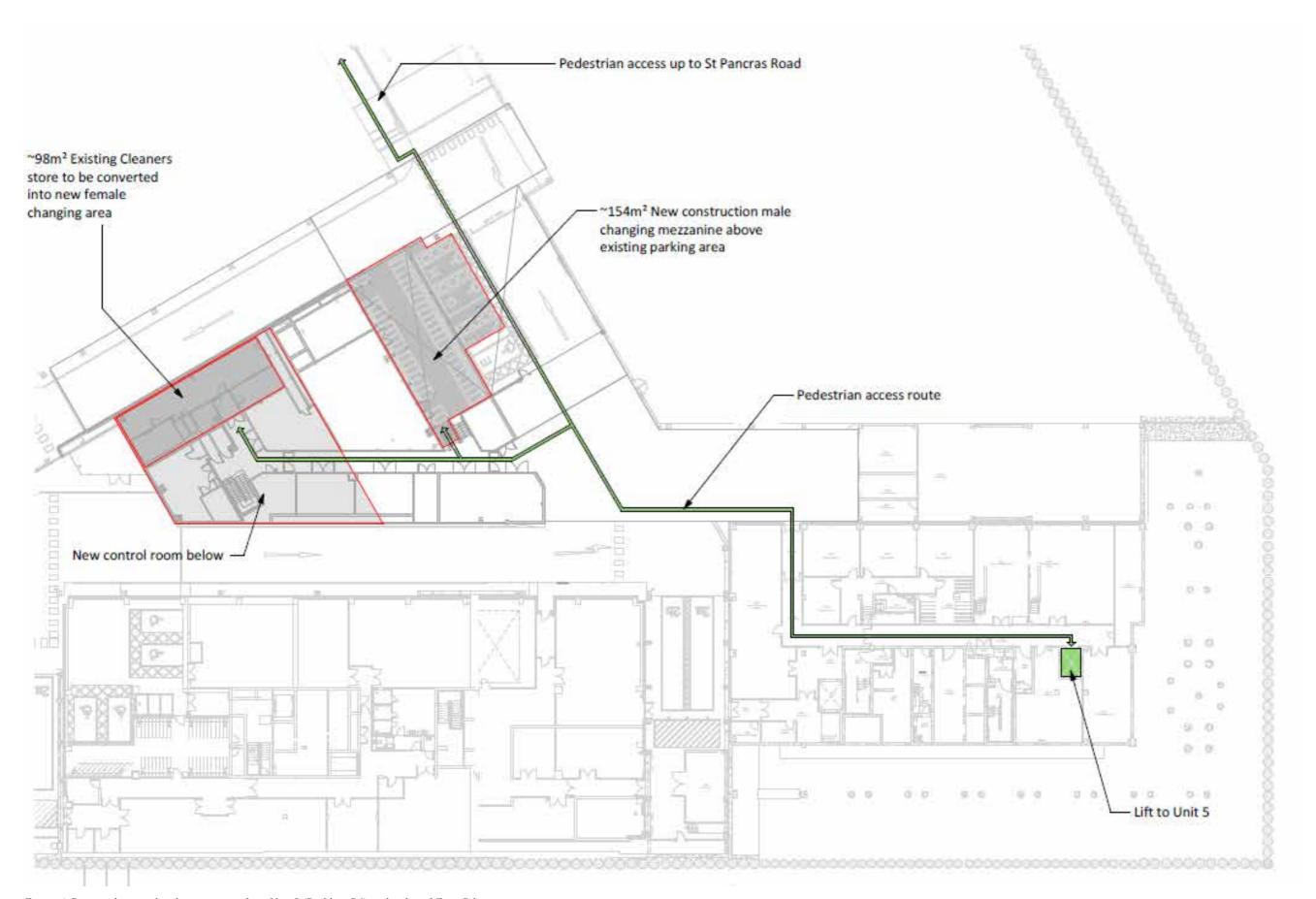


Figure 4: Proposed internal pedestrian route from Unit 5 (Building B6) to the shared Zone B basement

Level	Existing	Proposed GEA (sqm)	
	GEA		
	(sqm)		
Unit 5 (Building B6) Level 00	159	159	
Unit 5 (Building B6) Level 00 Mezzanine	0	159	
Unit 5 (Building B6) Level -01	112	112	
Total (Unit 5 (Building B6))	271	430	
Part of Shared Zone B Basement Level -02	164	164	
Part of Shared Zone B Basement Level -02 Mezzanine	0	199	
Part of Shared Zone B Basement Level -03	360	360	
Total (Part of Shared Zone B Basement)	524	723	
Total of entire site (Unit 5 (Building B6) and part of Shared Zone B Basement	795	1,153	

Figure 5: Table of existing and proposed GEA



Figure 6: Proposed B6 Facade

This application seeks permission for the composite use of part of Unit 5 of Building B6 (referred to as 'Unit 5') and part of the shared Zone B basement for the KXEMO (Use Class B1a). Figure 5 details the existing and proposed GEA floorspace of the development.

The internal works proposed include the insertion of two separate mezzanine floors, each under 200 sqm. In line with Section 55(2)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) and Article 44 of the Development Management Procedure Order (2015), these internal works are not considered 'development' and thus do not require planning permission, nor are they liable to the Community Infrastructure Levy. Nevertheless, they are detailed on the proposed plans for completeness.

The external works proposed relate to the insertion of signage along the western frontage of Unit 5. This signage will be in keeping with the existing signage along all other frontages of Building B6.

The plans also note a number of internal alterations within both Unit 5 and parts of the shared Zone B basement. This is required to facilitate the use of these areas for office use, including ancillary facilities (Use Class B1a). These internal alterations are detailed below.

Unit 5 (Building B6)

Unit 5 comprises 271 sqm (GEA) and has been vacant since construction. The challenging retail climate is well documented across various media and to date, a suitable retail tenant has not come forward for this unit. The location of the unit away from the main desire lines of pedestrians and Pancras Square means it does not benefit from the footfall that a retailer would look for. In this context, it is considered that the KXEMO will provide an alternative active use for the unit, and a permanent, high quality home for the estate management staff.

The proposal will seek to introduce a mezzanine floor of 156 sqm (GEA) on the ground floor (see Proposed Plan -B6, Level 00 Mez KXC-ES-B6-001-A-STL-20-01202 rev. P17). Therefore, the total floorspace that will form part of Unit 5 will be 427 sqm (GEA).

Ground Floor (including mezzanine)

The proposed ground floor area within Unit 5 (see Proposed Plan - B6 Level 00 KXC-ES-B6-001-A-STL-20-01201 rev.P17) will include a reception area and a meeting room. The proposed ground floor mezzanine will provide desk space for employees of the King's Cross Estate Management team. The introduction of these elements will seek to enliven this frontage along the western boundary, in line with the vision for the 2016 planning application (Ref. 2011/4743/P).

Scheme Design

Basement

It is proposed to reconfigure the existing basement space to include a staff room, staff toilets (including a unisex accessible WC) and a cleaner store. A new stairwell and platform lift are also proposed to allow for direct access from the ground floor. The floorspace will remain as existing (112 sqm GEA) (see Existing GA Plan - B6, Level -01 KXC-ES-B6-001-A-STL-10-E1003 rev.P17 and Proposed GA plan - B6, Level -01 KXC-ES-B6-001-A-STL-20-01200 rev. P17).

Shared Zone B Basement

The parts of the shared Zone B basement that are included in this application are currently used informally by maintenance staff on site. This includes the refuse store located at level -03 and the cleaner store at level -02. Unallocated cycle spaces are also located in this part of the shared Zone B basement, however, due to sufficient provision of spaces in various Zone B buildings, these cycle spaces have always been unoccupied. These proposals will not change the level of cycle provision for the individual buildings, which is generally provided within their footprint and will continue to meet the requirements of the King's Cross Outline Planning Permission.

Level -03

It is proposed to convert the existing store and refuse store at level -03 to facilities to support the KXEMO, including a new CCTV control centre, staff welfare facilities and meeting rooms (see Existing GA Plan - B0, Level -03 KXC-ES-B0-001-A-STL-10-E1000 rev.P17 and Proposed Plan - B0, Level -03 KXC-ES-B0-001-A-STL-20-01100 rev.P17). Currently this store is informally being used for refuse storage by the maintenance team and the bins currently stored here will be collected by Veolia, the estate's private waste collector.

Level -02

The existing cleaners store at level -02 will be reconfigured to accommodate a female changing area. This store comprises 164 sqm (GEA) (see Level -02, Basement, Location Plan KXC-ES-ZZ-001-A-STL-10-01002 rev. P17 and Existing GA Plan – B0, Level -02 KXC-ES-B0-001-A-STL-10-E1001 rev. P17). The existing access to the female changing area is proposed to remain as existing (see Proposed Plan – B0, Level -02 KXC-ES-B0-001-A-STL-20-01101 rev. P17). This area will also accommodate the disabled shower room/WC.

Level -02 Mezzanine and Raised Mezzanine

A new mezzanine and raised mezzanine level is proposed at level -02, above the motorcycle and disabled parking spaces. The motorcycle parking spaces are currently unallocated spaces used by the tenants of the various Zone B buildings. The disabled parking bays are either unallocated or allocated to the tenants of Building B6. The introduction of the mezzanine above this area will not prevent the motorcycle parking or disabled parking spaces from being used in the future. However, for the duration of the construction, these spaces will be temporarily moved to another part of the shared Zone B basement. Further details on the exact location of these spaces and existing level -02 is at Existing GA Plan - B0, Level -02 (Sheet 2 of 2) (Ref. KXC-ES-B0-001-A-STL-10-E1002 Rev. P17).

Further details of the proposed mezzanine and a subsequent raised mezzanine are illustrated in accompanying plans (Proposed B0 Sections - Male Changing KXC-ES-B0-001-A-STL-20-03302 Rev. P17 and Proposed Plan - B0, Level -02 Mez KXC-ES-B0-001-A-STL-20-01102 Rev. P17).

Western Elevation (Building B6)

The insertion of signage along the western elevation will include a manifestation behind the glass, as well as a blade sign. Both these elements will be similar to the existing signage for the other units within Building B6.

Additionally, these works will help activate the ground floor level along this western pedestrian route, in line with General 1: Facade Design and Public Realm of the Urban Design Report consented for the 2014 application (Ref. 2014/4125/P). Further details of the proposed signage is included in Figure 6 and the External Elevations (B06 Retail unit 5) plan (Ref. KXC-ES-B6-001-A-STL-ZZ-02000 rev.P17).

Staff Journey

Access from Unit 5 to the Shared Zone B Basement

The accompanying Level -02 Location Plan (see Level-02, Basement, Location Plan KXC-ES-ZZ-001-A-STL-10-01002 rev. P17) illustrates how a staff member can access the proposed basement facilities at level -02 of the shared Zone B basement. Staff members would use the lift from Unit 5 to access level-02, travelling through the existing basement service corridor to the various ancillary back of house facilities. Details on the staff journey is also included at Figure 4.

Staff wishing to access the control room and the other facilities at level -03 can use the lift in Building B4. Further details on circulation are provided in Section 2.2 (Access).

Access from the Road to Cycle Spaces and Shower Facilities

The staff will be able to access the cycle and shower facilities via the existing basement entrance on Pancras Road. This is also illustrated through the green arrow on Figure 4 and accompanying Level -02 Location Plan (see Level-02, Basement, Location Plan KXC-ES-ZZ-001-A-STL-10-01002 rev.P17). The cyclists and pedestrians are physically separated from the vehicles via a dedicated ramp and entry to this ramp is controlled by way of a secure gate, accessed using a key fob.

Access

Introduction

This Access Statement has been prepared by James Holmes-Siedle of All Clear Designs Ltd. It sets out the process adopted by the developer (King's Cross Central General Partner Limited) to create an accessible and inclusive environment in the KXEMO located within Plot B6 and B Basements

This statement has been prepared by All Clear Designs Ltd to accompany a planning application to use Unit 5 in Building B6 and part of the shared Zone B basement for the KXEMO, including ancillary back of house facilities (Use Class B1a).

Zone 1 is in the BO basement, and Zone 2 is in Unit 5 of B6 show in Figure 7 below;

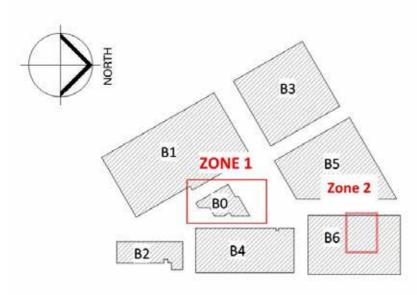


Figure 7: Site plan indicating Zone 1 and Zone 2

Context

Notwithstanding that this Access Statement relates to a freestanding planning application, the access and inclusivity strategy has still been developed having regard to the KXC document hierarchy as follows:

1. King's Cross Central Access and	A scene setting document establishing	
Inclusivity Strategy (2005)	the principles and containing the	
	master plan philosophy and over	
	arching strategies, as referred to in the	
	S106 Agreement.	
2. Access Statement (this document)	A detailed document containing	
	expanded descriptions explaining how	
	the strategy has been implemented in	
	the individual schemes.	
3. Building Regulations Access	A document which will accompany the	
Statement	building regulations application for the	
	buildings. This document will contain	
	a further level of detailed description	
	to accompany the increased level	
	of detail of the Building Regulations	
	submission.	

Scope

This Access Statement contains an explanation of measures that have been incorporated within the proposals for the KXEMO to facilitate access and use by all people including disabled people. It indicates how the design meets the required design standards, good practice guidance and Building Regulations access requirements.

The statement takes into account the needs of people with mobility impairments including wheelchair users and those with sensory and cognitive impairments.

However, it is recognised that the issues considered in this report will affect the convenience of access for all occupants, not just disabled people.

This Access Statement is based on the strategies set out in the King's Cross Central Access and Inclusivity Strategy (September 2005) and addresses the items set out in Appendix D of that document, including:

- Explanation of policy and approach to access;
- · Sources of advice and guidance on accessibility;
- · Details of consultations undertaken or planned;
- · Details of access consultant involvement;
- Explanation of specific issues affecting accessibility and details of access solutions adopted; and
- Details of potential management polices and procedures to be adopted to enhance and maintain accessibility.

Areas where technical or other constraints have prevented or constrained the application of the principles set out in the above strategy are highlighted as appropriate.

The areas covered in the building include entrances, horizontal and vertical circulation, facilities and sanitary accommodation.

This statement does not cover operational aspects in detail, (addressed during Building Regulations approval), but it identifies and comments on areas where management procedures are likely to be required to ensure good accessibility.

This Access Statement is based on, and should be read in conjunction with, the submitted scheme drawings and information provided by Stride Treglown Architects.

Role of Access Consultant

The access consultant has been involved in the preparation of the submitted proposals. The role of the access consultant is to advise the design team and appraise elements of the design at the relevant stages of the design process to ensure that the best possible level of access is achieved and that the proposals meet relevant legislation and recognised good practice guidance. The consultant also provides recommendations about measures that can be incorporated within the scheme to facilitate access and use by disabled people.

The access consultancy services have ensured the integration of accessibility measures into the building whilst also maintaining the overall concept of the design.

Access

Criteria for Assessment & Design Guidance References

The following documents and guidance have informed the proposals and are referenced where appropriate:

- Argent (King's Cross) Limited, King's Cross Central Access and Inclusivity Strategy, September 2005;
- GLA, Accessible London: Achieving an Inclusive Environment, April 2004;
- Building Regulations Part K, Approved Document K, 2013 edition;
- Building Regulations Part M, Approved Document M, 2015 edition;
- British Standard BS8300:2018 Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment Part 1: External environment — Code of practice;
- British Standard BS8300:2018 Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment Part 2: Buildings — Code of practice;
- BS 9999:2017 Fire safety in the design, management and use of buildings - Code of practice;
- DETR, Parking for Disabled People, Traffic Advisory Leaflet 5/95, 1995;
- Other currently recognised good practice design guidance including Sign Design Guide, (SDS, 2000); Guidance on the use of Tactile Paving (UK, DETR), Inclusive Mobility (DoT); Designing for Accessibility (CAE, 2004), The Access Manual, (Blackwell, 2006) and Manual for Streets (DfT and DCLG 2007).

It is also necessary to observe reasonable functional and financial practicalities and to take into account the nature of this and its neighbouring buildings. Wherever possible, the design team have gone beyond the minimum requirements of Part M (Building Regulations) and the guidance provided in the Approved Document M. This will assist the occupier(s) in meeting its/their duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Factors Contributing to Accessibility

This Access Statement considers accessibility at an early stage in the design. Detailed design issues such as fixtures, fittings, management and other issues which contribute to the accessibility will need to be considered in the future.

The individual needs of visitors cannot always be known in advance, thus it is acknowledged that further adjustments to estate management policy or procedure or to the physical features of the building and landscaping may become necessary.

Because of the small scale of the application no specific consultation has taken place.

Further details are provided in the full assessment of the proposals set out in the following paragraphs.



Proposals

Basement Proposals

The current Zone B basement area contains parking and storage, having been completed pursuant to Reserved Matters approvals in 2010 and 2011.

The proposed design seeks to amend part of the basement to accommodate the estate management function. The following paragraphs set out the proposals in terms of their accessibility.

B0 Level -3

Level -3, shown in Figure 8, converts a store area into an operational area containing;

- · operations room;
- · meeting rooms;
- · staff welfare facilities; and
- WCs including an accessible WC

There are some door lobby arrangements which currently do not meet the requirements of Part M and these will be amended before making a Buildings Regulation Application

Access 2.2

B0 Level -2

Level -2, shown in Figure 9, converts a store area into a changing area containing;

- female changing area with lockers;
- a unisex accessible shower/WC; and
- unisex drying area for clothing

Accessible lockers will be provided in this area.

BO Level -2 Mezzanine

A new mezzanine structure on Level -2 (shown in Figure 10) will provide the following facilities:

- male changing area with lockers;
- male drying area for clothing

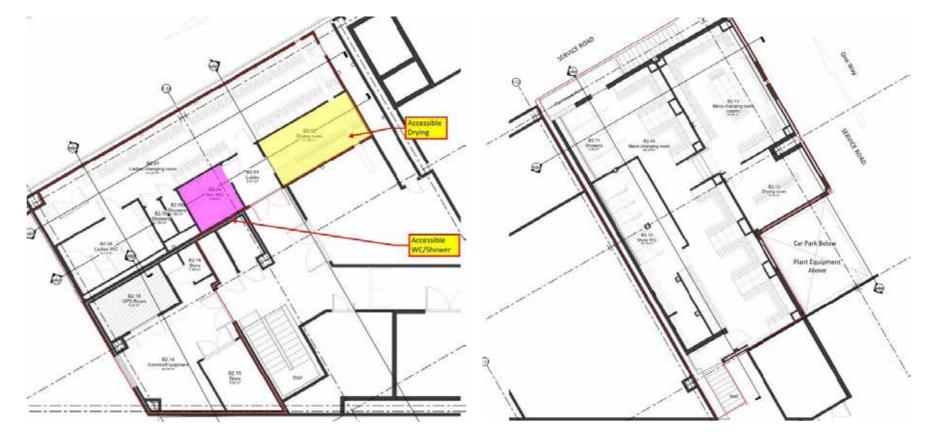


Figure 9: B0 Level -2

Figure 10:

B0 Level -2 Mezzanine

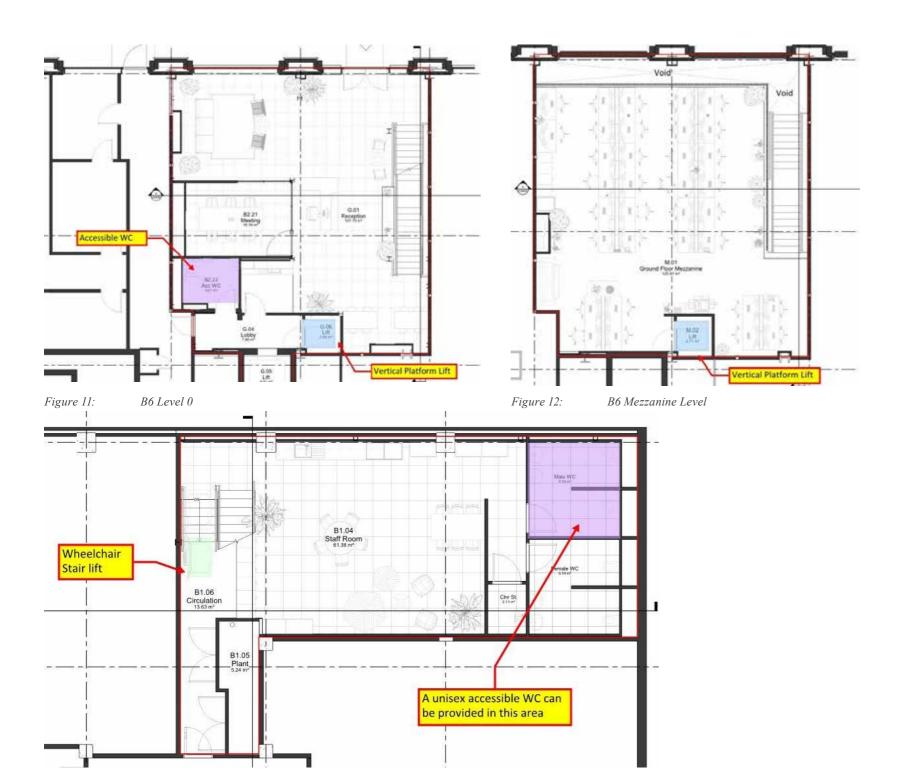


Figure 13: B6 Level -01

Unit 5 Proposals

Unit 5 will be adapted to contain the following;

- a staff welfare space at level -01;
- reception and meeting rooms at level 0; and
- an office area at a mezzanine level

B6 Unit 5 Level -01

Moving from level -1 to the welfare area will involve the use of a wheelchair stair platform lift for a short flight of steps, as shown in Figure 13. Due to the constrained space and existing structures in the unit, this type of lift is considered to be the best solution to achieve wheelchair access to all levels.

Although Figure 13 and the relevant submitted plan currently show male and female WCs, it is intended that one of these will be converted into a unisex accessible WC to meet Part M 5.7(b), with a further unisex WC adjacent.

B6 Unit 5 Level 0

This level, shown in Figure 11, contains the reception area.

The area contains an accessible unisex WC. The AWC has an inward opening door that also opens outward in case of emergency. The cubicle is sized according to the requirements in BS8300:2018 to allow an inward opening door.

A vertical platform lift has been inserted in this area to move from the Reception area to the mezzanine office area above.

The platform lift will meet the requirements of Part M of the building regulations.

B6 Unit 5 Level Mezzanine

The mezzanine area, shown in Figure 12, contains an office floor and is reached using the platform lift indicated below.

Access

Doors

Internal doors will meet Part M of the Building Regulations

General Details

Details of the following areas and how they will be made accessible shall be addressed as the scheme develops and form part of any Building Regulations Submission:

- decoration
- lighting
- sanitaryware selection and layouts
- fire alarm details
- lift details
- toilet layout details
- signage
- furniture selection
- · kitchen layout

In addition, the following paragraphs set out the management issues which estate staff should be aware of to ensure access is achieved and maintained.

Circulation

Movement between the floors is illustrated in Figures 14 and 15. All areas are accessible by lift and stairs.

The Male, Female and Unisex changing areas at basement levels -02 and mezzanine level are accessed via the normal cycle and pedestrian routes to the basement area from Pancras Road and/ or from the Unit 5 lift in B6. The new Control Room, which is located at level -03, is accessed via a lift located in Building B4. A staircase also runs between levels -02 and -03, and from the shared circulation space in the basement to mezzanine level.

Unit 5 is accessed from the ground floor at street level. To go down to level -01, staff will take the platform lift indicated in Figure 13.

To access the Mezzanine level they will use a further platform lift shown previously in Figures 11 and 12.

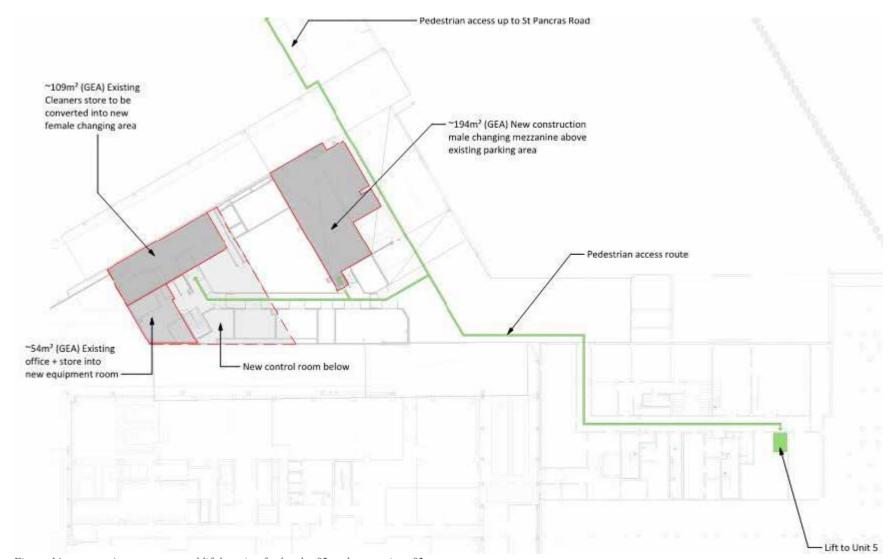


Figure 14: Access routes and lift location for levels -02 and mezzanine -02



Figure 15: Access routes and lift location for level -03

Management Issues

The following management issues will be brought to the attention of relevant parties to ensure that access is achieved and maintained:

- external routes keep in good repair and free of obstructions and leaves, ice, snow and surface water;
- doors adjustment of door closers; ironmongery to be kept in good working order;
- horizontal circulation keep routes free from obstructions and furniture layouts/seating arrangements accessible;
- vertical circulation regular checking of lifts to ensure floor of car aligns with finished floor level;
- WCs checks to ensure that manoeuvring space in accessible compartments is not obstructed by bins, sanitary disposal equipment etc; replenishment of toilet paper and paper towels in accessible WCs as well as other WCs;
- communication new signs to integrate with existing sign system, no ad hoc homemade signs; all information to be kept up-to-date; signers and translation services to be provided as necessary; appropriate provision of accurate access information and other literature;
- hearing enhancement systems advertising; regular checking and maintenance of systems;
- alarm systems checking of systems; staff training in procedures;
- surfaces ensuring cleaning does not cause slippery surfaces; maintaining junctions to avoid worn surfaces becoming tripping hazards; replacing surfaces like with like; maintaining colour contrast in redecoration;
- lighting prompt replacement of bulbs; keeping windows and light fittings clean;
- means of escape specific evacuation strategies to be devised for people who need assistance, including staff and visitors; staff training; regular practice drills; maintenance of fittings and equipment; reviewing evacuation procedures;

- security ensuring security procedures do not conflict with accessibility good practice;
- training staff training is critical to maintain access and to provide accessible services and employment opportunities.
 Training can cover areas such as disability awareness and equality, use of equipment such as platform lifts and induction loops, British Sign Language, hearing awareness, clear lip speaking, guiding people with visual impairments and general access awareness.
- health and safety policies implementation of policies on access, risk assessment;
- responsibilities for access identification of responsible people to approve improvements, set priorities, ensure access is included in maintenance and refurbishment programmes, provide auxiliary aids, review numbers of disabled people using a service and establish and run user groups;
- funding for access improvements identification of specific access funds or grants; funds for specific employees such as 'Access to work'; use of the maintenance budget;
- policy review regular reviews of all policies, practices and procedures affecting access.



Assessment Against Planning Policy

- 3.1 Planning Policy Framework
- 3.2 Planning Policy Review



Planning Policy Framework

Planning permission is sought for:

"Composite use of Unit 5 (Building B6) and a part of the shared Zone B basement for the King's Cross Estate Management Office, including ancillary back of house facilities (Use Class B1a)".

As required by Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, where regard is to be had to the development plan, planning decisions must be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

This section provides an assessment of the use of Unit 5 (Building 6) and part of the shared Zone B basement for the King's Cross Estate Management Office against the relevant current development plan policies contained in:

- The London Plan, Consolidated with Alterations (2016); and
- LB Camden Local Plan (2017).

Where appropriate, the following are also considered material considerations:

- National Planning Policy Framework (July 2018);
- National Planning Policy Guidance (2014 updated July 2019);
- Draft New London Plan showing Consolidated Suggested Changes (July 2019);
- · Access for All CPG (March 2019);
- Amenity CPG (2018);
- Design CPG (March 2019);
- Employment sites and business premises CPG (March 2019);
 and
- Transport CPG (March 2019).

The application site falls within the King's Cross Opportunity

Area and the King's Cross Growth Area where it is recognised by policy that large scale redevelopment is planned and underway. Development within this area is expected to maximise site opportunities, conserve historic assets, provide appropriate links to and benefits for, surrounding areas and communities and be in accordance with the Council's aspirations and objectives for the area as set out in the Local Plan.

The Government's planning policy is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework document which was published in March 2012. Guidance on those policies is found in Planning Practice Guidance which have recently been updated and published online. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is not considered to affect fundamentally the standing of the relevant detailed document management policies. Nevertheless, the NPPF is relevant, generally for the positive and flexible attitudes towards development management (e.g. paras. 14, 187 and 197) and the avoidance of unnecessary conditions on planning permissions (e.g. para. 206).

Against this background, the relevant policies of the Development Plan are summarised in the paragraphs below. An appraisal of the application proposals against these policies is also provided below in Section 3.2

The London Plan, Consolidated with Alterations (2016)

The 2016 London Plan sets out a fully integrated economic, environmental and social framework for the development of the capital.

London Plan Policy 4.2 supports mixed use development and redevelopment of office provision to improve London's competitiveness. The policy goes on to encourage renewal and modernisation of existing office stock in viable locations to improve its quality and flexibility.

London Plan Policy 6.9 states that developments should provide secure, integrated, convenient and accessible cycle parking facilities in line with the minimum standards set out in Table 6.3. This policy also states that on-site changing facilities and shower for cyclists should be provided.

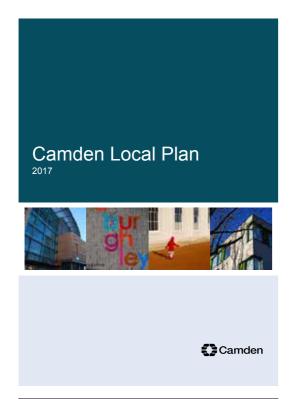
Draft New London Plan showing Consolidated Suggested Changes (July 2019)

The draft London Plan was published in December 2017 and seeks to update the adopted London Plan 2016. Following Examination in Public, a Consolidated Suggested Changes Version (July 2019) was published.

Emerging London Plan Policies SD4 and E1 continue to support the competitiveness and quality of office space through the provision of new office provision, refurbishment and mixed use development.

Emerging London Plan Policy T5 states that proposals should secure the provision of appropriate levels of cycle parking which should be fit for purpose, secure and well-located. The cycle parking provided should be in accordance with the minimum standards set out in Table 10.2 and Figure 10.2 of the plan.

Emerging London Plan Policy T6.5 states that all non-residential elements should provide access to at least one on or off-street disabled persons parking bay.





LB Camden Local Plan (2017)

LB Camden's Local Plan (2017) superseded the Council's Core Strategy (2010) and Development Policies Document (2010). The Local Plan seeks to cover the period from 2016 - 2031.

Local Plan Policy G1 encourages growth to deliver the homes, jobs, infrastructure and facilities to meet Camden's needs and harness benefits for those who work and live in the Borough. The policy goes on to state that development should make the most efficient and best use of land and development which does not should be resisted. Lastly, the policy states that 695,000sqm of office floorspace needs to be delivered by 2031 and development will be directed to growth areas and highly accessible areas including Central London.

Local Plan Policy E1 outlines that the Council will secure a successful and inclusive economy in Camden by creating the conditions for economic growth and harnessing the benefits for local residents and businesses. The Council will support businesses and maintain a stock of premises that are suitable for business premises. New office development will be directed to growth areas and highly accessible areas including Central London.

Local Plan Policy D1 requires development to be of the highest architectural and urban design quality which improves the function, appearance and character of the area. Policy D2 (Heritage) states that the Council will preserve, and where appropriate, enhance Camden's rich and diverse heritage assets and their settings, including conservation areas. Camden's Local Plan document is supported by CPG1 (Design).

Local Plan Policy A1 states that the Council will protect the quality of life of occupants and neighbours. Development should protect amenity and ensure development contributes towards strong and successful communities. Considerations include privacy, outlook, sunlight, daylight, overshadowing, artificial light, transport impacts, impacts of the construction phase, noise, vibration, odour, fumes, dust, micro-climate, contaminated land and impacts on water and wastewater. Camden's Local Plan document is supported by CPG6 (Amenity).

Local Plan Policy T1 promotes sustainable transport by prioritising walking, cycling and public transport. Cycling is to be promoted as well as a safe and accessible environment for cyclists. Accessible and secure cycling parking facilities exceeding minimum standards should be provided. High quality facilities which promote cycling including shower and change rooms should also be provided.

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The Principle of Development

The Site is located within the Kings Cross Growth Area and has an excellent PTAL rating of 6b, a suitable location for new office development in accordance with regional and local policy.

The development of 1,153 sqm of new office space will contribute to meeting Camden's forecast demand as set within the Local Plan. The proposed use of the site as office use would ensure the continued beneficial use of a prominent building within the King's Cross Growth Area, improving the viability and vitality of the area and improving Camden's competitiveness.

Lastly, as outlined in Section 1, the use of site as office use (Use Class B1a) has been considered appropriate by LB Camden through pre-application discussions.

In view of the above, we consider the proposal for the composite B1a use to be acceptable in principle and in line with London Plan Policy 4.2 and Local Plan Policies G1 and E1.

Potential Cumulative Effect

In respect of Development Zone B, it is believed that no applications for additional Class B1a floorspace have been submitted. In relation to Building B6, the proposed use of Unit 5 as office use will only amount to a 6% increase of the overall office floorspace within the building. On this basis, we do not believe that the proposal will not amount to a materially significant impact on the overall development.

Design and Appearance

The Council's design policies are aimed at achieving the highest standard of design in all developments, including where alterations and extensions are proposed.

The majority of the changes that are required to facilitate the use of the site as office use are internal and thus will not have an impact on the external appearance of the building. However the internal changes, including the mezzanine proposed on the ground floor of Unit 5 (Building B6) will seek to provide this part of Pancras Square with a strong commercial and active frontage. This is in line with the approved Reserved Matters Application (Ref. 2014/4125/P) which sought for a strong retail and commercial frontage across all ground floor elevations, especially to encourage the flow of pedestrian traffic through the secondary streets and through Pancras Square.

The proposed manifestation and blade sign will also seek to enliven this part of the Pancras Square. On this basis, the proposed internal and external changes are in keeping with Local Plan Policy D1 which seeks to improve the function, appearance and character of the area.



Figure 17: Photo of the completed Zone B Basement

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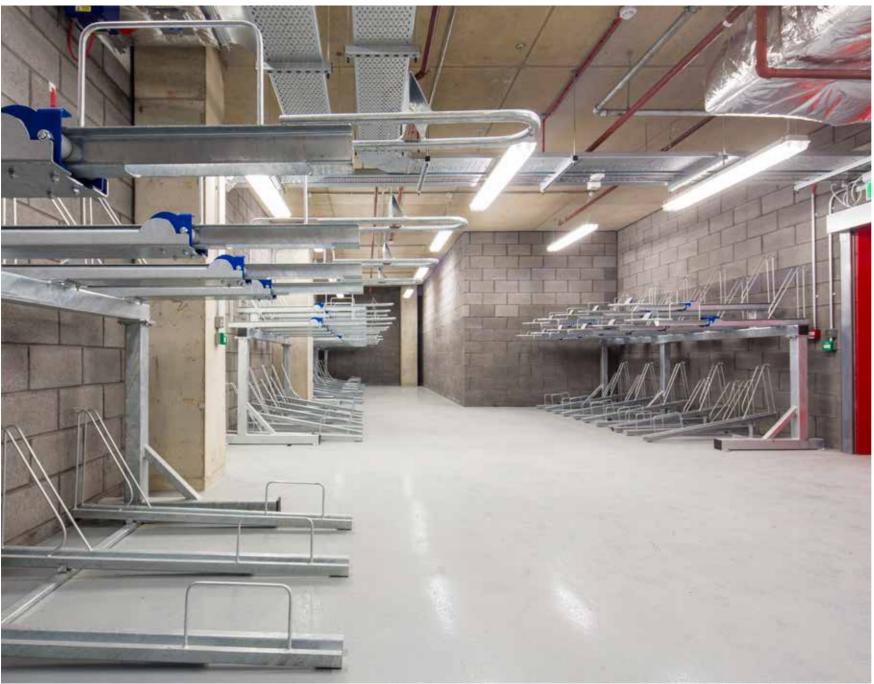


Figure 18: Photo of the cycle parking in the Building B4 basement on completion

Amenity Considerations

In line with Local Plan Policy A1, the impact associated with the proposed office use is not considered to have a materially harmful impact in terms of amenity on neighbouring properties. In particular, the surrounding uses consist of both retail and office use, thus the proposal will seek to contribute to enlivening this part of King's Cross.

Transport and Parking

A car free development is in accordance with the draft London Plan and the Local Plan and is considered appropriate due to the PTAL rating of 6B and proximity to public transport and walking and cycling routes.

Cycle parking for staff will be provided within Building B4, accessible through the shared Zone B basement. These secure cycle spaces (90 spaces) were approved through the 2011 application for the shared basement (Ref. 2011/4743/P) as unallocated cycle spaces. These spaces currently remain underused and therefore the provision of secure cycle parking exceeds the required amount detailed in the current and emerging London Plan. Furthermore, in line with London Plan Policy 6.9 and Local Plan Policy T1, sufficient shower and changing facilities will be provided within the shared Zone B basement.

In line with emerging London Plan Policy T6.5, one disabled parking bay will be provided within the shared Zone B basement.

Delivery and servicing for the proposed King's Cross Estate Management Office will be as per the existing arrangement via the shared Zone B basement. Delivery vehicles will access/exit the basement from Pancras Road via a two-way ramp which passes through the northern part of the demise of building B1. Any delivery vehicle for the KXEMO will be able to load and unload in a dedicated loading bay adjacent to Building t is assumed that office development of this size will generate only a handful of deliveries per day and will therefore have no material impact on the local highway.

This review concludes that the proposed use of the site for office use (Use Class B1a) will not create any material transport related impacts and is therefore acceptable in relation to transport and traffic terms.

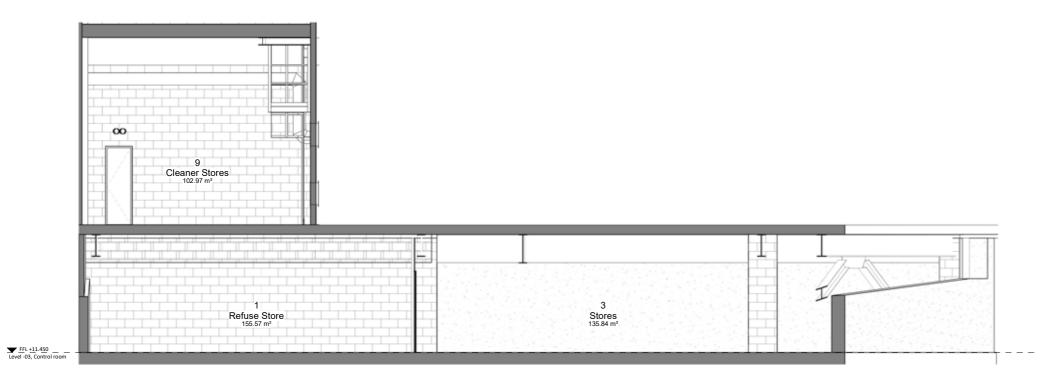


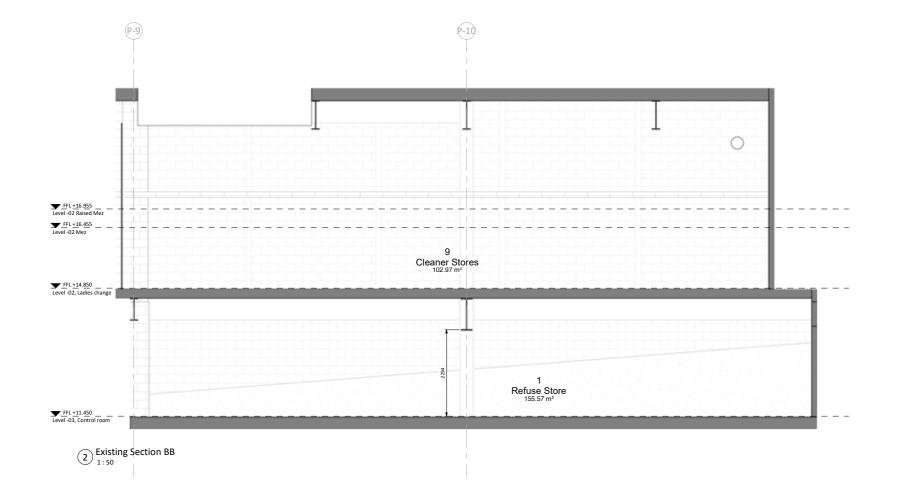
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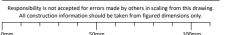


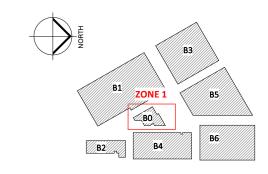
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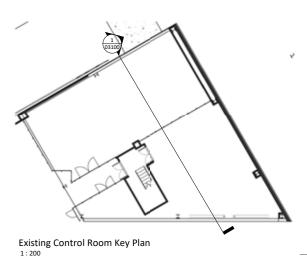
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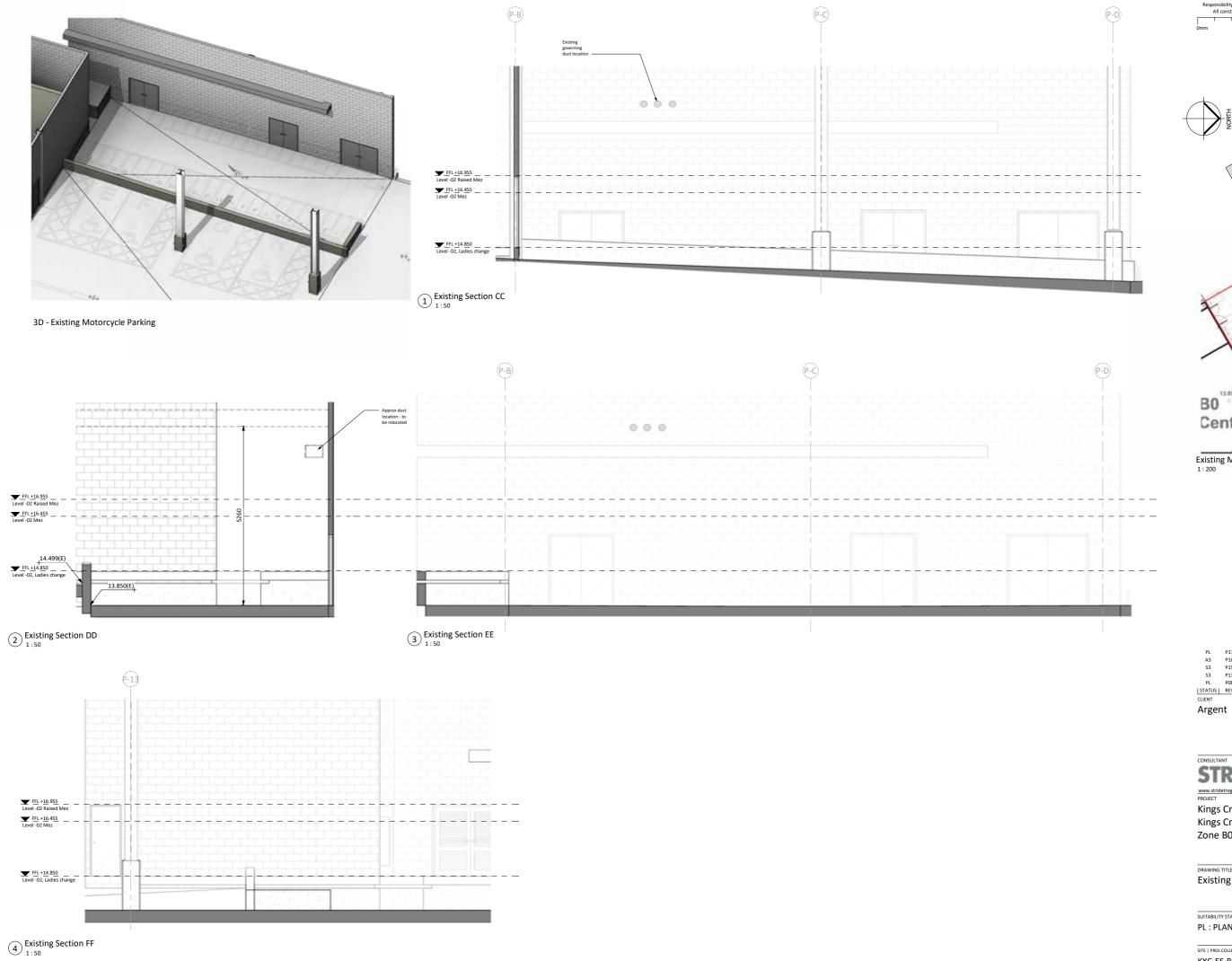
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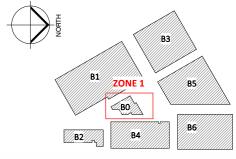
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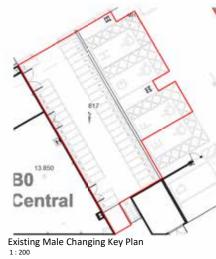
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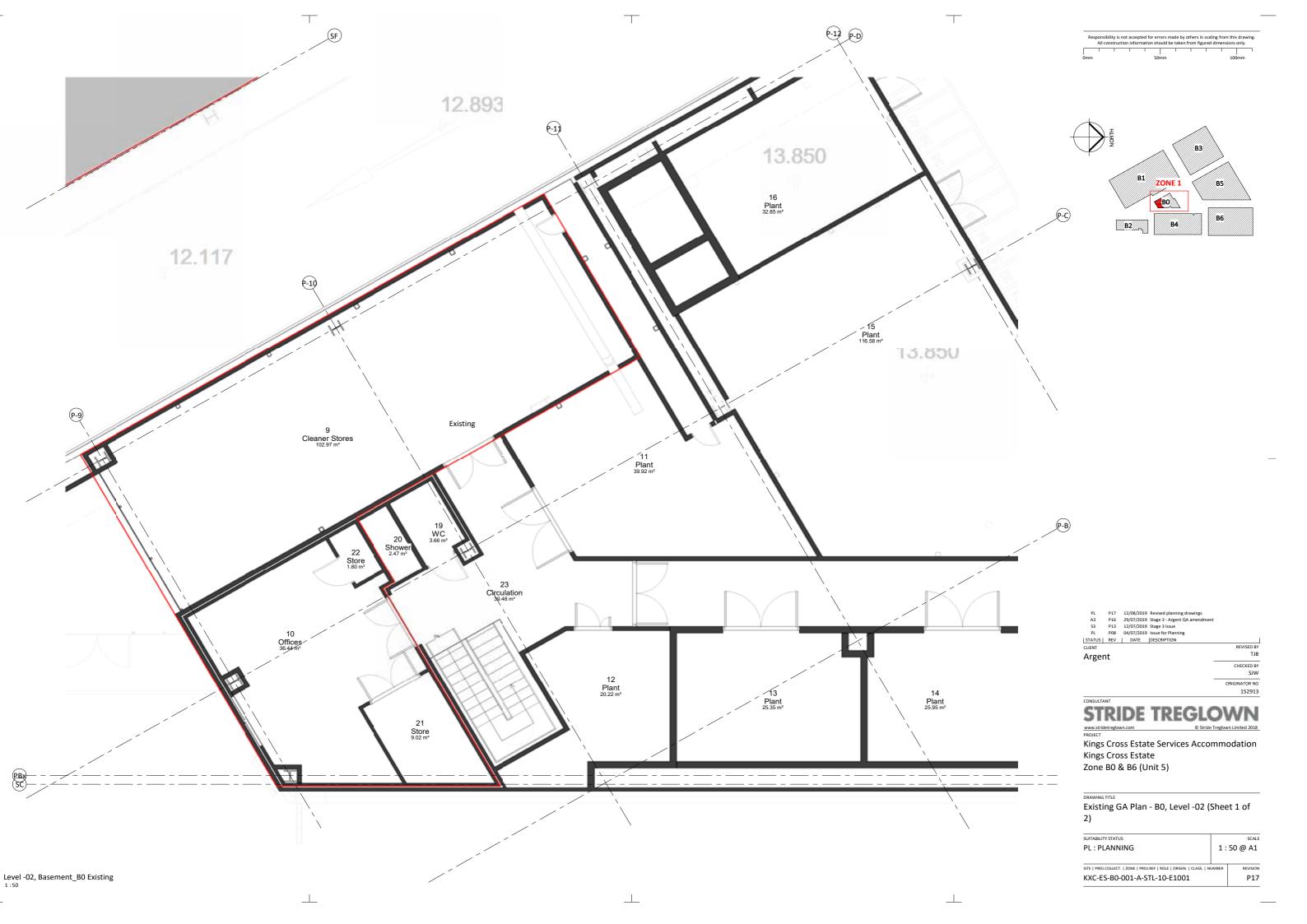
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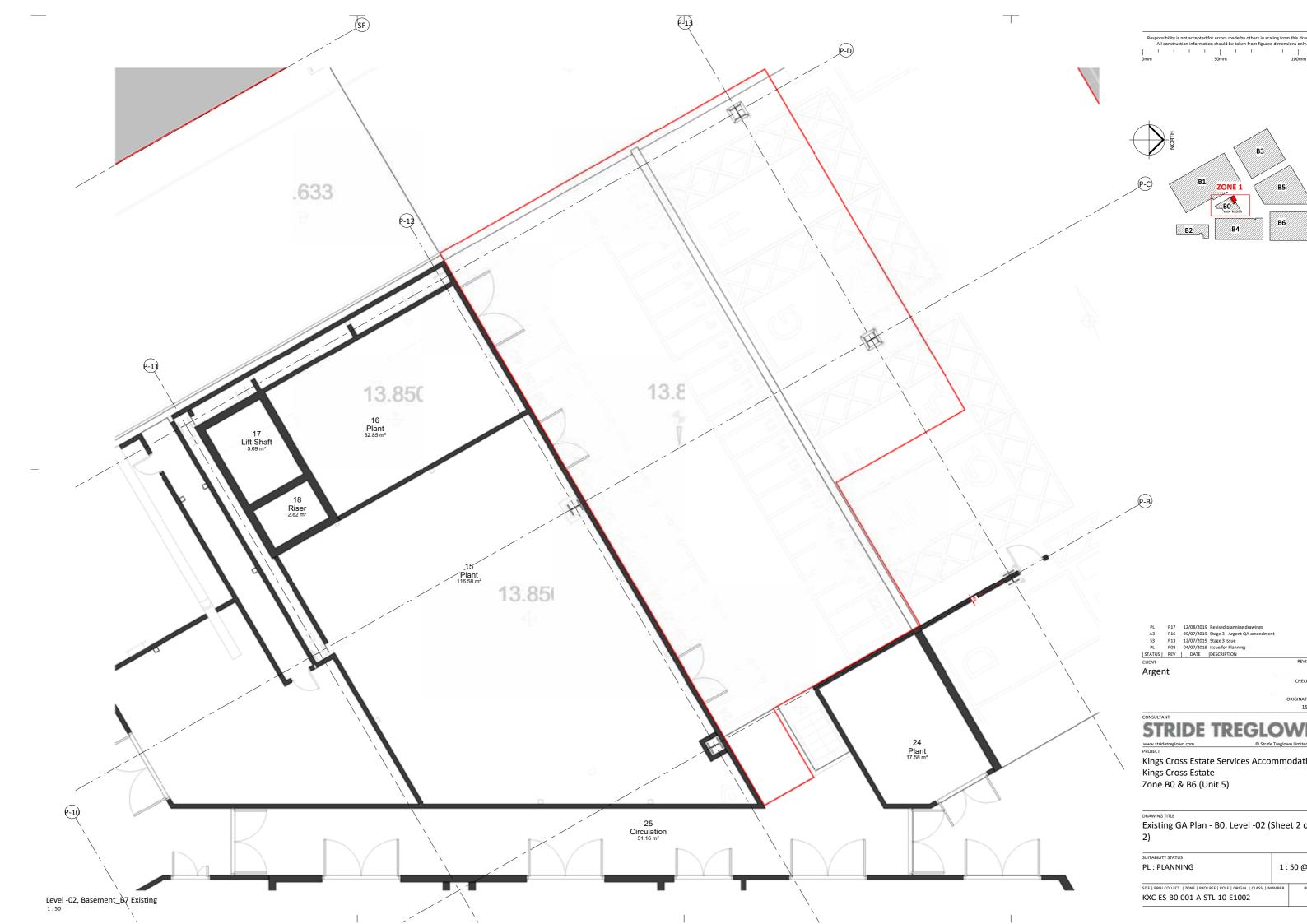
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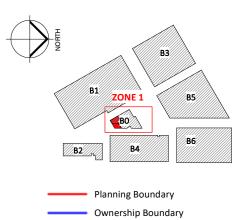
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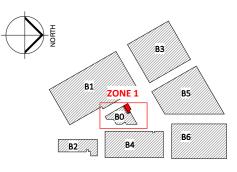
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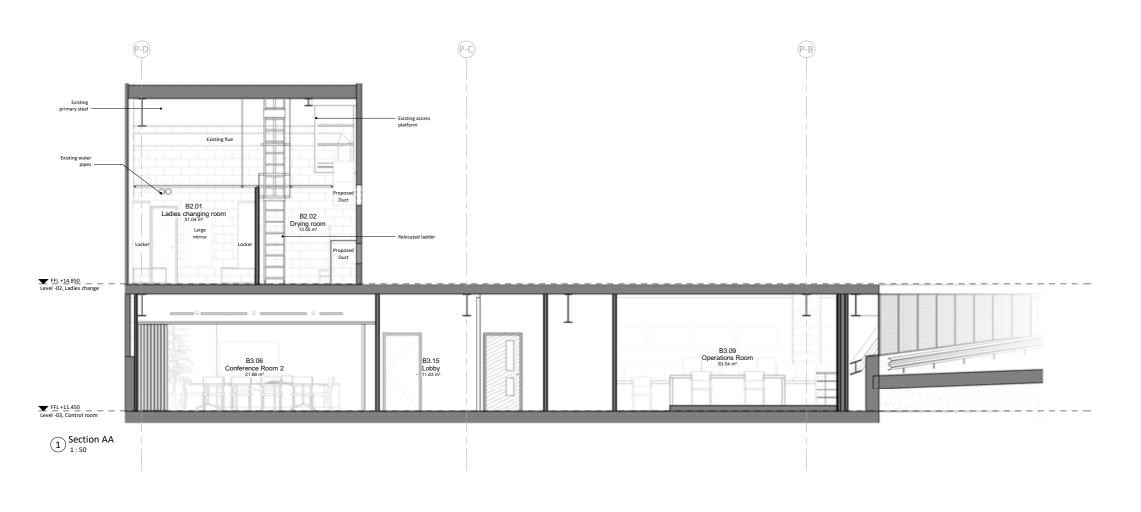
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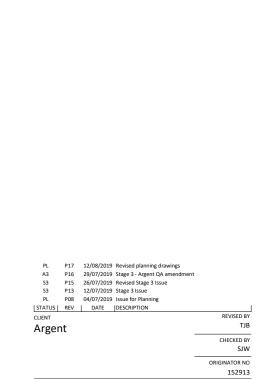
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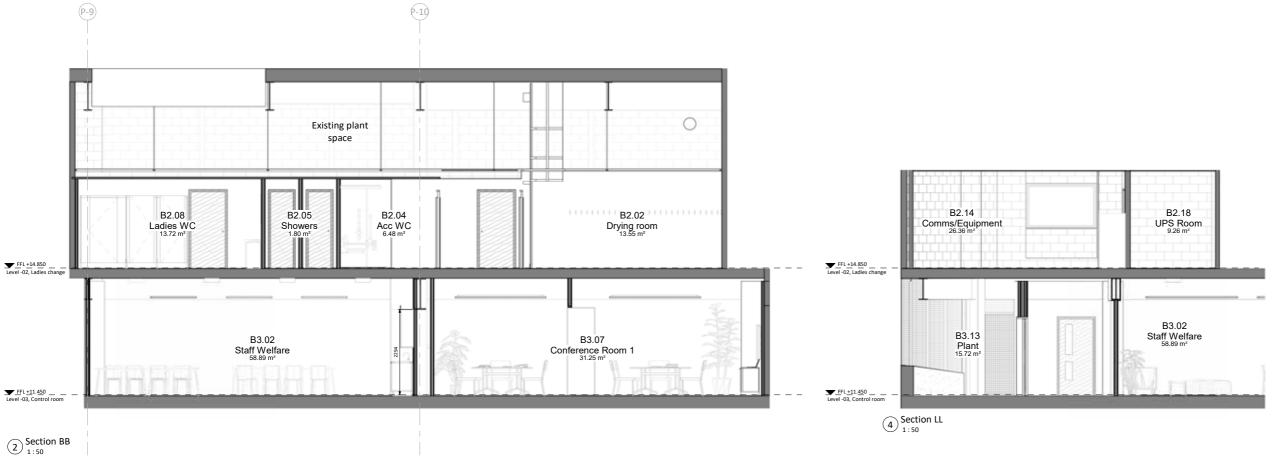
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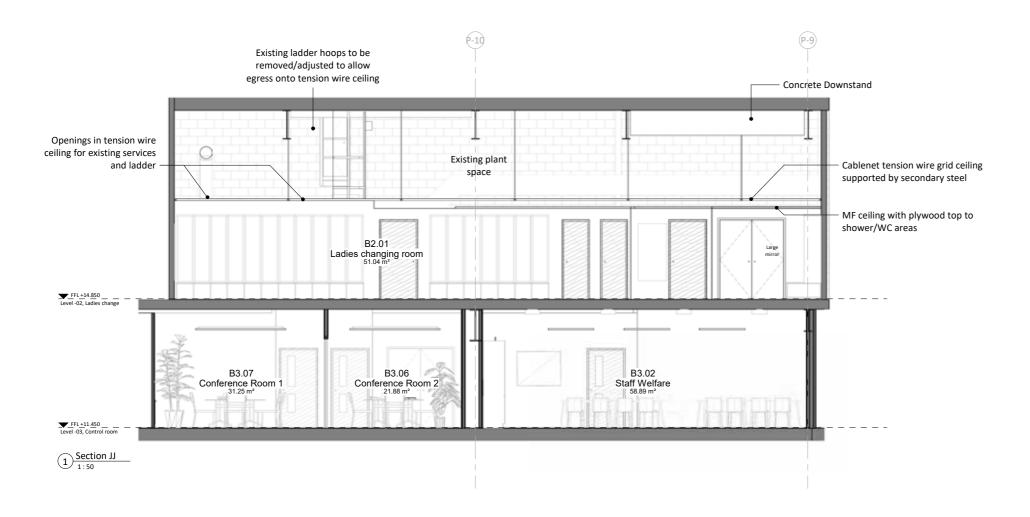
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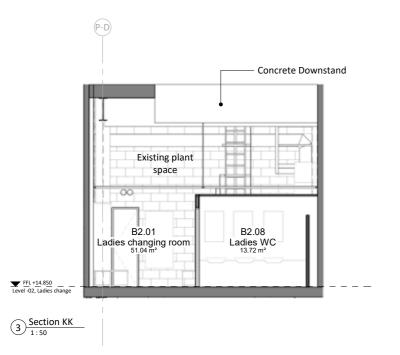
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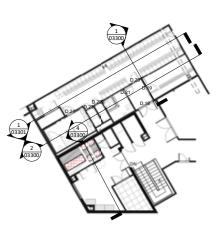
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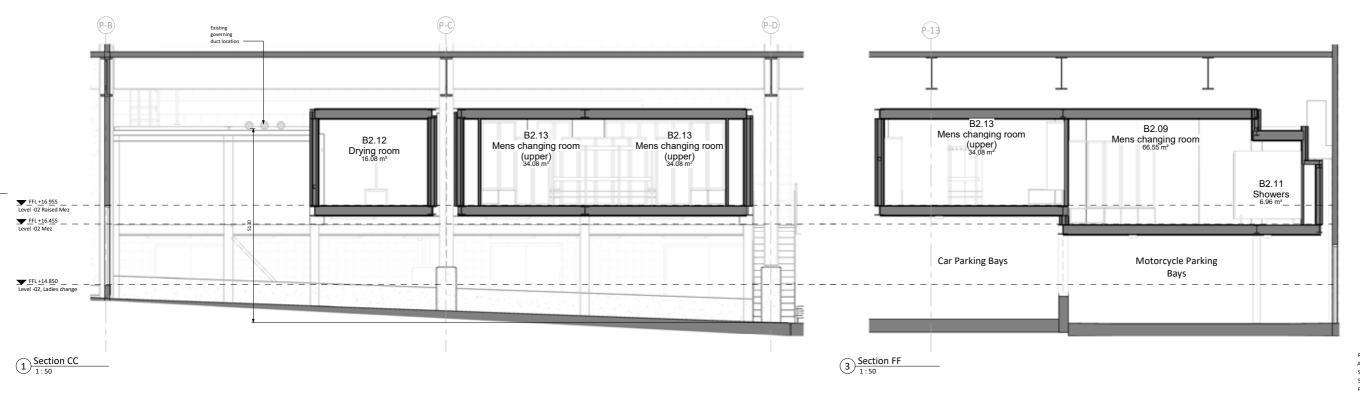
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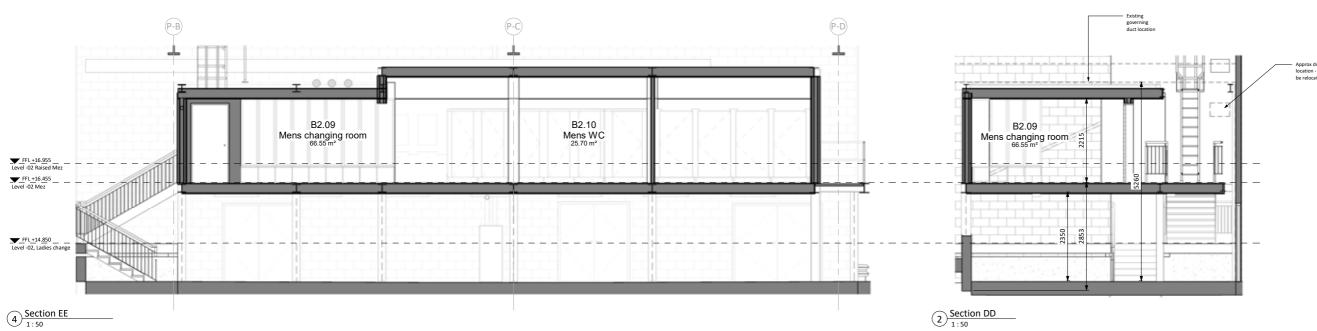
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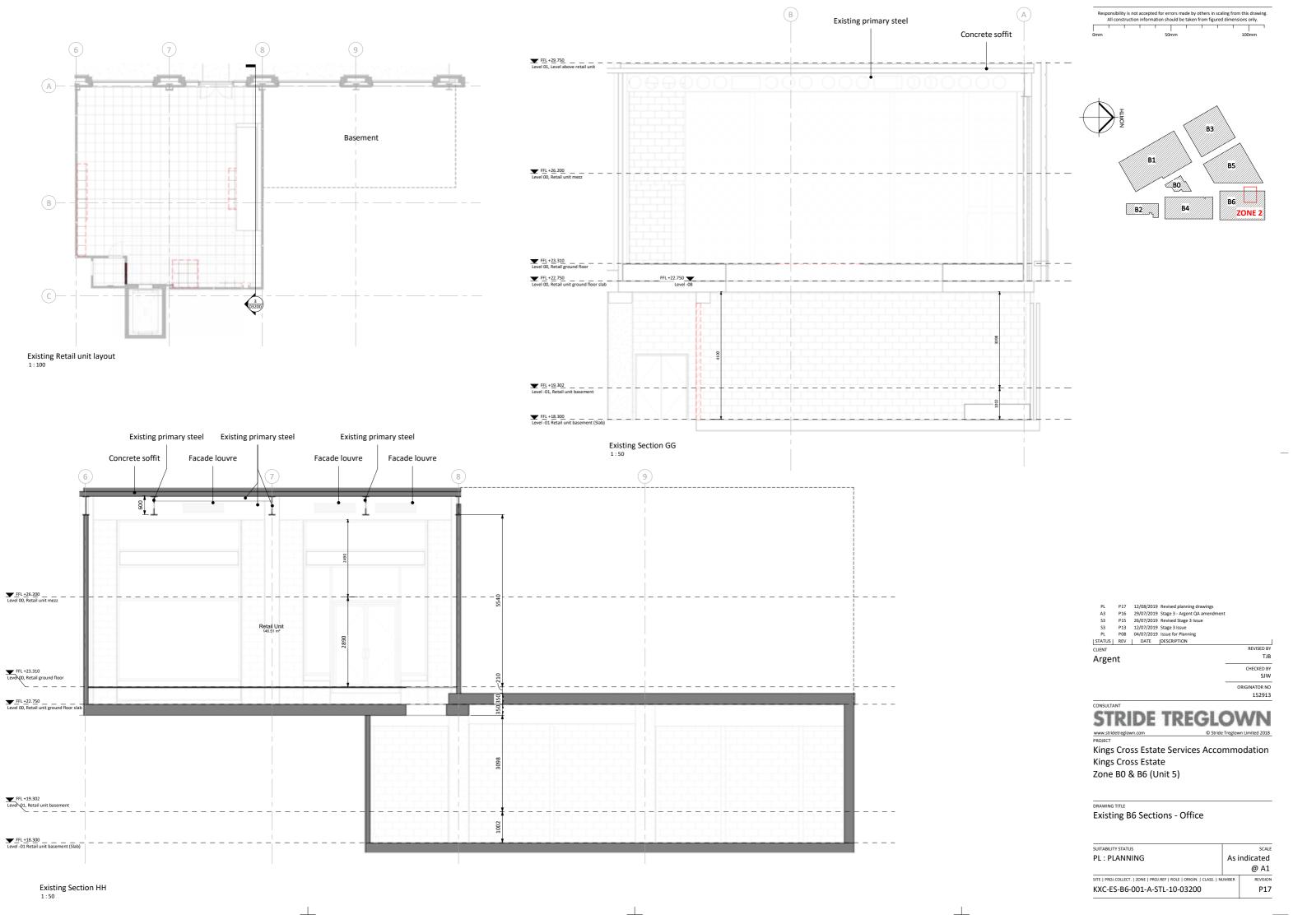
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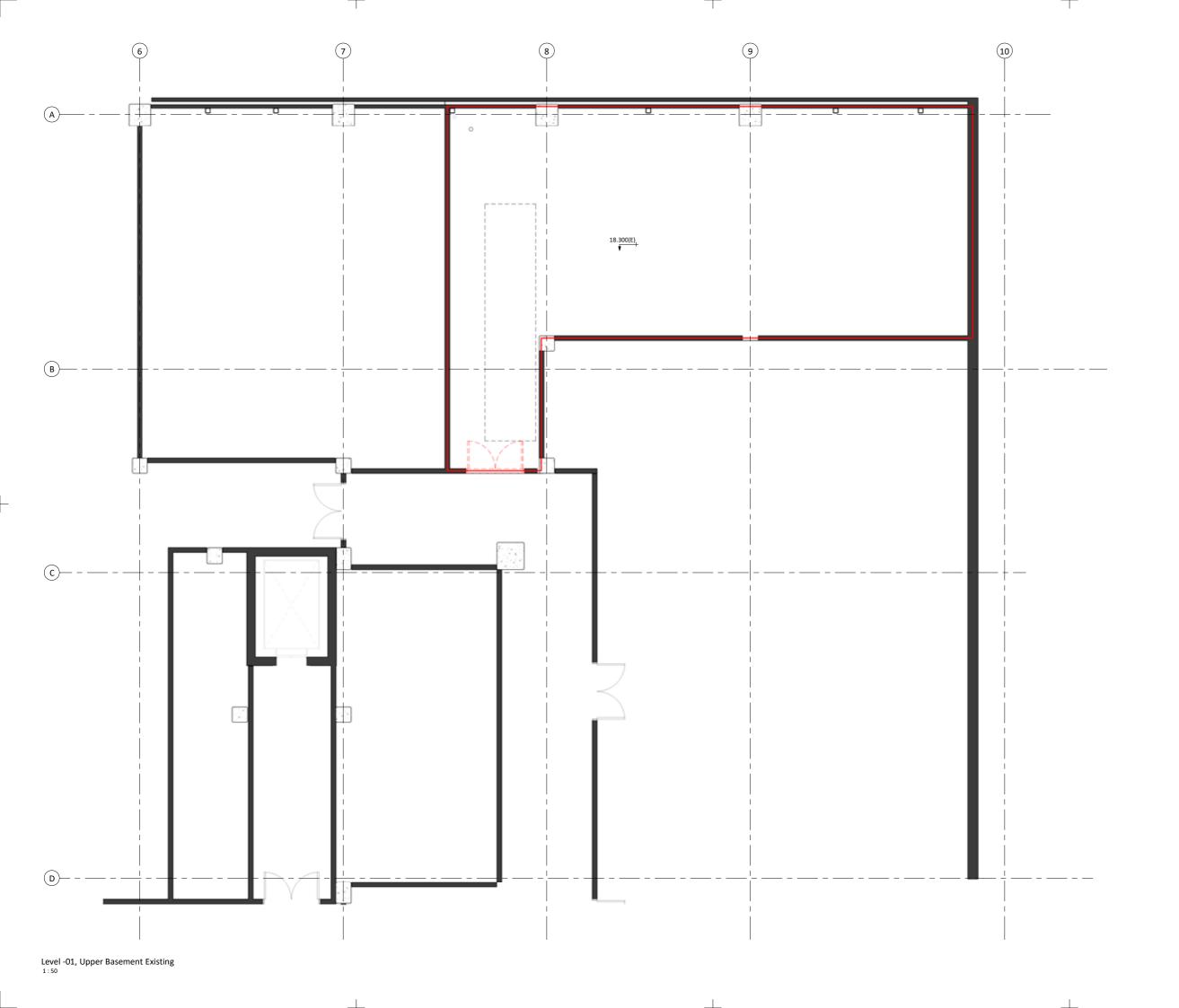
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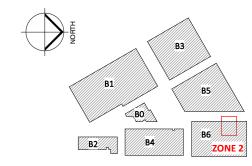
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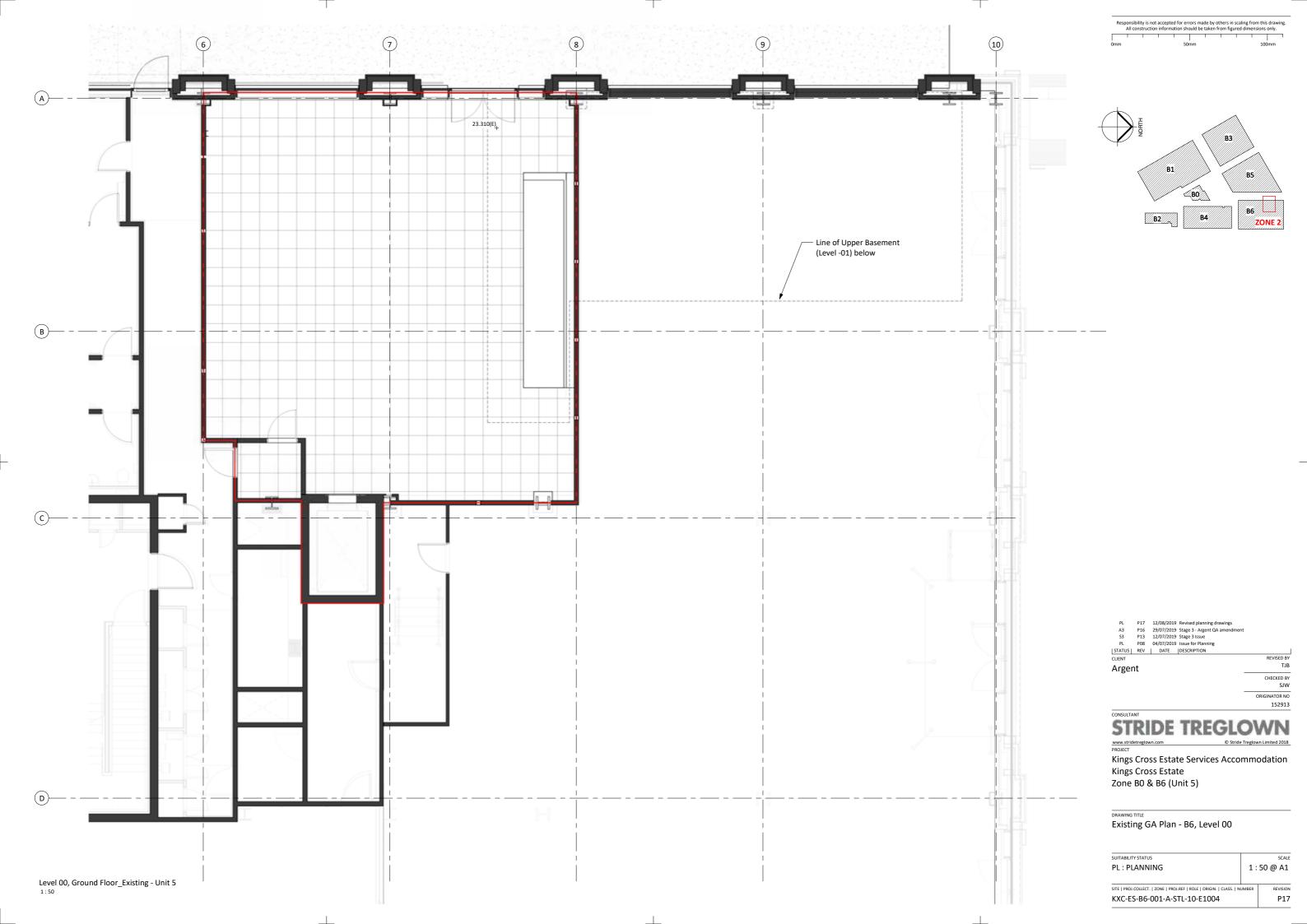
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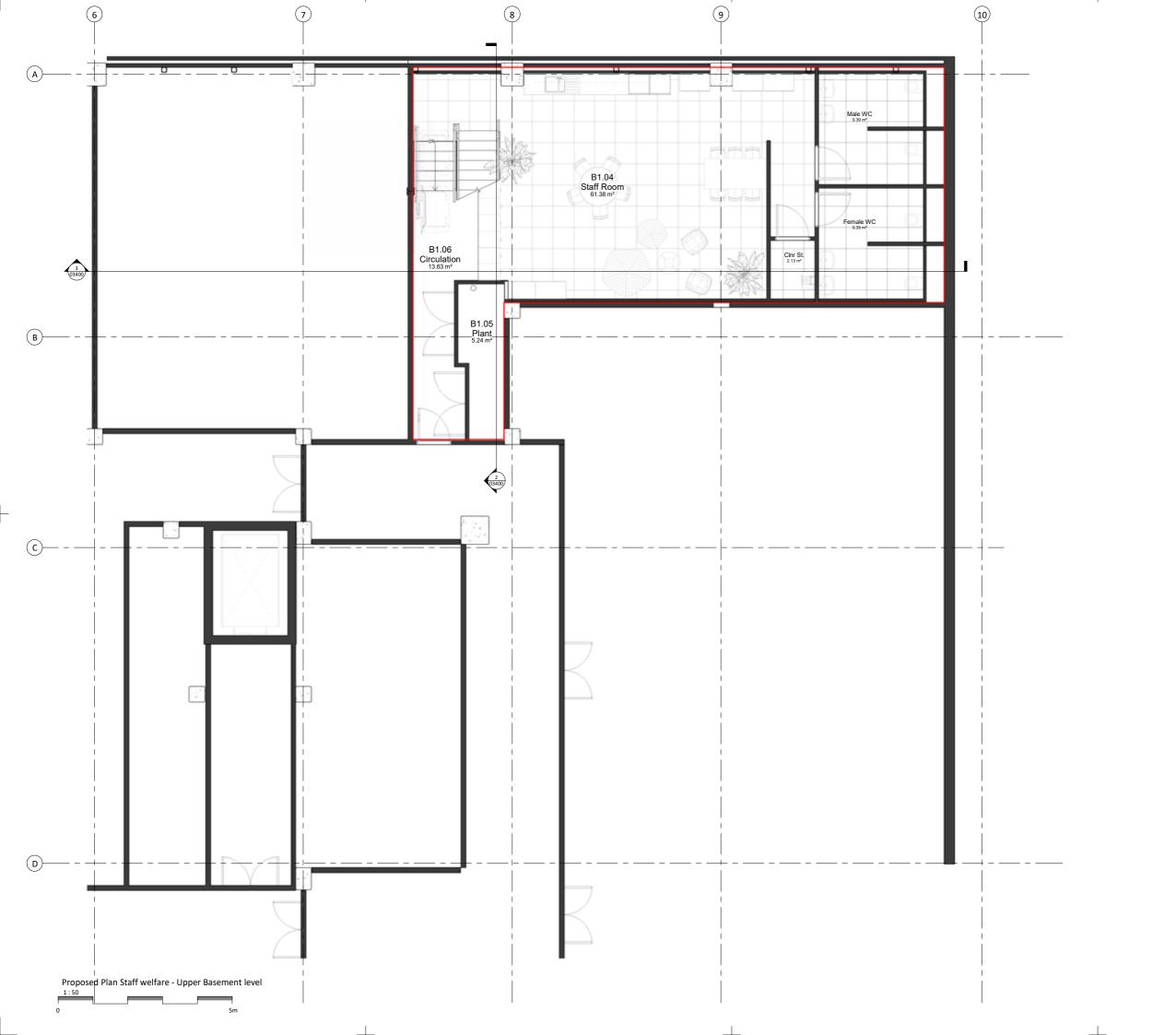
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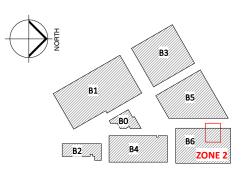
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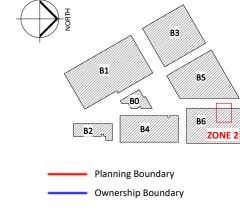
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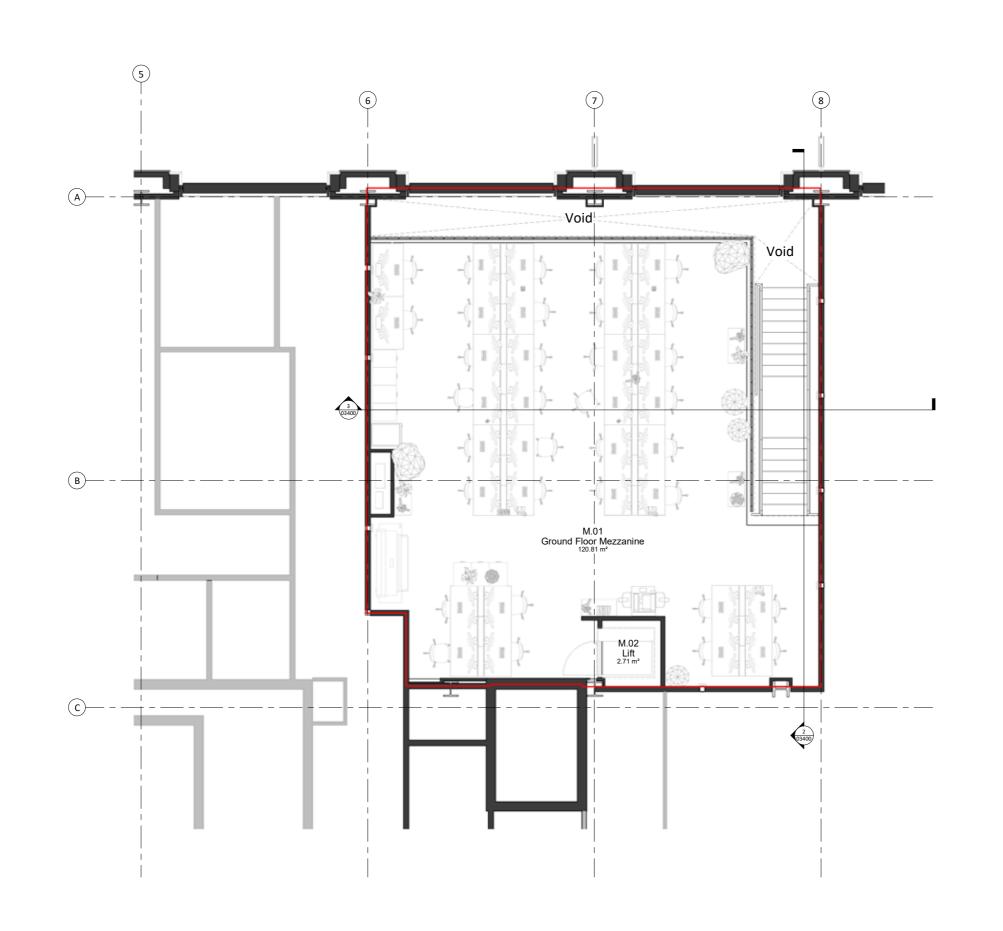
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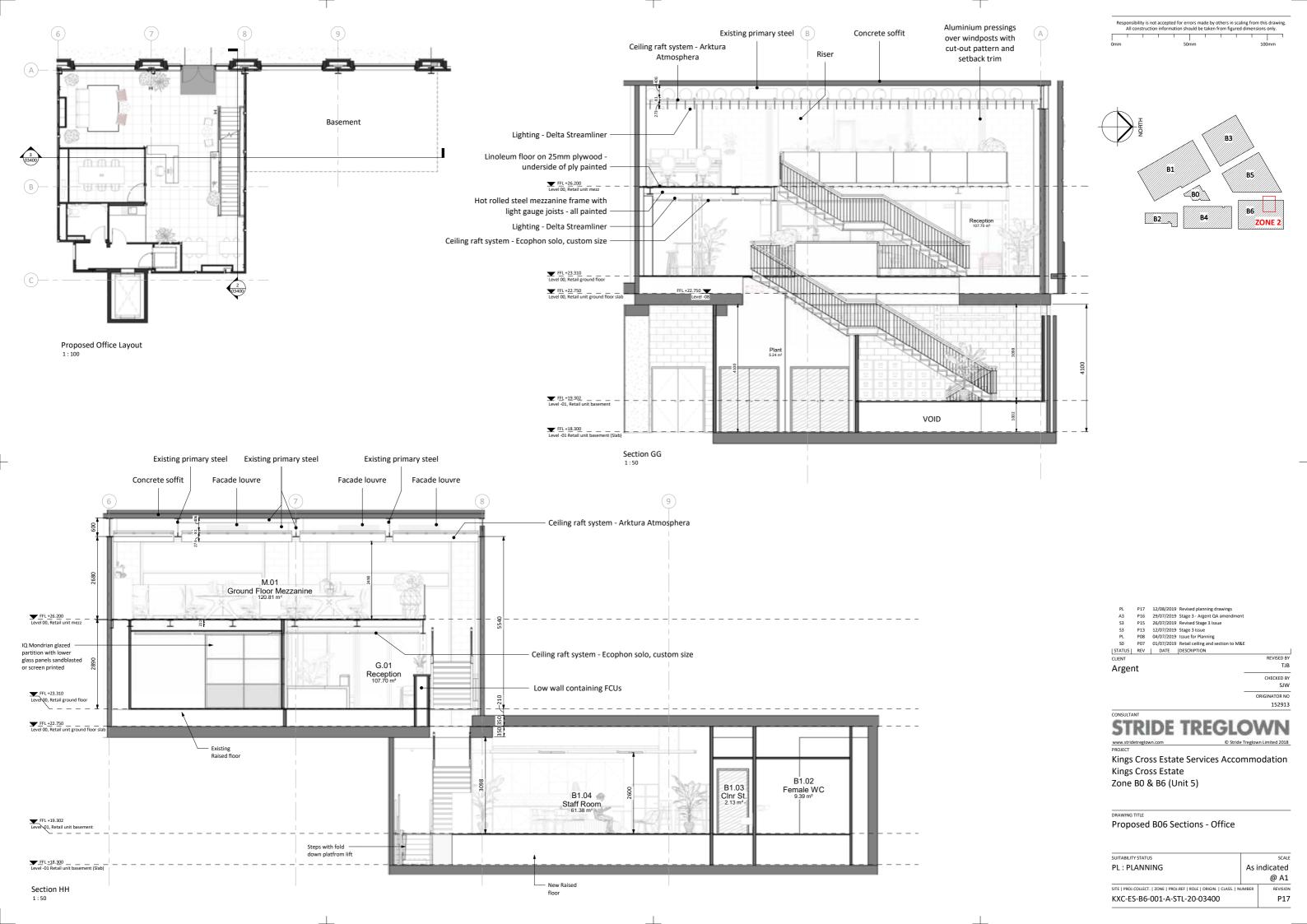
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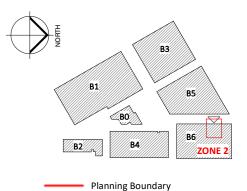
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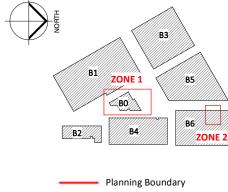
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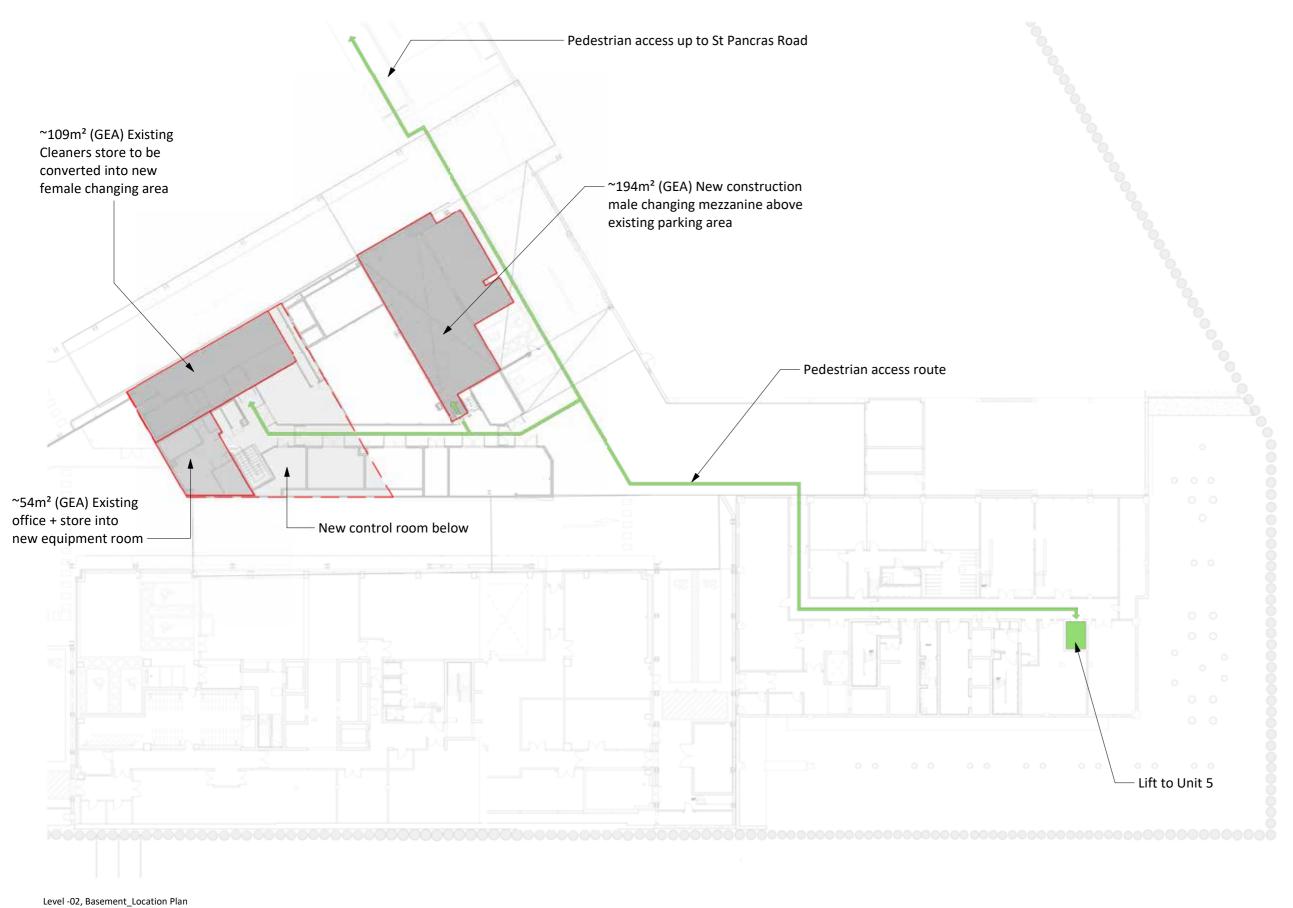
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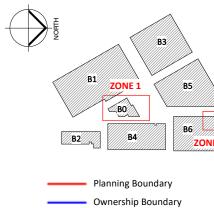
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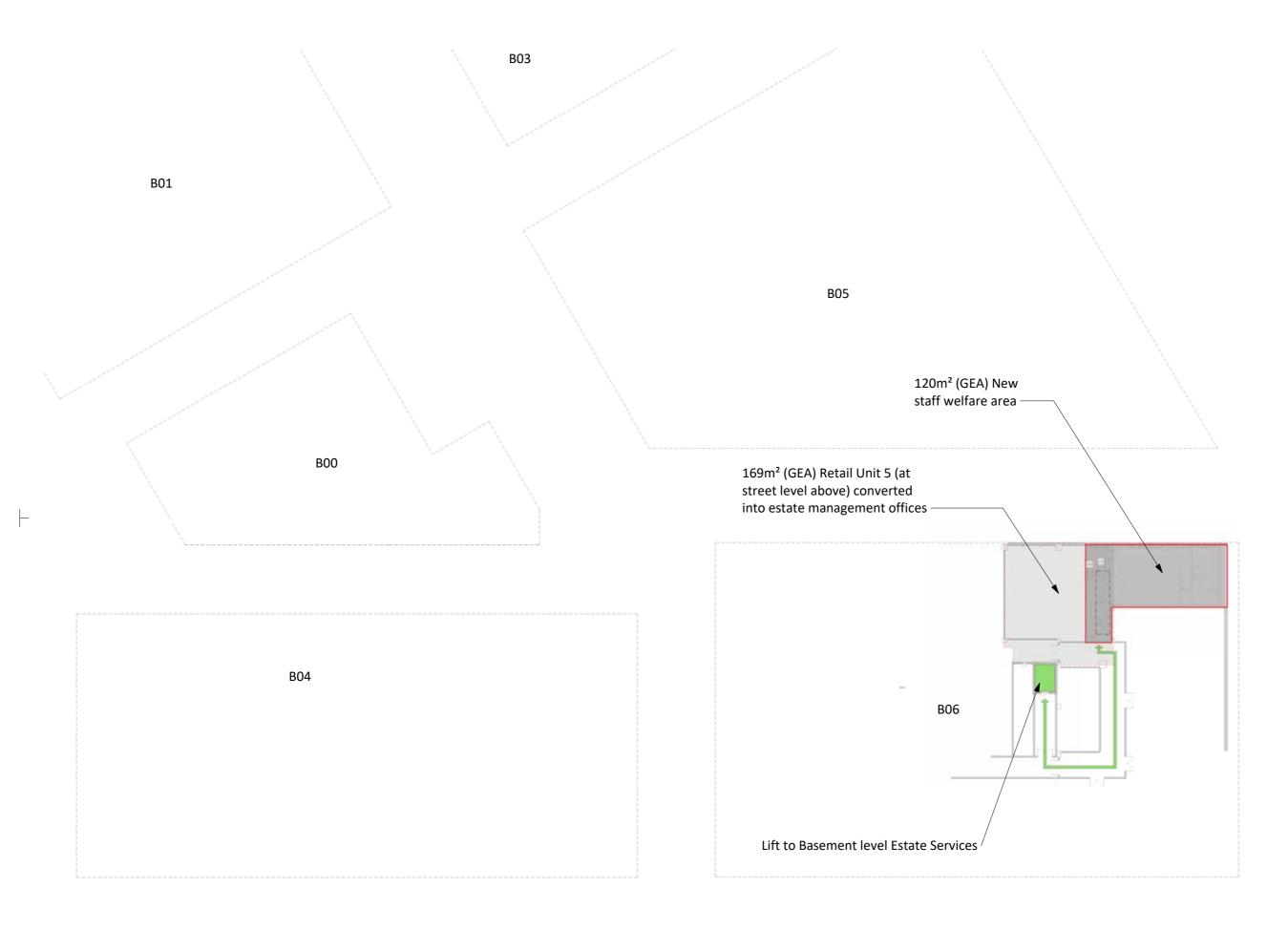
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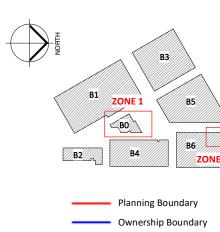
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sting GEA Proposed GEA	Existing GIA	Proposed GIA	Number	Name	Area (NIA)	Department
3	L-03		Level -03	, Control room		
^		i fel	B2.19	Circulation	19.44 m²	Circulation
			B3.01	Circulation	7.06 m ²	Circulation
			B3.02	Staff Welfare	58.89 m²	Staff Welfare
			B3.03	wc	3.77 m²	Staff Welfare
\			B3.04	wc	3.77 m ²	Staff Welfare
			B3.05	Acc WC	3.77 m ²	Staff Welfare
	222.2.2	225.03	B3.06	Conference Room 2	21.88 m²	CCTV Control Centre
m ² 360m ²	333.3m ²	335.8m²	B3.07	Conference Room 1	31.25 m²	CCTV Control Centre
			B3.08	Meeting	16.67 m²	CCTV Control Centre
			B3.09	Operations Room	63.54 m²	CCTV Control Centre
			B3.10	Airlock	5.29 m²	CCTV Control Centre
			B3.11	Comms	10.02 m²	Plant
			B3.12	Plant	9.26 m²	Plant
			B3.13	Plant	15.72 m²	Plant
			B3.15	Lobby	11.63 m²	CCTV Control Centre
			B3.16	Plant	2.12 m ²	Plant
			B3.17	Stair	11.15 m²	Circulation
			B3.19	FCU Riser	3.23 m ²	CCTV Control Centre
			B3.19 B3.20	FCU Riser	2.05 m ²	CCTV Control Centre
					300.50 m ²	Lee i v control centre
			Level -03	, Control room: 19	300.30 111-	
	1.03		Lovel -02	Ladies change		
	L-02			, Ladies change	F1 042	Famala Chanaina
			B2.01	Ladies changing room	51.04 m²	Female Changing
			B2.02	Drying room	13.55 m²	Female Changing
		The same of the sa	B2.03	Lobby	5.41 m²	Circulation
1 5			B2.04	Acc WC	6.48 m²	Female Changing
\ \		18	B2.05	Showers	1.80 m²	Female Changing
			B2.06	Showers	1.80 m²	Female Changing
n ² — 164m ²	155.0m²	153.9m ²	B2.07	Riser	0.94 m²	Female Changing
			B2.08	Ladies WC	13.72 m²	Female Changing
			B2.14	Comms/Equipment	26.36 m ²	CCTV Control Centre
			B2.15	Store	9.02 m²	CCTV Control Centre
			B2.16	Store	1.80 m ²	CCTV Control Centre
			B2.17	Plant	2.92 m ²	Female Changing
			B2.18	UPS Room	9.26 m ²	CCTV Control Centre
			Level -02	, Ladies change: 13	144.09 m ²	
Mezz	L-02 Mezz		Level -02	Mez		
1	E OF WICE		B2.09	Mens changing room	66.55 m²	Male Changing
			B2.10	Mens WC	25.70 m²	Male Changing
\ \	Existing		B2.11	Showers	6.96 m²	Male Changing
\ 5	underground car park		Level -02	Mez: 3	99.22 m²	, , ,
15			Level -02	Raised Mez		
¹ 199m²	0m²	158.4m²	B2.12	Drying room	16.08 m ²	Male Changing
133	0	130	B2.13	Mens changing room (upper)	34.08 m ²	Male Changing
			Level -02	Raised Mez: 2	50.16 m²	•
	L-01		Level -01	Retail unit basement (Slab)		
		to the same of the	B1.01	Male WC	9.39 m²	Staff Welfare
			B1.02	Female WC	9.39 m²	Staff Welfare
			B1.03	Clnr St.	2.13 m ²	Staff Welfare
			B1.03	Staff Room	61.38 m ²	Staff Welfare
_			B1.04	Plant	5.24 m ²	Plant
n² ——— 112m²	112.0m² —	112.0m ²	B1.05 B1.06	Circulation		Circulation
					13.63 m ² 101.18 m ²	Circulation
			Level -01	Retail unit basement (Slab): 6	101.18 m-	
	L00		Level 00,	Retail ground floor		
			B2.21	Meeting	16.39 m²	Office
			B2.22	Acc WC	5.67 m²	Office
			G.01	Reception	107.70 m²	Office
<u> </u>			G.04	Lobby	7.90 m²	Circulation
			G.05	Lift	6.41 m²	Office
n ² 159m ²	157.0m ² —	157.0m ²	G.06	Lift	2.93 m ²	Circulation
				Retail ground floor: 6	147.00 m ²	C. Calation
	L00 Mezz		Level 00	Retail unit mezz		
Леzz					420.042	Office
Mezz			M 01	Ground Floor Merranine	1120.81 m ²	
Mezz	Existing double		M.01 M.02	Ground Floor Mezzanine	120.81 m ²	
Mezz	Existing double height space - no		M.02	Lift	2.71 m²	Office
Mezz			M.02	Lift Retail unit mezz: 2	_	

N/A†

NOTES:

- Schedule of areas are for information purposes only and are subject to change following detailed technical design.
- N/A* = space is within a basement car park that cannot be measured as 'one space'. There is no floorspace at this level so proposed GEA is effectively an addition to an identical 'GEA' below the mezzanine
- N/A† = space exists only as the upper area of L00, no original GEA available.

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