

# Structural Schematic Design Report

Meriden – Senior School Campus New Centre for Music and Drama

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#### 1.0 Introduction

The proposed new Centre for Music and Drama is located at the Meriden School, Senior School Campus at 3-13 Margaret Street, Strathfield.



Figure 1: Existing Site

The project broadly involves the demolition of the existing music building and construction of a new 3-storey structure with two levels of basement. The building is within the Senior School campus and is boarded by the Wallis Building to the North, the Hope Turner Building to the East, Margaret Street to the South and 15 Margaret Street to the West.

The proposed building will house a new music academy, drama facilities, music teaching rooms and staff facilities, whilst the basement will house additional functions including; practice rooms, recording studio, instrument storage, staff room and a drama performance space.

The figure below illustrates the proposed footprint for the new building.

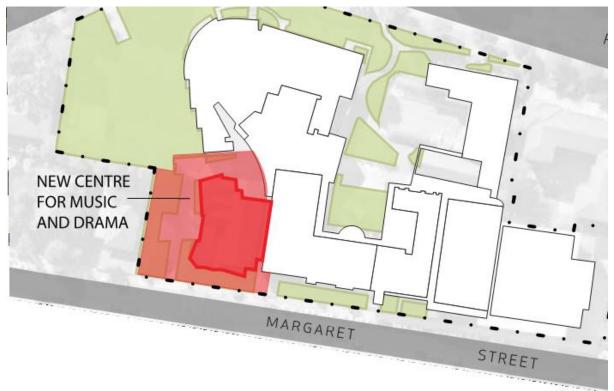


Figure 2: Proposed building

#### 2.0 Site Overview

#### 2.1 Existing Structures

The proposed location of the new Centre for Music and Drama is located at the site of the existing music building which is to be demolished in it's entirety, including footings, prior to the construction of the new building.

#### Wallis Building

Adjacent to the Northern/North-East edge of the proposed basement is the existing Wallis Building. The most adjacent portion of the structure dates from circa 2016 and comprises a two storey concrete and steel building. The building is shown to be founded on piles, has a suspended reinforced concrete slab and footing beams at ground floor. Vertical structure comprises load bearing masonry and concrete columns from ground to level 1, and level 1 to roof. Level 1 comprises a reinforced concrete slab, whilst the roof is lightweight, with steel beams and lightgauge purlins.

#### Hope Turner Building

To the East of the proposed building is the existing Hope Turner Building. From a visual inspection, the building appears to be a two storey masonry structure and from drawings relating to the adjacent Wallis Building works, there appears to be load bearing masonry with a concrete slab at level 1 and a tile clad timber framed roof.

A trial pit undertaken as part of the geotechnical report (TP108A) identified a shallow concrete strip footing beneath a brick footing founded on sandy gravel fill over stiff silty clay, with an assessed allowable bearing pressure of 100kPa.

#### 2.2 Site Conditions and Geological and Subsurface Conditions

Douglas Partners undertook a geotechnical engineering investigation on the site in November 2018 (report number 86568.00) which summarised;

The location of the new building is a roughly rectangular-shaped area of about 920 m<sup>2</sup>, with surface levels observed to be gradually dipping gently to the north from RL 18.8m AHD to RL 17.1m AHD.

Based on preliminary inspection, both the external brickwork of the existing building and the existing pavements at the site appeared to be in a relatively good condition.

The Geological survey of NSW 1:100,000 Series Sheet 9130 for Sydney indicates that the site is underlain by Ashfield Shale which typically comprises black to dark grey shale and laminite.

The site investigation included five boreholes and 5 trial pits adjacent to existing footings.

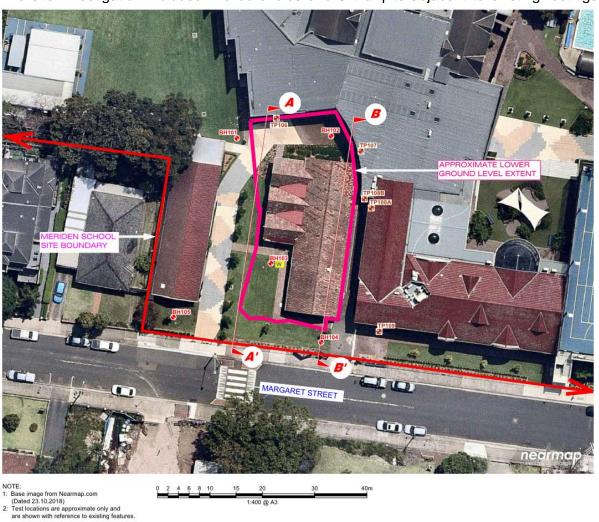


Figure 3: Bore Hole and Trial Pit Locations

The ground conditions were found to comprise filling over residual soils, over class V laminite (between 1.2m and 2.6m from ground), over class IV laminite over class III/II laminite (between 2.6m and 4.2m below ground).

One water level monitoring well was installed in BH103, and a measurement taken on 8/10/18 indicated a water level of RL 14.7m (3.4m below ground). The report goes on to summarise that groundwater seepage into the basement is expected to be controlled perimeter and subfloor drainage connected to a sump-and-pump system and that the basement can be designed and detailed as a drained basement.

The below table summarises the recommended foundation design parameters;

Table 12: Recommended Design Parameters for Foundation Design

		Maximum Allowable Pressure (Serviceability)		Maximum Ultimate Pressure (Ultimate)			
Unit	Foundation Stratum	End Bearing (kPa)	Shaft Adhesion (Compression) (kPa)	End Bearing (kPa)	Shaft Adhesion (Compression) (kPa)	Young's Modulus, E (MPa)	
2	Residual Soil Stiff to Very Stiff Clay or Stronger	150	-	450	-	25	
3	Class V Laminite	700	70	3,000	100	70	
4	Class IV Laminite	1,000	100	4,000	200	100	
5	Class III / II Laminite	3,500	350	30,000	600	700	

Figure 4: Recommended foundation design parameters

#### 2.3 Existing Services

All existing in ground services are to be removed and rediverted prior to excavation for the proposed building.

#### 3.0 New Development

The proposed structure is a three storey concrete framed building with two levels of basement.

#### 3.1.1 Foundations and shoring

The basement is expected to comprise of a concrete soldier piled wall with shotcrete infill panels, which will provide retention in the temporary and permanent condition around the full perimeter of the basement.

Excavations of upto 6m are proposed for the northern half of the basement and 3.5m to the southern portion. Temporary ground anchors are anticipated, especially to the northern portion of the basement.

Spacing of the soldier piles will be reduced along the northern and eastern perimeters of the basement due to the proximity of the adjacent buildings.

Based on the findings of the geotechnical report, the northern portion of basement excavation is expected to be in to the class III/II laminite, whilst the southern portion is expected to be at the interface between the class V and class III/II laminite. To ensure uniform bearing strata, it is proposed to adopted pad footings for the internal columns founded on the class III/II laminate. Locally increased excavation may be required to the southern portion of the site to achieve the uniform bearing strata.

#### 3.1.2 Stability and vertical structure

Global stability will be derived from the centrally located reinforced concrete lift shaft and concrete walls around the stair core/adjacent amenities in the south-east corner of the building.

The vertical load bearing structural will generally comprise reinforced concrete columns.

#### 3.1.3 Floor structures

The basement slab will be a conventional slab on ground, with drainage provided beneath in accordance with the recommendations of the geotechnical repot, details by the hydraulic engineer. The basement is a split level, and the change in level will be provisioned through the presence of a permanent batter internal to the building.

The suspended levels to part of level -1, ground floor, level 1, level 2 and the plant slab area at level 3 will be a combination of areas of concrete flat slab and concrete banded slabs. Post tensioning will be adopted where appropriate to achieve the spans required.

#### 3.1.4 Roof and awning structures

The roof at level 3, the northern entry canopy roof and the entry canopy in the south-eastern entry awning roof will be lightweight clad, steel framed structures.

Steel framing will also be utilised to provide framing to the mansard type roof/walling around the top lift of the south-east stair shaft.

#### 3.1.5 Alterations to existing structures

At ground floor within the Northern Courtyard, it is proposed to lower the existing levels of the slab on ground between the Wallis and Hope Buildings to tie in with the proposed building. Geotechnical trial pits have shown that the existing top of footing levels are immediately below the current external finishes. As a result, the tops of footings will be exposed by the new works, and they will require concealment in the landscape treatment (seating or similar).

To facilitate detailing of the interface between the proposed Centre for Music and Drama and the existing Hope Turner building, it is proposed to raise the western eaves levels of the

existing roof. To facilitate these modifications, opening up works and an on site investigation to determine the sizing and grading of the existing timbers is required.

It is envisaged that secondary roof timbers will be constructed over the top of the existing with a lightweight stud wall built from the top of the existing western wall.

To ensure independence of the existing Hope Building from the new adjacent structure, the connecting roof structure will be detailed such as to facilitate a sliding movement between the two structures.

#### 3.1.6 Additional notable design elements

The central circulation stair located adjacent to the lift shaft comprises a reinforced concrete scissor stair, supported at each of the floor plates at the top/bottom of the stair flights, with an unsupported mid landing.

The northern east entry lobby is a triple height void space with a triple height glazed façade to the Northern side. Vertically spanning structural steel RHS sections are proposed to provide the lateral support for the glass.

The building is typically clad in masonry, which will be supported, via shelf angles. at each level from the slab edge/edge beams. Deflection limits of these supporting elements will be tightened up in accordance with the design parameters noted in section 0.

At level 2 there are two areas of landscape planting, the southern terrace is to receive shallow soil 'extensive' green roof buildup, whilst the northern terrace supports a planter box with deeper soil planting.

#### 4.0 Design Parameters

#### 4.1 Design Life

The design life for all new structural elements is to be 50 years.

#### 4.2 Structural Importance Level

The structure is viewed as being a secondary school building with expected population exceeding 250, thus the adopted Importance Level = 3.

This importance level will be used in determining the wind and seismic loads on the structure.

#### 4.3 Design Loadings

In general, all loads and load combinations shall comply with AS/NZS 1170 Parts 0 to 4 Structural Design Actions. Live load reductions will be applied as permitted by AS/NZS 1170.1. Generally, the floor design loads are:

#### 4.3.1 Permanent Actions – Dead and Superimposed Dead Loads

Dead load shall be considered as the self-weight of the structure plus an allowance for services, walls and ceilings which vary significantly throughout the building. In general, 1kPa superimposed dead load would be included in the design.

#### 4.3.2 Imposed Actions - Live Loads

Generally for the Centre for Music and Drama, the floor design live loads and superimposed dead loads are:

Occupancy Type	Live Load (kPa)	SDL (kPa)
General	5.0	1.5
Ground floor external courtyard	5.0	6.0 (TBC on determination of finishes and levels etc)
Northern External terrace at L2 (deck)	5.0	2.5
Northern External terrace at L2 (planter)	1.5	14.8 – (including 650 soil)
Southern External terrace at L2 (non trafficable roof)	1.5	10.8 – (including 450 soil)
Roof Plant room	5.0	2.5
Stairs	4.0	0.5
Structural Steel roof	0.25	0.5

Specific theatre rigging loads will be additional to the above loads. A theatre loading specification is to be provided by the theatre consultant prior to commencement on the next project stage.

#### 4.3.3 Barriers

Barriers including parapets, balustrades and railings are to be designed in accordance with Table 3.3 of AS/NZS 1170.1.

#### 4.3.4 Wind Loads

Wind loads are in accordance with AS1170.2 and based on the following parameters:

Region	A2
Importance Level (BCA Table B1.2a)	3
Annual probability of exceedance (BCA Table B1.2b):	1000 years
Regional Wind Speed	46 m/s
Terrain Category (all directions):	3

#### 4.3.5 Earthquake Loads

Earthquake loadings shall be in accordance with AS1170.4 - 2007 (Earthquake actions in Australia) and AS/NZS1170.0 - 2002.

Hazard Factor (Z):	0.08
Site Sub-Soil Class:	Се
Importance Level (BCA Table B1.2a)	3
Annual probability of exceedance (BCA Table B1.2b):	1000
Earthquake Design Category:	II
Probability Factor (Kp)	1.3

#### 4.3.6 Load Combinations

The basic combinations for the ultimate limit states used in checking strength are as follows. These are based upon AS1170.0 section 4.

LOAD COMBINATION	G	Q	Wu	Eu
1	1.2	1.5		
2	1.2	$\Psi_{\mathtt{c}}$	1.0	
3	1.0	$\Psi_{c}$		1.0
4	1.2	1.5Ψ <sub>I</sub>		
5	1.35			
6	0.9		1.0 up	

The basic combinations for the serviceability limit states used in checking service are as follows. They are based upon AS1170.0 section 4.

LOAD COMBINATION	G	Q	Ws	Es
7	1.0			
8		$\Psi_{s}$		
9		Ψι		
10			1.0	
11				1.0

G : structure self weight plus superimposed dead loads

 $\begin{array}{lll} Q & : & imposed \ action \\ W_u & : & ultimate \ wind \ action \\ W_s & : & serviceability \ wind \ action \\ E_u & : & ultimate \ earthquake \ action \\ E_s & : & serviceability \ earthquake \ action \\ \Psi_c & : & combination \ factor \ for \ imposed \ action \\ \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{lll} \Psi_{\text{s}} & : & \text{short-term factor} \\ \Psi_{\text{l}} & : & \text{long-term factor} \end{array}$ 

Load Duration Factors	$\Psi_{s}$	Ψι	Ψс
Distributed Actions - Floors	0.7	0.4	0.4
Distributed Actions – Roofs (concrete)	0.7	0.4	0.4
Distributed Actions – Roofs (steel)	0.7	0.0	0.4
Concentrated Actions - Floors	1.0	0.6	0.4
Concentrated Actions – Roofs (concrete)	1.0	0.6	0.4
Concentrated Actions – Roofs (steel)	1.0	0.0	0.0

#### 4.3.7 Design Standards

The structural design will be in accordance with the latest revision of all relevant Australian Design Standards, Codes and other statutory requirements. As a minimum requirement, the design shall be based on, but not limited to;

Number	Edition	Title
AS/NZS 1170.0	2002	Structural design actions Part 0: General Principles
AS/NZS 1170.1	2002	Structural design actions Part 1: Permanent, imposed & other actions
AS/NZS 1170.2	2002	Structural design actions Part 2: Wind actions
AS 1170.4	2007	Structural design actions Part 4: Earthquake loads
AS 2159	2009	Piling – Design and installation
AS 3600	2009	Concrete Structures*1
AS 3700	2001	Masonry Structures
AS 4100	1998	Steel Structures
AS 2870	2011	Residential Slabs and Footings

<sup>\*1 –</sup> Certifier to review and advise as to which version of the concrete code the project is to be designed and certified.

#### 4.4 SERVICEABILITY

#### 4.4.1 Deflection Limits

Deflection limits for the concrete structures are generally as follows;

	Maximum Floor Deflection Limit				
Element	Dead	Incremental	Live	DL + LL	
Elements supporting masonry walls	Span/500	Span/750 <sup>1.</sup>	Span/500	Span/300 25mm max.	
Other floor areas	Span/360 (25mm max)	N/A	Span/500	Span/300 30mm max.	

1. Areas supporting normal weight masonry partitions. Masonry to be articulated.

Deflection limits for the steel roof structure are generally as follows;

	Steel Rafter Deflection Limit			
Element	Dead	Live	Wind	DL + LL
Lightweight roof supporting set plasterboard ceiling	Span/500 (25mm max)	Span/600	Span/600	
Lightweight roof supporting timber / FC soffits	Span/500 (25mm max)	Span/300	Span/250	Span/250

#### 4.4.2 Durability

For concrete elements this will be achieved by specifying all elements in accordance with section 4 of AS 3600 which sets out requirements for plain, reinforced and post tensioned concrete structures and members with a design life of 40 to 60 years. Exposure classifications are as follows.

Exposure Classification	Elements
A2	Internal
B1	External

Protective coatings to structural steel elements shall comply with AS/NZS 2312 and ISO 2063 for the long-term protection category.

#### 4.4.3 Crack Control

Crack propagation in concrete elements due to shrinkage and temperature effects will be controlled by providing reinforcement quantities sufficient for a 'strong' degree of crack control where concrete slabs or soffits are to remain exposed.

Internally, where slabs are concealed, reinforcement quantities will be provided sufficient for a 'moderate' degree of crack control.

#### 4.4.4 Fire Resistance Levels

Fire Resistance Levels (FRL) for the structural elements is to be in accordance with Specification C1.1 of the BCA. Note the FRL requirement for columns are the same as the level they are supporting.

Typically, the FRL (minutes) for structural elements is generally 120/120/120 where required by the BCA.

There is a concession in the BCA that no FRL is required for the roof steelwork. This will need to be reviewed if different fire compartments are required.

Based on the BCA report, it is expected that a fire engineered alternative solution will be produced relating to the fire separating performance of the existing wall to the Hope Turner Building.

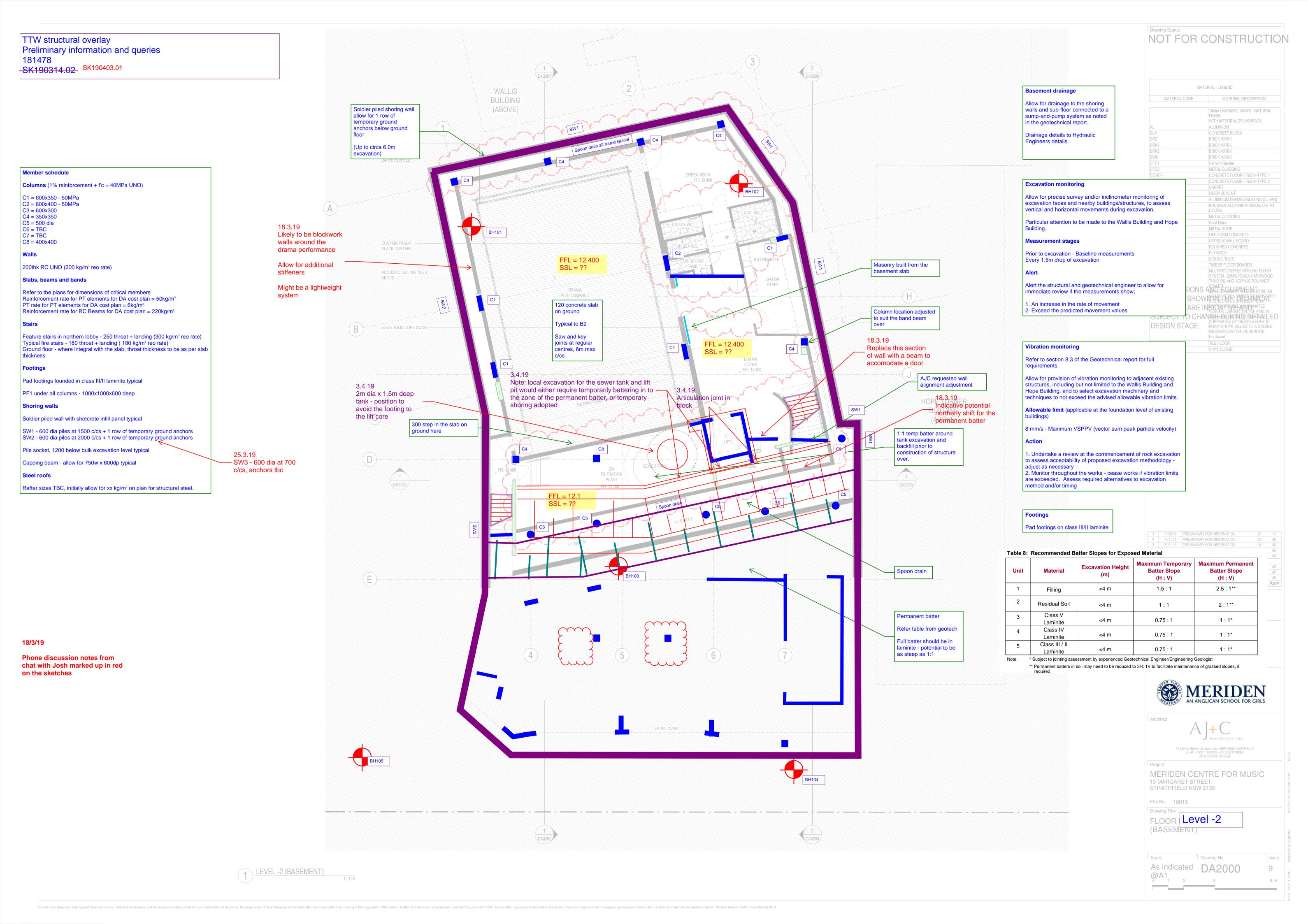
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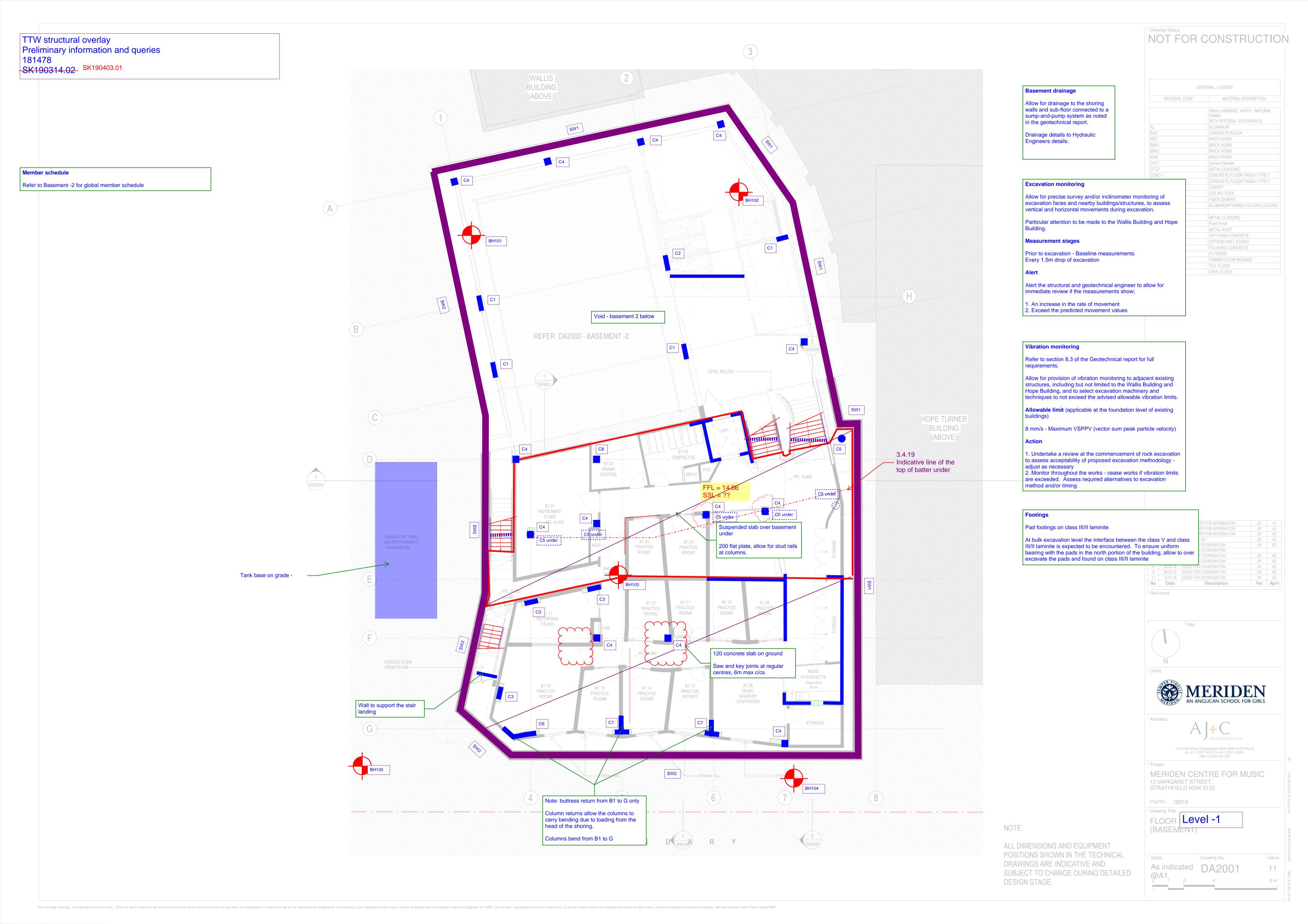
Risk/Opportunity	Description
Impact to School Operation	Construction projects around operating facilities are always complex in their execution. There are a number of aspects of the project which will have an ongoing interaction with the School during decanting, construction and operation. It is important that these impacts are relayed to the stakeholders in the project once a more developed series of construction methodology are available.
Construction risks	The proposed structure is located adjacent to two existing buildings. One is supported on shallow footings and the other on piles. Monitoring during construction is recommended especially of vibration and shoring displacement during the basement excavation.
Theatre loading	Risk - structure does not have sufficient capacity for proposed theatre rigging requirements.  Solution - Brief to be provided from theatre consultant prior to commencing next project stage and sufficient capacity provided in the as constructed building.

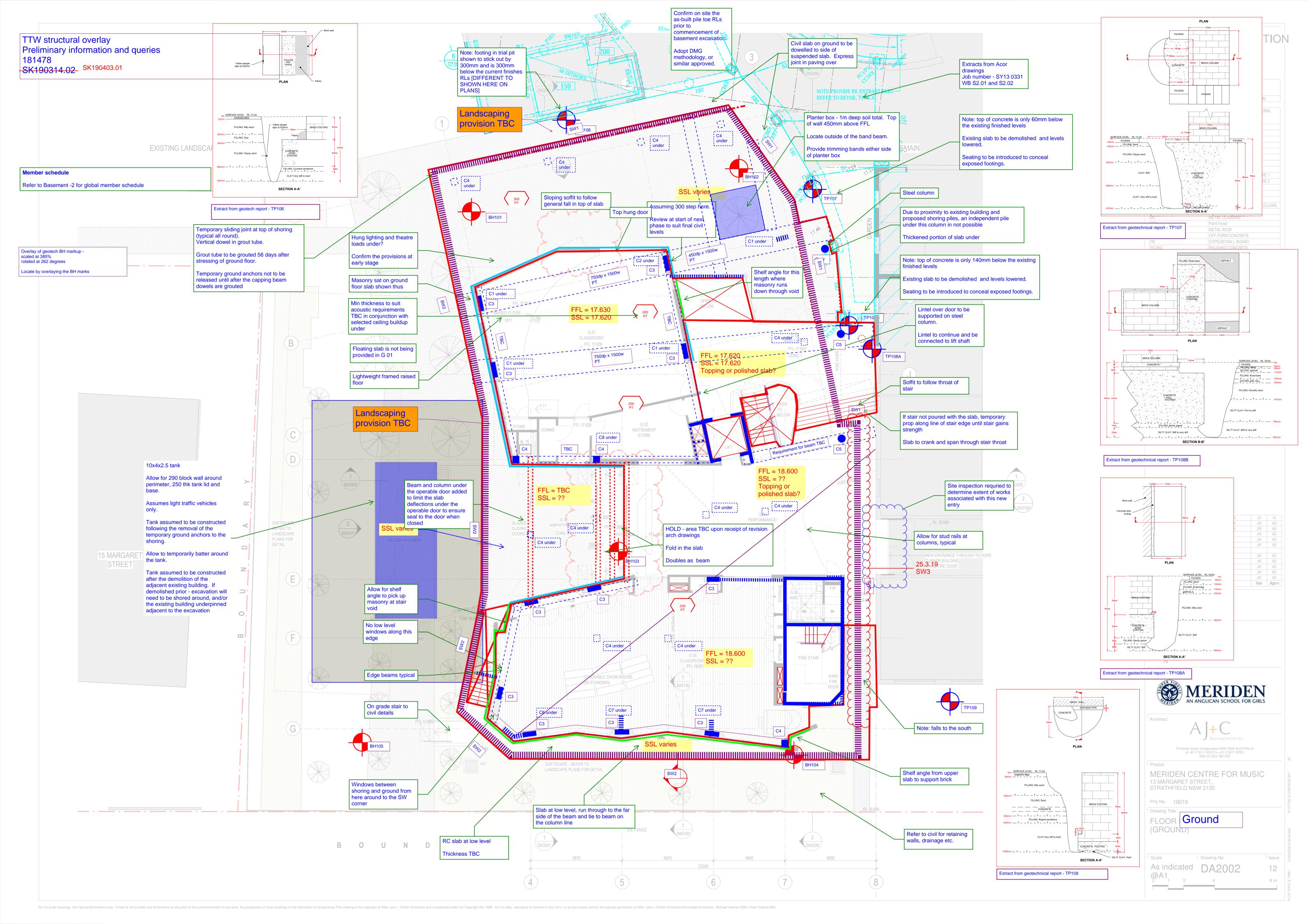
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#### Appendix A

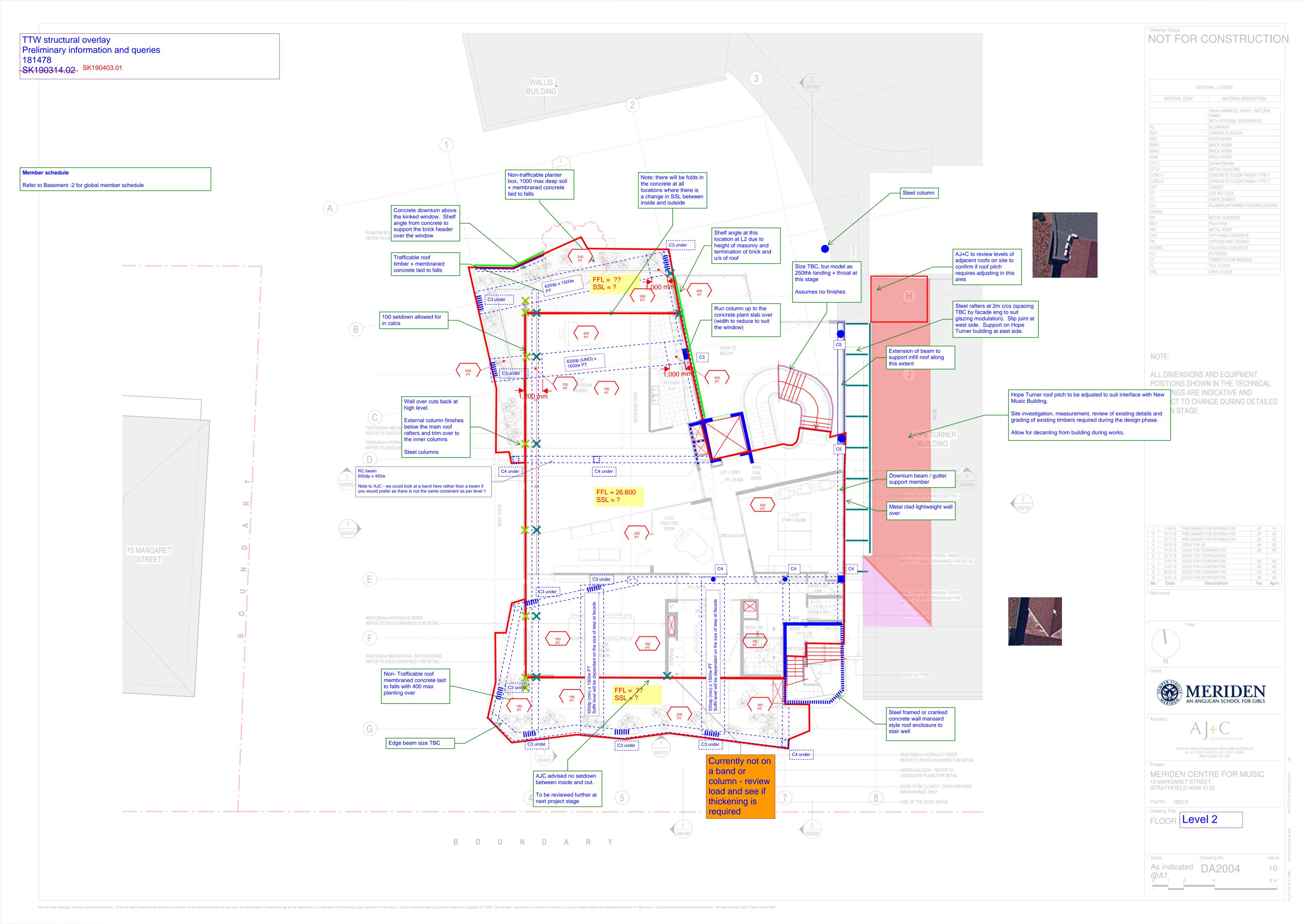
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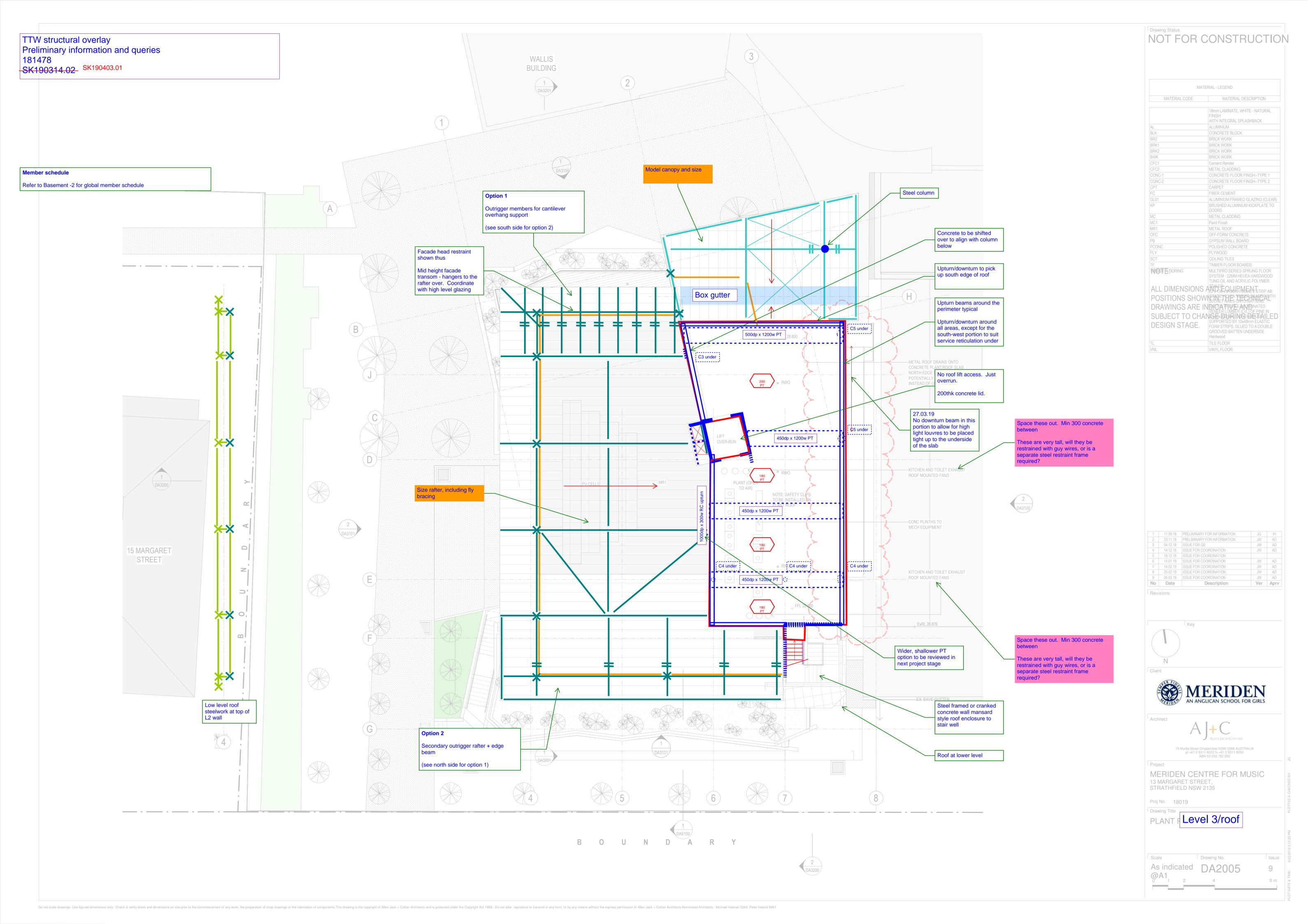




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Dear Giselle,

#### Meriden School – Junior School – New Landscaped Playground – Sufficiency of Structural Design

We certify that we have prepared the structural design of the works at Junior School – New Landscaped Playground, as indicated on drawings produced by OCULUS Landscape architecture, 4 Vernon street concept package dated 25/1/19, in accordance with the relevant structural clauses of the current NCC BCA (Vol 2) and the following SAA Codes of Practice:

AS 1720.1 - 2010 Timber Structures Code AS 3600 - 2009 Concrete Structures Code AS 3700 - 2011 Masonry Structures Code AS 4100 - 1998 Steel Structures Code

and the new structure, is sufficient to carry the relevant loads specified in:

AS 1170.0 – 2002 – Structural Design Actions – General Principles

AS 1170.1 – 2002 - Structural Design Actions – Permanent, Imposed and Other Actions

AS 1170.2 – 2011 - Structural Design Actions – Wind Actions

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Giselle,

## Meriden School - Lingwood Prep School - New Administration and Student Centre - Sufficiency of Structural Design

We certify that we have prepared the structural design of the works at Lingwood Prep School — New Administration and Student Centre, as indicated on drawings produced by Allen Jack + Cottier Architects Development Application dated 23/4/19 (Drawing list: DA0000, DA1000, DA1001, DA1100, DA2100, DA2101, DA2102, DA3100, DA3200, DA3201, DA3300, DA4100, DA5100, DA5101, DA5102, DA5103, DA5105, DA5106, DA9600), in accordance with the relevant structural clauses of the current NCC BCA (Vol 1) and the following SAA Codes of Practice:

AS 1720.1 - 2010 Timber Structures Code

AS 2159 - 2009 Piling Code

AS 3600 - 2009 Concrete Structures Code

AS 3700 - 2011 Masonry Structures Code

AS 4100 - 1998 Steel Structures Code

and the new structure, is sufficient to carry the relevant loads specified in:

AS 1170.0 – 2002 – Structural Design Actions – General Principles

AS 1170.1 – 2002 - Structural Design Actions – Permanent, Imposed and Other Actions

AS 1170.2 – 2011 - Structural Design Actions – Wind Actions

AS 1170.4 – 2007 - Structural Design Actions – Earthquake Actions

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