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Smart Design Studio acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and pays respect to the Elders, past, present and future. We honour Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' primary cultural and spiritual relationship to place, and their rich contribution to our society. To that end, all our work seeks to uphold that if we care for Country, it will care for us.

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INTRODUCTION

Smart Design Studio Pty Ltd (SDS) has been engaged by SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited (SCEGGS), to provide architectural and interior design services for the adaptive reuse of Wilkinson House, located at 215 Forbes Street Darlinghurst, Sydney.

Prior to this engagement, SDS was invited by SCEGGS in 2020 to be part of a four month voluntary architectural design competition with three other architectural firms, to explore concept design options that responded in a creative and inspiring way to both the appropriate treatment of heritage characteristics associated with Wilkinson House, and the creation of teaching and learning facilities of the highest calibre. The design competition was informed by heritage advice from Urbis, including the identification and grading of the significant elements of Wilkinson House. Urbis Heritage was also part of the Competition Panel to ensure the winning design met the heritage brief

- SDS was selected as the preferred architect as the proposal:
- Strongly exhibits the adaptive reuse of Wilkinson House.
 - Demonstrates minor intervention on existing, external building fabric.
 - Enhances and improves the existing façade of Wilkinson House.
 - Provides World Class teaching and learning facilities.
 - Illustrates contemporary and flexible working environment that can accommodate full classroom sizes.
 - Provides, inclusive, secure and inspiring spaces for students.
 - Incorporates Environmentally Sustainable Design
 - Delivers a functional design outcome.
 - Relies on an achievable construction process

Following the voluntary design competition, the concept design scheme has been further refined and developed through the guidance of a Site Wide and Wilkinson House Conservation Management Plan (CMP), as well as stakeholder engagement with DPIE, GANSW, City of Sydney, members of the local Indigenous community and the local Darlinghurst residents. The proposed architectural plans are the product of this extensive process.

This Design Report forms part of a State Significant Development Application (SSDA), for the adaptive reuse of Wilkinson House (the Site) for general school learning areas and sport facilities to support the senior school, including alteration and additions to the existing Wilkinson House.

Conditional Development Consent was granted by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) on 22 May 2020 to the Concept DA (SSD 8993) for the redevelopment of SCEGGS at its main campus located at 215 Forbes Street, Darlinghurst, excluding the St Peter’s Precinct and 217 Forbes Street.

Development Consent was not granted for Stage 1 works to Wilkinson House, including the demolition of existing Wilkinson House, excavation of a basement and construction of a new 4 storey building for general school purposes. The Concept Approval only approved the existing building envelope of the Wilkinson House. This is the first detailed SSDA under the Concept Approval (SSD 8993), for the adaptive reuse of Wilkinson House.

Other specialist consultants listed below have also been engaged by SCEGGS, and their deliverables are separate to this report:

- Project Manager: Sandrick Pty Ltd
- Townplanning: Urbis Pty Ltd
- Heritage: Urbis Pty Ltd
- Indigenous Culture and Heritage Consultation: Urbis Pty Ltd
- Land Surveyor: Rygate & Company Pty Limited
- BCA Consultant: BCA Logic Pty Ltd
- Access Consultant: Urban Health Consultants Pty Ltd
- Sustainability Consultants: Northrop Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd
- Structural Engineers: Northrop Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd
- Fire, Mechanical, Electrical & Hydraulic Consultants: ADP Consulting Pty Ltd
- Landscape Architects: Context Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd
- Traffic Consultant: TRAFFIX
- Quantity Surveyor: Altus Group Pty Ltd
- Engagement Consultant: WSP Australia Pty Limited



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Wilkinson House presents a rare opportunity to reinvent a historically significant but tired building to meet the aspirations and practical requirements of SCEGGS Darlinghurst. Designed by esteemed architect Emil Sodersten and constructed in 1928, Wilkinson House is a heritage listed building that not only does not comply with current building codes and standards, but is no longer able to meet the functional requirements of the school.

The primary goal of the project is to provide the school with an optimised learning facility with large, flexible learning spaces to accommodate the school's ambitions for the next twenty years and beyond. Our design strategy demonstrates a sensitive, adaptive reuse of the heritage fabric that will galvanise the future of Wilkinson House as an environmentally sustainable place of learning that continues to be joyful and inspiring to students and staff.

The proposed adaptive re-use of Wilkinson House includes the following scope of works:

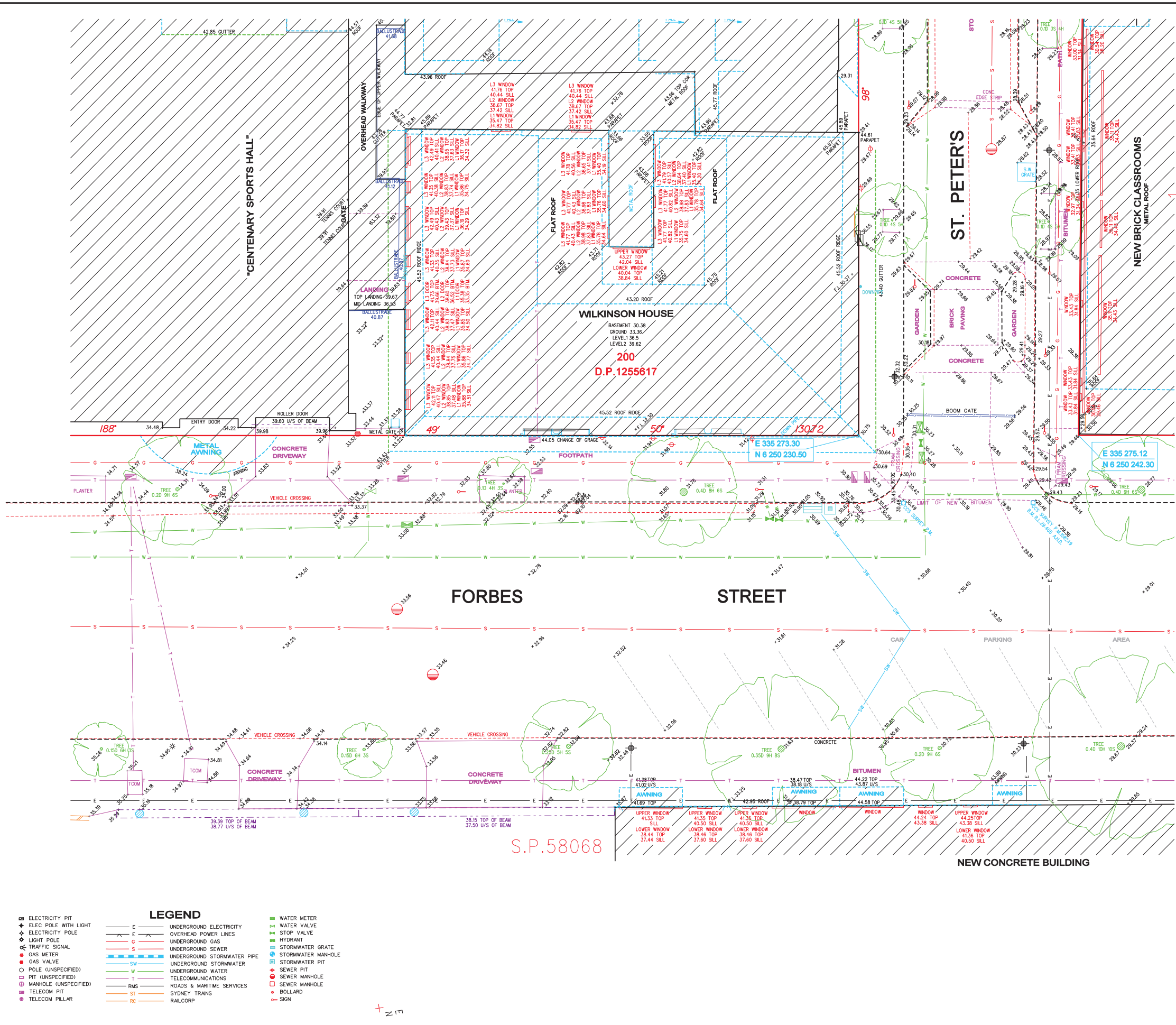
- Retain existing external perimeter walls and facades.
- Conservation works, including restoration of heritage façades and removal of unsympathetic additions such as security bars to balconies and windows.
- Retain and restore existing ground floor entry and foyer from Forbes Street.
- Demolish internal stairs, walls, floors and ceilings to all levels, and excavate basement level.
- Demolish existing tiled roof and roof structure.
- Construct new learning spaces, break out spaces, staff rooms, meeting rooms, amenities and stair/circulation the ground floor to levels 1 to 3.
- Construct a new level 3 to accommodate a learning space, year 12 common room, office, amenities, and a private outdoor terrace.
- Reconstruct a new mansard roof in copper with angled blades and high level operable windows.
- Construct new basement sporting facility which connects directly to the existing Centenary Sports Hall to the south.
- Enclose existing balconies with glazing to incorporate them into the new rectangular-shaped learning spaces.
- Construct a building extension to the south, to accommodate a lift core for equitable access, circulation and a meeting room. This extension will connect Wilkinson House to the wider campus.
- Upgrade all building services including electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, fire in accordance with the best sustainability practices.
- Install 10 demountable classrooms across the campus to fulfil decanting requirements during construction period.
- Incorporate sustainable building practices and to achieve a building with a low carbon footprint that can operate sustainably well into the future.



SEARs Requirement	
<p>3. Built Form and Urban Design</p> <p>Assess how the proposed built form is consistent with and located in accordance with the built form, urban design and landscaping conditions imposed under SSD-8993. Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the height, density, bulk and scale, setbacks and interface of the development in relation to the surrounding development, topography, streetscape and any public open spaces.design quality and built form, with specific consideration of the overall site layout, streetscape, open spaces, façade, rooftop, massing, setbacks, building articulation, materials and colour palette.how good environmental amenity would be provided, including access to natural daylight and ventilation, acoustic separation, access to landscape and outdoor spaces and future flexibility.how design quality will be achieved in accordance with Schedule 4 Schools – design quality principles of State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017 and the GANSW Design Guide for Schools (GANSW, 2018).how services, including but not limited to waste management, loading zones, and mechanical plant are integrated into the design of the development.	<p>Refer to pages 34-35</p> <p>Refer to pages 22-35</p> <p>Refer to pages 30-46</p> <p>Refer to pages 48-49</p> <p>Refer to page 46</p>
<p>5. Environmental Amenity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assess amenity impacts on the surrounding locality, including addressing conditions imposed under SSD-8993.Provide: Shadow diagrams.	<p>Refer to drawing DA760</p>
<p>The EIS must include all relevant plans, architectural drawings, diagrams and relevant documentation required under Schedule 1 of the Regulation. Provide these as part of the EIS rather than as separate documents. Any plans and diagrams included in the EIS must include key dimensions, RLs, scale bar and north point.</p> <p>In addition to the plans and documents required in the General Requirements and Key Issues sections above, the EIS must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Design report to demonstrate how design quality would be achieved in accordance with the above Key Issues including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Architectural design statement.Diagrams, structure plan, illustrations and drawings to clarify the design intent of the proposal.Detailed site and context analysisAnalysis of options considered to justify the proposed site planning and design approach.Summary of feedback provided by GANSW and NSW State Design Review Panel (SDRP) and responses to this adviceSummary report of consultation with the community and response to any feedback provided.	<p>Refer to page 22.</p> <p>Refer to pages 28-46</p> <p>Refer to Drawing DA002 and pages 11 -13</p> <p>Refer to pages 17-20</p> <p>Refer to pages 50-53</p> <p>Refer to page 55</p>
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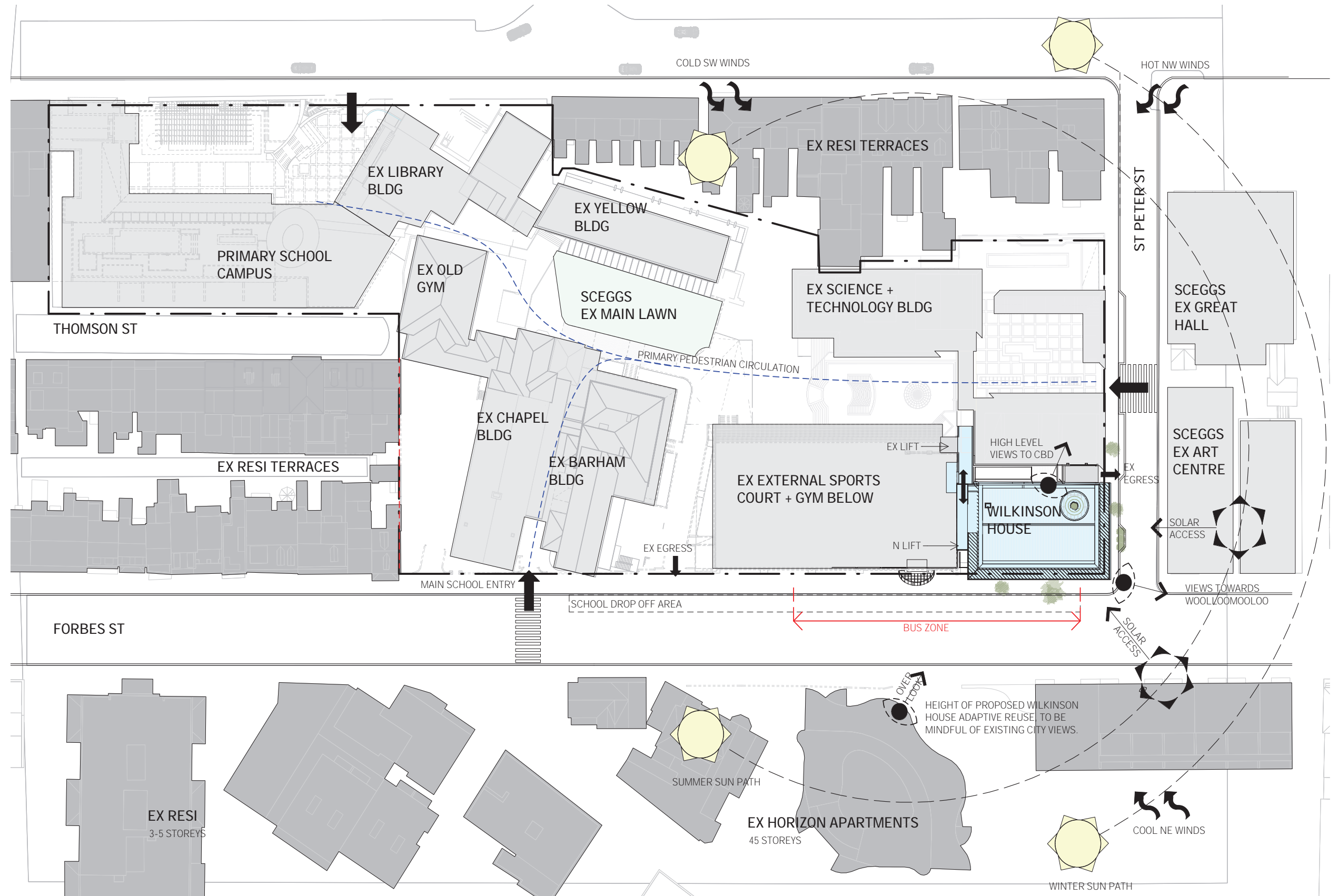
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SITE STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Occupies a prominent inner city corner site with the potential to become a symbolic building of the school.
- Provide better connections to the Centenary Sports Hall, Joan Freeman Science and Technology Building and the wider campus.
- North and east aspects to harvest natural lighting.
- Building-in-the-round = natural ventilation to all sides.
- As an early building designed by Emil Sodersten, the restoration of Wilkinson House will elevate its standing as an asset to the school, therefore galvanising its future longevity.
- A successful adaptive re-use of the building will demonstrate that older buildings with cultural and heritage significance can be rejuvenated to meet contemporary and future needs.
- Adaptive re-use lowers the carbon footprint of the development by retaining a significant amount of building fabric which contains embedded carbon.
- Allows the ongoing educational use of the heritage building.
- The existing roof zone presents an opportunity to accommodate usable floor space with an outdoor terrace.

SITE CONSTRAINTS

- Heritage significance limits change in form.
- Streetscape impacts a key consideration.
- View impacts from eastern neighbours a key consideration.
- Poor internal circulation and no universal access.
- Non-compliant stair.
- Inner city location presents security challenges when opening up the building to more natural light and ventilation.
- The site has a height limit of 15M.
- The existing envelope limits the height of rooms presents space constraints in accommodating building services and structure to withstand earthquake loads.
- Working with an existing heritage building can limit the incorporation of passive heating and cooling systems.
- Noise attenuation from classrooms as well as from the building exterior may need to be considered when designing natural ventilation strategies.

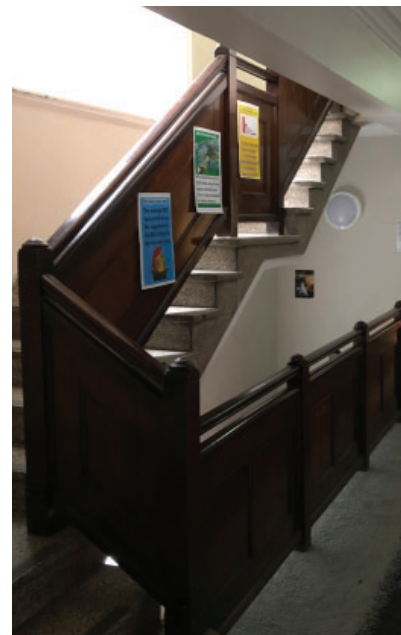


SITE STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Opportunities for larger General Learning Areas (GLA).
- Opportunity to incorporate heritage interpretation of former flat building.
- Opportunity to provide a better entry into Wilkinson House and its links to adjacent school buildings and areas.
- Opportunity to improve amenity, circulation and safety, for a more inclusive and accessible learning environment

SITE CONSTRAINTS

- Existing balconies limit natural light and ventilation into internal rooms.
- Low floor to ceiling height.
- Small & irregularly-shaped existing GLAs and staff rooms.



SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

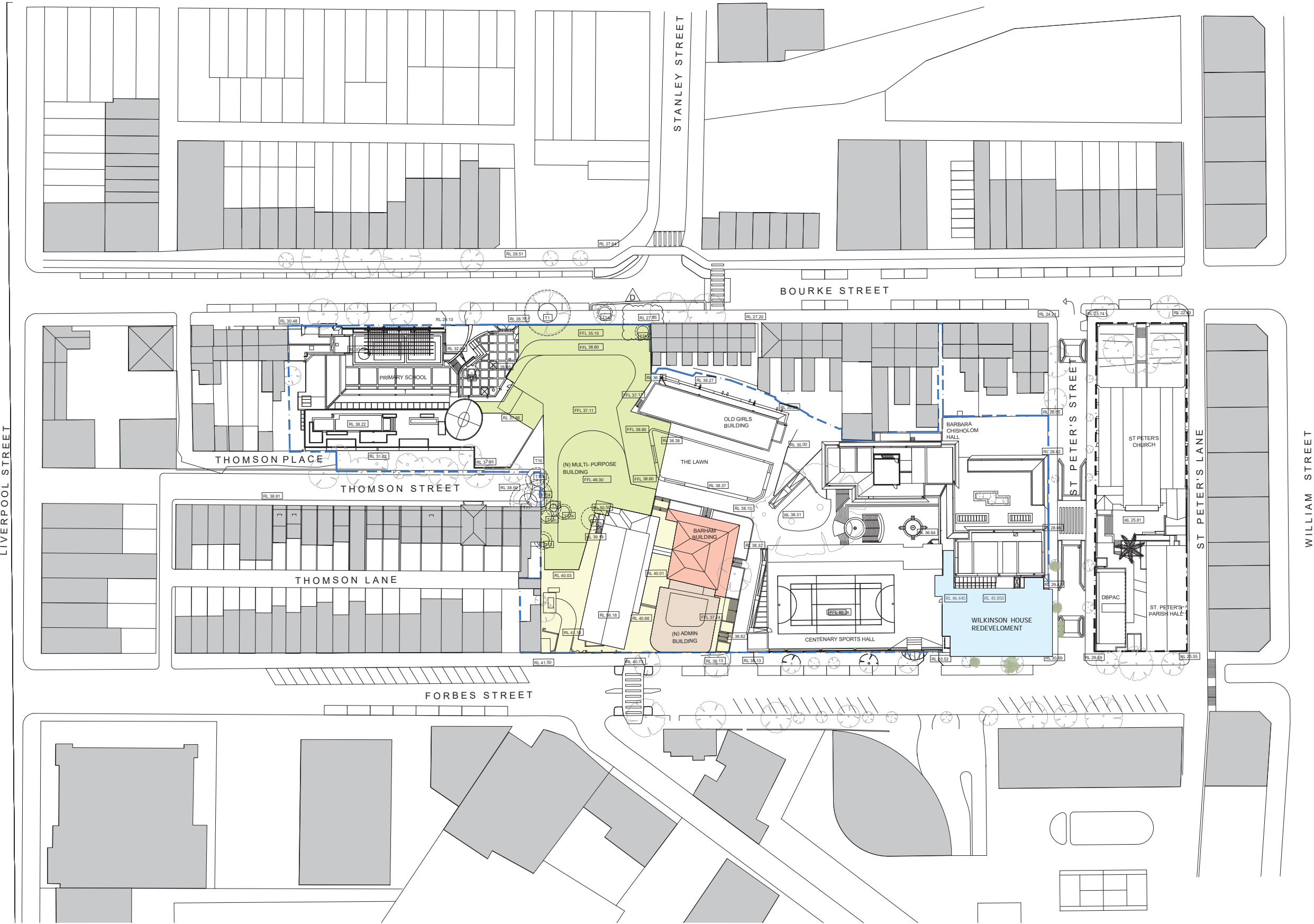
The Development Consent was not granted for Stage 1 works to Wilkinson House. The Concept Approval only approved the existing building envelope of the Wilkinson House.

A concurrent Modification to Concept Approval (SSD 8993) will be submitted with the SSDA to amend the existing building envelope to ensure it is consistent with the Concept Approval (as modified).

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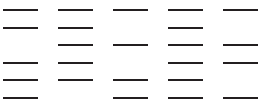
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- (N)ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
- RESTORED BARHAM BUILDING
- REFURBISHED ENTRY
- (N)WILKINSON HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT
- SITE BOUNDARY





DESIGN OPTION ANALYSIS



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WILKINSON HOUSE OPTIONS ANALYSIS

Three broad options were investigated and prepared as part of the previous SSDA submission by TKD Architects.

The option put forward was for the demolition of Wilkinson House and replacing it with a completely new building. This is not an option due to approval not being granted in the previous SSDA.

Wilkinson House, originally constructed as the Gwydir Flats, is historically significant within Darlinghurst and inner city for its ability to demonstrate the historic transition towards residential flat building in the Inter-War period. It contributes to the community's sense of place – both that of SCEGGS students and Darlinghurst residents – on account of its landmark qualities and contributes to the significance of the East Sydney Heritage Conservation Area.

It holds historic, associational and social significance for its use by SCEGGS for over 60 years, first as a boarding house and second as a Senior Education Centre.

Wilkinson House is also associated with Emil Sodersten, the prominent and notable Sydney based architect. Wilkinson House is aesthetically significant as a fine example of the Inter-War Georgian and Mediterranean Revival styles and is an example of the Sodersten's early work.

Understanding SCEGG's need for larger, flexible and well-lit learning spaces, coupled with the Heritage significance of the building, two options were explored:

- OPT A: Refurbish Wilkinson House, maintaining internal walls and floors.
- OPT B: Adaptive reuse of the building, maintaining key building elements such as; external fabric, existing entry/ lounge hall etc.



OPTION A



OPTION B

OPTION A

During the ownership of Wilkinson House, SCEGGS have made every effort to adaptively reuse the building for staff facilities and GLAs.

The existing plan layout does not allow for the required teaching spaces needed to promote better learning. The following reasons are why the existing plan cannot work as GLAs:

- Most classrooms are less than the Department of Education's required min. area of 60SQM.
- Rooms are inefficient with space, furniture layout is limited and does not allow for flexibility.
- Existing recessed balconies pose a problem for student supervision, preventing the entire classroom from being seen from one stand point.
- Narrow, maze-like corridors do not aid in the safe and efficient movement of students during class change-over times.

The existing build also possess issues with access and non-compliance with the current NCC and Australian Standards as follows:

- The main stair is 900mm wide and does not comply with the required min. width of 1000mm for safe egress.
- The balustrade height to the main circulation stair is below the minimum 865mm requirment and poses a safety issue.
- The main stair does not provide compliant riser heights, making movement through unsafe.
- The use of combustibile material such as timber for the balustrade poses a fire hazard and does not comply with the NCC.
- Structure does not comply with current earthquake codes.
- The existing building does not have a passenger lift for equitable access within Wilkinson House.
- Accessible amenities are not provided.
- Entry into Wilkinson House from the wider campus is via a narrow network of ramps creating congested passageways.

The current condition results in poor amenity:

- Existing ceiling heights are lower than 2400mm.
- It is a poorly insulated building resulting in higher heat loss and heat gain.
- Sustainable building services will be more difficult to achieve due to the materiality and limited ceiling heights.



OPTION B

The significance of Wilkinson House is acknowledged, with a light touch being the appropriate response in this option. The existing external building fabric is retained, with existing windows being refurbished and the internal Lounge Hall and Main Entry also being retained and preserved.

This option allows for the preservation of the streetscape with the benefit of providing resilient learning spaces as follows:

- By removing the existing balcony spaces, GLAs become a clean rectilinear shape, allowing better supervision and flexibility for furniture layouts including clusters, linear rows, horseshoe etc.
- The new spatial functionality is enhanced with details such as bespoke steel windows in the balcony openings to maximise daylight into the space. These windows are setback from the facade to maintain the facade rhythm of light and void. The generous setback also provides shading and facilitates the incorporation of an external recessed blind.
- New building services, in tandem with natural ventilation, will result in a better learning environment. Assisted natural ventilation will provide filtered outdoor air and control CO2 levels which will assist in maintaining alertness in students. Operable windows will allow occupants the ability to open or shut windows to respond to changing external conditions such as inclement weather, air pollution and noise.

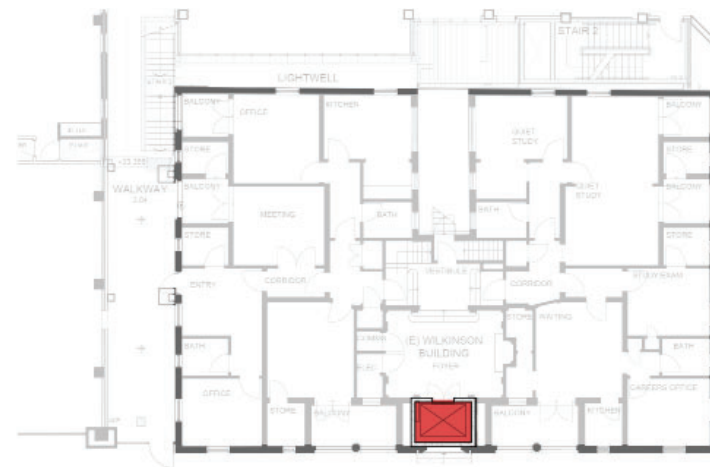
Upgrading the building also benefits the safety and design of spaces as follows:

- Better circulation with wider, compliant central stair.
- A new passenger lift providing equitable access within Wilkinson House, whilst also improving the circulation network linking the Centenary Sports Hall and Joan Freeman building to the wider Campus.
- Wider external links with 1:20 gradients, allowing a gentle connection of existing levels of the campus and eliminating pedestrian bottle neck.
- Breakout spaces adjacent to GLAs provide areas for social interaction, study and general amenity.
- New accessible WC facilites for both staff and students.
- Rebuilding the roof, maintaining its form and increasing its high slightly allows for an additional level to be accommodated. This level will house a GLA, the Year 12 Common Room, Careers' Office and an outdoor courtyard, which will provide a special and unique environment.
- Ceiling heights will be maximised for better amenity and spatial quality.
- Increased floor to floor heights will also allow for better intergration of sustainable building services which will assist the proposed passive heating and cooling systems.
- Proposed concrete floors will provide more thermal mass, working in tandem with the increased insulation that is proposed.



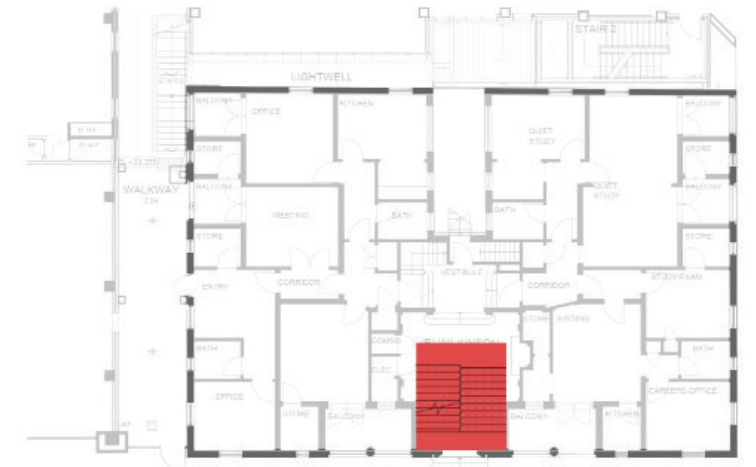
LIFT TEST OPTION 1

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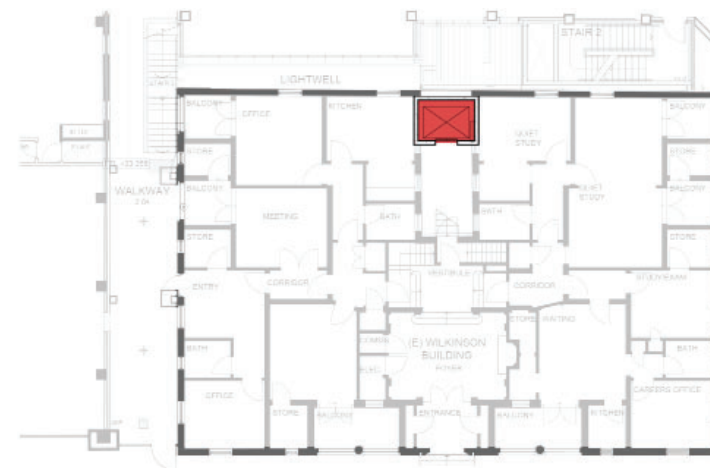
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- ☑ Preserves impression and function of lightwell
- ☑ Central location facilitates clear, logical and safe circulation
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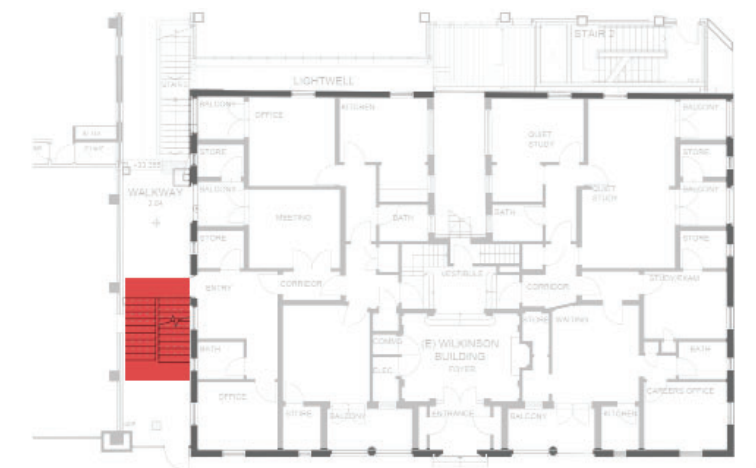
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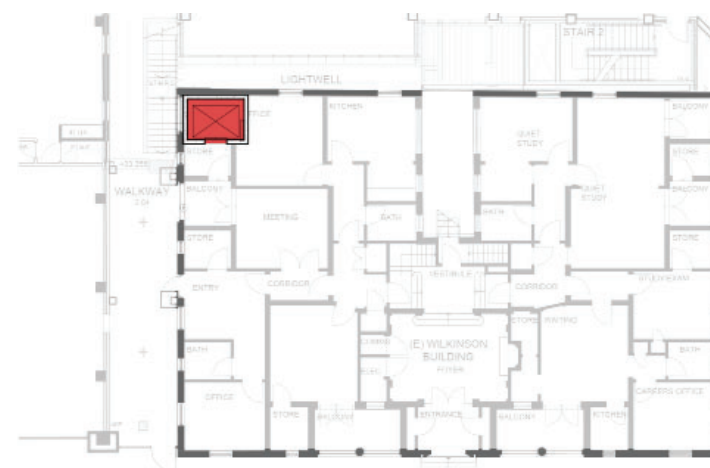
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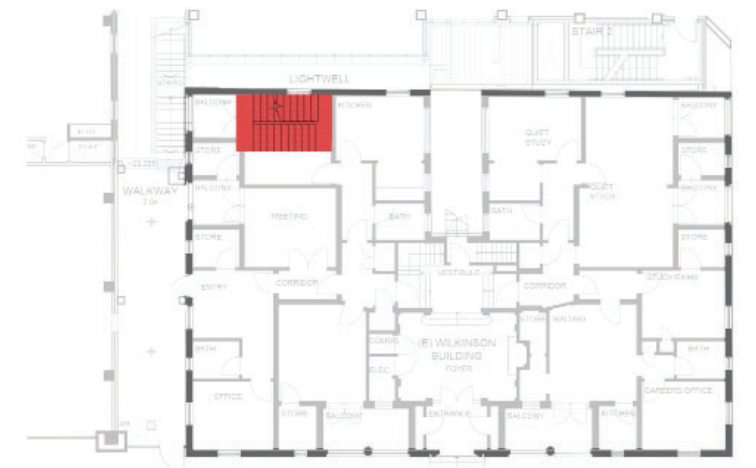
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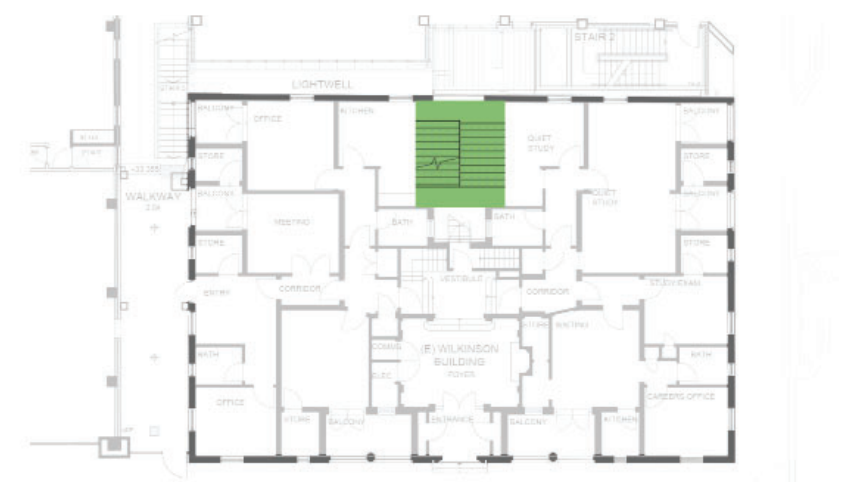
NEW STAIR & LIFT

The following test locations for the stair and lift indicate that the chosen locations are the best option

- A new, compliant stair belongs in the old building where the lightwell is located. This will preserve the historical function and impression of the lightwell in its current location.
- The new lift, which is required to accommodate a stretcher for emergencies, is located so that it is independent of Wilkinson House. The required lift overrun, which rises above Wilkinson House, does not interfere with the roof form.
- The strategic location of the stair and lift sets up a clear circulation strategy that allows the creation of the largest number of large, flexible GLAs possible within the envelope of Wilkinson House.
- The circulation strategy echoes and simplifies the original circulation pattern of Wilkinson House whilst preserving the function of the lightwell.

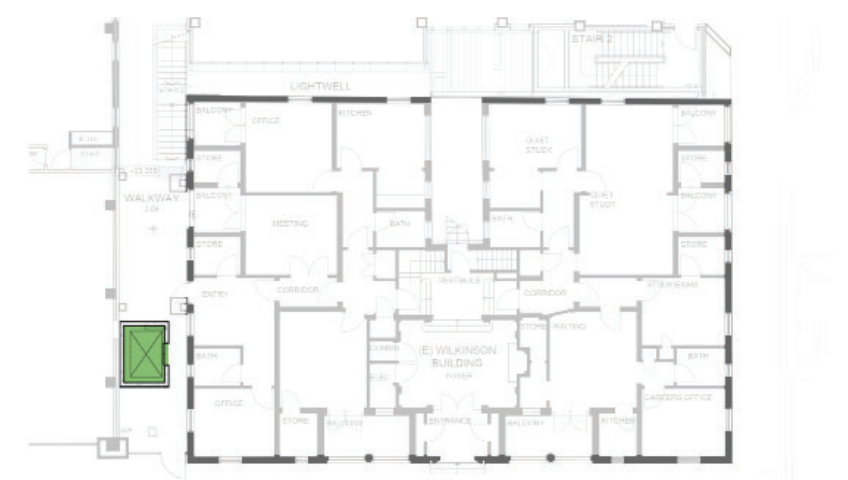
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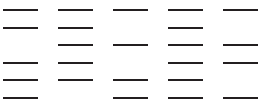
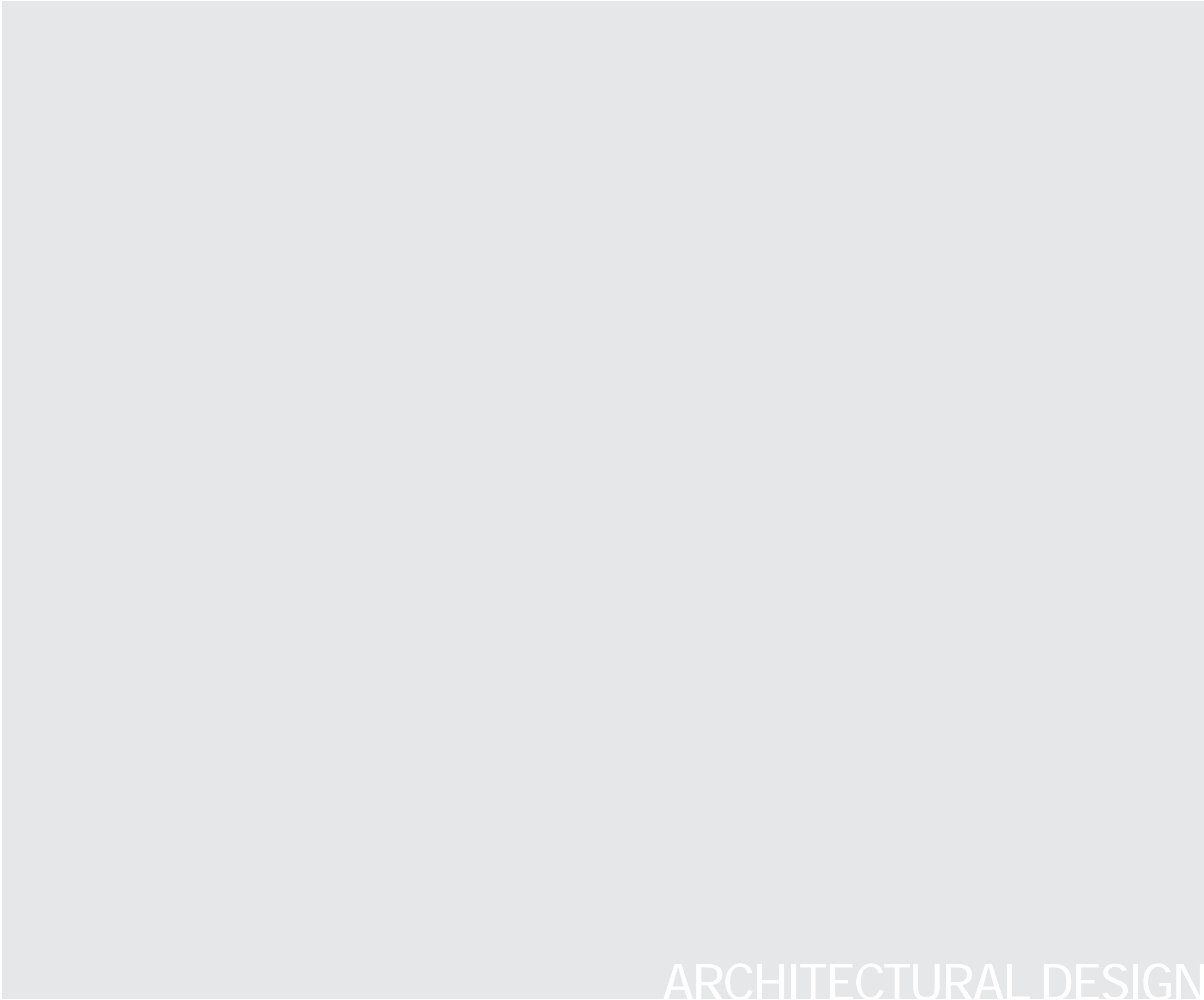
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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

DESIGN STATEMENT

Wilkinson House presents a rare opportunity to reinvent a historically significant but tired building to meet the aspirations and practical requirements of SCEGGS Darlington. Designed by esteemed architect Emil Sodersten and constructed in 1928, Wilkinson House is a heritage listed building that not only does not comply with current building codes and standards, but is no longer able to meet the functional requirements of the school.

Our proposal involves a light touch to the exterior façade and key heritage areas. The well-preserved building exterior fronting Forbes and Saint Peters Streets is to be rejuvenated by removing unsympathetic additions including metal security grilles to balconies, and by introducing sensitive interventions including steel-framed windows, reclaiming the existing balconies for learning spaces.

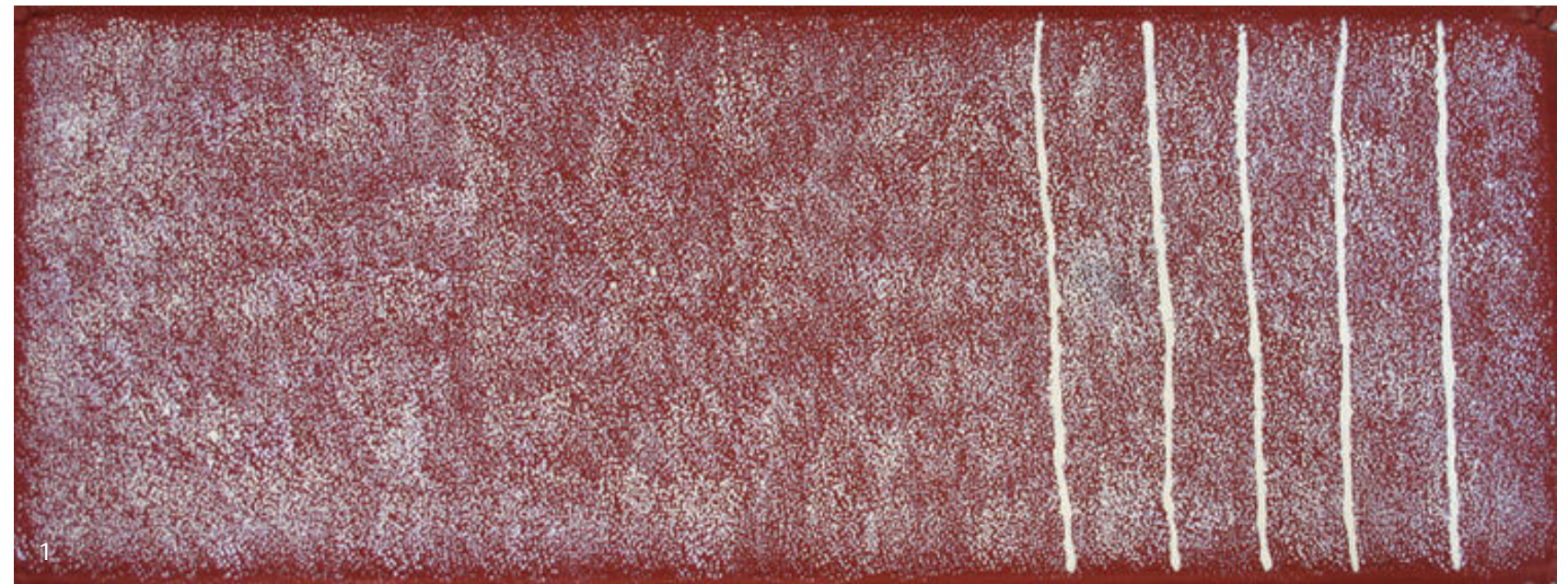
The existing tiled mansard roof is to be reconstructed in the same form as the original roof with a nominal increase in height of approximately 330mm, albeit remaining below the existing western brick parapet . This additional height allows for an extra level to be housed within the roof space, accommodating a classroom, year 12 common room, amenities, careers office, and private outdoor terrace. The proposed roof is clad in standing seam copper, taking inspiration from Sodersten's original elevational drawings, and includes angled blades and clerestory operable windows.

To the south of Wilkinson House is a new linking structure, housing a lift and lobby for equitable access, a meeting room, and provides for general circulation and connection to the wider school campus. This elongated structure rises clear of the roof form, is setback from Forbes street and is clad with glass creating a recessive new addition.

The primary goal of the project is to create large, flexible and well-lit learning spaces that can accommodate the school's evolving teaching ambitions for the next twenty years and beyond. Each level contains 2 - 3 generously-proportioned General Learning Areas (GLA's) of approximately 60sqm, with associated student breakout spaces, amenities, staff areas, and meeting spaces. A wide internal stair connects all levels, and is naturally lit and ventilated by a glazed rear wall, which will also feature the work of SCEGGS parent, artist Del Kathryn Barton.

Our design strategy focuses on sensitive, adaptive reuse that acknowledges the significance of the place while optimising the school's future use of Wilkinson House, as a place that is joyful and inspiring for students and staff; a place they look forward to using every day.





THE SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT

SCEGGS is committed to reconciliation, social justice and Connecting with Country. The project acknowledges the importance of connecting with Country and has engaged with the Aboriginal community to implement meaningful strategies to achieve this. The project aims to:

- Reduce the impacts of natural events through implementing sustainable building practices and building management.
- Value and respect Aboriginal cultural knowledge by engaging with the local Aboriginal community to acknowledge and celebrate their identity, cultural practices, art and language.
- Raise awareness on caring for Country.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ASSESSMENTS

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report has been completed in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties from the local area.

A Heritage Archaeological Assessment to consider impacts to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal archaeology has been completed to satisfy Condition B3 of the Consent for SSD-8993.

A RICH CULTURE

1. Kathleen Petyarre *My Country*
2. Learning about many aspects of Indigenous culture from Elders.
3. Cultural practices such as the smoking ceremony performed by a girl in Wilcannia.
4. Aboriginal sand painting at SCEGGS by artist and elder, Walangari Karntawarra, who sees his art as a form of cross-cultural communication.





SCEGGS & INDIGENOUS CULTURE AND HERITAGE

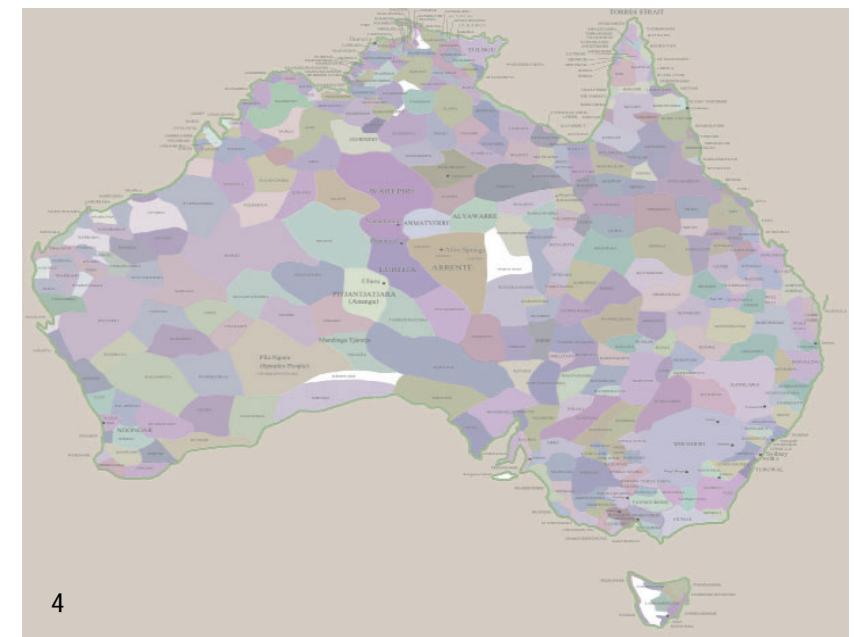
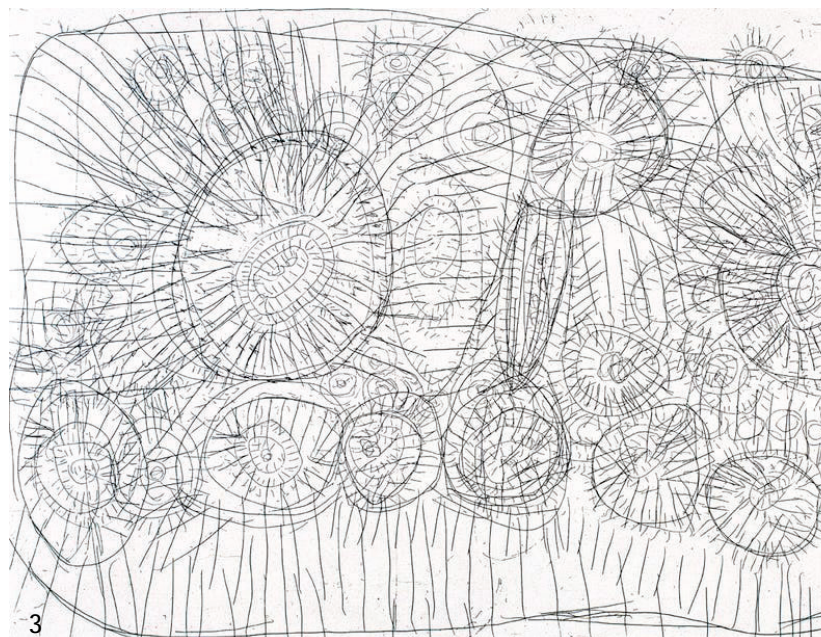
SCEGGS demonstrates their continuing commitment to reconciliation by providing a scholarship programme for Indigenous children in both primary and high school which covers all tuition fees. These students are mentored by Indigenous Student Co-ordinator and PDHPE teacher, Jola Cumming, a Butchulla and Gawara Salt Water Murri Woman.

Ms Cumming's office will be located in Wilkinson House. Aspects of Indigenous culture which we propose to be woven into building fabric and spaces during the design development process, aims to resonate with the Indigenous students that will be using the building, as well as to educate and enrich the daily lives of non-indigenous students. We have met with Ms Cummings to workshop strategies on how to incorporate Aboriginal culture into the Project. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with Ms Cummings and local Elders for a successful and meaningful outcome.

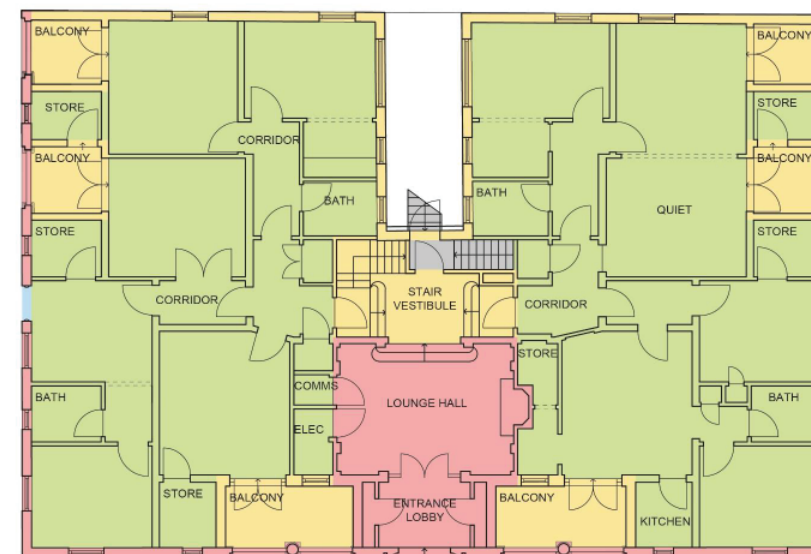
INTERPRETATION

In addition to the above, the proposal will consider adopting the following interpretation strategies to express aboriginal heritage and Connect with Country:

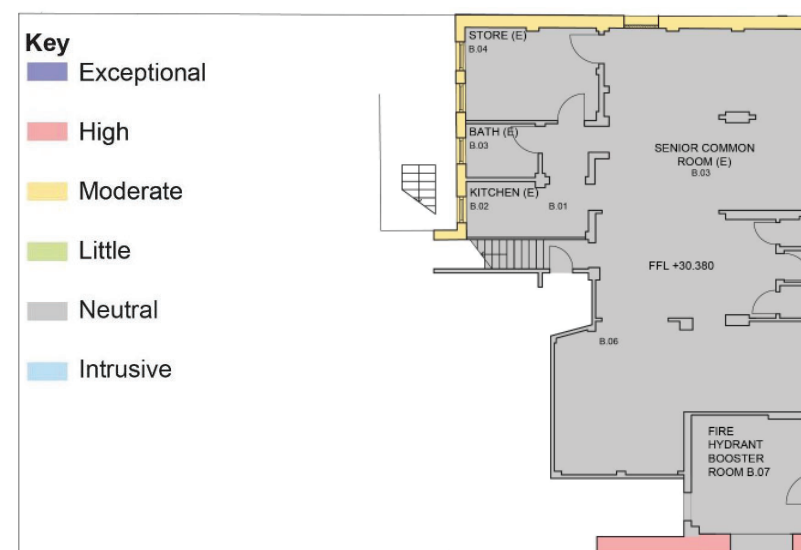
1. The oculus and Level 3 courtyard are an opportunity to connect with Sky and nature on a dense, inner-city site. The Level 3 courtyard, with its plantings and connection to sky, is an ideal place for a yarning circle where stories and ideas are shared and relationships strengthened.
2. Native plants such as Melaleuca Linariifolia proposed for the planter in the Level 3 courtyard to connect with Earth.
3. SCEGGS already has a collection of Indigenous Artwork proudly on display, and it is envisaged that artwork by Indigenous artists, including students, will be on display in Wilkinson House. Artwork by Rosie Tasman Napurrurla, Warlpiri 2002, *Ngurlu Jukurrpa*
4. AIATIS Map of Indigenous Australia identifying Aboriginal placenames, language groups, and nations can be a powerful tool to display, allowing Indigenous students to locate their origins and feel a sense of belonging, as well as to educate all students and staff about the richness and diversity of First Nations Peoples.
5. Interpretation of local artifacts, flora and fauna that is significant to Aboriginal people of the area can be cast into the building fabric or pathways. All students can be involved in producing these objects as a bonding and educational exercise. (Pirrrama Park, Deuce Design). Symbols such as fish signify connecting with Water.
6. Language, stories, places and Aboriginal people can be commemorated with text imbedded into the building fabric or pathways.



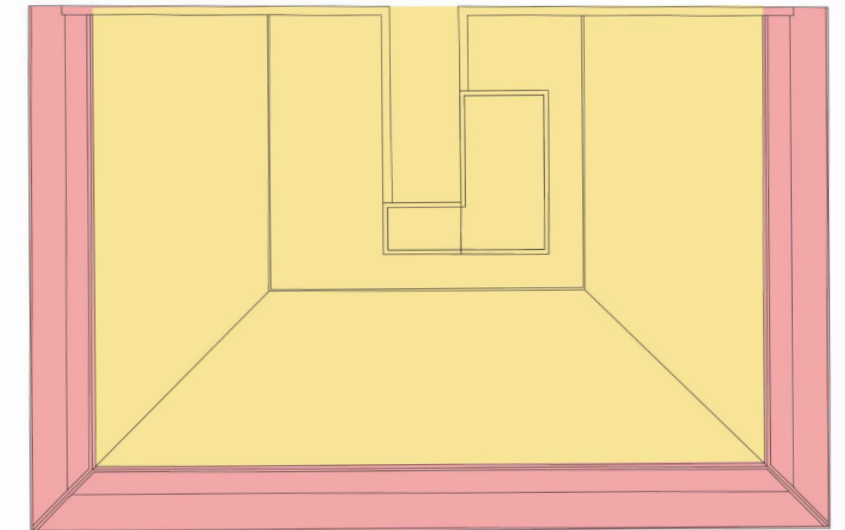
- Retain north, east, west and south facades.
- Retain GF entrance lobby and lounge hall
- Timber floor structure to all levels are to be replaced with concrete slabs at floor levels similar to the existing GL's.
- Replace stair with new, wider, and compliant stair constructed from the same grey terrazzo.
- Existing bricks from the demolition to be reused as much as possible for new internal walls.
- Interpretation of location of old walls inlaid in ceiling to recall placement of balconies and original rooms.
- Roof form is reconstructed with pressed copper cladding.
- Interpretation of balconies through inset new window openings.
- Reuse of original staircase components as art piece, bespoke cabinetry or paneling in the level 3 GLA.



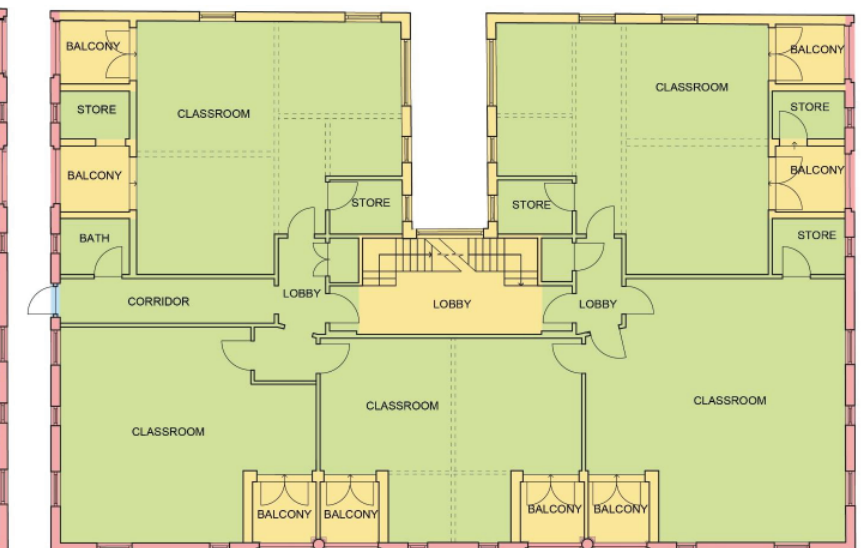
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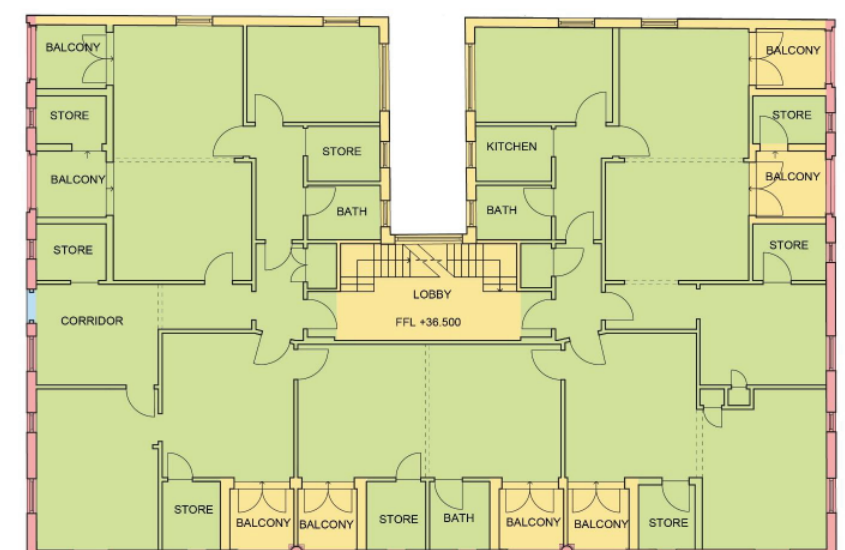
BASEMENT



ROOF PLAN



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

DESIGN RESPONSE TO HERITAGE STRATEGY

The SCEGGS Darlinghurst site as a whole is identified as a heritage item, and the listing specifically includes Wilkinson House.

The proposed design responds to the heritage strategies outlined in the CMP in the following ways:

- A light touch for the building exterior.
- The existing double hung windows will be restored and painted white.
- The arched openings with their columns will be restored, with new glazing units to be significantly set back behind the column capitals.
- The decorative portal and arch of the main entry will be restored, as will the wall-mounted lanterns, crest and cartouche.
- Timber doors on the Forbes Street main entry will be restored and painted.

The Concept proposes the removal of the elements that are detrimental to the building's integrity and functionality including:

- Remove the later security grilles on windows and balconies.
- Remove sirens and lights, and replace with sympathetic selections.
- Replacement of the existing downpipes with new copper downpipes.
- Removal of the infill brickwork to the four original garage openings on St Peters Street, to be replaced by the installation of new glass bricks to increase natural light to the general learning areas behind.

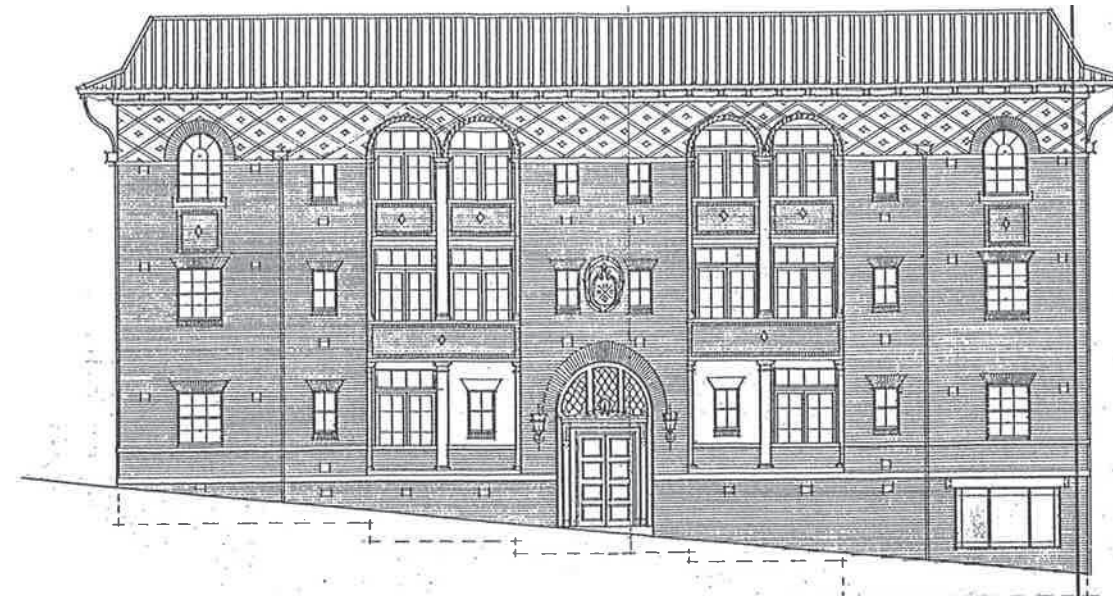
ORIGINAL ELEVATIONS

The original elevations show the elaborate brickwork detailing around the external frieze, including brick dentils, classical columns and arches elegantly proportioned and composed.

Our research indicates that Emil Sodersten used a variety of roof types in different buildings and these drawings suggest that the common Marseille tile used may not have been the first choice.

We derive the reconstruction of the mansard roof from this drawing, which shows a vertical articulation to the roof cladding.

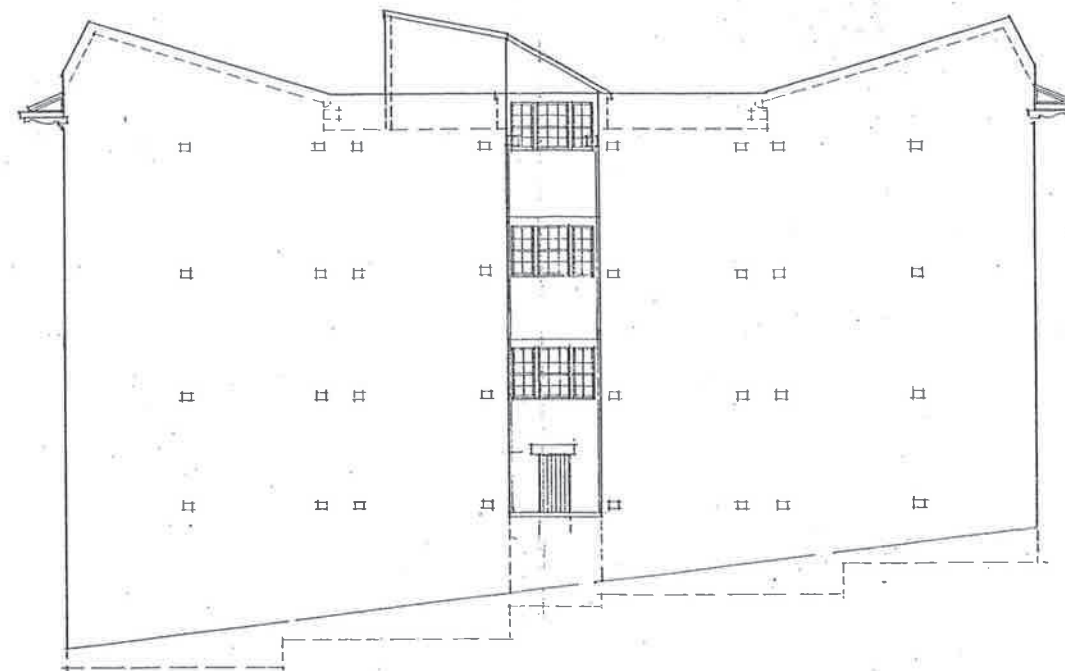




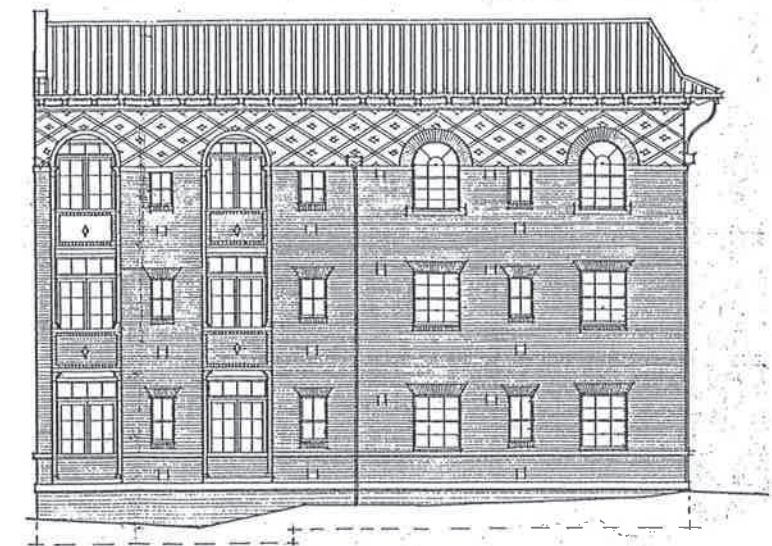
ELEVATION TO FORBES STREET.



ELEVATION TO ST PETERS ST.



BACK ELEVATION.



ELEVATION TO LANE.

KEY EXTERNAL MOVES

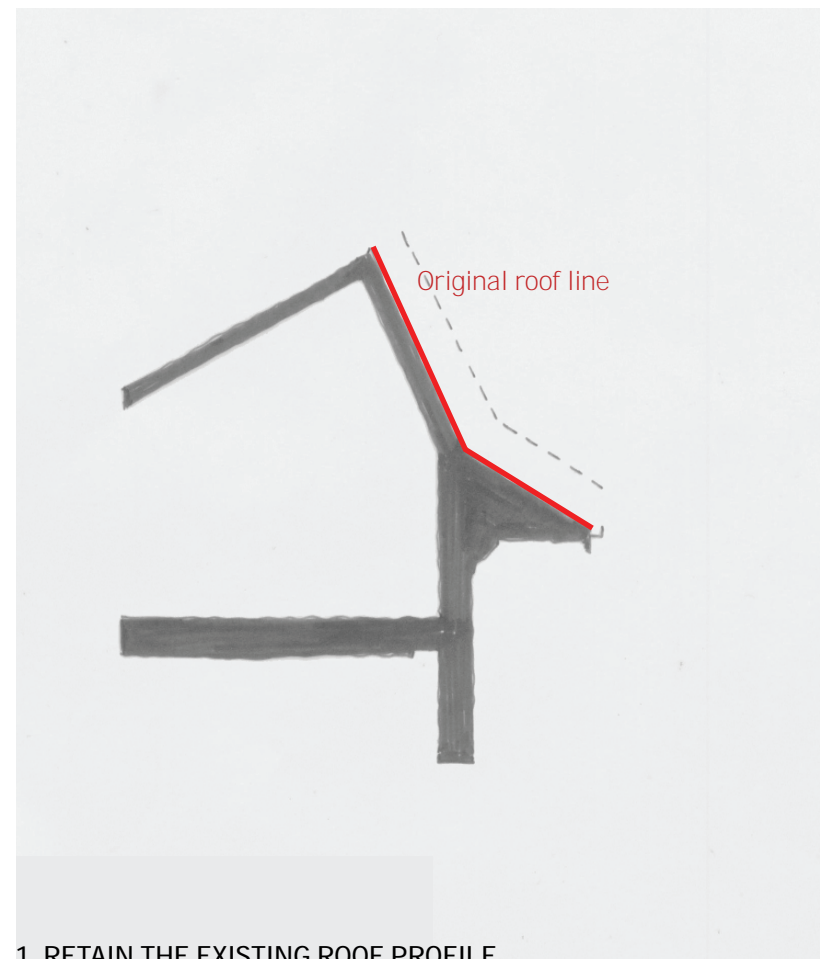
Taking into consideration of the heritage strategy, the following external additions and alterations are proposed:

1. Rebuild mansard roof in copper with angled blades and clerestory windows that reference the vertical articulation of the original Emil Sodersten elevations.
2. New linking structure connects building to the wider campus.
3. Elegance of heritage facade restored by removing unsympathetic additions including security bars.
4. Glazing recessed from the existing facade encloses the balconies while preserving the facade integrity. This will greatly improve the functionality, and spatial and light qualities of the GLAs within.
5. Central stair also functions as thermal chimney for passive ventilation.
6. Roof supports solar farm and rainwater harvesting. A green roof has been explored but deemed unfeasible due to height constraints limiting the structural and soil depth required to support it.
7. Connects to existing fire stair in the adjacent Joan Freeman Science and Technology Building.
8. Locating mechanical plant above the Joan Freeman Building's fire stair, keeping within the built roof form, will minimise visual impact and view loss.
9. The original concrete frame on Saint Peters Street is expressed. Glass bricks provide sports GLA with natural light and privacy.
10. Location of existing sprinkler pump room will be retained.
11. Level 3 terrace with oculus open to the sky and a small tree in contained planter, such as Melaleuca Linariifolia is proposed. It has been noted that this tree should not grow beyond the height of the roof to prevent view loss to surrounding neighbours.

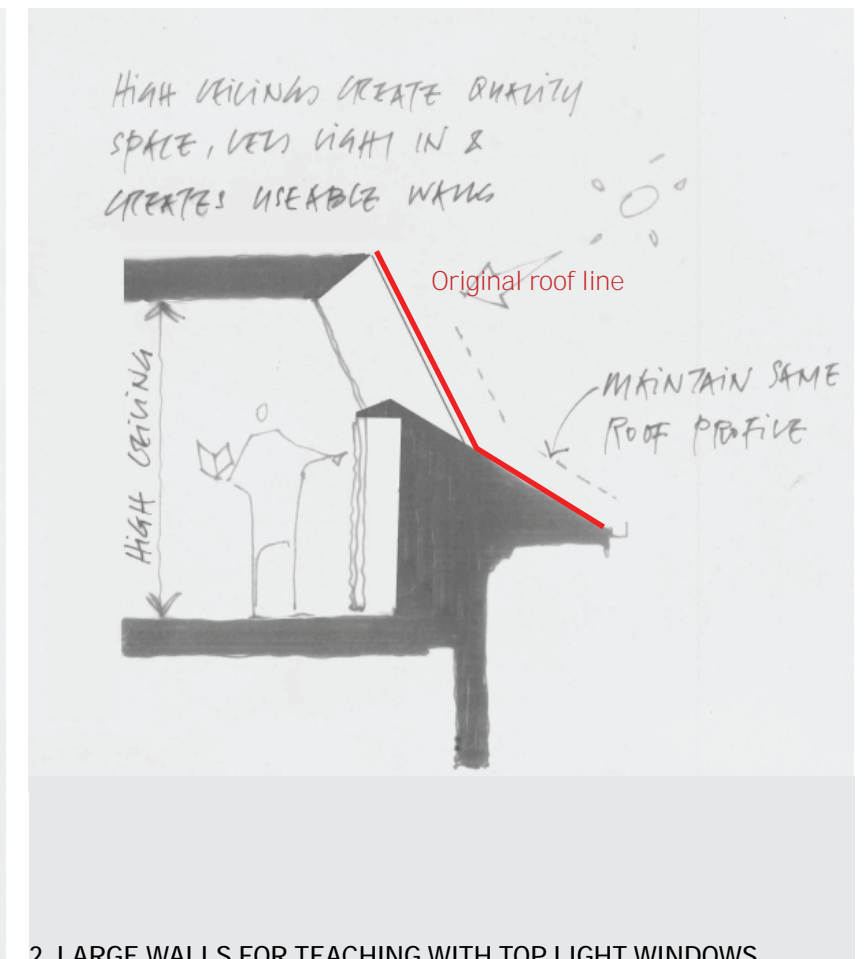


ROOF STRATEGY

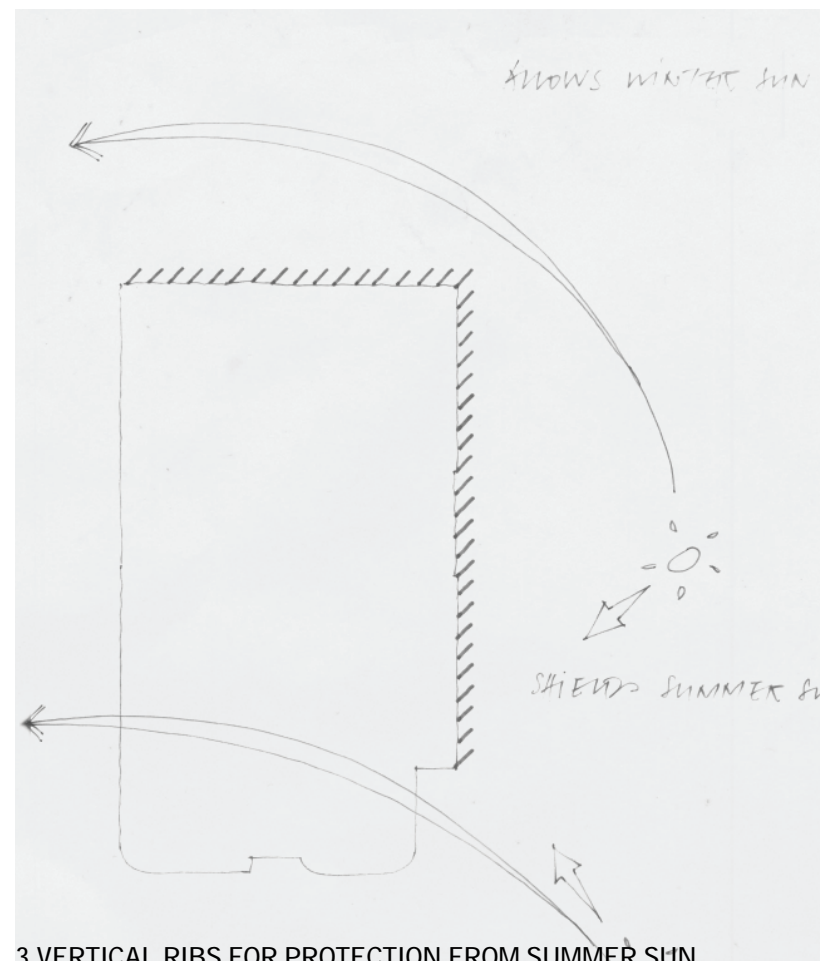
- 1.Existing mansard roof profile retained and remade in copper, a material sympathetic to the surrounding context that is also robust and well suited to a heritage building.
- 2.Form high level openings in roof profile to provide natural light to teaching spaces
- 3.Vertical ribs, derived from original elevation drawings, shelter classrooms from hot summer sun, allowing warm winter sun.
- 4.Vertical ribs shield classrooms and terrace from overlooking whilst providing framed views out to the city beyond.
- 5.Plan arrangement focused on flexibility and can be arranged in a number of ways to suit purpose. The proposed outdoor terrace can facilitate a yarning circle, outdoor learning, recreation and general well being.



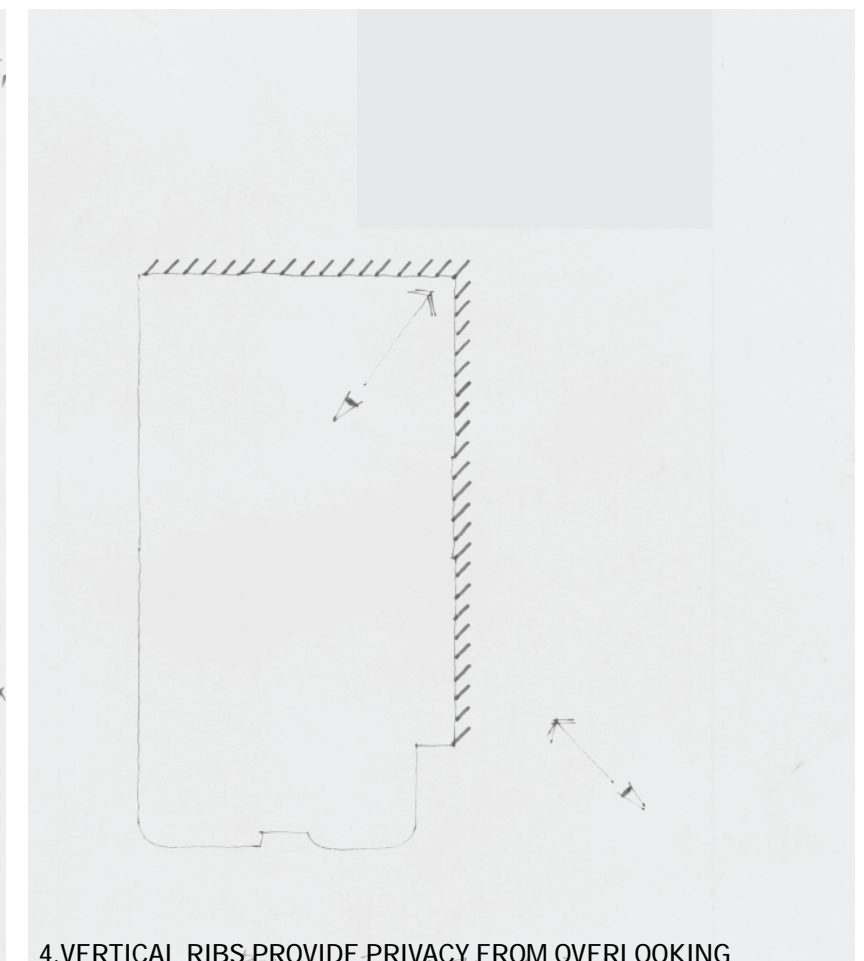
1. RETAIN THE EXISTING ROOF PROFILE



2. LARGE WALLS FOR TEACHING WITH TOP LIGHT WINDOWS



3.VERTICAL RIBS FOR PROTECTION FROM SUMMER SUN



4.VERTICAL RIBS PROVIDE PRIVACY FROM OVERLOOKING

NEW LINKING STRUCTURE

- As the school's main entry into Wilkinson House is from within the campus, the current entry is unclear and unceremonious.
- Our proposal articulates this entry for clarity to all users of the campus, through a new, enclosed structure that connects Wilkinson House with the Centenary Sports Hall and the main campus.
- The proposed form of the entry structure + materiality is contemporary, contrasting with the heritage fabric of Wilkinson House.
- The new entry structure will be clad in glass, this will let light in while activating the Eastern facade to street.
- The colour, tint and reflective qualities of the glass will also provide the required level of privacy and security.
- The glass is a light touch, which will make the structure appear dematerialised, and therefore recessive and fluid between two heavier looking buildings.
- The Lift portion of the extension, extends past the roof form of Wilkinson House, ensuring the roof is uninterrupted. The location of the lift is also set back from the Forbes Street building line to reduce visual impact and preserve the streetscape.
- The proposed lift location is functional for circulation, does not consume floor space within Wilkinson House, and also does not breach the roof form of Wilkinson House.



NEW LINKING STRUCTURE - MATERIALITY

In consultation with the community and with GANSW, we have tested both the materiality and form of the new extension as follows:

- We investigated the use of brick and copper, materials we viewed as being sympathetic to Wilkinson House, to visually connect the new extension to Wilkinson House.
- We tested multiple ways in which we can construct and lay the bricks to create interest and detail.
- The brick lift shaft adopted a curved form to reduce visual bulk.
- Due to the layers of building fabric required in brick construction, the brick options resulted in clashes with the roof form of Wilkinson House, which we deemed inappropriate.
- We tested the use of copper, which relates to the proposed copper roof.
- The curved form with this material looks utilitarian and detracts from the streetscape.
- The extension was developed and distilled into a simplified, rectilinear form, which introduced glazing at both ends.
- The final concept for the new extension link is a fine, steel-framed structure with glass cladding. This proposal demonstrates the “light touch” approach, politely complementing Wilkinson House in an unapologetically modern way but also reducing visual impact to the streetscape.

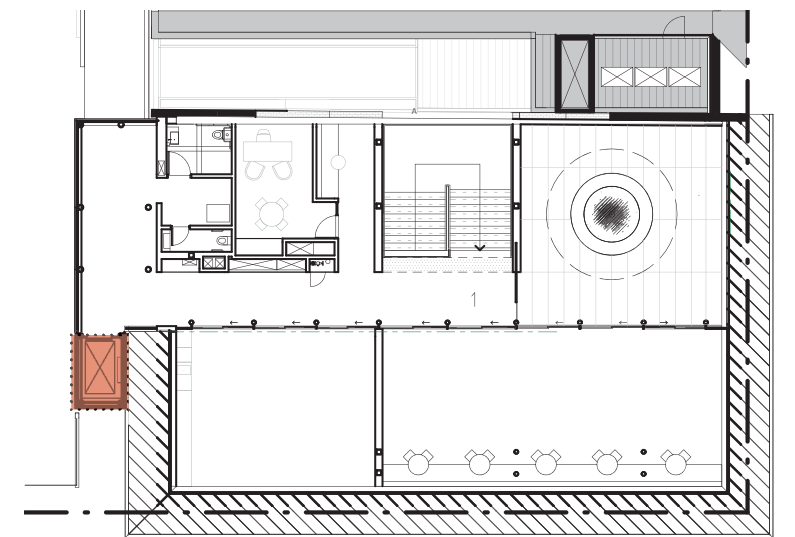
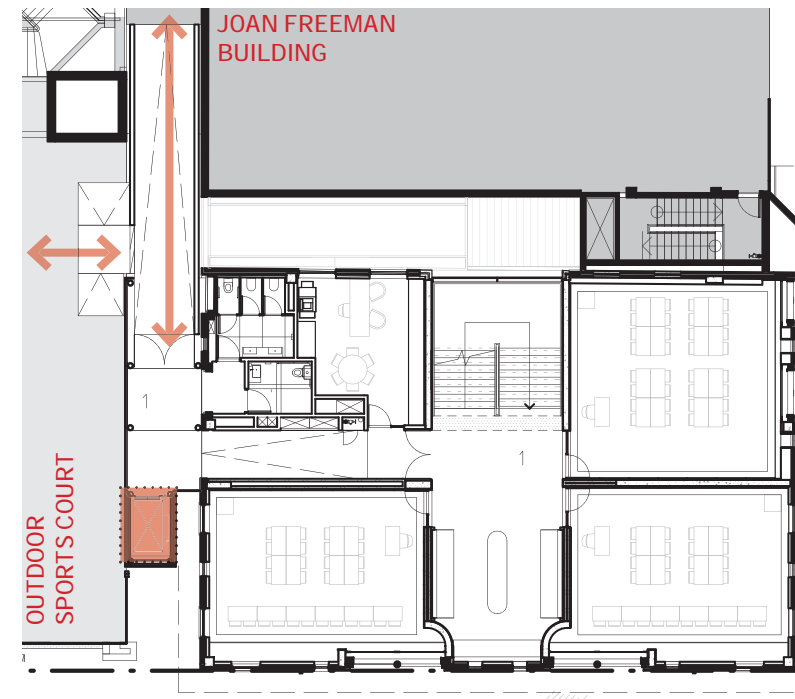




NEW LINKING STRUCTURE - CAMPUS CONNECTION

The new linking structure provides better access within Wilkinson House and creates a better connection of Wilkinson House to the wider campus.

- The new lift provides equitable access to all levels of Wilkinson House and also provides to access the Centenary Sports Hall, outdoor playing courts and the Joan Freeman building.
- The new walkway on level 2 is 2.0M wide with a 1:20 gradient, providing a handrail free gentle connection to the Joan Freeman Building.



LEVEL 02

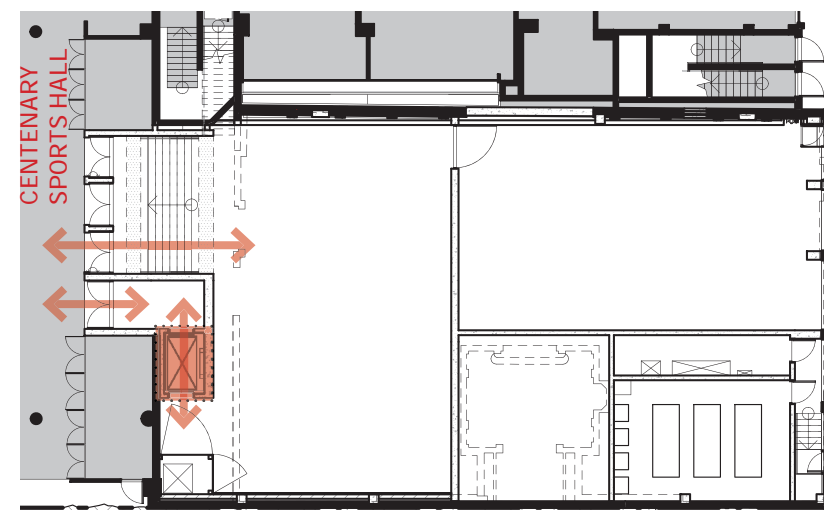


GROUND FLOOR

LEVEL 03



LEVEL 01



LOWER GROUND

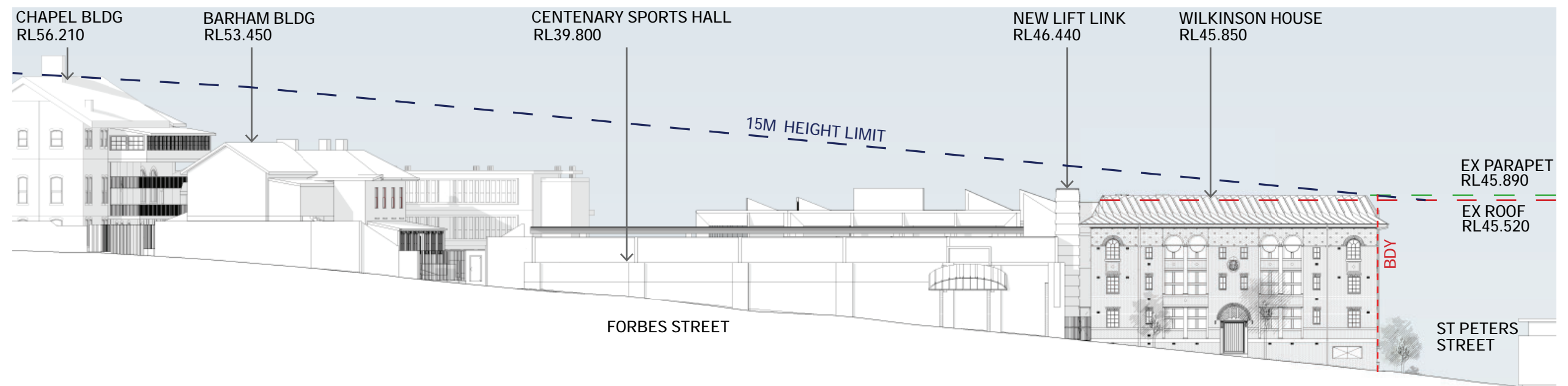
VISUAL IMPACT - FORBES STREET

The proposal is sympathetic to the streetscape and character established along Forbes Street.

The proposed copper roof maintains the existing roof form with an increase in height that is deliberately established below the existing brick parapet to the west.

The new extension to the south of Wilkinson House is set back from Forbes Street, constructed of a dark bronze colour steel frame clad in glass, creating a recessive linking building that does not compete with its surrounds. This extension houses a new lift, creating equitable access within Wilkinson House and also connects to the Centenary Sports Hall to the south and Joan Freeman building to the west. The lift overrun is below the 15.0M height limit and is similar in height to the top of the existing structures of the wider campus beyond.

The existing balconies of Wilkison House that face the street create a rhythm of solid and void to the streetscape. To create functional, rectangular-shaped learning spaces, these balconies are proposed to be infilled with new steel windows. These windows are set back from the facade, creating shadow and depth to preserve the existing solid and void relationship in the facade. This setback incidentally provides sunshading to the glazing and gives an opportunity to integrate concealed external blinds for further protect from heat load and direct sunlight.



VISUAL IMPACT - ST PETERS STREET

St Peters Street is the street that runs along the north of Wilkinson House. It connects Forbes street and Bourke street, with it's topography dropping significantly toward the west.

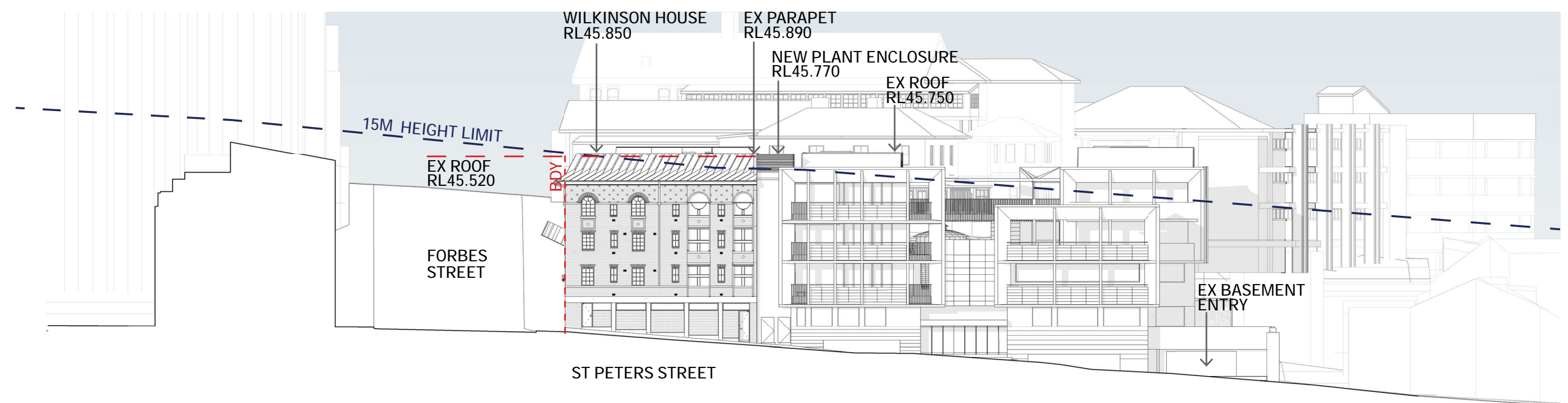
This places the existing built forms of the campus above the 15.0M height limit.

This means that the new copper roof also breaches the height plane, but only by a small amount above the existing roof. It will remain below the existing brick parapet to the west. This increase in height does not have a significant impact on bulk, scale or visual density.

The proposed new roof plant on top of the existing fire stair of the Joan Freeman Building is finished at the same RL as the existing carpark exhaust enclosure, reducing any visual impact to a minimum. (Refer to page 43)

The existing balconies of Wilkison House are infilled with steel windows that are set back, keeping the existing rhythm of light and void.

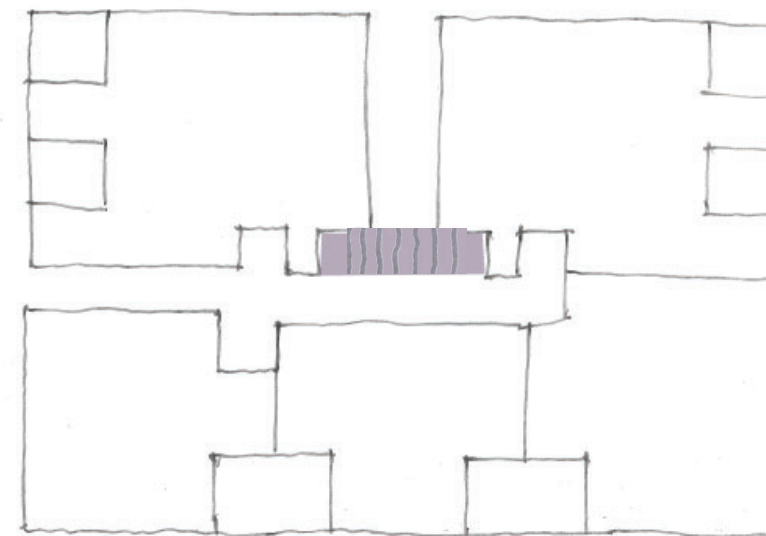
Glass bricks are proposed for the lower ground level of St Peters street. Its semi-transparent quality provides void to the facade, reinforcing the location of garages that once served the building in a previous life.



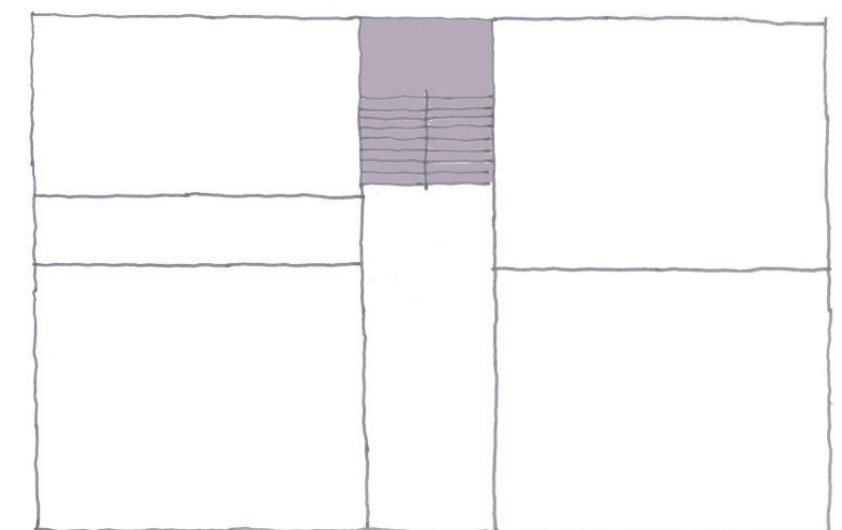
NEW STAIR

While original, the existing stair does not make a defining contribution to the building's heritage significance. Its location prevents an efficient circulation strategy and access to natural light. For these reasons, we see the relocation of the stair as a key move in unlocking the full potential functionality of the building:

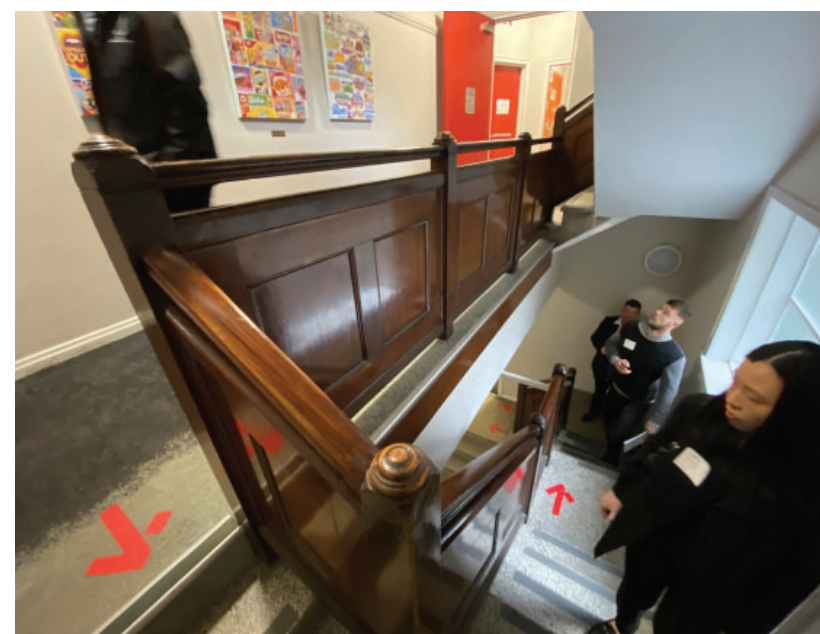
- The current inefficient circulation prevents the creation of flexible learning areas of the size required by the school (60m²).
- The stair is too small and narrow for the efficient and safe movement of large volumes of staff and students, especially during class changeover time.
- The stair should also be removed and replaced as it does not comply with NCC fire egress requirements. It is not fire isolated and has combustible balustrades and handrails, neither of which are permitted.
- Its width does not comply with the minimum width required by the NCC. It is too narrow to accommodate safe egress for potentially more than 300 students and staff.
- Grey terrazzo is used for the stair with a 1m high datum to acknowledge traditional detail and protect walls at low level. This is a robust, durable and elegant material.
- It is proposed that the panelled timber balustrades will be re-purposed as built-in joinery to be integrated in the building, or as an artwork re-interpreted by an artist or student through a student-led program.
- A heritage interpretation of the stair is proposed for the ground floor. An outline of the stair will be depicted in its original location in the terrazzo floor with recessed metal trims.



EXISTING STAIR



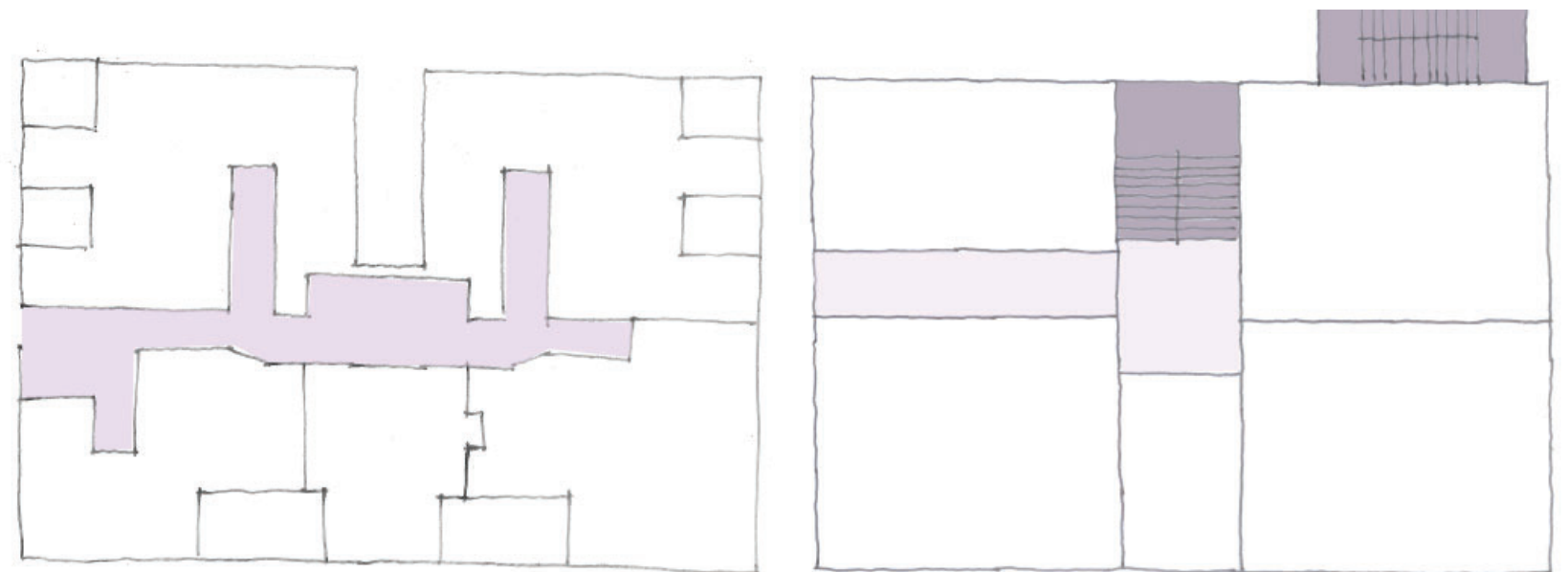
PROPOSED STAIR



INDICATIVE HERITAGE INTERPRETATION OF WALLS AND STAIRS INCORPORATED ON THE PROPOSED NEW FLOOR

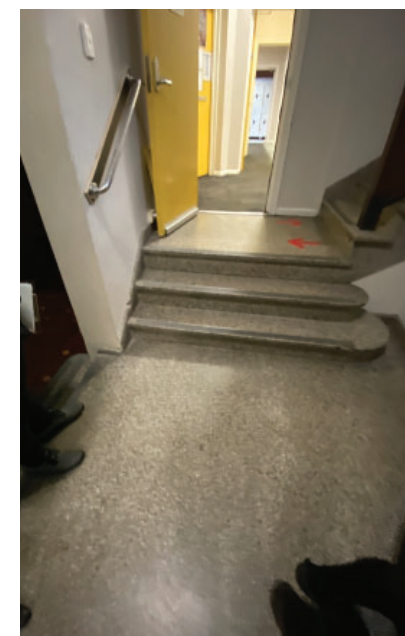
STREAMLINED CIRCULATION

- Both the existing stair and resulting circulation around it restrict the creation of flexible GLAs measuring 60m². By relocating the stair, the resulting circulation will allow for the creation of large GLAs.
- The current widths of the corridors are narrow, vary in width, and have nooks and crannies that result in a potentially unsafe environment where it is easy to get lost or hide.
- The proposed circulation will be wider and streamlined, making it easier, efficient, safe and pleasant for students and staff to navigate.
- On the ground floor, the level change between the north and south parts of the building will be eliminated, with the aim to provide universal access to as much of the building as possible.
- A passenger lift is proposed in the existing breezeway between Wilkinson House and the Centenary Sports Hall. The lift in this location to prevent floor space within Wilkinson House from being allocated to circulation.
- We propose to utilise the existing fire stair of the Joan Freeman Building as a second fire egress. Wilkinson House benefits from this by having more usable floor space.



EXISTING CIRCULATION

PROPOSED CIRCULATION

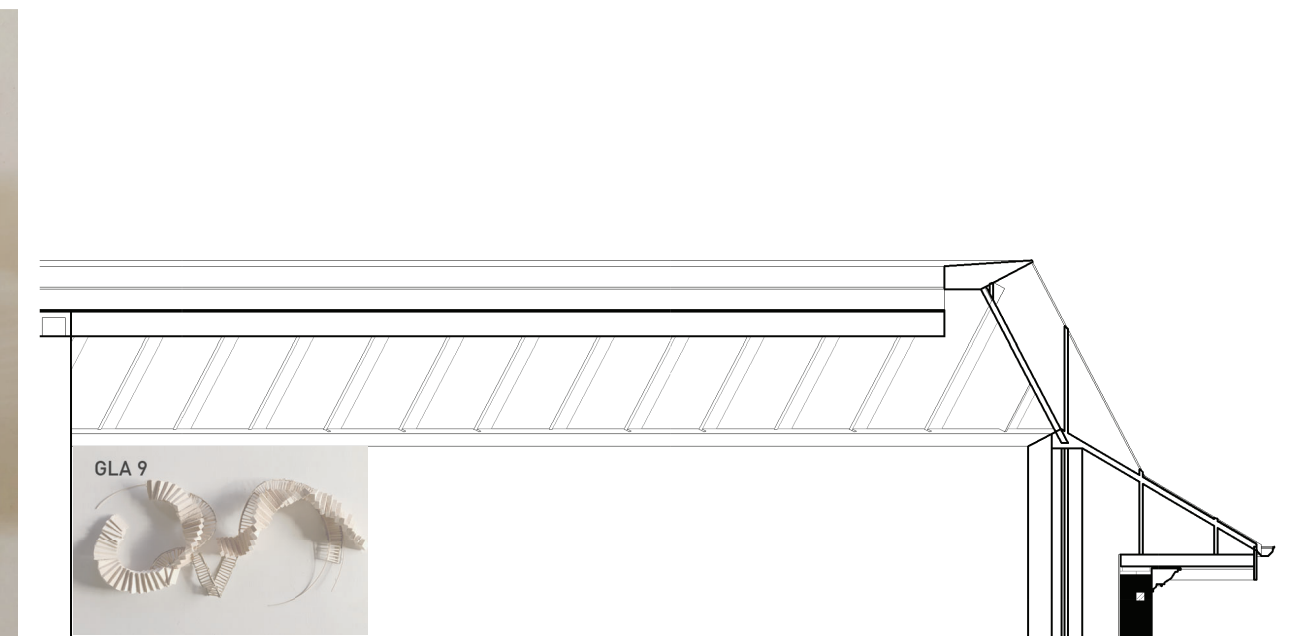
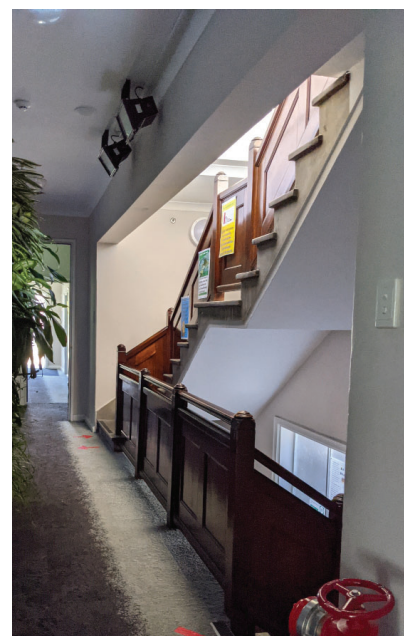
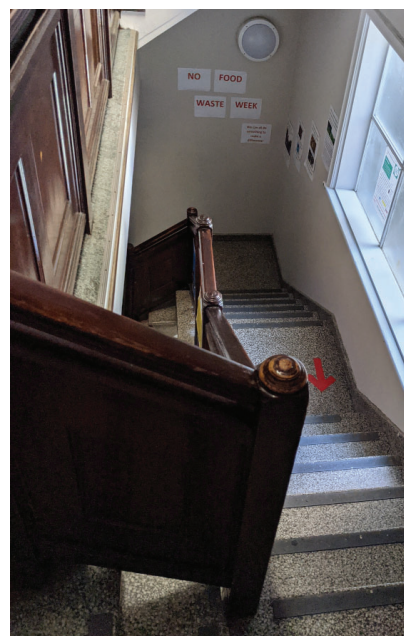
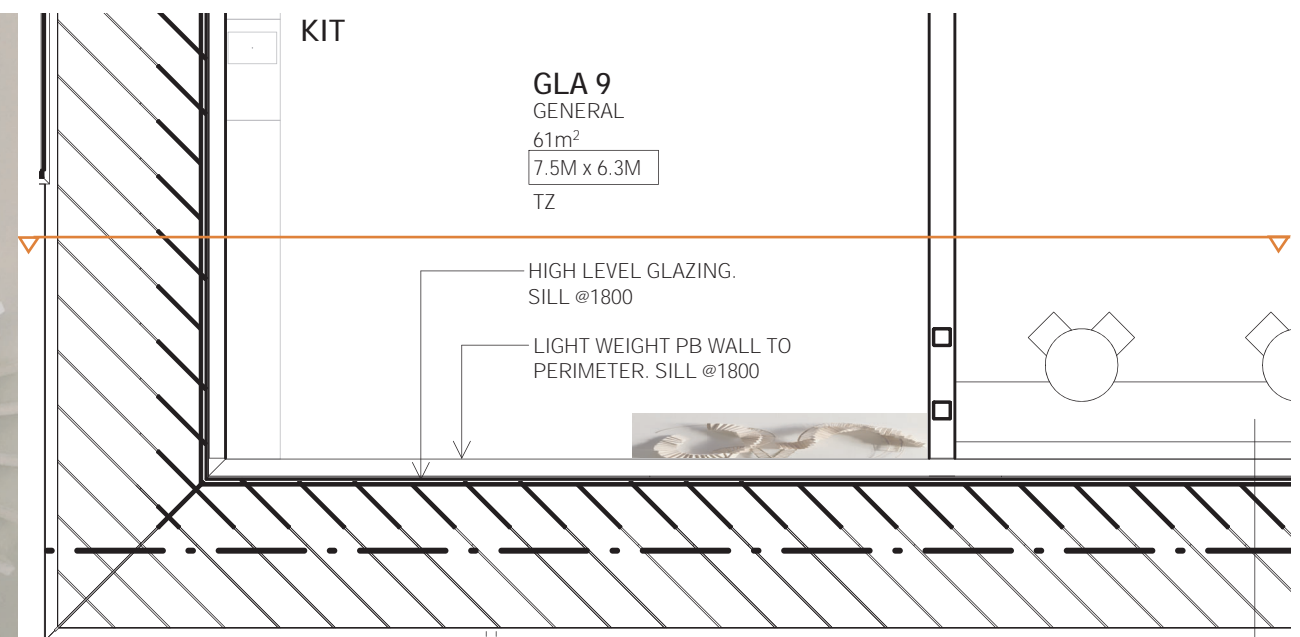


EXISTING STAIR INTERPRETATION - SDS

We see the interpretation of the stair as an opportunity to create something that will be meaningful and unique to the building. SDS propose the installation to be located along the Northern wall of GLA 9 on level 03. There will be an opportunity for students to be involved in its interpretation through a student led program.

The stair reworked into an artwork will bring another layer of meaning to its existence. It will also add to the richness of the story of the building, rather than being just a token gesture.

In this artist's maquette, a staircase was reimagined; invoking the buildings historical past, reconceptualised for a contemporary setting. Suspension of the setting plays on light and shadow, as the staircase transcends the static, bringing dynamic shape and presence to the space. Here wood and line chart both history and change; the viewer guided to consider both formation.



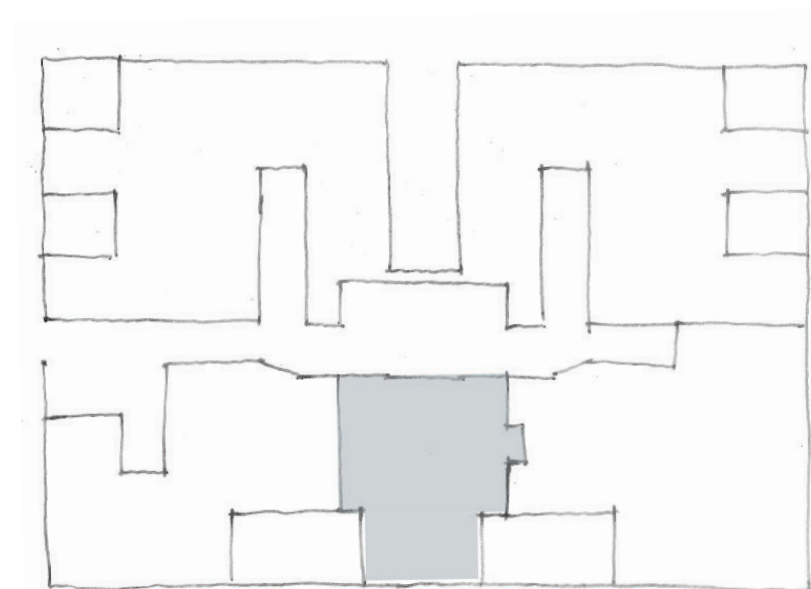
GROUND FLOOR FOYER + ENTRY

- Proposed strategy is to retain the existing entrance foyer and lounge hall, including all floors, walls, vaulted ceiling, joinery and decorative plaster details.

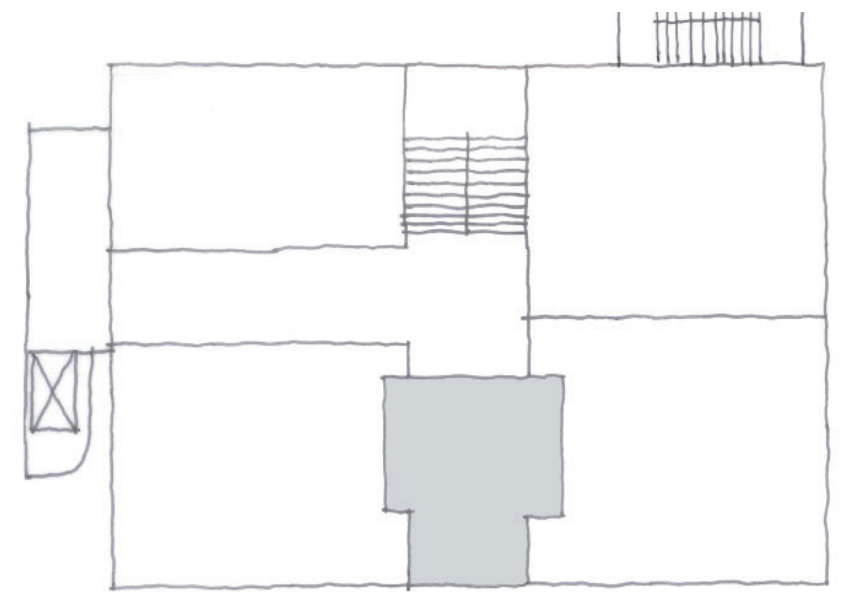
The proposed lounge hall can be an inviting breakout and study space in its day to day function. It will also serve as a grand entrance for special school functions.

- The proposed stair in the existing lightwell will also bring more light into the space.

- Heritage features such as the fireplace and original timber doors will be retained and restored.



EXISTING GF FOYER + ENTRY



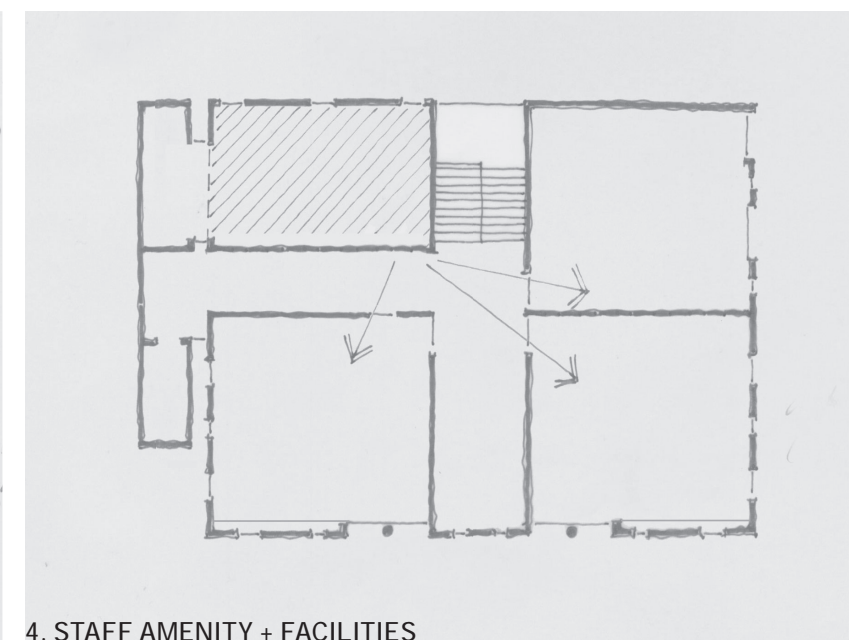
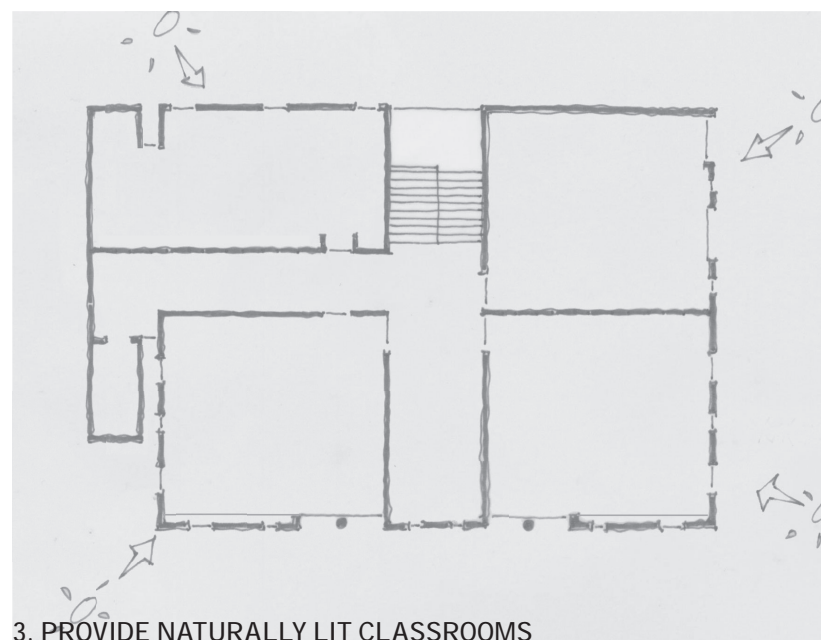
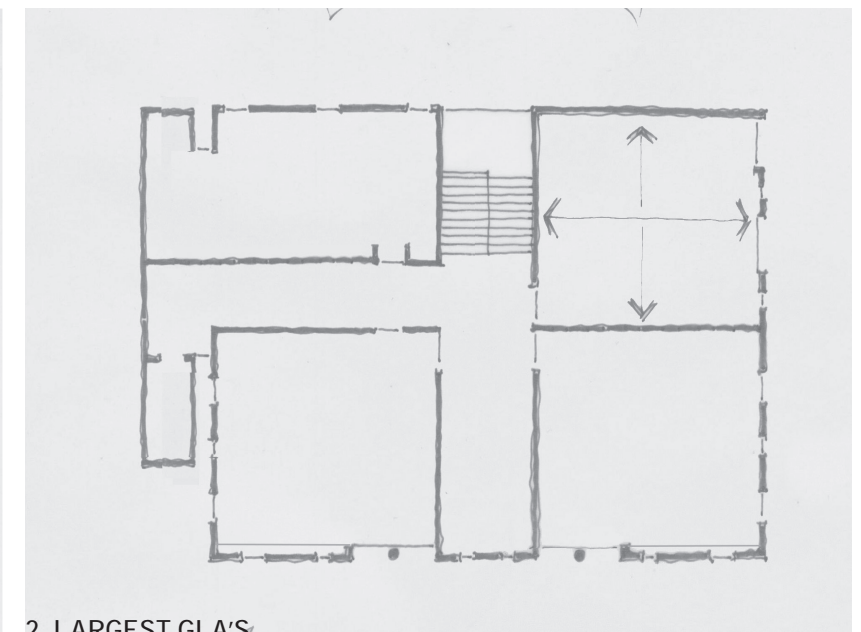
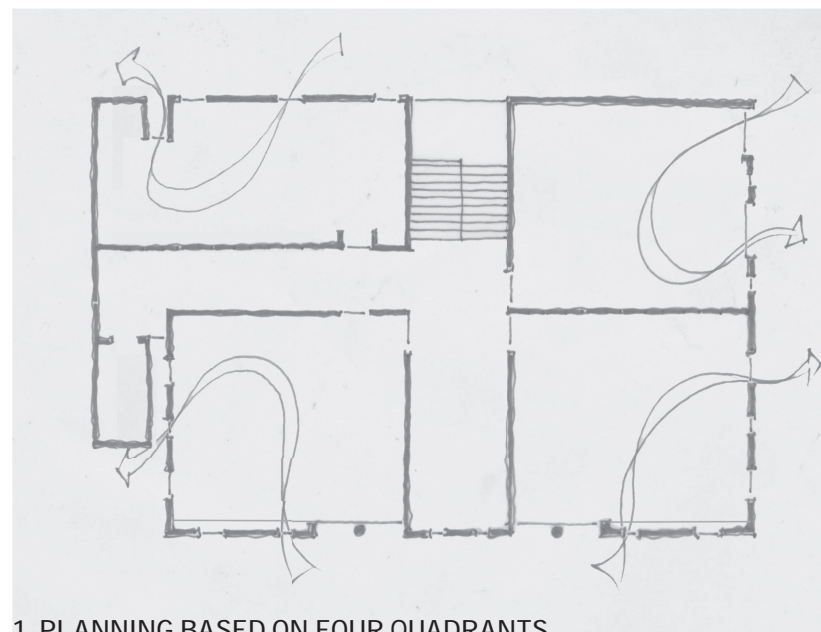
PROPOSED GF FOYER + ENTRY



OPTIMISE THE PLANNING

The proposal seeks to create the best possible Group Learning Areas (GLAs):

1. Building planning is based on four near-equal quadrants. The benefit of this is a simple circulation path where cross ventilation occurs through all corners providing fresh air learning environments which reduces energy consumption.
2. Large, wide and near square GLAs create optimum flexibility, providing students with uninterrupted views of teaching surfaces on at least two walls.
3. Provide ample natural light to all GLAs and staff areas by removing existing balconies and other obstructions. The benefit is beautiful and welcoming learning environments that are of an equal quality.
4. Staff and amenity facilities are distributed across the building in the south-west quadrant, providing a strategic location for passive surveillance of breakout areas and a coordinated place for services. The benefit is that the three remaining quadrants are freed for use as GLAs without compromise.

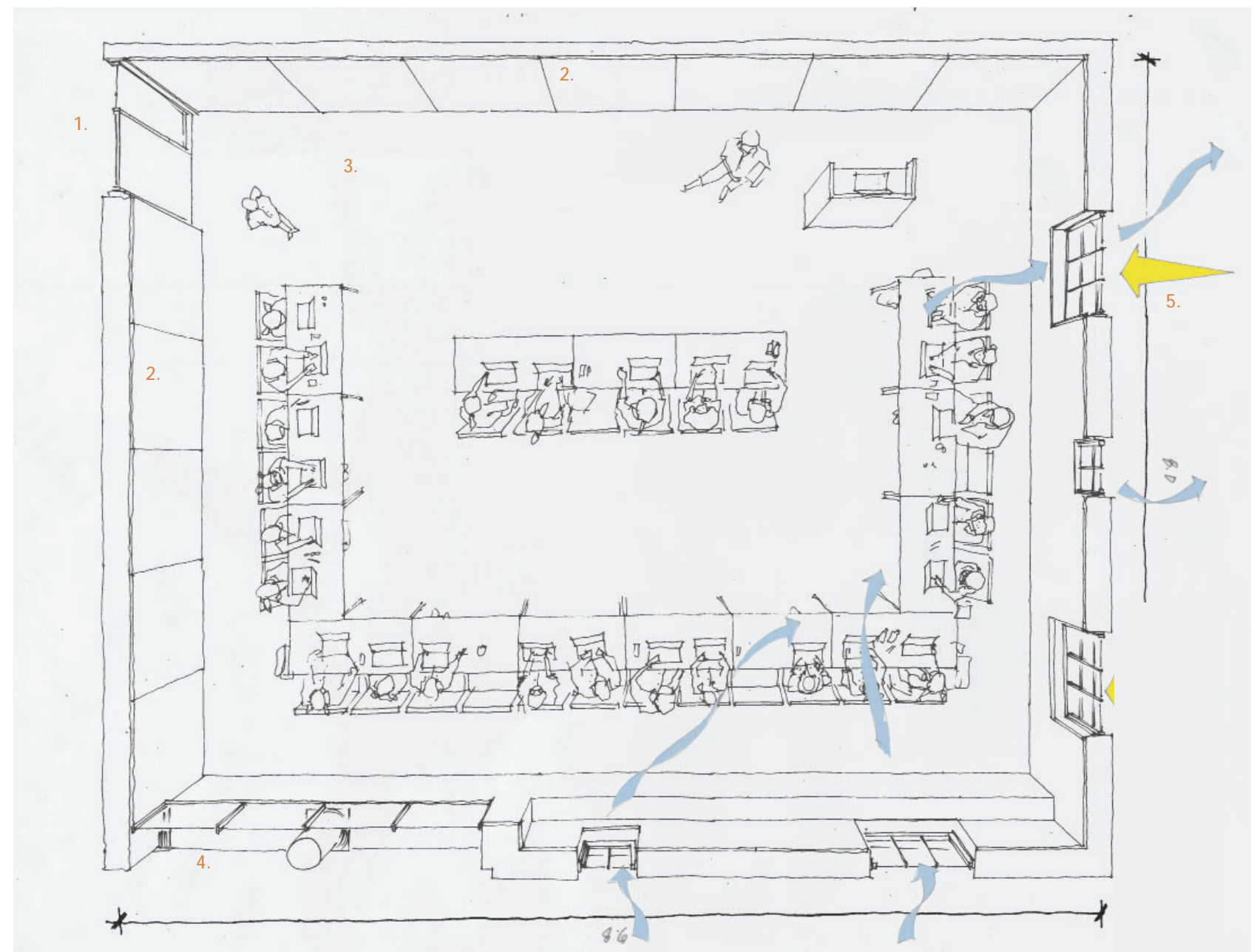


OPTIMISE THE GLA LAYOUT

Near square GLAs gives students unobstructed views of teaching walls. 8m x 8.4m gives the largest possible GLA with maximum flexibility for organisation.

A unique character is given to each GLA where carpeted floor tiles, solid entry doors with glazed sidelights and furniture may be coloured for wayfinding and identity.

1. Doors unique to each classroom as wayfinding strategy. Glazed sidelights provide visibility of activity on both sides for safety.
2. Short throw projectors on two paneled walls for teaching.
3. Inlay in ceiling retains memory of former layout and use.
4. Windows on two sides for at least six GLAs optimise access to daylight. Inset glazing reduces glare while keeping rooms bright and ambient.
5. Operable windows on BMI system enable control of cross ventilation which aims to reduce the need for air conditioning.



GLAS AND BALCONIES

The existing balconies do not make a defining contribution to the building's overall significance. Their enclosure is supported by the GANSW provided that a sense of depth and articulation is maintained through sympathetic glazing.

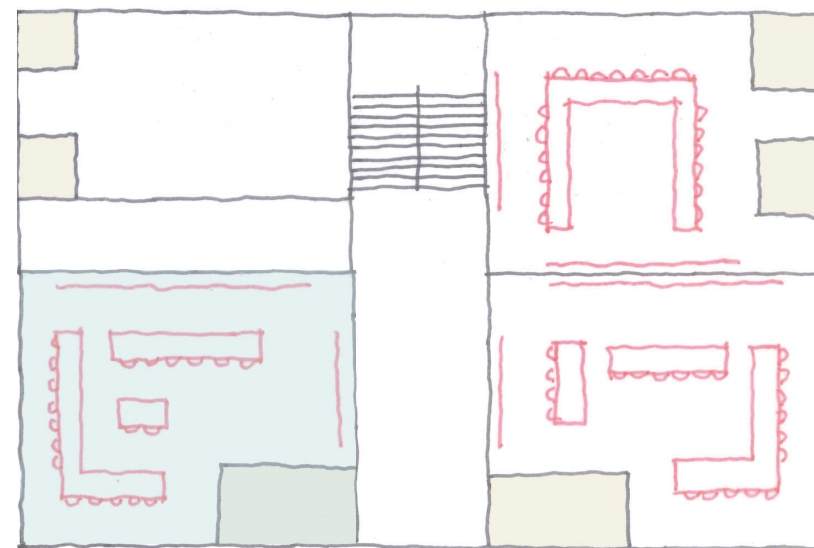
The existing balconies restrict the creation of large, square, flexible classrooms by restricting the desk layouts.

The proposal to enclose the balconies and remove the balcony walls is essential for the functionality of the GLAs with full horseshoe or cluster desk arrangements.

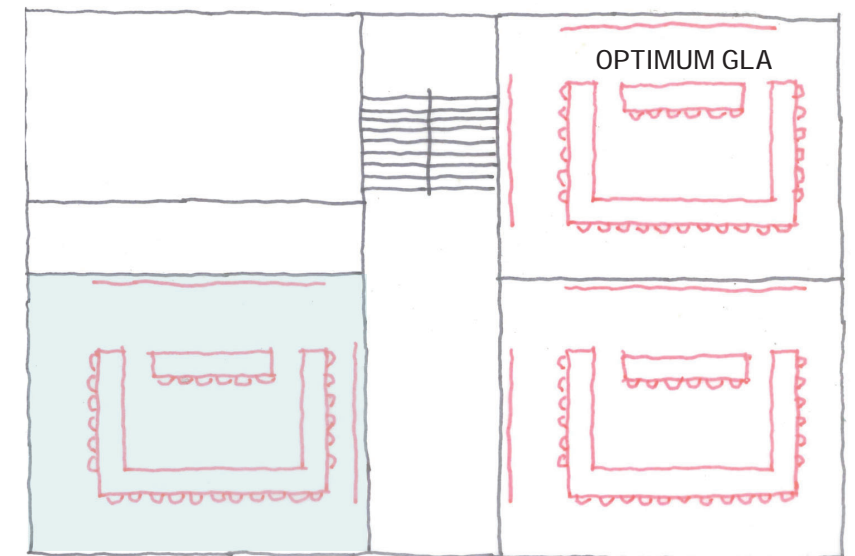
Rooms that are not square or rectangular are compromised teaching spaces.

- GLAs with balconies range from 51-60m²
- GLAs without balconies range from 55-70m²

Without removing the internal balcony walls, the GLAs will be compromised and will not have the full flexibility the school requires. Removing the walls will help to unlock the full potential and usability of every, precious square metre of Wilkinson House without compromising its external appearance. To signify their memory, the former balcony spaces will be interpreted through ceiling inlays.



GLA'S WITH EXISTING BALCONIES
51-60M² INTERNAL + 7M² BALCONY BREAKOUT



GLA'S WITHOUT EXISTING BALCONIES
55-70M² INTERNAL GLA

MINIMUM REQUIRED GLA

REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS

Further reasons for removing the balconies:

- They do not meet contemporary space requirements for child protection and safety due to limiting visibility from teachers.
- They rob rooms of light and provide uneven internal daylight levels
- They protrude into the rooms and limit the flexibility of use: a teaching wall adjacent to a balcony limits use and visibility.



INFILL STEEL WINDOWS

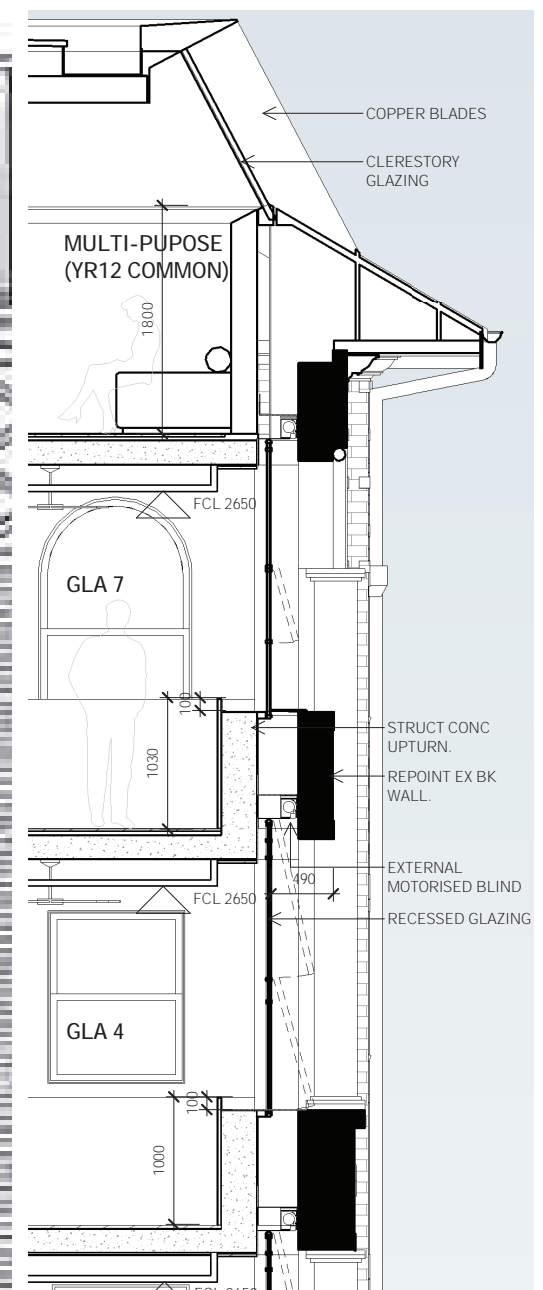
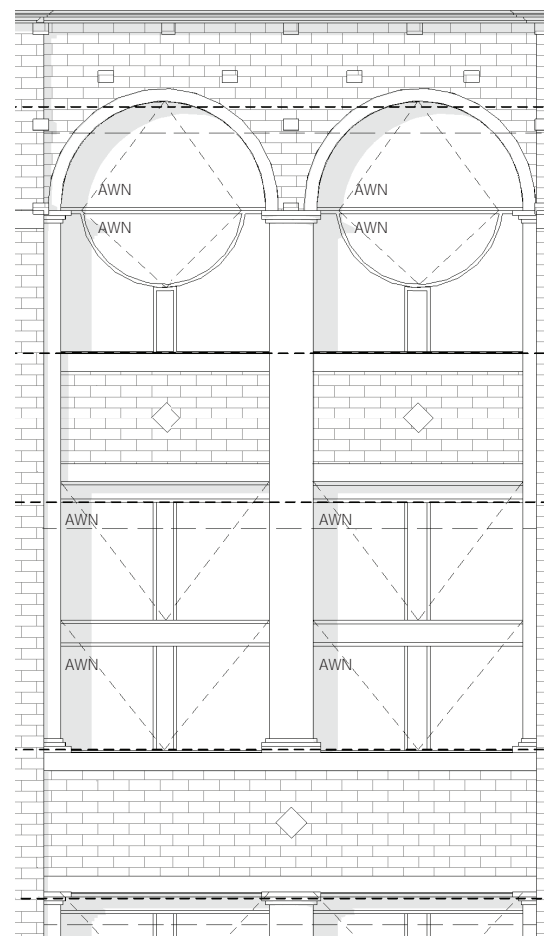
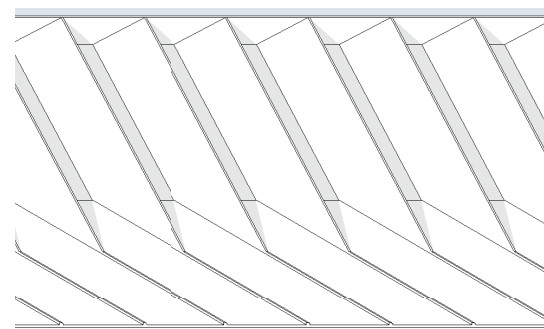
To achieve better learning spaces, the existing balconies are required to be removed and enclosed.

We are proposing to enclose the openings with new infill steel windows that are sympathetic to the original intent and streetscape by utilizing the following measures:

- Windows are set back from the main facade, creating deep reveals to maintain the existing rhythm of the facade and give the impression of the original balcony.
- Detailed steel frames create interest and play on the original elevations by Emil Sodersten.

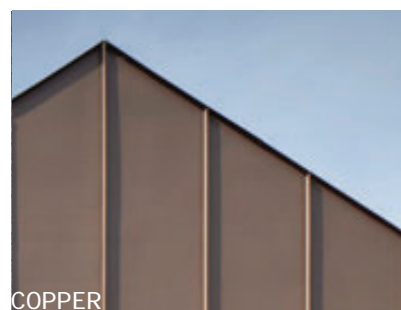
Setting back the new steel windows provides the opportunity to integrate external blinds that are concealed from view, adding to the amenity of the new learning spaces.

The deep reveals and external blinds also play an integral role in the passive thermal control of the building, which aims to reduce energy usage.





EXTERIOR PALETTE



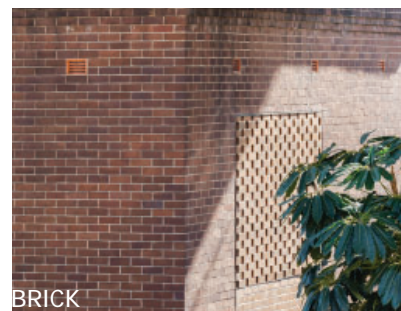
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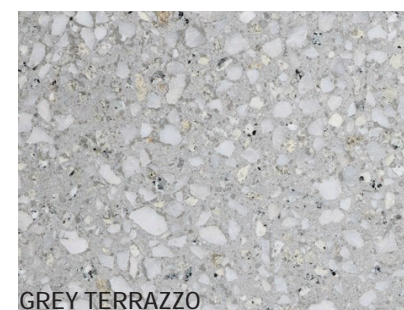
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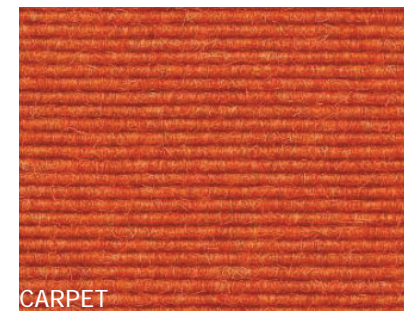
GREY TERRAZZO



STEEL PAINTED WHITE



WHITE WALLS & WARM FINISHES



CARPET

MORE THAN CIRCULATION

CENTRAL SPINE

1. Generous 5.4m wide central stair in the original lightwell- reinforces a clear circulation spine through the building.
2. Open treads provide filtered light and ventilation throughout.
3. Grey terrazzo floors and a 1m high datum (integrated with handrail) to acknowledge historic detailing.

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

4. Inviting breakout areas with banquette seatings define social hubs on each level that can be passively surveyed by staff in adjacent offices.
5. The entrance lobby and lounge hall to be retained in current location.
6. Existing Forbes Street entry to be restored and used only for special event access and circulation.
7. New basement slab connects large sports GLA to existing gym and Centenary Sports Hall.

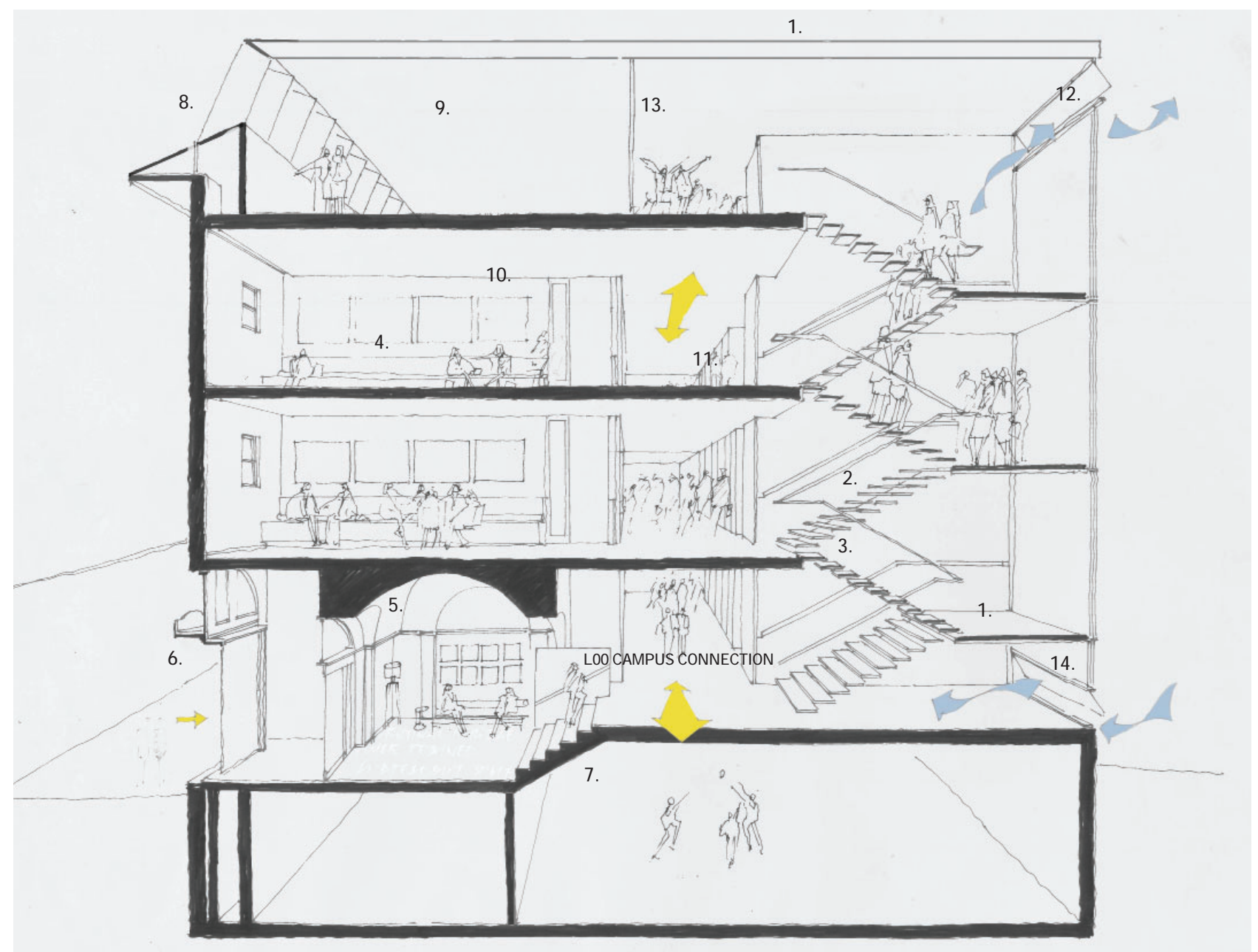
RECONSTRUCTED ROOF

8. Roof form is reconstructed with pressed copper cladding
9. Rebuild roof to utilise space in roof zone to provide essential GLAs, multi-purpose room and a secure outdoor terrace.

SUSTAINABILITY

We propose to integrate passive sustainability solutions to optimise the performance and durability of the building. SDS has experience in successfully integrating ESD principals in adaptive reuse projects. Principals proposed here include:

10. Retaining the existing facades and reuse of existing bricks for new walls to reduce carbon footprint.
11. Gutting the building interior including timber floor structure and reconstruct all floors in concrete for fire safety, thermal mass, acoustic attenuation and durability.
12. Central stair vents at top and bottom creating thermal chimney effect.
13. PV solar farm on roof.
14. Ceiling fans & operable windows in GLAs for natural ventilation.



SERVICES

The heritage value of the existing facades of Wilkinson House has resulted in the decision to retain it's external fabric, including the original openings. The timber windows will be refurbished as part of its maintenance, but the original sizes will be maintained.

Although the planning of the GLAs facilitates the cross ventilation of rooms, the limited number and sizes of openings has meant that relying only on naturally ventilating the spaces will not provide the best thermal comfort outcome.

In working with ADP Consulting, a mechanically assisted ventilation system has been developed. This will draw in fresh air and remove stale air, reducing CO2 levels for a healthier learning environment.

The fan equipment for this system will be kept within the ceiling spaces of the common corridor, providing a clear height of 2.4M. This ensures that the ceilings to the GLA's are maximised in height (2.6M - 2.7M), for optimised learning spaces.

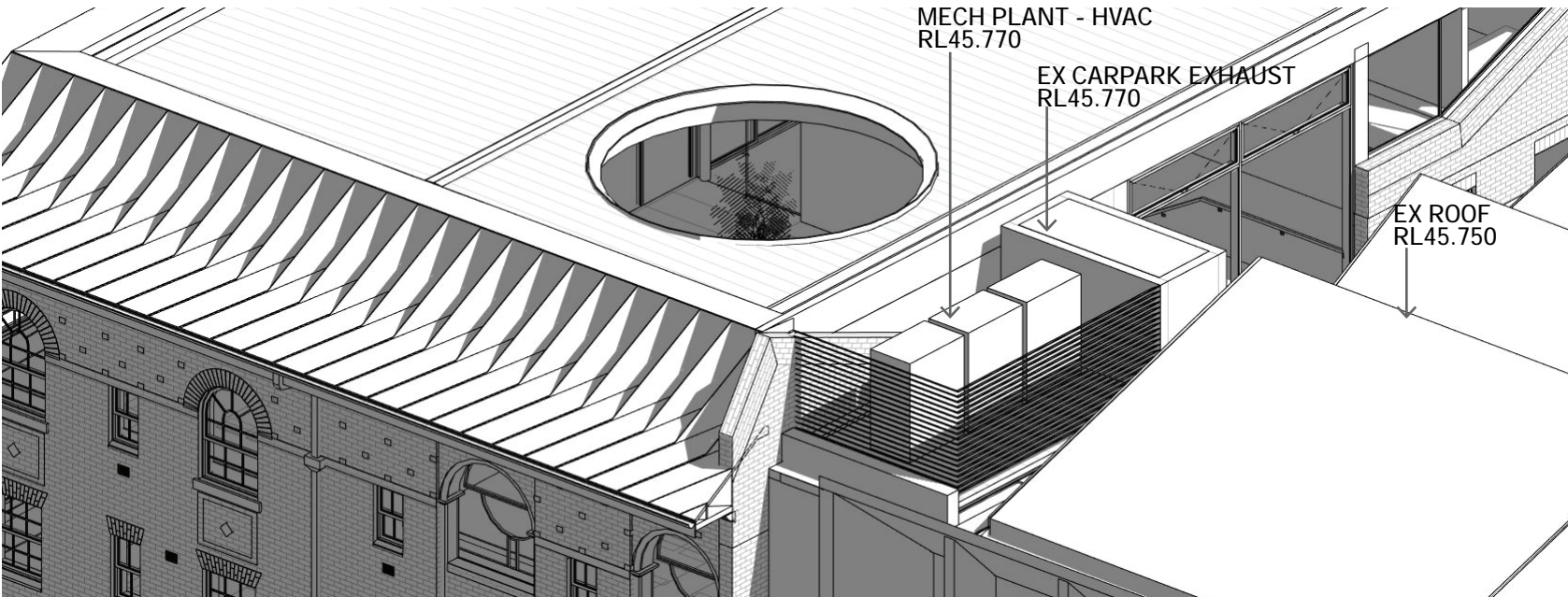
The ventilation is also coupled with an HVAC system with individual control to cool the classrooms on hot summer days when required. Ceiling fans are also proposed to promote air movement thereby assisting with the cooling effect.

The three HVAC units are proposed to be located above the existing fire stair of the Joan Freeman building. The louvred enclosure will be acoustically treated and is located away from Forbes street, where there are residential dwellings. The top of the plant will be inline with the existing carpark exhaust duct, therefore not exceeding the height of existing built elements.

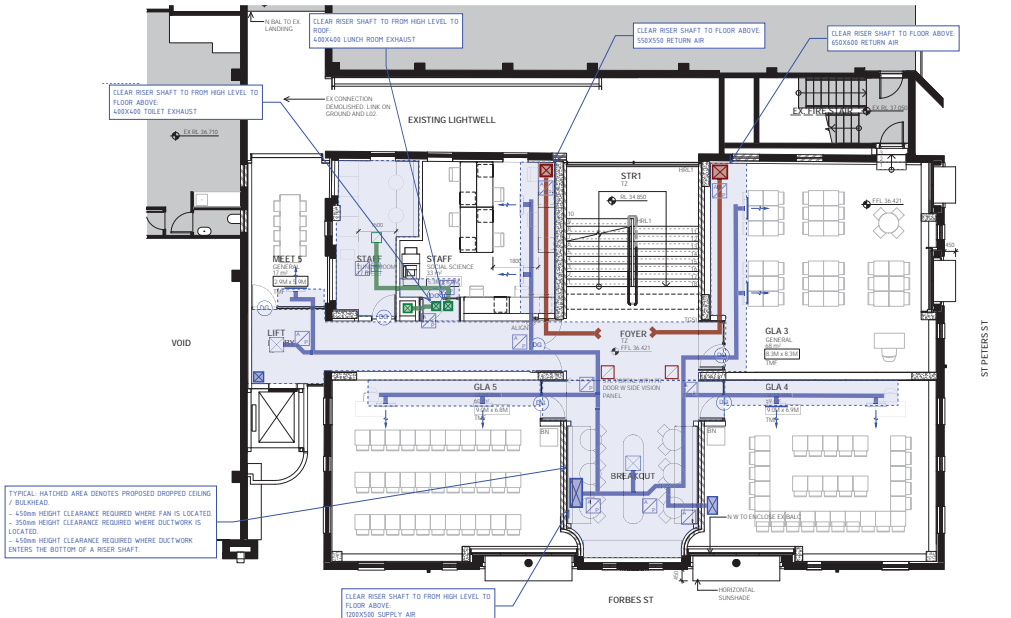
The main roof of Wilkinson House is kept free from any plant equipment, with only low profile cowls proposed to draw in supply air and exhaust stale air.

Solar panels to the roof will help provide power to runthe mechanical ventilation system.

All service risers will be thoughtfully located to ensure planning is optimised and ceiling heights maximised.



AERIAL VIEW MECH PLANT



MECHANICAL LAYOUT - TYPICAL FLOOR

Principle 1—context, built form and landscape

- The context of the proposal is heavily influenced by the retention of the existing Wilkinson House building, our proposal involves a light touch to the exterior façade and key heritage areas.

Sensitive interventions including the copper mansard roof maintaining the existing form and parapet height with angled blades and clerestory windows.

- Recessive steel-framed windows enclosing the existing balconies

- The southern linking structure sits clear of the Wilkinson House peripheries and is set back from the Forbes Street elevation.

- External plant has been well considered to minimise any visual or acoustic impact. The mechanical HVAC plant has been located on top of the existing fire stair of the Joan Freeman building, marrying in with the existing built form.

- The landscape strategy subject to the public domain and roof terrace includes;

01. Planting beds along Forbes St to improve public domain and pedestrian experience while reinforcing the existing Wilkinson House entry.

02. Protection of existing street trees

03. Level 3 courtyard planter with native feature tree and understory planting.

Principle 2—sustainable, efficient and durable

- Passive design measures:

01. Incorporation of external blinds and shading to the North, East and Western facades.

02. Strong use of thermal mass to help regulate temperatures. This is achieved through the selection of a concrete materiality and the positioning of additional heavy weight materials within the slab upturns at the building façade.

03. Central stair is used to promote flow of air in the circulation spaces, helping to draw air both up and through the building.

- Mechanical mix mode system, drawing in filtered outdoor air into the learning spaces to lower CO2 levels providing a healthier learning environment.

- Energy used for this system will be supplemented by the PV panels located on the roof.

- Retention of heritage building facades and existing bricks from demolished walls to be as much as possible within the new build.

Principle 3—accessible and inclusive

- Entry into Wilkinson House from both inside and outside the campus is currently unclear and unceremonious.

The new, enclosed entry structure will celebrate and restore clarity in the connections between Wilkinson House, the Centenary Sports Hall, and the wider campus. Located in the eastern end of the structure, an accessible lift will not only serve all levels of Wilkinson House, but will also provide greater equitable access to the rest of the campus, including the Sports Hall.

- The existing Forbes Street entrance will be restored and made available as access for special occasion events.

- The existing circulation within Wilkinson House consists of narrow corridors varying in width, accompanied by a small inefficient stair that together create an unsafe environment, incapable of providing safe passage for large volumes of staff and students.

The proposed circulation will be wider, straight, and streamlined, making it easier, efficient, safe, and pleasant for students and staff to navigate.

- On the ground floor we will eliminate the level change between the north and south parts of the building, with the aim to provide universal access to as much of the building as possible.

- In addition to providing improvements in accessibility, the new circulation network will rectify NCC non compliances & fire isolation issues as well as new access to natural light and opportunity for more desirable learning spaces.

- The original garage openings on the St Peters Street facade have the potential to provide more natural light and ventilation, whilst reinstating the original fenestrations.

BETTER PLACED

DESIGN GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS



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Principle 4—health and safety

- Inviting breakout areas with banquette seating define social hubs on each level that can be passively surveyed by staff in adjacent offices.
- Staff and amenity facilities are distributed across the building in the south-west quadrant, providing a strategic location for passive surveillance of breakout areas and a coordinated place for services.
- To establish a secure line between school and street, student access to Wilkinson House will be limited to within the campus, with access from Forbes St permitted on special occasions.
- The visual permeability of the glass linking structure and the glass brick to St. Peters Street LG façade provide a sensitive balance between student security and a welcoming urban environment that will allow for views into and out of the school, aiding passive surveillance.
- A comprehensive and clear way-finding strategy will also ensure that visitors are well informed and able to easily make their way toward and through the building
- Internal planning strategies and the use of glass partitions and thresholds throughout the building allows for good supervision between indoor and outdoor spaces.

Principle 5—amenity

- Good air quality in schools can improve student and staff wellbeing and performance. The project incorporates a mixed mode approach to ventilation drawing in outdoor filtered air, lowering CO2 build up and pollutant levels within the learning spaces. This is then coupled with a HVAC system that provides cooling during the hot summer days. The system services each room, allowing flexibility and control of climate to each classroom.
- It will be difficult to provide more natural daylight as we are retaining the existing facade. With the aid of daylight modelling by Northrop, our proposal seeks to provide the maximum natural daylight into the spaces. Artificial lighting will play a major role in provide quality lighting in order for students have the best possible learning environment.
- The new internal walls and floor will be isolated acoustically to provide a noise distraction free space.
- A semi-outdoor space located on level 03 of the project allows for flexible outdoor learning. An oculus is implemented into the roof design to provide framed views and connection to the sky, giving access to sunlight, natural ventilation and providing a unique experience for both students and staff.

Principle 6—whole of life, flexible and adaptive

- Building planning is based on four near-equal quadrants. The benefit of this is a simple circulation path where cross ventilation occurs through all corners providing fresh air learning environments and reduces energy consumption
- Large, wide and near square GLAs create optimum flexibility, providing students with uninterrupted views of teaching surfaces on all four walls
- Classroom arrangement focused on flexibility and can be arranged in several ways to suit different purposes.
- Central stair functions as thermal chimney for passive ventilation
- The proposed Level 3 courtyard can facilitate outdoor learning, a yarning circle, recreation and wellbeing.
- Roof supports solar farm. A green roof has been explored but deemed inappropriate due to height constraints limiting the structural and soil depth required to support it.
- Lower ground Sports GLA provides flexible asset to both the school and the surrounding urban community.
- Plant and pump rooms are thoughtfully located to avoid interruption of valuable GLA area.

Principle 7—aesthetics

- Our overarching heritage strategy is to preserve and restore the elements that make it special including through sensitive material selection and sympathetic detailing
- The new entry structure will be clad in glass, which will make the structure appear dematerialised, and therefore recessive between two heavier buildings. It will let light in while activating the Eastern facade to the street.
- The reconstruction of the mansard roof draws its language from the original Sodersten elevation which shows a vertical articulation to the roof cladding while retaining existing roof profile. The choice of pressed copper cladding is sympathetic to the surrounding context yet uniquely contemporary.
- Grey terrazzo is used for the stair with a 1m high datum to acknowledge traditional detail and protect walls at low level. This is a robust, durable, and elegant material.
- Powder coated white steel frames and glazing, recessed from the existing skin, encloses the balconies while preserving the facade integrity, greatly improving the GLA's within.

STATE DESIGN REVIEW PANEL (MTG 1) - GANSW

The project team met with the State Design Review Panel on August 4 2021 to obtain recommendations and advice. The commentary was provided prior to an endorsed CMP and therefore some advice may be need to be revisited to align with the CMP once endorsed.

In summary, the presentation, level of detail shown and design strategy was commended with the proposal exhibiting strong potential to achieve good design outcomes for a project that has several layers of heritage significance.

It was suggested that a further SDRP session may be held once the project EIS has been lodged if the timing is appropriate.

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- Retaining the relationship between the floors and existing windows to retain their original relationship to the internal spaces.

Additional comments were made as a response & recommendation to the following areas

- Connecting with Country
- Heritage & architecture
- Sustainability & climate change

The extent of these comments and the corresponding design responses are illustrated in the following tables.

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c. Consider substituting bagged brick with different materials as this is not in keeping with the heritage fabric of the building.

d. The use of terrazzo is supported.

Sustainability and Climate Change

6. The proposed reuse of building materials is commended. Investigate additional methods of recycling materials including the subfloor and structure, either in this or future SCEGGS projects. Zero waste of the site is encouraged.


7. Provide further information on the sustainability metrics including Green star targets and percentage of the energy needs of the school being met by on-site generation.

8. Aiming for a net-zero building is highly encouraged in line with NSW’s Net Zero emissions goal by 2050. Refer to [NSW DPIE Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030](#) for further information.

In summary, the design strategy of the project is commended, however several advice items may require revision once the CMP is endorsed, at which time GANSW will determine whether another SDRP session is required. A further SDRP session may be held once the project EIS has been lodged if the timing is appropriate.

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Sincerely,



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Building height, roof profile & new Linking structure

Comments	Response
Provide further detailed street studies illustrating how the modifications and additions to the building sit within the heritage streetscape.	The Forbes Street elevation shows the recessive nature of the linking structure. The reinterpreted roof form follows the existing profile and sits below the existing brick parapet to the west.
Demonstrate further design development and detailing of the connections between the new lift extension and the adjacent building fabric, particularly at the roof line.	The Lift has progressed to a glass structure that delicately sits clear of the Wilkinson House peripheries. This extension is recessive and is for enforced by setting back from the Forbes Street.

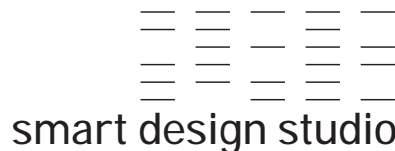
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Increase the recess depth of the balcony infill glazing line to a depth that maintains a strong sense of the balconies, including the void and shadow qualities of those spaces.	Glazing setback has been increased, providing 450-500mm from existing brick face to face of window. To further enforce the shadow quality and rhythm of the existing façade, the horizontal sunshades were removed.
Provide adequate depth to enable sufficient solar protection to the internal spaces and avoid the introduction of other shading elements.	In recessing the glazing back from the existing façade, this provided an opportunity to incorporate a concealed external blind to aid with solar control and remove any horizontal sunshade.
Consider full height sliding doors to the balcony glazing to maximise the façade openings, allowing the balconies to be in keeping with their original purpose and provide natural ventilation to the learning spaces.	Reinstating the existing balconies will pose a safety and security issue, which currently has been addressed by adding security bars. All window openings will be restricted to 120mm at the bottom sash, to allow for safety and to allow for the removal of security bars.
The glazing design is at early stages and needs further development. Provide detail studies demonstrating the development and refinement of the glazing design and quality of the detailing around the balcony openings.	We have further developed the infill glazing. The proposed steel frame windows are detailed to create interest and play on the original elevations by Emil Sodersten. The arrangement playfully draws on the original breakup of the existing timber windows.

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Explore using the same materials of the Wilkinson building roof (whether they be copper or terracotta tile) on the new lift extension to be in keeping with the building fabric.	We have explored and tested materials such as bricks and copper cladding. In testing these materials, it became apparent that the material needed to be more recessive and secondary to Wilkinson House. The proposal is for the southern extension to be clad in glass, allowing the overlapping panes to create trickle vents to draw air in and ventilate the spaces and lift shaft.
Consider substituting bagged brick with different materials as this is not in keeping with the heritage fabric of the <u>building</u> .	The proposal is to reuse as much brick from site to construct the new walls. We have reconsidered the bagged brick finish and opted to proceed with a cement render.
The use of terrazzo is supported.	Terrazzo is a feature material used in the finishing of the project. This material draws from the memory of the existing stair and its materiality.

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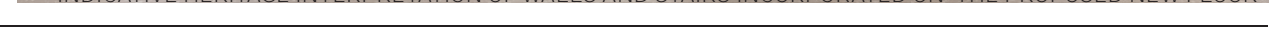
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Demolition of existing internal walls. As the interiors are The ceiling treatment to the General Learning Areas (GLA) retain the memory of the



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Engagement and communications with community and stakeholder sessions were hosted by Elton Consulting.

These sessions were as follows;

- 19.08.2021 A Community information and feedback session, which also included the Thomson street residents group and East Sydney Neighbours Association.
- 18.08.2021 Session with owners in the Horizon building.
- Key stakeholder groups who had previously had high level of interest in the earlier proposal for Wilkinson House were also offered sessions.

FEEDBACK

There was a high level of interest in traffic and access during construction along with traffic in general with school drop off and movement along Forbes street. This will be addressed with the traffic management plan and construction management plan.

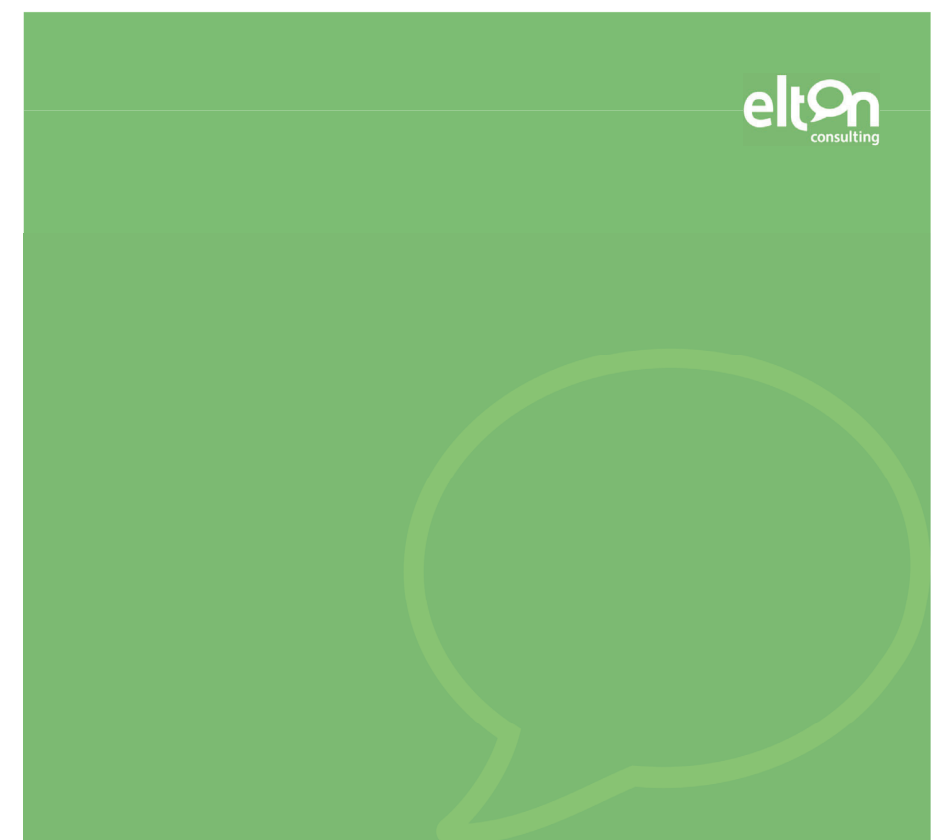
In relation to the design proposal, there was overwhelming support for the design noting the sensitive treatment and enhancement of the historic building's facade and roof.

A concern was raised about the design of the southern extension in relation to the once curved form and heavy materiality, commenting that the lift is quite bold.

RESPONSE

We have further investigated the materiality of the southern lift extension and have concluded and agreed, that this should be recessive and sympathetic to the Wilkinson House building.

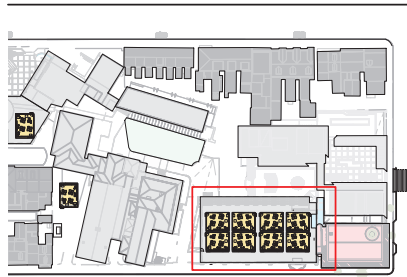
The form has been simplified, setback and does not disrupt the roof form of Wilkinson House. The extension is clad in glass, providing transparency and lightness further enforcing the recessive quality of the extension.



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Date: 23 August 2021

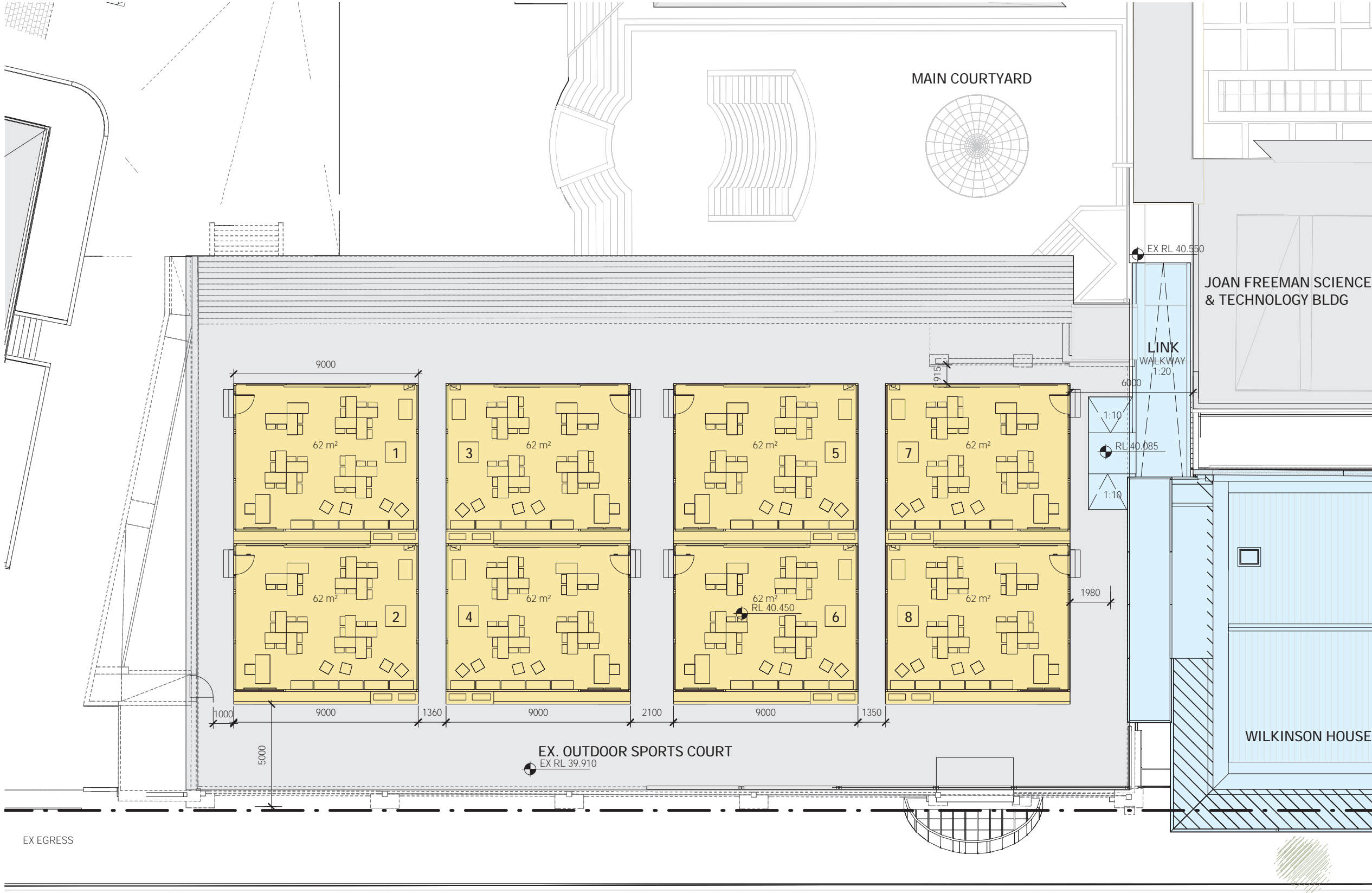


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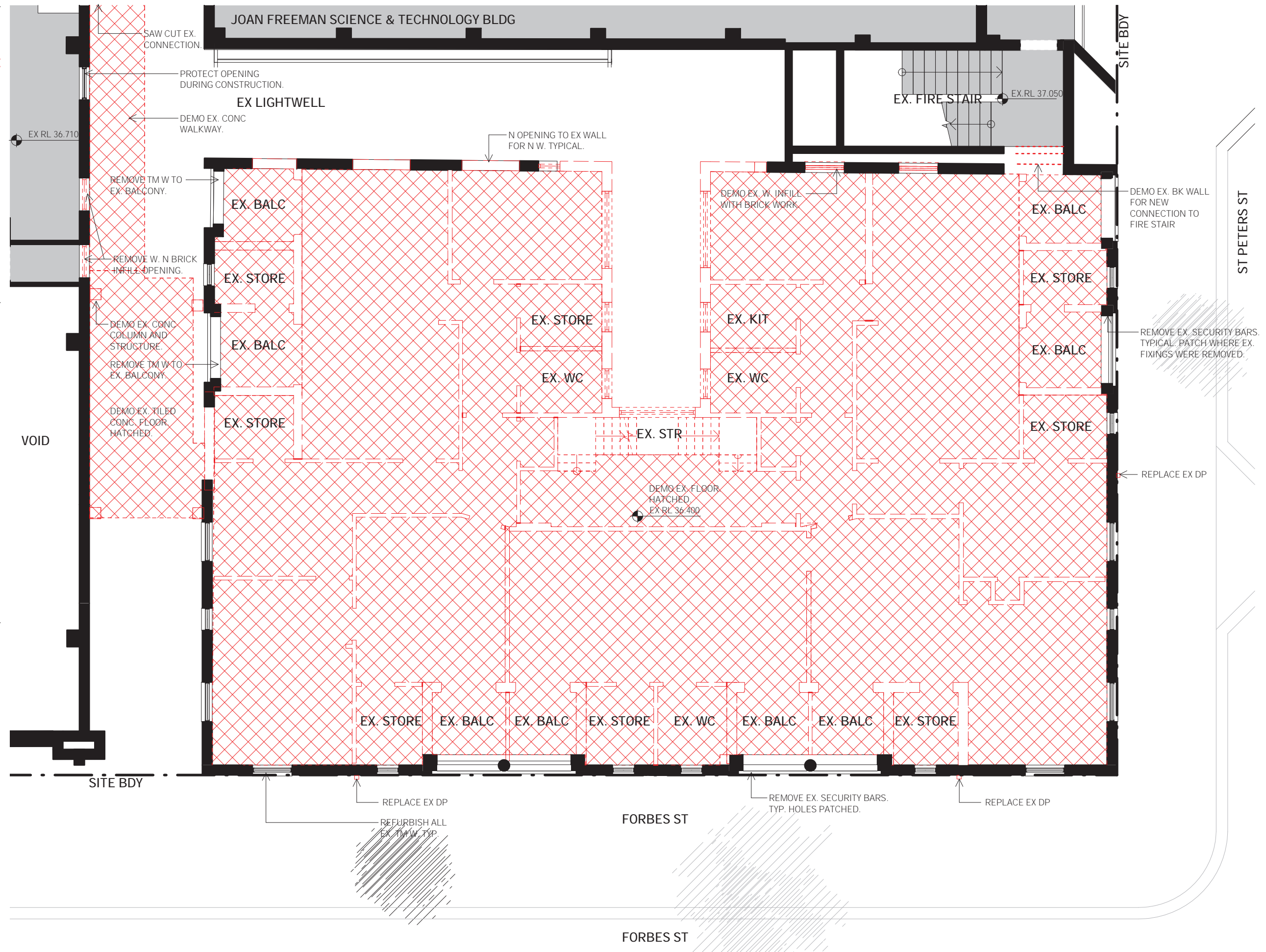
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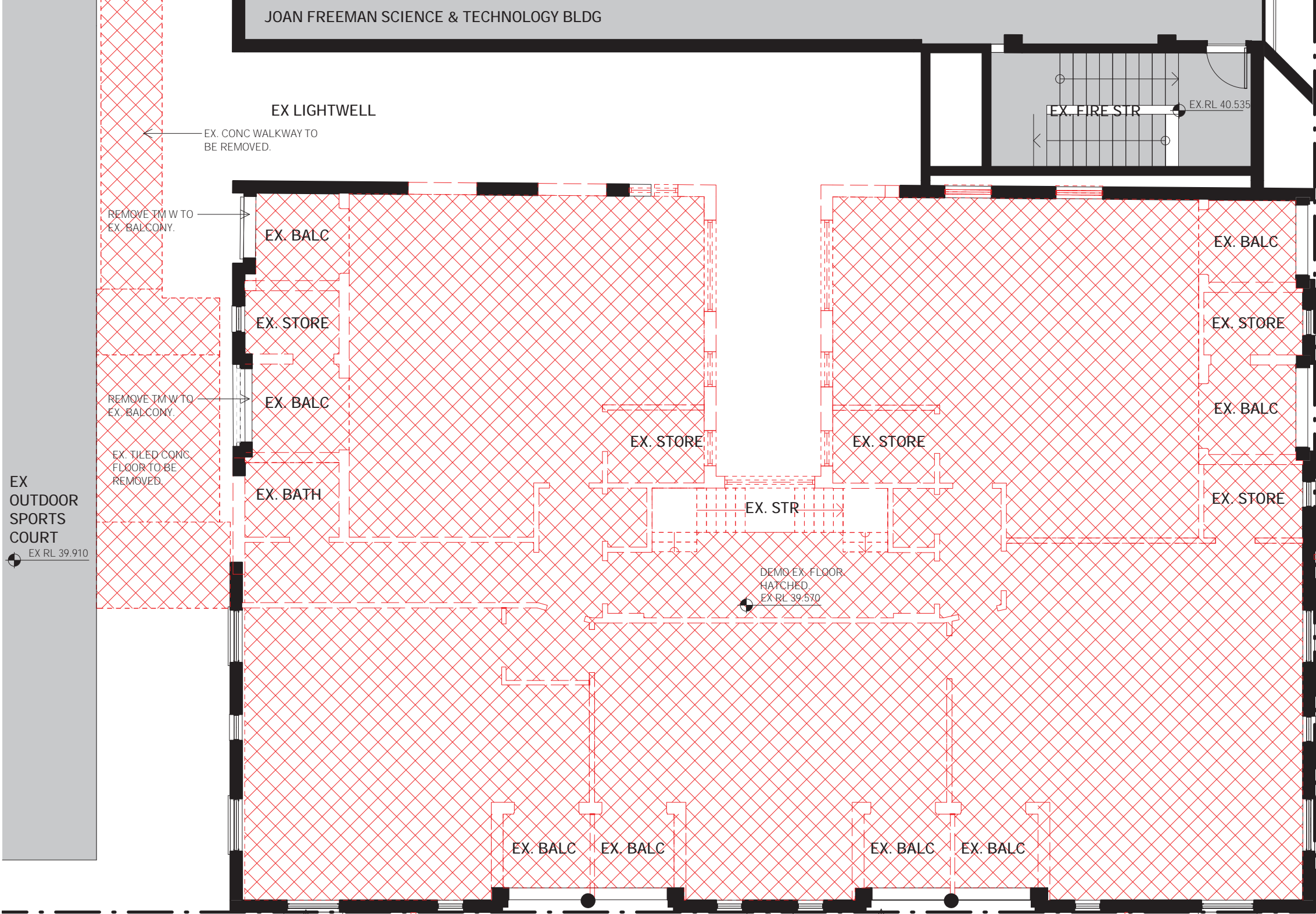
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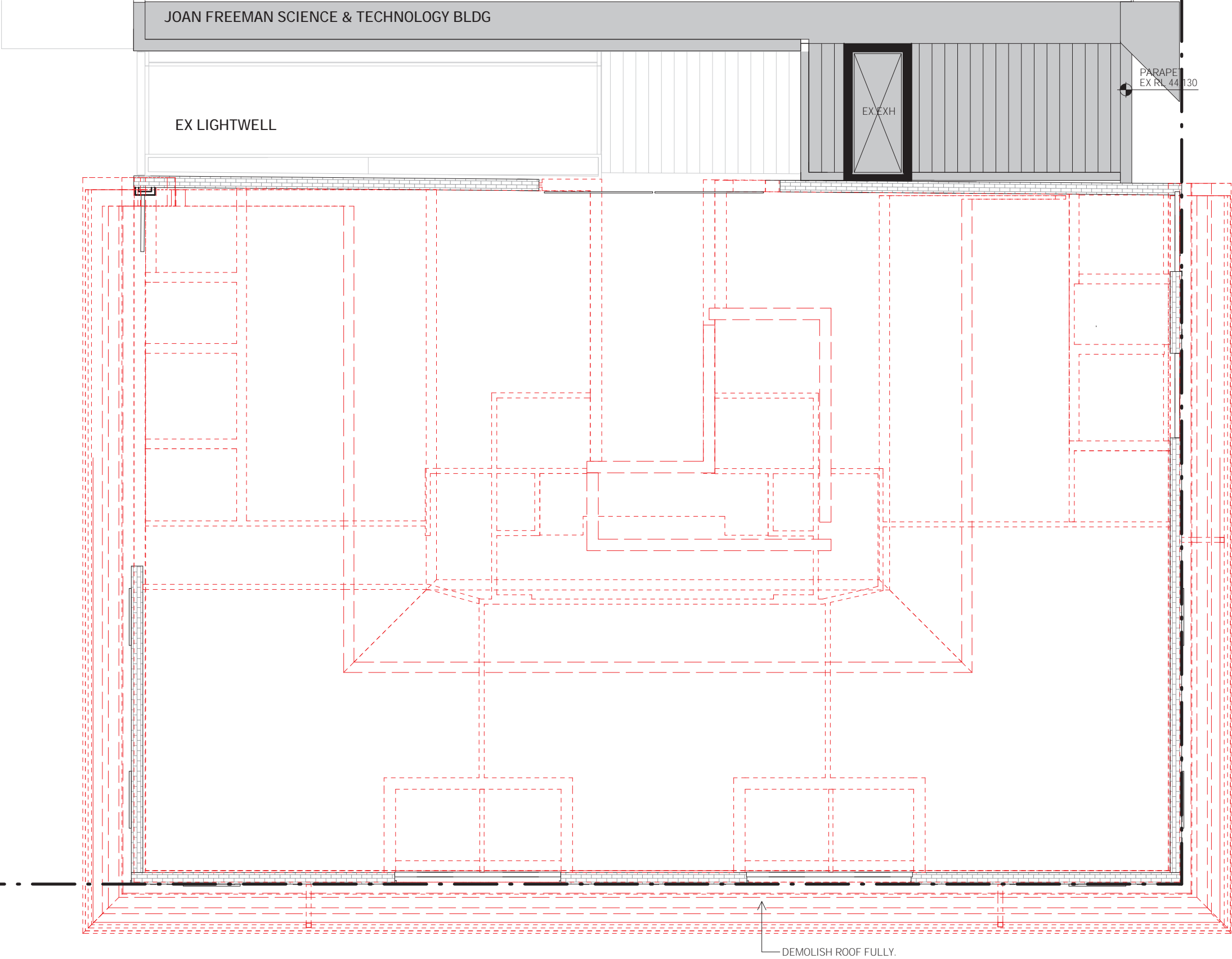
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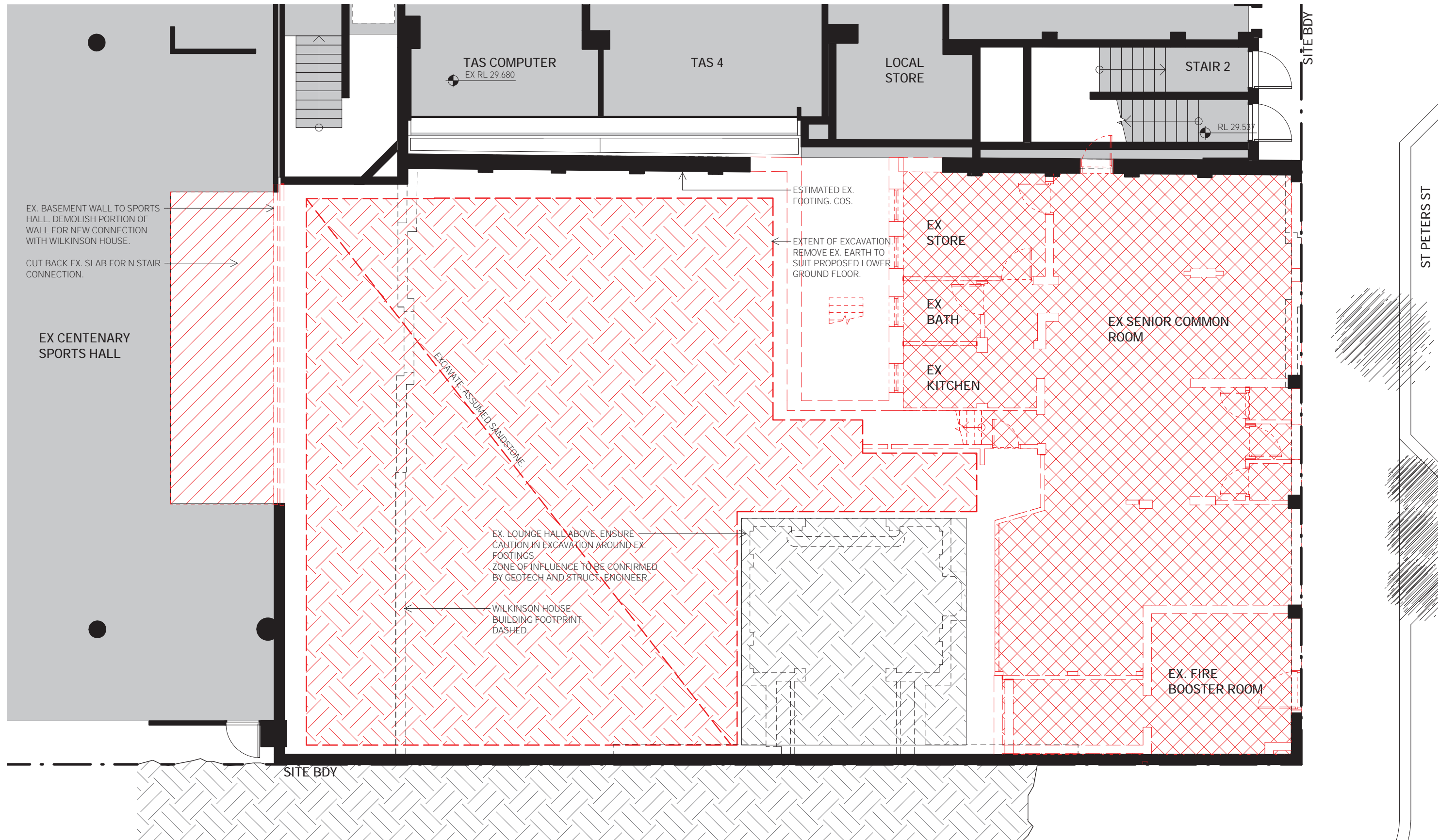
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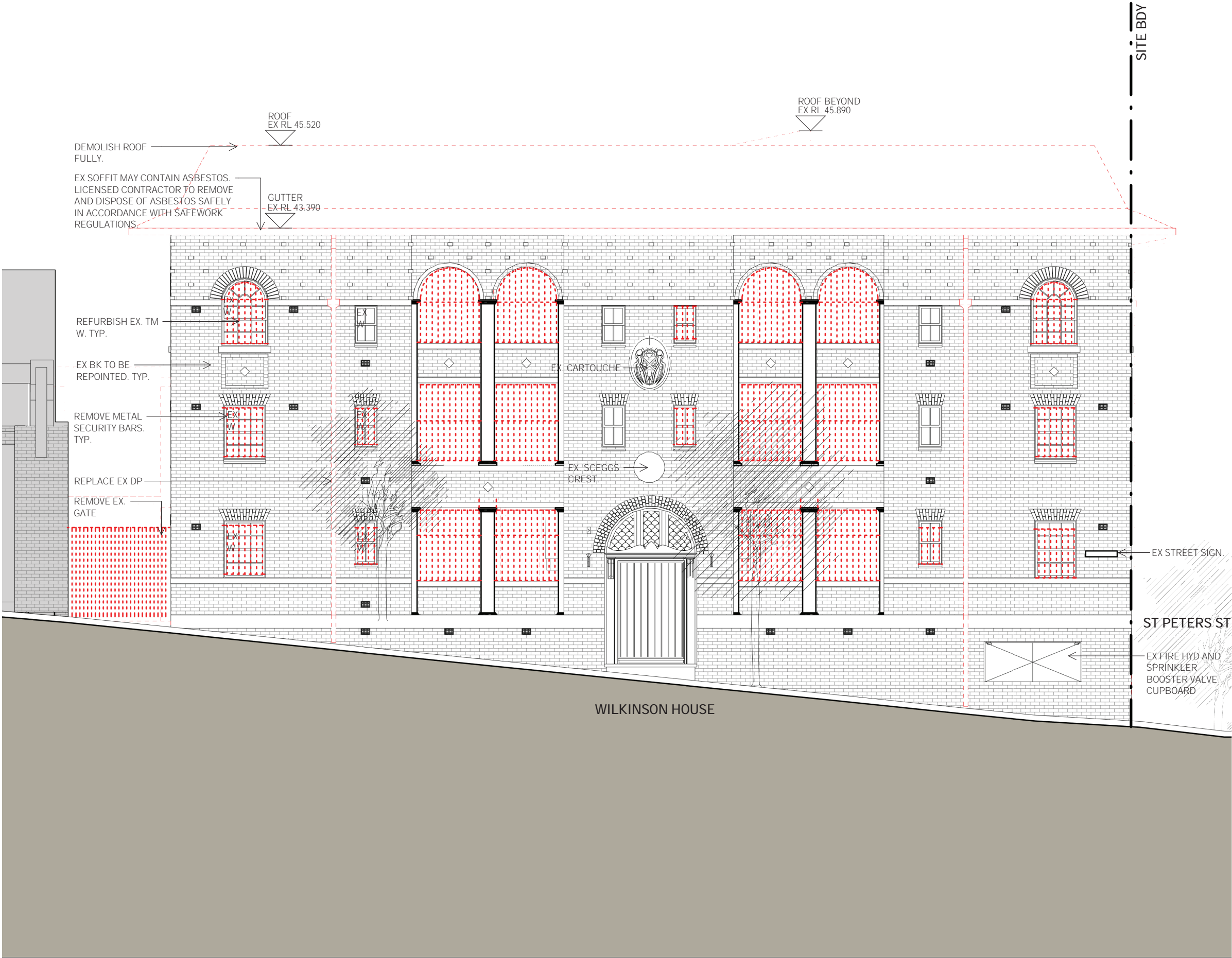
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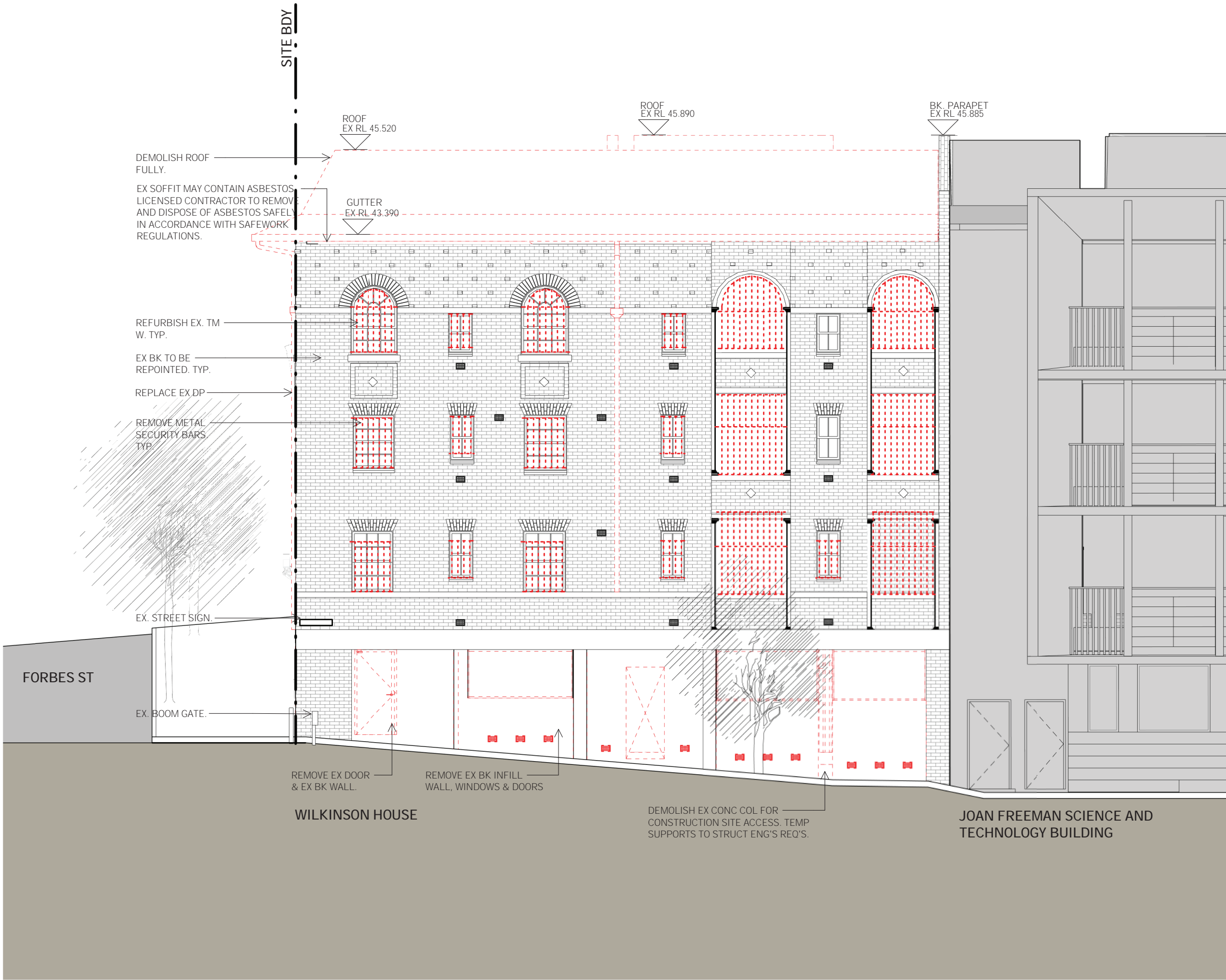
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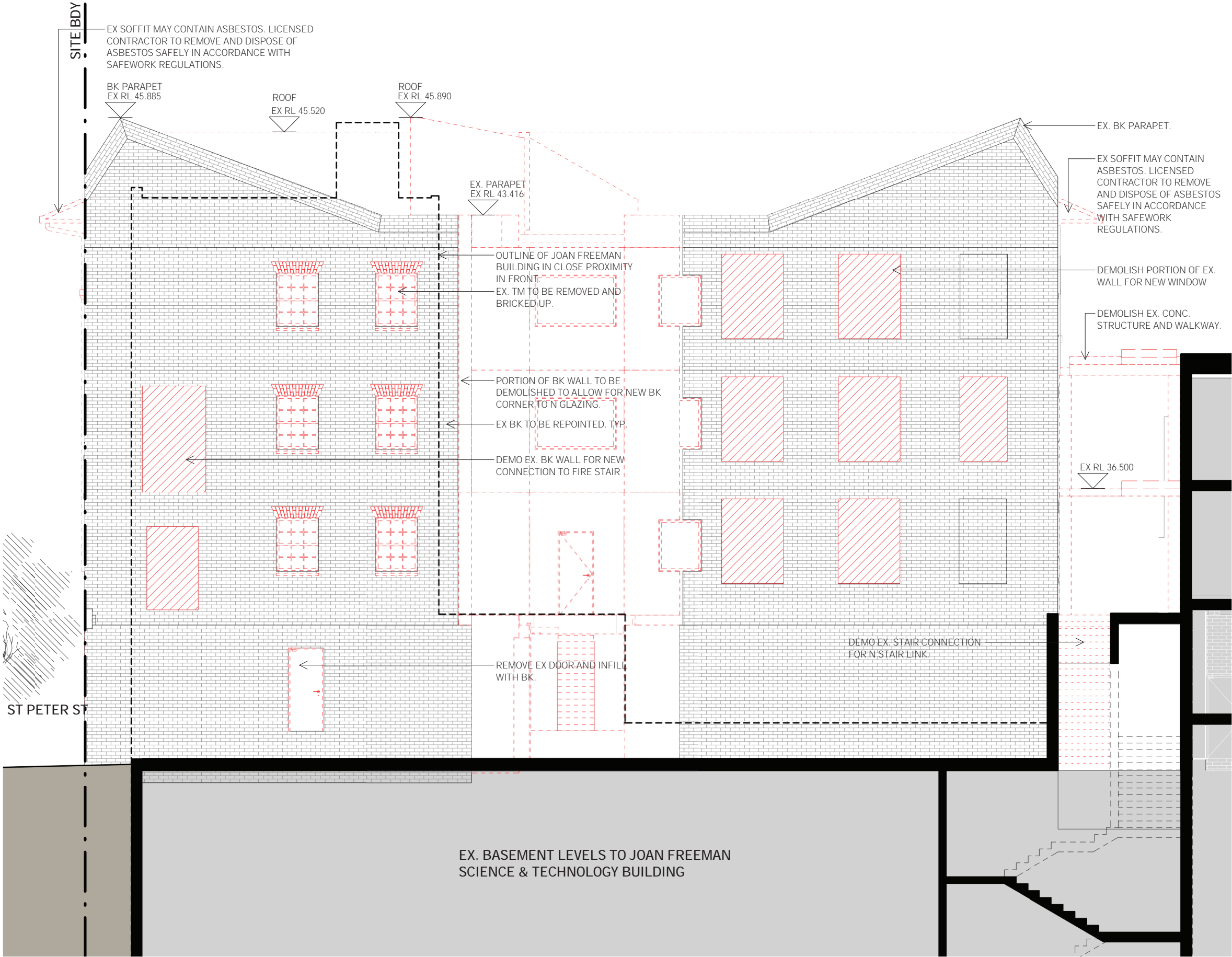
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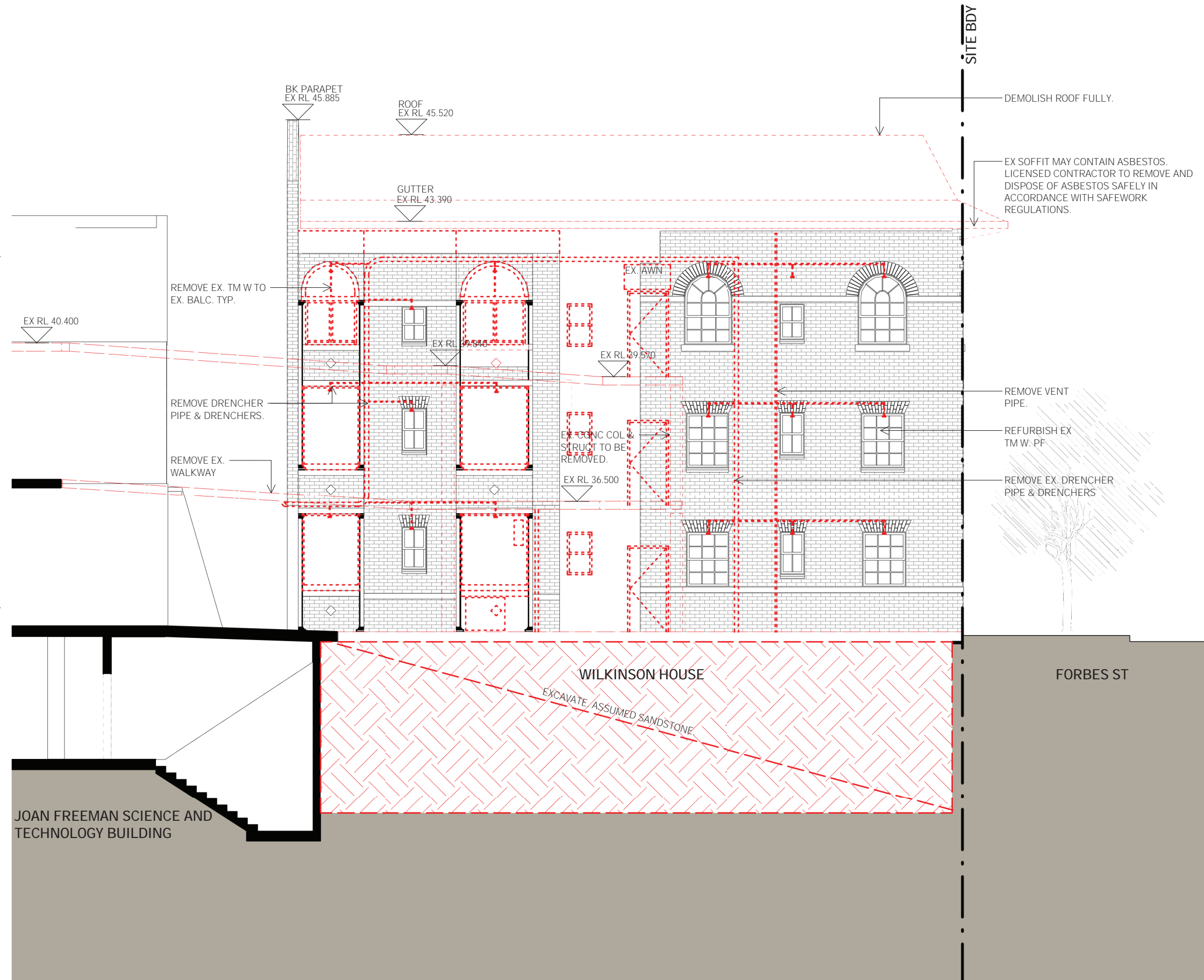
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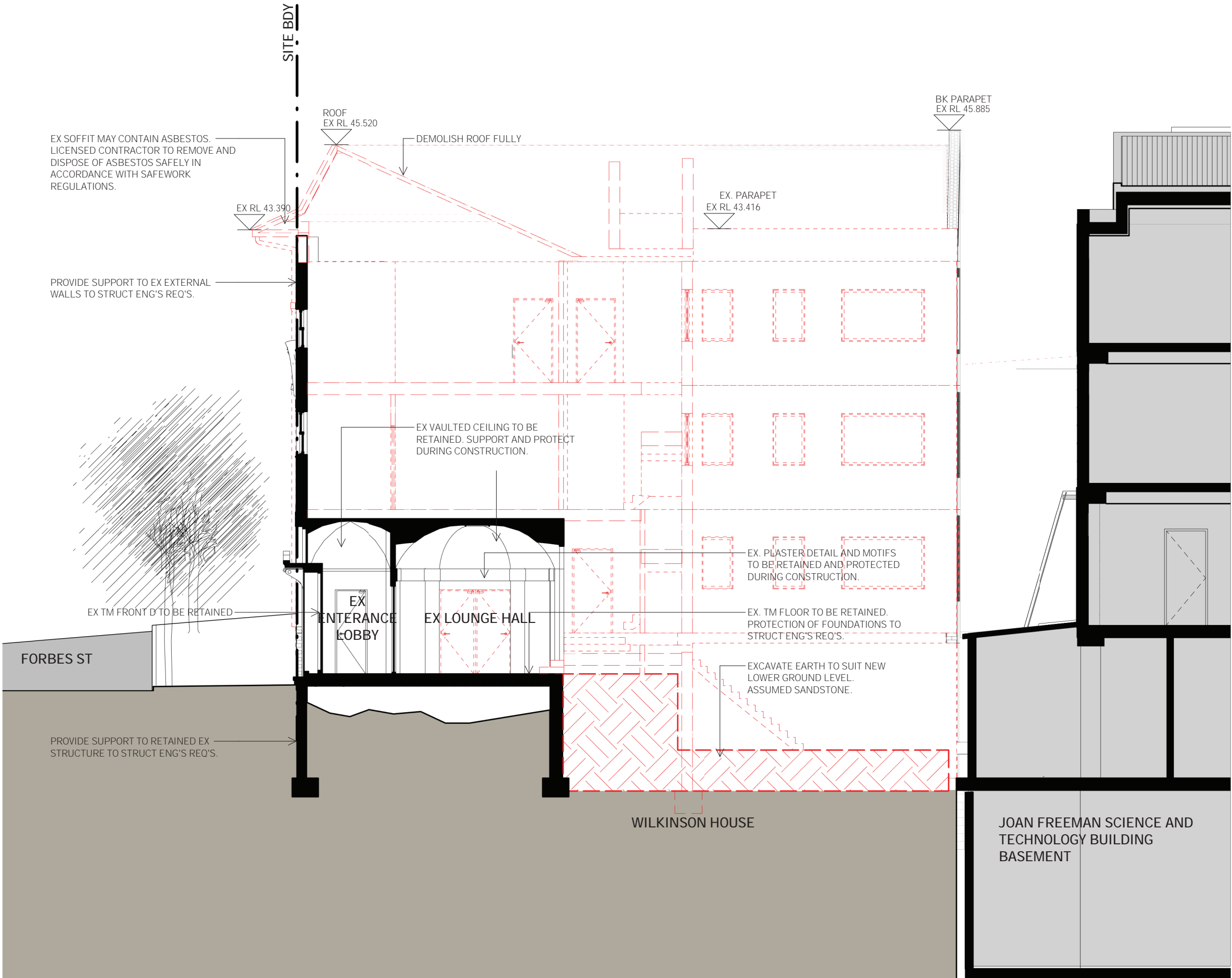
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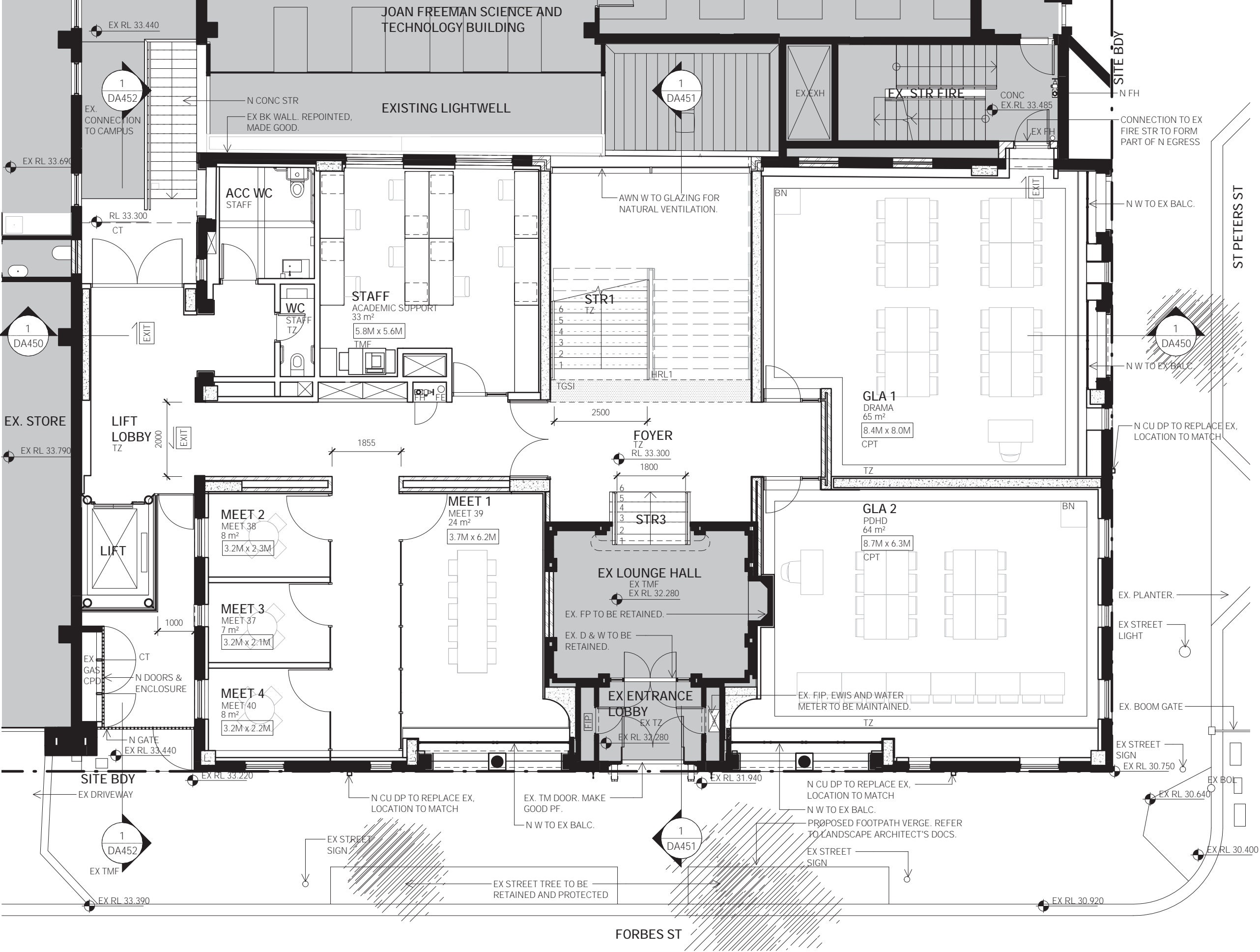
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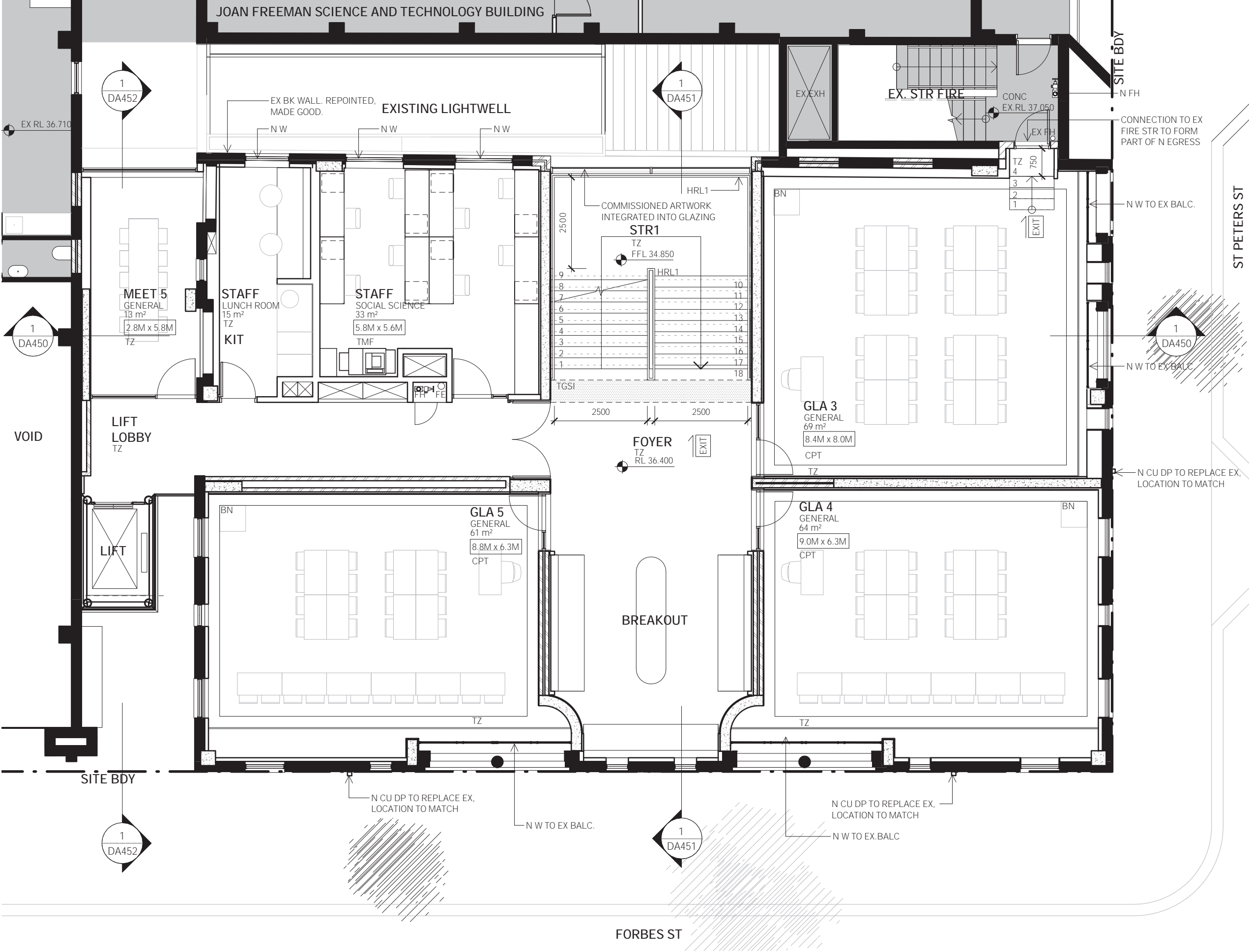
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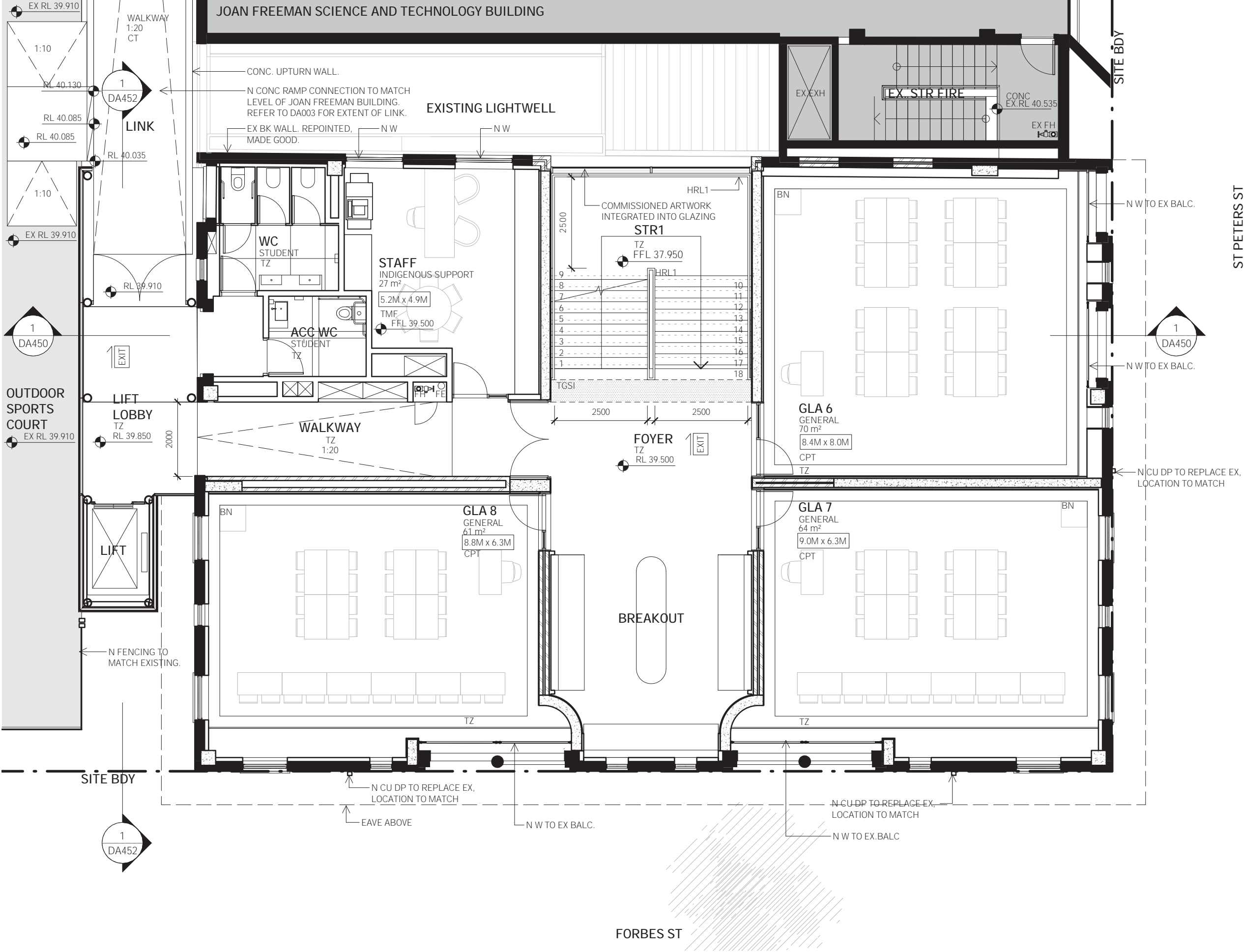
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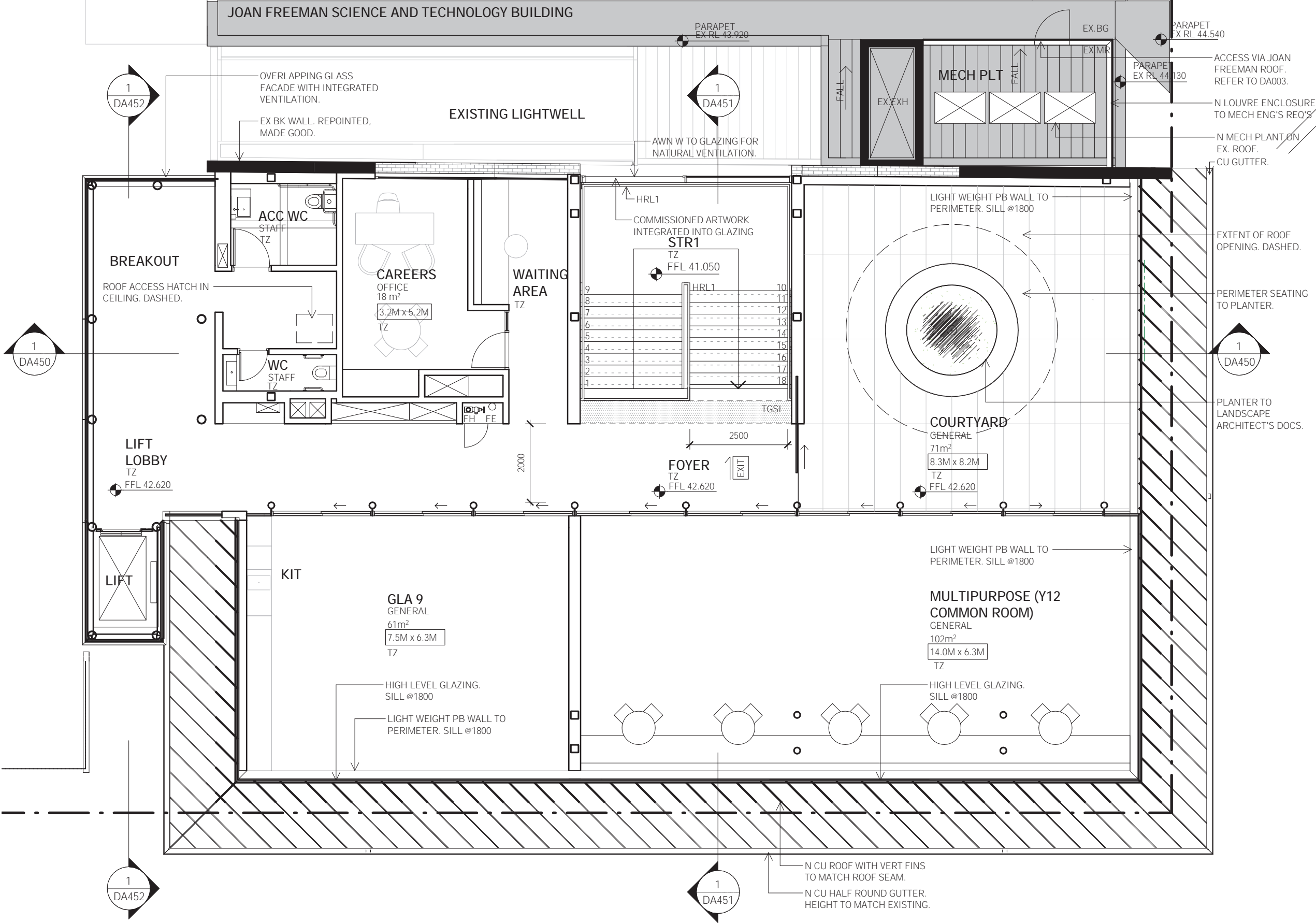
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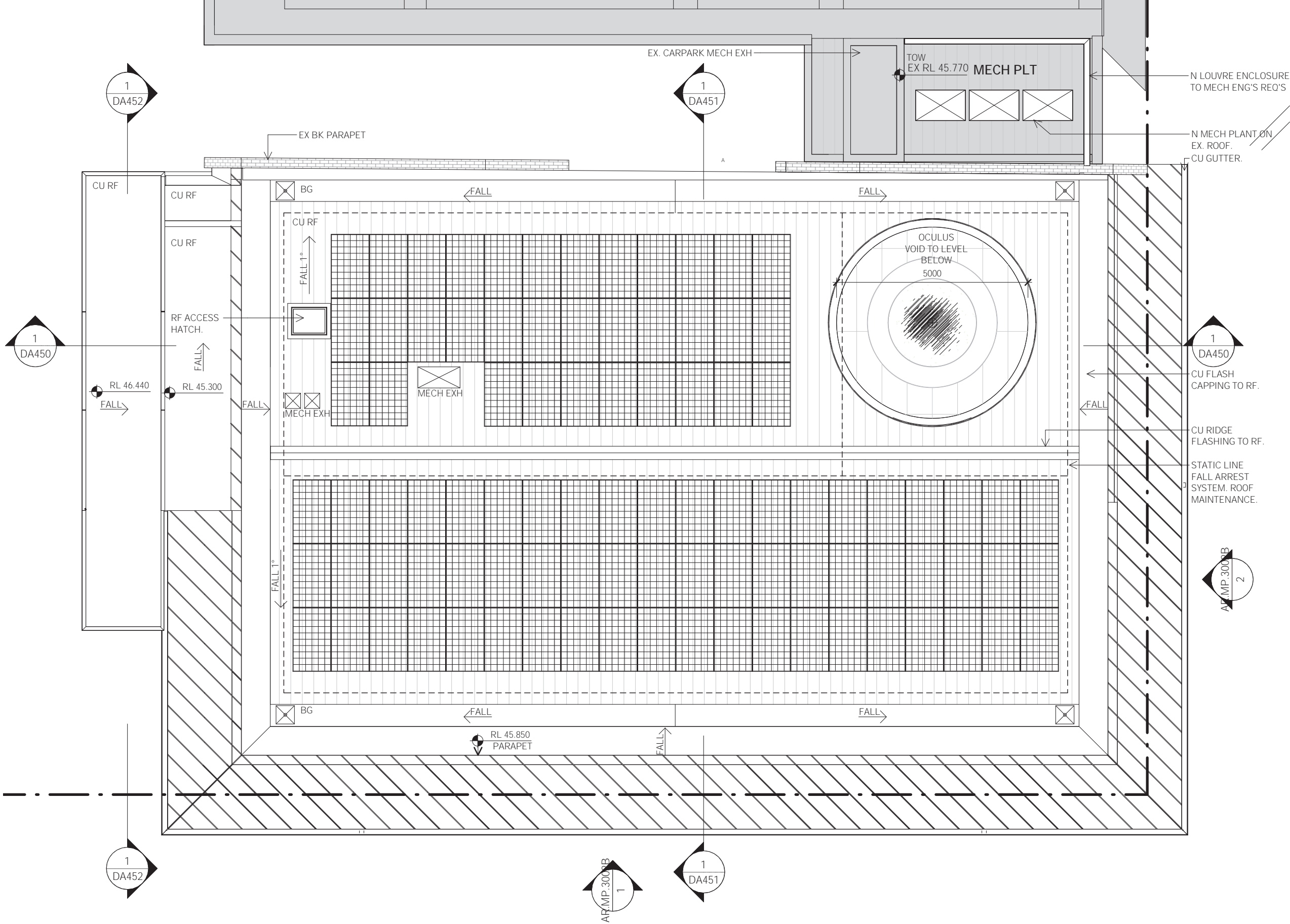
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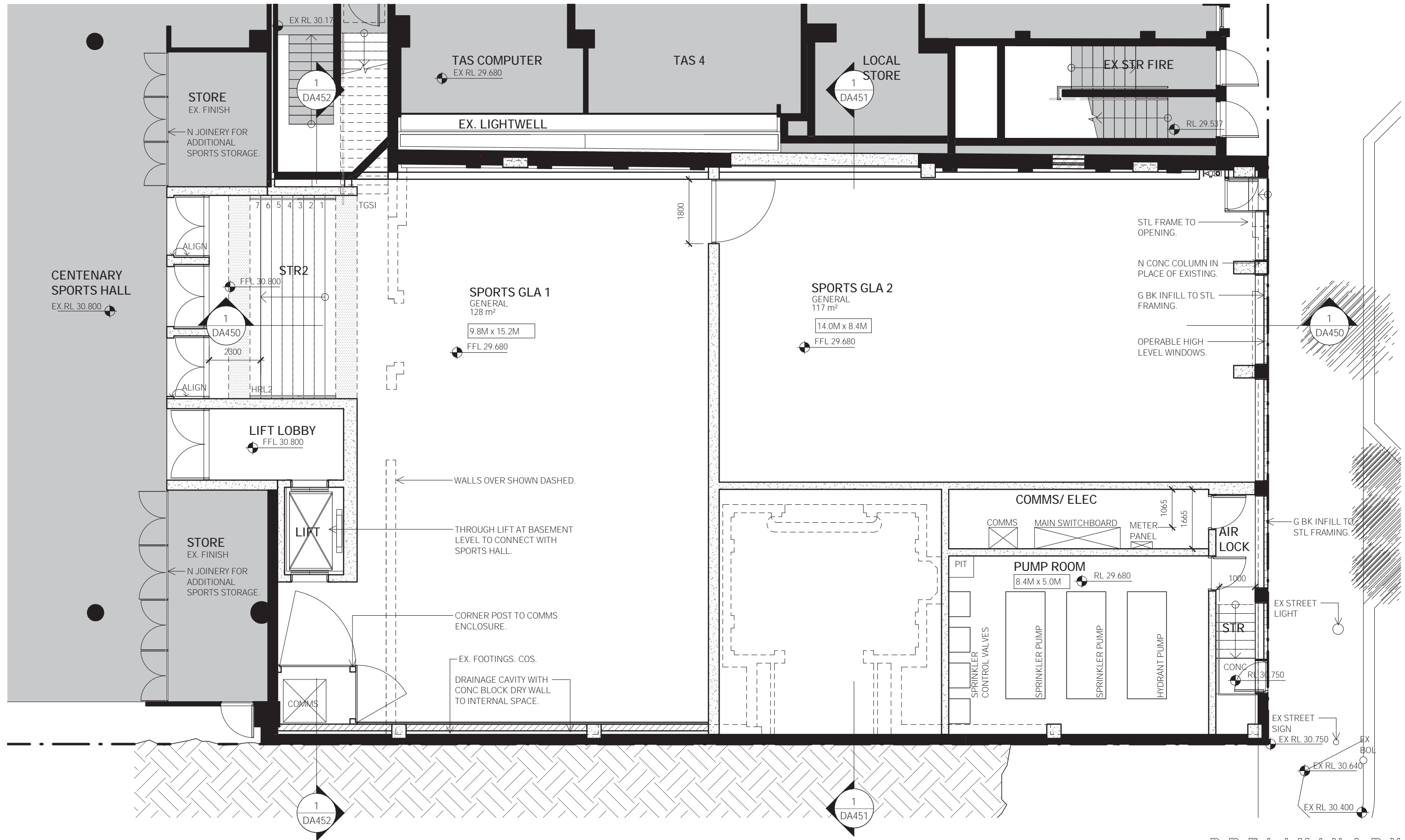
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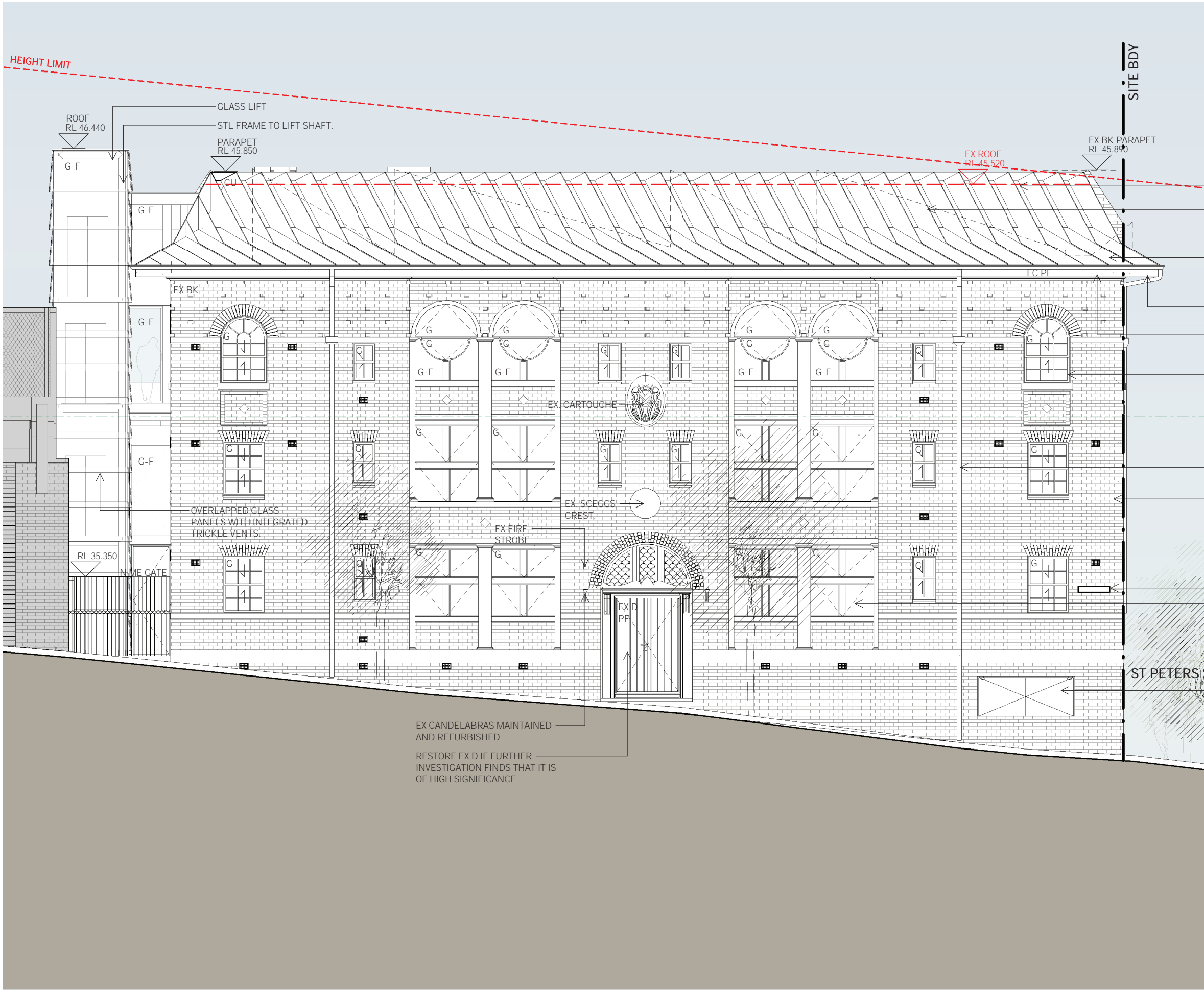
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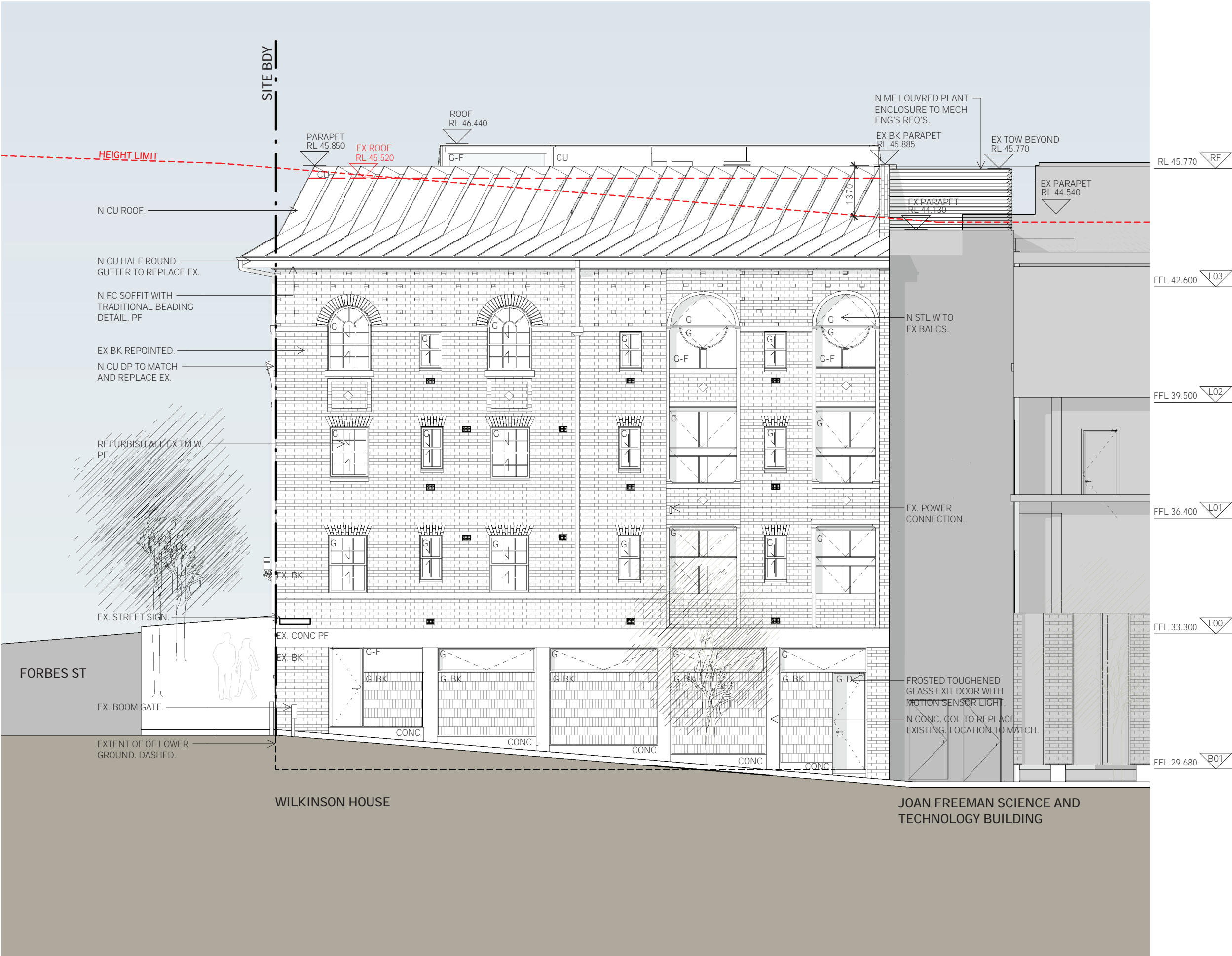
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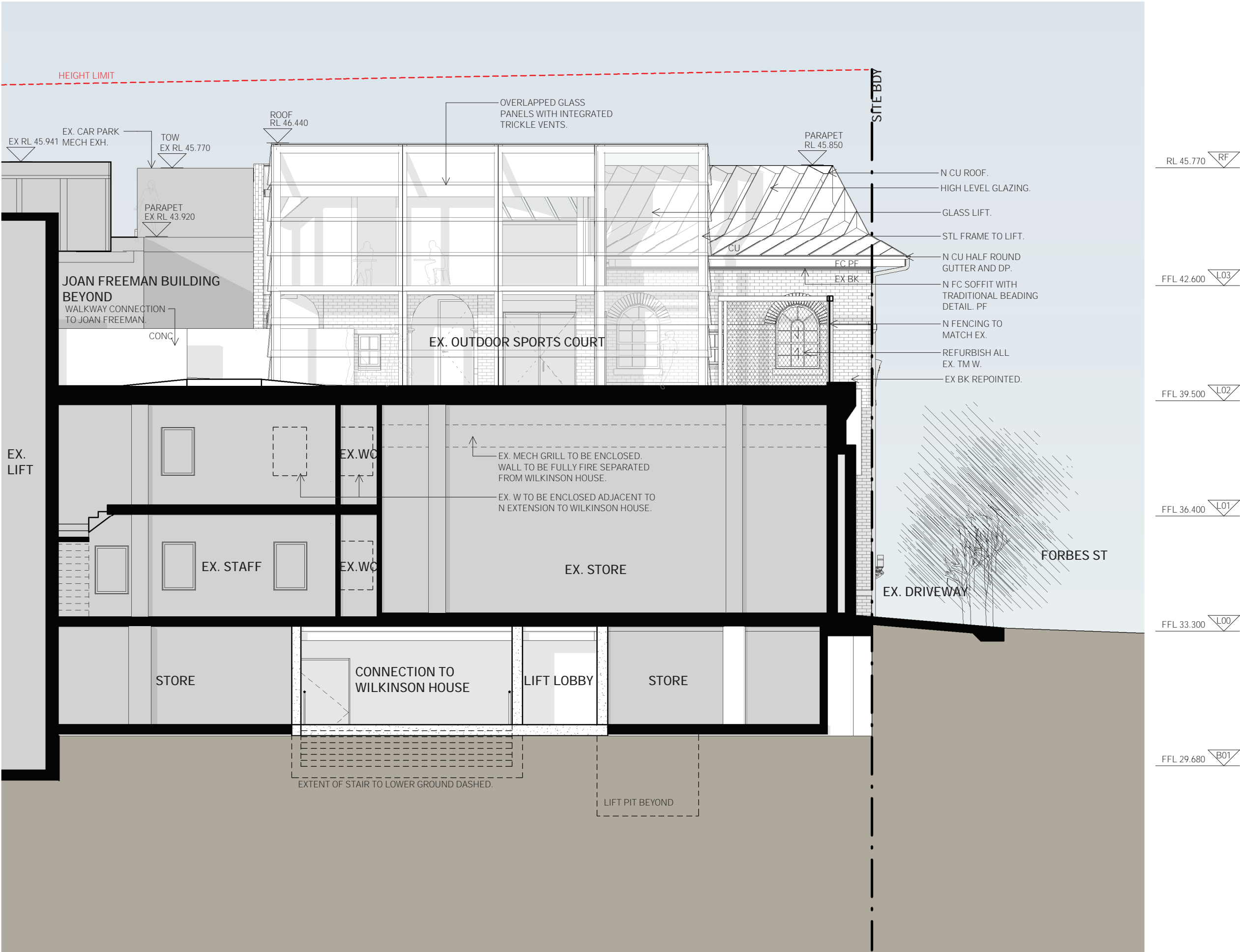
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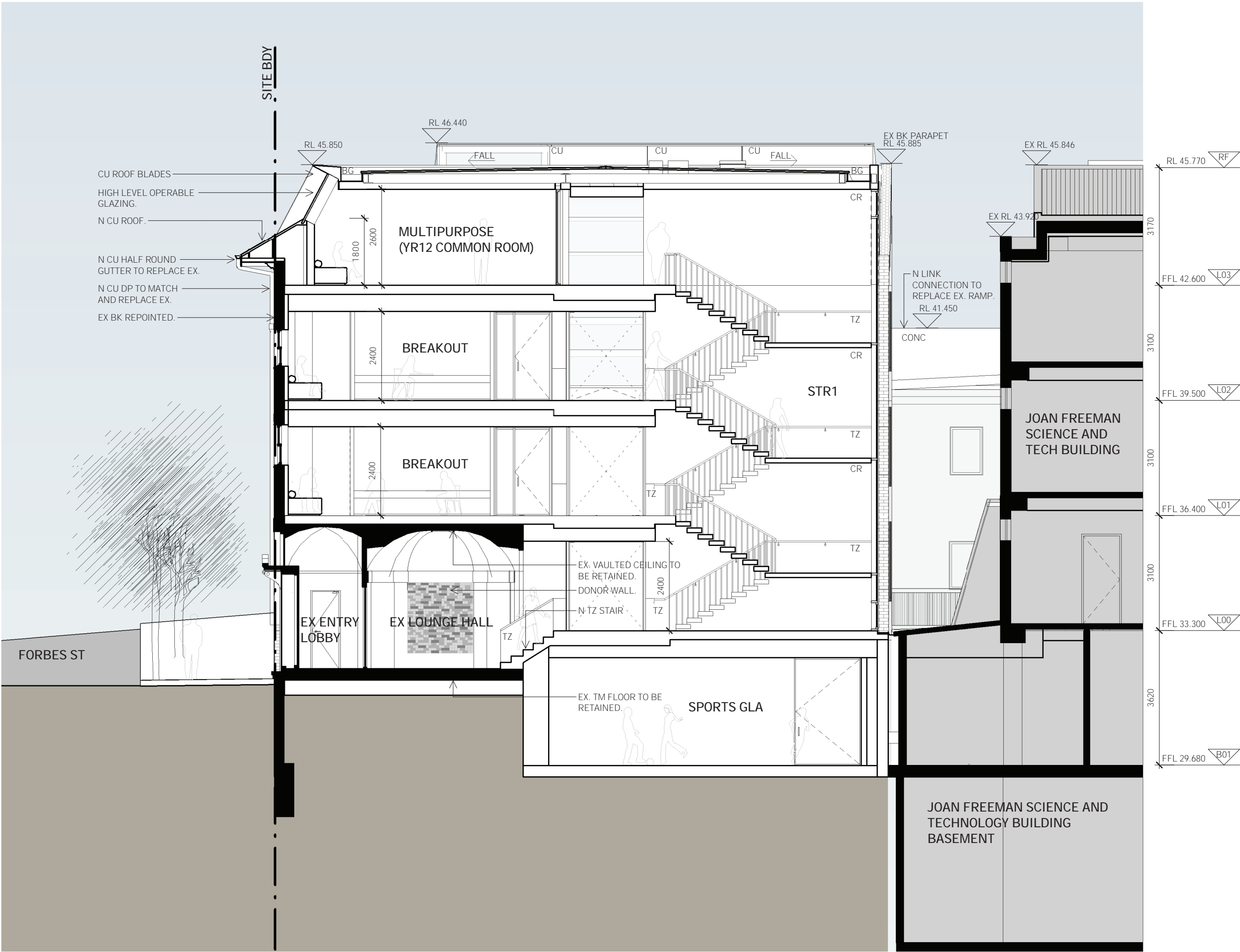
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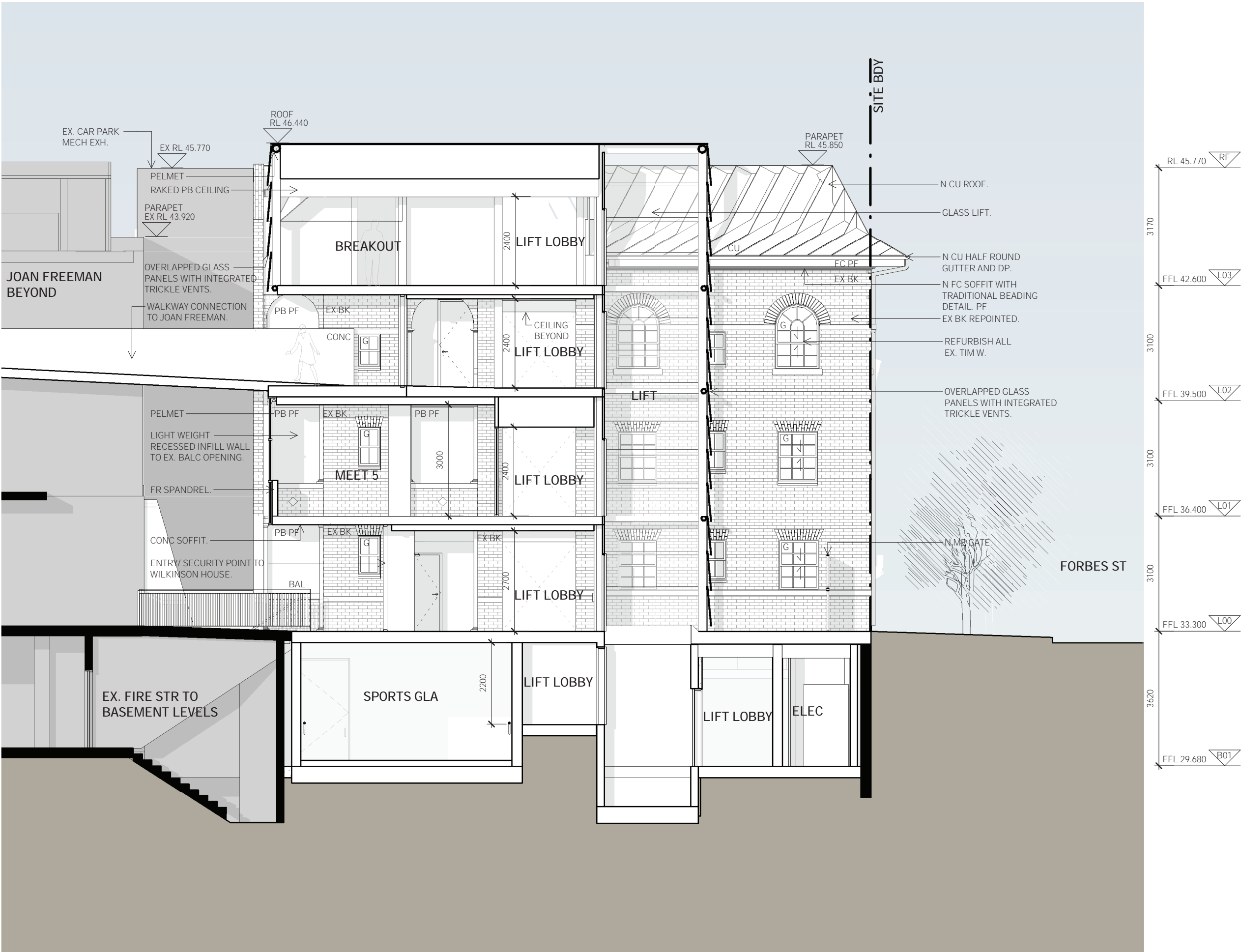
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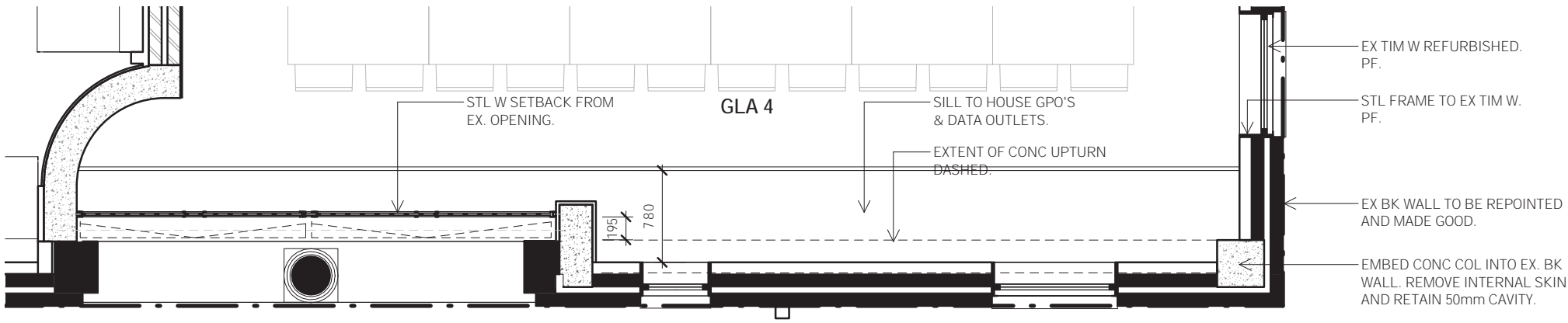
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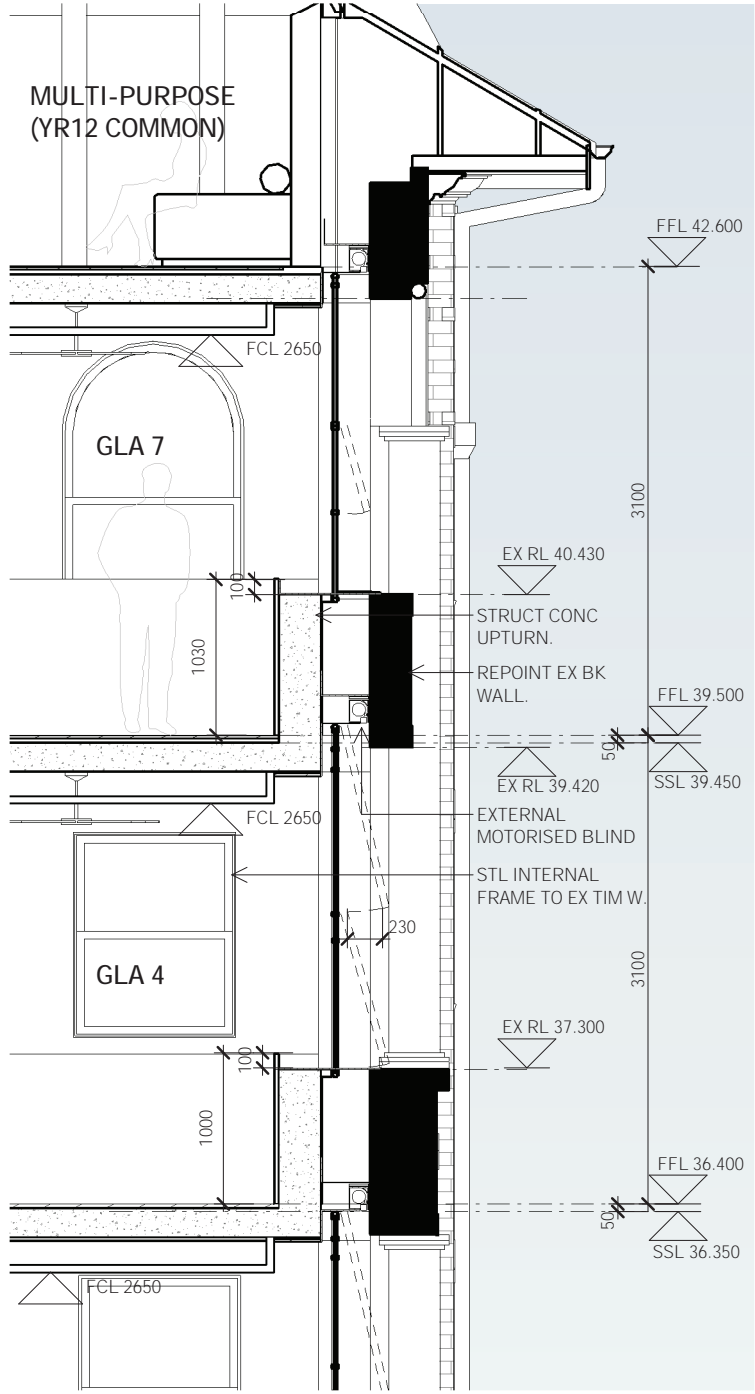
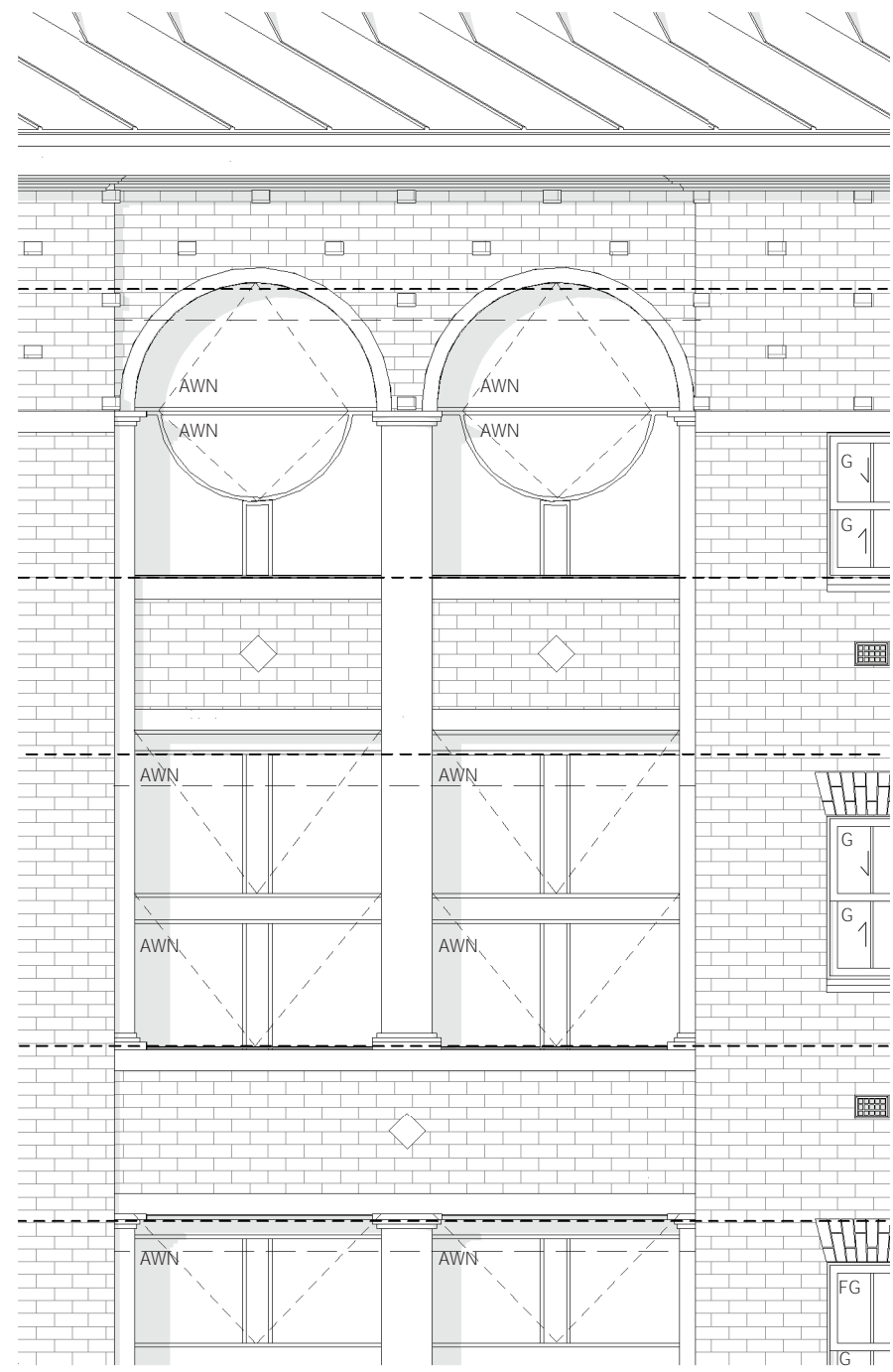




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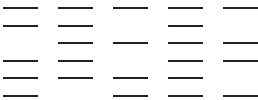
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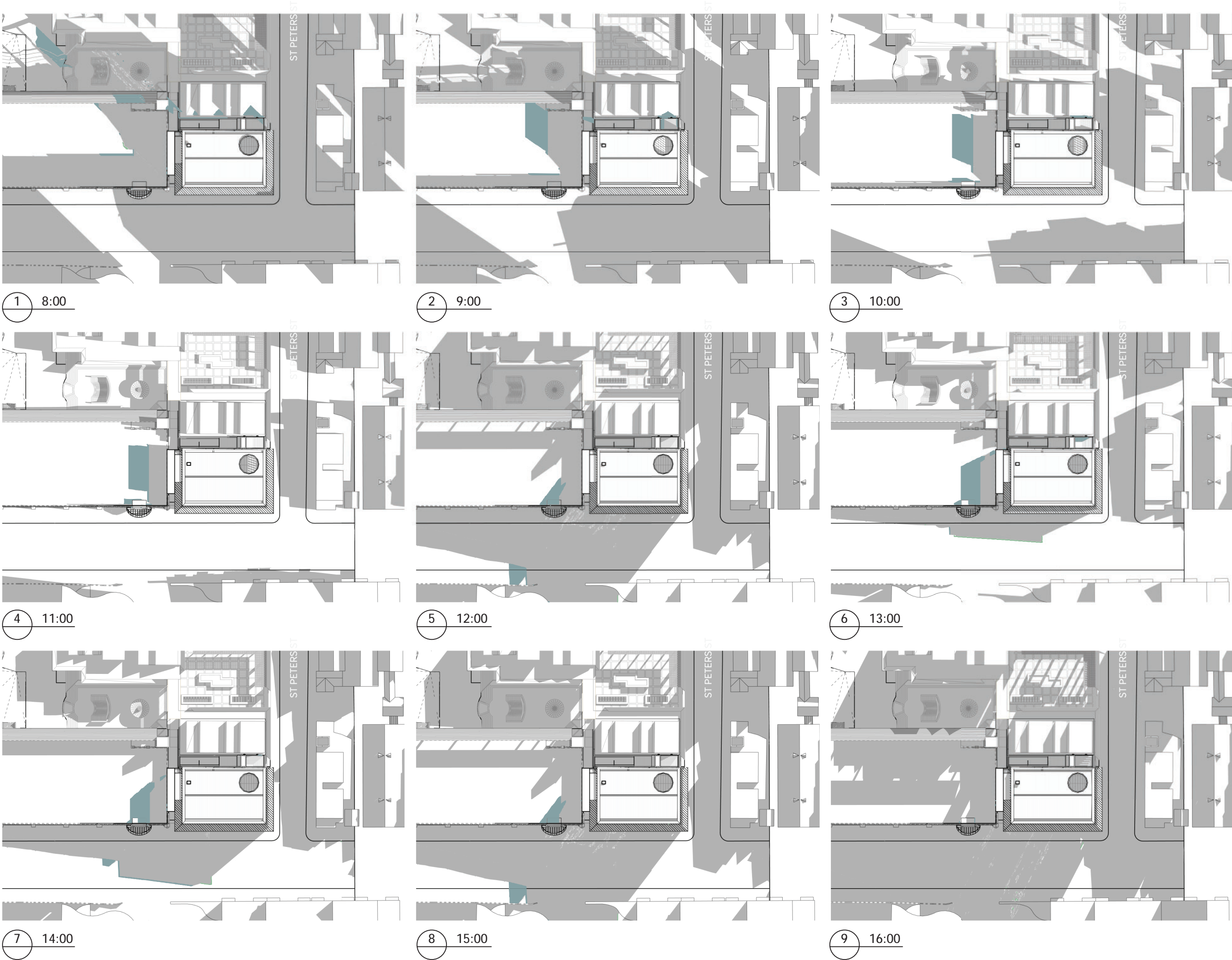
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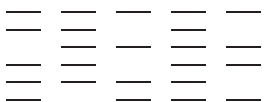
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