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# Qualitative Report Summary

## **Botanic Gardens Potting Facility**

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### **Qualitative Report - SUMMARY**

**Version Final**

**7 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch Central**

## **Background**

This is a summary of the Qualitative report for the building structure, and is based in general on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011 and visual inspections on 4 April 2012.

## **Building Description**

The two storey building constructed in 1992 with an extension added in 1998 consists of a steel post and beam frame structure with timber framed walls. The building is made up of two sections' the potting facility comprising of a two storey structure and an ancillary link corridor frame structure to the north side of the building. A timber framed Dutch hip roof with lightweight metal cladding forms the roof structure. The link corridor frame consists of lightweight metal cladding on timber purlins spanning between the post and beam portals. Internal walls are timber framed with a combination of plasterboard and timber hardboard lining. External wall finishes include a brick veneer and weatherboard to the potting facility with the link corridor comprising of cement board and a glazing system to the north glasshouse boundary. The first storey comprises of timber flooring on timber joists with the ground floor of 125mm concrete slab reinforced with mesh. The foundations consist of reinforced concrete strip footings to the perimeter with slab thickenings below the internal load bearing timber framed walls.

## **Key Damage Observed**

- Minor cracking to the plasterboard lining

## **Critical Structural Weaknesses**

- Liquefaction (30% Reduction) (53% NBS)

## **Indicative Building Strength (from IEP and CSW assessment)**

Based on the information available, and using the NZSEE Initial Evaluation Procedure, the building's original capacity has been assessed to be in the order of 53% NBS and post-earthquake capacity also in the order of 53% NBS. The building's post-earthquake capacity excluding critical structural weaknesses is in the order of 76% NBS. The building has been assessed to have a seismic capacity in the order of 53% NBS and is deemed to be a potential Earthquake Risk.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

A quantitative assessment of the structure is recommended as the building has been assessed as a potential Earthquake Risk.

In accordance with CCC policy, the building has been assessed as not potentially Earthquake Prone therefore the building may be occupied.

# 1. Background

GHD has been engaged by the Christchurch City Council (CCC) to undertake a detailed engineering evaluation of the Botanic Gardens Potting Facility.

This report is a Qualitative Assessment of the building structure, and is based in general on the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011.

A qualitative assessment involves inspections of the building and a desktop review of existing structural and geotechnical information, including existing drawings and calculations, if available.

The purpose of the assessment is to determine the likely building performance and damage patterns, to identify any potential critical structural weaknesses or collapse hazards, and to make an initial assessment of the likely building strength in terms of percentage of new building standard (%NBS).

At the time of this report, no intrusive site investigation, detailed analysis, or modelling of the building structure had been carried out. The building description is based on the visual inspection carried out on site and drawings available.

## 2. Compliance

This section contains a brief summary of the requirements of the various statutes and authorities that control activities in relation to buildings in Christchurch at present.

### 2.1 Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA)

CERA was established on 28 March 2011 to take control of the recovery of Christchurch using powers established by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act enacted on 18 April 2011. This act gives the Chief Executive Officer of CERA wide powers in relation to building safety, demolition and repair. Two relevant sections are:

#### **Section 38 – Works**

This section outlines a process in which the chief executive can give notice that a building is to be demolished and if the owner does not carry out the demolition, the chief executive can commission the demolition and recover the costs from the owner or by placing a charge on the owners' land.

#### **Section 51 – Requiring Structural Survey**

This section enables the chief executive to require a building owner, insurer or mortgagee carry out a full structural survey before the building is re-occupied.

We understand that CERA will require a detailed engineering evaluation to be carried out for all buildings (other than those exempt from the Earthquake Prone Building definition in the Building Act). It is anticipated that CERA will adopt the Detailed Engineering Evaluation Procedure document (draft) issued by the Structural Advisory Group on 19 July 2011. This document sets out a methodology for both qualitative and quantitative assessments.

The qualitative assessment is a desk-top and site inspection assessment. It is based on a thorough visual inspection of the building coupled with a review of available documentation such as drawings and specifications. The quantitative assessment involves analytical calculation of the buildings strength and may require non-destructive or destructive material testing, geotechnical testing and intrusive investigation.

It is anticipated that factors determining the extent of evaluation and strengthening level required will include:

- ▶ The importance level and occupancy of the building
- ▶ The placard status and amount of damage
- ▶ The age and structural type of the building
- ▶ Consideration of any critical structural weaknesses
- ▶ The extent of any earthquake damage

## **2.2 Building Act**

Several sections of the Building Act are relevant when considering structural requirements:

### **Section 112 – Alterations**

This section requires that an existing building complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code to at least the extent that it did prior to any alteration. This effectively means that a building cannot be weakened as a result of an alteration (including partial demolition).

### **Section 115 – Change of Use**

This section requires that the territorial authority (in this case Christchurch City Council (CCC)) be satisfied that the building with a new use complies with the relevant sections of the Building Code 'as near as is reasonably practicable'. Regarding seismic capacity 'as near as reasonably practicable' has previously been interpreted by CCC as achieving a minimum of 67% NBS however where practical achieving 100% NBS is desirable. The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) recommend a minimum of 67% NBS.

#### **2.2.1 Section 121 – Dangerous Buildings**

The definition of dangerous building in the Act was extended by the Canterbury Earthquake (Building Act) Order 2010, and it now defines a building as dangerous if:

- ▶ In the ordinary course of events (excluding the occurrence of an earthquake), the building is likely to cause injury or death or damage to other property; or
- ▶ In the event of fire, injury or death to any persons in the building or on other property is likely because of fire hazard or the occupancy of the building; or
- ▶ There is a risk that the building could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death as a result of earthquake shaking that is less than a 'moderate earthquake' (refer to Section 122 below); or
- ▶ There is a risk that that other property could collapse or otherwise cause injury or death; or
- ▶ A territorial authority has not been able to undertake an inspection to determine whether the building is dangerous.

### **Section 122 – Earthquake Prone Buildings**

This section defines a building as earthquake prone if its ultimate capacity would be exceeded in a 'moderate earthquake' and it would be likely to collapse causing injury or death, or damage to other property. A moderate earthquake is defined by the building regulations as one that would generate ground shaking 33% of the shaking used to design an equivalent new building.

### **Section 124 – Powers of Territorial Authorities**

This section gives the territorial authority the power to require strengthening work within specified timeframes or to close and prevent occupancy to any building defined as dangerous or earthquake prone.

### **Section 131 – Earthquake Prone Building Policy**

This section requires the territorial authority to adopt a specific policy for earthquake prone, dangerous and insanitary buildings.

## **2.3 Christchurch City Council Policy**

Christchurch City Council adopted their Earthquake Prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy in 2006. This policy was amended immediately following the Darfield Earthquake of the 4th September 2010.

The 2010 amendment includes the following:

- ▶ A process for identifying, categorising and prioritising Earthquake Prone Buildings, commencing on 1 July 2012;
- ▶ A strengthening target level of 67% of a new building for buildings that are Earthquake Prone;
- ▶ A timeframe of 15-30 years for Earthquake Prone Buildings to be strengthened; and,
- ▶ Repair works for buildings damaged by earthquakes will be required to comply with the above.

The council has stated their willingness to consider retrofit proposals on a case by case basis, considering the economic impact of such a retrofit.

We anticipate that any building with a capacity of less than 33% NBS (including consideration of critical structural weaknesses) will need to be strengthened to a target of 67% NBS of new building standard as recommended by the Policy.

If strengthening works are undertaken, a building consent will be required. A requirement of the consent will require upgrade of the building to comply 'as near as is reasonably practicable' with:

- ▶ The accessibility requirements of the Building Code.
- ▶ The fire requirements of the Building Code. This is likely to require a fire report to be submitted with the building consent application.

## **2.4 Building Code**

The building code outlines performance standards for buildings and the Building Act requires that all new buildings comply with this code. Compliance Documents published by The Department of Building and Housing can be used to demonstrate compliance with the Building Code.

After the February Earthquake, on 19 May 2011, Compliance Document B1: Structure was amended to include increased seismic design requirements for Canterbury as follows:

- ▶ Hazard Factor increased from 0.22 to 0.3 (36% increase in the basic seismic design load)
- ▶ Serviceability Return Period Factor increased from 0.25 to 0.33 (80% increase in the serviceability design loads when combined with the Hazard Factor increase)

The increase in the above factors has resulted in a reduction in the level of compliance of an existing building relative to a new building despite the capacity of the existing building not changing.

### 3. Earthquake Resistance Standards

For this assessment, the building’s earthquake resistance is compared with the current New Zealand Building Code requirements for a new building constructed on the site. This is expressed as a percentage of new building standard (%NBS). The new building standard load requirements have been determined in accordance with the current earthquake loading standard (NZS 1170.5:2004 Structural design actions - Earthquake actions - New Zealand).

The likely capacity of this building has been derived in accordance with the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) guidelines ‘Assessment and Improvement of the Structural Performance of Buildings in Earthquakes’ (AISPBE), 2006. These guidelines provide an Initial Evaluation Procedure that assesses a buildings capacity based on a comparison of loading codes from when the building was designed and currently. It is a quick high-level procedure that can be used when undertaking a Qualitative analysis of a building. The guidelines also provide guidance on calculating a modified Ultimate Limit State capacity of the building which is much more accurate and can be used when undertaking a Quantitative analysis.

The New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering has proposed a way for classifying earthquake risk for existing buildings in terms of %NBS and this is shown in Figure 1 below.

Description	Grade	Risk	%NBS	Existing Building Structural Performance	Improvement of Structural Performance	
					Legal Requirement	NZSEE Recommendation
Low Risk Building	A or B	Low	Above 67	Acceptable (improvement may be desirable)	The Building Act sets no required level of structural improvement (unless change in use) This is for each TA to decide. Improvement is not limited to 34%NBS.	100%NBS desirable. Improvement should achieve at least 67%NBS
Moderate Risk Building	B or C	Moderate	34 to 66	Acceptable legally. Improvement recommended		Not recommended. Acceptable only in exceptional circumstances
High Risk Building	D or E	High	33 or lower	Unacceptable (Improvement)	Unacceptable	Unacceptable

**Figure 1 NZSEE Risk Classifications Extracted from table 2.2 of the NZSEE 2006 AISPBE**

Table 1 compares the percentage NBS to the relative risk of the building failing in a seismic event with a 10% risk of exceedance in 50 years (i.e. 0.2% in the next year). It is noted that the current seismic risk in Christchurch results in a 6% risk of exceedance in the next year.

<b>Percentage of New Building Standard (%NBS)</b>	<b>Relative Risk (Approximate)</b>
>100	<1 time
80-100	1-2 times
67-80	2-5 times
33-67	5-10 times
20-33	10-25 times
<20	>25 times

**Table 1 %NBS compared to relative risk of failure**

## 4. Building Description

### 4.1 General

The Potting facility was constructed in 1992 with an extension added in 1998. It is located in the Botanic Gardens at 7 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch central. The structure is built on the site of an existing potting shed that has been demolished to allow for the current building with the original boiler room basement remaining refer drawing 10, Appendix B for boiler room location.

The building is located opposite the office library and store to the east and bordering the quarantine glasshouses to the north (See Photograph 9, Appendix A). The Avon River is located 30 m to the north of the structure.

The site is predominantly flat with insignificant variations in ground levels throughout.

The two storey building consists of a steel post and beam frame structure with timber framed walls. The building is made up of two sections: the potting facility comprising of the two storey structure and an ancillary link corridor frame structure to the north side of the building. This link corridor was extended in 1998 providing access between the potting facility and the quarantine glasshouses. A Dutch hip roof with lightweight metal cladding on timber purlins spanning between timber trusses forms the roof of the potting facility structure. The lower level pitched roof of the potting facility comprises of lightweight metal cladding on timber purlins spanning between timber rafters. The roof is braced diagonally with steel strap bracing. The link corridor frame also has lightweight metal cladding on timber purlins spanning between the post and beam portals.

Internal walls are timber framed with a combination of plasterboard and timber hardboard lining. External wall finishes include a brick veneer and weatherboard to the potting facility with the link corridor comprising of cement board and a glazing system to the north glasshouse boundary. The first storey consists of timber flooring on timber joists supported by the ground floor steel frame system and the ground floor is 125mm concrete slab reinforced with mesh. Reinforced concrete strip footings to the perimeter with slab thickenings below the internal load bearing timber framed walls form the substructure to the building.

The dimensions of the building are approximately 25m long with the link corridor extension extending a further 13m to the east, 14m in width and 7m in height.

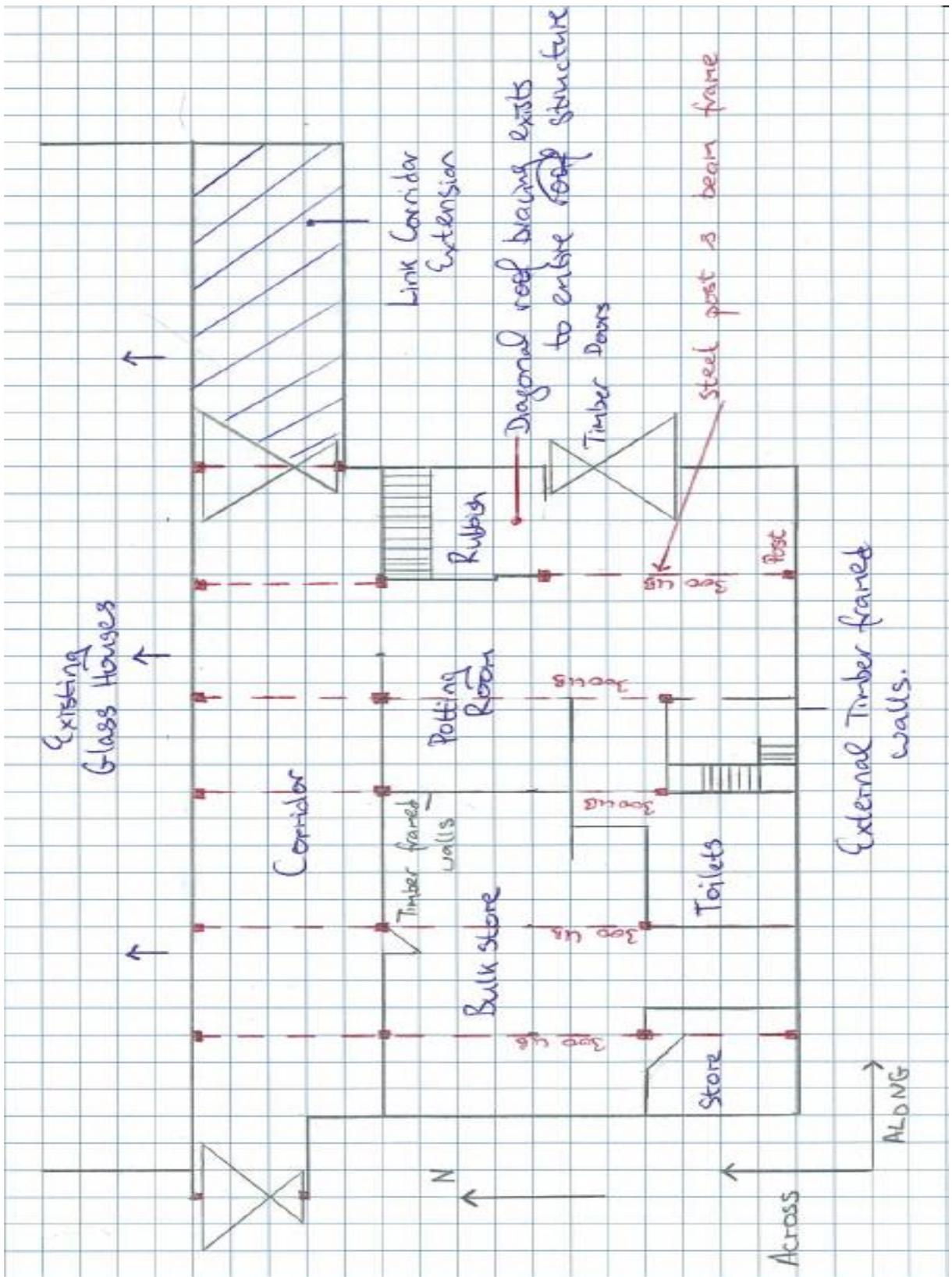


Figure 2 Plan Sketch Showing Key Structural Elements

## **4.2 Gravity Load Resisting System**

The gravity load resisting system for the potting facility predominantly comprises of a steel frame system. Gravity loads from the roof are transferred through the timber purlins into the roof trusses and rafters down to the steel frame system, which is shown in figure 2. The loads are then transferred through the steel posts down to the ground via the concrete foundations.

The timber framed walls will offer some secondary gravity load resistance. The loads are directly transferred from the purlins and rafters into the timber framed perimeter walls. The plasterboard and hardboard braced walls then transfer the loads down to the ground via the concrete perimeter strip footings.

For the link corridor the gravity load is transferred from the roof into the timber purlins spanning between the steel post and beam portal frames. The load is then transferred down the steel posts to the ground via the concrete foundations.

## **4.3 Lateral Load Resisting System**

The lateral loads acting on the two storey potting facility are resisted primarily by the plasterboard timber framed walls with some additional secondary lateral resistance from the steel frames.

In the longitudinal direction the lateral roof load is transferred from the purlins and rafters to the timber framed side walls by a combination of the diaphragm action of the plasterboard lined ceiling and the diagonal steel strap bracing. The load is then transferred through the steel strap bracing and plywood bracing in the timber framed walls down to the concrete foundations and into the ground.

In the transverse direction the lateral load is transferred from the roof to the timber framed side walls by the steel strap bracing and diaphragm action of the plasterboard ceiling. The steel frames will provide some secondary moment resistance in the transverse direction. However this resistance will not be significant due to the small size of the steel posts transferring the load to the concrete foundations. The load is then transferred by the diagonal strap bracing and plywood bracing through the side walls down to the ground via the concrete foundations.

The lateral roof loads to the link corridor are transferred by portal frame action through the post and beam structure down to the concrete foundations and into the ground.

## 5. Assessment

A visual inspection of the building was undertaken on 4 April 2012. Both the interior and exterior of the building were inspected. The building was observed to have a green placard in place. The main structural components of the building were able to be viewed due to the exposed simple construction of the building.

The visual inspection consisted of observing the building to determine the structural systems and likely behaviour of the building during an earthquake. The site was assessed for damage, including observing the ground conditions, checking for damage in areas where damage would be expected for the structure type observed and noting general damage observed throughout the building in both structural and non-structural elements.

The %NBS score is determined using the IEP procedure described by the NZSEE which is based on the information obtained from visual observation of the building and a desktop review of the available structural geotechnical information. Liquefaction was identified as a potential critical structural weaknesses thus reducing the overall %NBS.

## 6. Damage Assessment

### 6.1 Surrounding Buildings

The potting facility is located in the Botanic Gardens yard which is partially surrounded by green field areas and walkways (See Photograph 9, Appendix A). The structure borders the glasshouses to the north and opposite the office library to the east. Minor shear cracking was noted to the external brickwork in the office library building.

### 6.2 Residual Displacements and General Observations

No residual displacements of the structure were noted during the inspection of the building.

No damage was evident to the roof structure.

No cracking was noted to the perimeter strip footing.

Minor plasterboard cracking was noted to the internal linings. Some of these are new cracks, whilst the remainder are existing cracks that may have opened up slightly during the recent seismic activity. (See photographs 7, Appendix A)

No damage was evident to the load bearing timber framed walls.

### 6.3 Ground Damage

No ground damage was observed during the inspection of the site.

## 7. Critical Structural Weakness

### 7.1 Short Columns

The building does not contain any significant short columns.

### 7.2 Lift Shaft

The building does not contain a lift shaft.

### 7.3 Roof

No critical structural weaknesses were observed in the roof structure. Diagonal bracing exists to the roof structure which consists of steel strap bracing with tensioners.

### 7.4 Plan Irregularity

No significant plan irregularity was noted when evaluating the structure. The large number of windows to the south east side of the building could cause potential plan irregularity however due to the plywood bracing present it is deemed to be insignificant. Refer Drawing 2, Appendix B for the location of the plywood bracing.

### 7.5 Staircases

The building contains a timber staircase. The connection details of the staircase were inspected, based on these, the stairs are not considered to be a critical structural weakness.

### 7.6 Liquefaction

Liquefaction and lateral spreading is regarded as a potential critical structural weakness based on the geotechnical report. For the purposes of the IEP assessment of the building and the determination of the %NBS score, the effects of liquefaction on the performance of the building has been assessed as a 'significant' site characteristic in accordance with NZSEE guidelines.

### 7.7 Pounding

Pounding is not regarded a potential critical structural weakness between the link corridor and the glass houses due to the structures being securely connected.

## 8. Geotechnical Consideration

### 8.1 Site Description

The site is situated within a recreational reserve, in central Christchurch. It is relatively flat at approximately 8m above mean sea level. The structure is situated between 7m south of the Avon River, and 9.5km west of the coast (Pegasus Bay) at New Brighton.

### 8.2 Published Information on Ground Conditions

#### 8.2.1 Published Geology

The geological map of the area<sup>1</sup> indicates that the site is underlain by Holocene alluvial soils of the Yaldhurst Member, sub-group of the Springston Formation, comprising alluvial sand and silt overbank deposits.

#### 8.2.2 Environment Canterbury Logs

Information from Environment Canterbury (ECan) indicates that three boreholes are located within 200m of the site (see Table 2). Of these, two contained adequate lithographic logs. The site geology described in the logs is stratified gravel, sand, silt and clay. Also present are layers of peat between 20m and 40m bgl.

**Table 2 ECan Borehole Summary**

Bore Name	Log Depth	Groundwater	Distance & Direction from Site
M35/1936	100.9m	1.4m bgl	50m E of office buildings
M35/10619	104.5m	0.8m bgl	100m E of office buildings

It should be noted that the purpose of the boreholes the well logs are associated with, were sunk for groundwater extraction and not for geotechnical purposes. Therefore, the amount of material recovered and available for interpretation and recording will have been variable at best and may not be representative. The logs have been written by the well driller and not a geotechnical professional or to a standard. In addition strength data is not recorded.

#### 8.2.3 EQC Geotechnical Investigations

The Earthquake Commission has not undertaken geotechnical testing in the area of the subject site.

#### 8.2.4 Land Zoning

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) has published areas showing the Green Zone Technical Category in relation to the risk of future liquefaction and how these areas are expected to

<sup>1</sup> Brown, L. J. and Weeber, J.H. 1992: Geology of the Christchurch Urban Area. Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences 1:25,000 Geological Map 1. Lower Hutt. Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Limited.

perform in future earthquakes. The site is classified as Technical Category N/A. This is due to the site not being classified as within a residential area.

### 8.2.5 Post February Aerial Photography

Aerial photography taken following the 22 February 2011 earthquake shows moderate amounts of liquefaction on the northern side of the Avon and in Victoria Lake, in the top-left and top-right corners of Figure 3. However, there is no evidence of liquefaction at the surface within the botanic gardens themselves.

**Figure 3 Post February 2011 Earthquake Aerial Photography<sup>2</sup>**



### 8.2.6 Summary of Ground Conditions

From the information presented above, the ground conditions underlying the site are anticipated to be alluvial deposits comprising multiple strata of gravel, sandy gravel and silt/clay. Occasional layers of peat are also anticipated to be present between 20 and 40m bgl.

The Avon River is immediately adjacent to the site, and hence groundwater levels are expected to be close to the surface.

<sup>2</sup> Aerial Photography Supplied by Koordinates sourced from <http://koordinates.com/layer/3185-christchurch-post-earthquake-aerial-photos-24-feb-2011/>

## 8.3 Seismicity

### 8.3.1 Nearby Faults

There are many faults in the Canterbury region, however only those considered most likely to have an adverse effect on the site are detailed below.

**Table 3 Summary of Known Active Faults<sup>3,4</sup>**

Known Active Fault	Distance from Site	Direction from Site	Max Likely Magnitude	Avg Recurrence Interval
Alpine Fault	120 km	NW	~8.3	~300 years
Greendale (2010) Fault	20 km	W	7.1	~15,000 years
Hope Fault	100 km	N	7.2~7.5	120~200 years
Kelly Fault	100 km	NW	7.2	150 years
Porters Pass Fault	55 km	NW	7.0	1100 years

Recent earthquakes since 22 February 2011 have identified the presence of a previously unmapped active fault system underneath Christchurch City and the Port Hills. Research and published information on this system is in development and not generally available. Average recurrence intervals are yet to be estimated.

### 8.3.2 Ground Shaking Hazard

This recent seismic activity has produced earthquakes of Magnitude 6.3 with peak ground accelerations (PGA) up to twice the acceleration due to gravity (2g) in some parts of the city and has resulted in widespread liquefaction throughout Christchurch.

New Zealand Standard NZS 1170.5:2004 quantifies the Seismic Hazard factor for Christchurch as 0.30, being in a moderate to high earthquake zone. This value has been provisionally upgraded recently (from 0.22) to reflect the seismicity hazard observed in the earthquakes since 4 September 2010.

Ground conditions are anticipated to comprise stratified alluvial deposits of varying density, and a 475-year PGA (peak ground acceleration) of ~0.4 (Stirling et al, 2002<sup>4</sup>). In addition, bedrock is anticipated to be in excess of 500m deep, and hence ground shaking is likely to be moderate to high.

## 8.4 Slope Failure and/or Rockfall Potential

Given the site's elevation and location in Central Christchurch, global slope instability is considered negligible. However, due to the site's proximity to the Avon River, it may be susceptible to lateral

<sup>3</sup> Stirling, M.W, McVerry, G.H, and Berryman K.R. (2002) A New Seismic Hazard Model for New Zealand, Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, Vol. 92 No. 5, pp 1878-1903, June 2002.

<sup>4</sup> GNS Active Faults Database

spreading to the north. In addition, any localised retaining structures or embankments should be further investigated to determine the site-specific slope instability potential.

## **8.5 Liquefaction Potential**

Due to the anticipated presence of alluvial deposits and evidence from the post-earthquake aerial photography, it is considered possible that liquefaction will occur at the site in layers where sands and silts are present.

This liquefaction may propagate in the form of lateral spreading, given the site and structures' proximity to the Avon River.

However, due to the presence of gravel and clay layers, evidence may not necessarily propagate to the surface. This gives the site a moderate liquefaction potential.

Further investigation is recommended to better determine subsoil conditions. From this, a more comprehensive liquefaction assessment could be undertaken.

## **8.6 Recommendations**

A soil class of **D** (in accordance with NZS 1170.5:2004) should be adopted for the site.

Given the anticipated ground conditions and limited existing investigation in the vicinity of the site, we recommend that further investigation is conducted in the form of CPT investigations to a target depth of 20m bgl. Specific details regarding the number of tests can be confirmed at the commencement of the quantitative phase.

## **8.7 Conclusions & Summary**

This assessment is based on a review of the geology and existing ground investigation information, and observations from the Christchurch earthquakes since 4 September 2010.

The site appears to be situated on stratified alluvial deposits, predominantly comprising gravel and sand, interlain by clay. Associated with this the site also has a moderate liquefaction potential, in particular where sands and/or silts are present. This liquefaction may propagate in the form of lateral spreading, given the site and structures' proximity to the Avon River.

It is recommended that intrusive investigation (piezocone CPT tests) be conducted. Specific details regarding the number of tests can be confirmed at the commencement of the quantitative phase.

A soil class of **D** (in accordance with NZS 1170.5:2004) should be adopted for the site.

## 9. Survey

No level or verticality surveys have been undertaken for this building at this stage.

## 10. Initial Capacity Assessment

### 10.1 % NBS Assessment

The building's capacity was assessed using the Initial Evaluation Procedure based on the information available. The building's capacity excluding critical structural weaknesses and the capacity of any identified weaknesses are expressed as a percentage of new building standard (%NBS) and are in the order of that shown below in Table 4. These capacities are subject to confirmation by a more detailed quantitative analysis.

<u>Item</u>	<u>%NBS</u>	
	Along	Across
Direction of building		
Building excluding CSW's	76	76
Liquefaction Potential (30% Reduction)	53	53

**Table 4 Indicative Building and Critical Structural Weaknesses Capacities based on the NZSEE Initial Evaluation Procedure**

Following an IEP assessment, the building has been assessed as achieving 53% New Building Standard (NBS). Under the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) guidelines the building is considered a potential Earthquake Risk as it achieves below 67% NBS. This score has not been adjusted when considering damage to the structure as all damage observed was relatively minor in nature and considered unlikely to adversely affect the load carrying capacity of the structural systems.

### 10.2 Seismic Parameters

The seismic design parameters based on current design requirements from NZS1170:2002 and the NZBC clause B1 for this building are:

- Site soil class: D, NZS 1170.5:2004, Clause 3.1.3, Soft Soil
- Site hazard factor,  $Z = 0.3$ , NZBC, Clause B1 Structure, Amendment 11 effective from 1 August 2011
- Return period factor  $R_u = 1.0$ , NZS 1170.5:2004, Table 3.5, Importance Level 2 structure with a 50 year design life.

Several key seismic parameters have influenced the %NBS score obtained from the IEP assessment. The building has been assessed as an Importance Level 2 building. An increased  $Z$  factor of 0.3 for Christchurch has been used in line with recommendations from the Department of Building and Housing recommendations. The site soil class D, for soft soils, also has a negative effect on the buildings seismic capacity.

### 10.3 Expected Structural Ductility Factor

A structural ductility factor of 2.0 has been assumed longitudinally and transversely based on the timber framed wall construction.

#### **10.4 Discussion of Results**

The results obtained from the initial IEP assessment are consistent with those expected for a building of this age, importance level and construction type founded on Class D soils.

This building would have been designed to standards at the time that would have used design loads less than those required by the current loading standard and lower detailing requirements for ductile seismic behaviour than those that are present in the current standards. The possibility of liquefaction and lateral spreading due to the proximity of the structure to the Avon River, has reduced the % NBS by 30%. Prior to this the value achieved was 76% NBS; this value would not have been regarded as a potential Earthquake Risk. These factors, combined with the increase in the hazard factor for Christchurch to 0.3, make it reasonable to expect the building to be classified as a potential Earthquake Risk.

#### **10.5 Occupancy**

As the building has been assessed to have a % NBS greater than 33% NBS but less than 67% NBS and there are no collapse hazards present, it is deemed as a potential Earthquake Risk. It is recommended as per Christchurch City Council's (CCC) policy, regarding occupancy of potentially Earthquake Prone buildings, that general access is allowed.

## 11. Initial Conclusions

The building has been assessed to have a seismic capacity in the order of 53% NBS and is deemed to be a potential Earthquake Risk in accordance with the NZSEE guidelines. The damage to the building during recent seismic activity in Christchurch is minor with cracking to the internal plasterboard the only damage noted.

In accordance with CCC policy to not occupy potentially Earthquake Prone buildings, general access is allowed.

## 12. Recommendations

As the building has achieved less than 67% NBS following a qualitative detailed engineering evaluation of the building, further detailed assessment is recommended.

## 13. Limitations

### 13.1 General

This report has been prepared subject to the following limitations:

- ▶ No intrusive structural investigations have been undertaken.
- ▶ No intrusive geotechnical investigations have been undertaken.
- ▶ No level or verticality surveys have been undertaken.
- ▶ No material testing has been undertaken.
- ▶ No calculations, other than those included as part of the IEP in the CERA Building Evaluation Report, have been undertaken. No modelling of the building for structural analysis purposes has been performed.

It is noted that this report has been prepared at the request of Christchurch City Council and is intended to be used for their purposes only. GHD accepts no responsibility for any other party or person who relies on the information contained in this report.

### 13.2 Geotechnical Limitations

This report presents the results of a geotechnical appraisal prepared for the purpose of this commission, and for prepared solely for the use of Christchurch City Council and their advisors. The data and advice provided herein relate only to the project and structures described herein and must be reviewed by a competent geotechnical engineer before being used for any other purpose. GHD Limited (GHD) accepts no responsibility for other use of the data.

The advice tendered in this report is based on a visual geotechnical appraisal. No subsurface investigations have been conducted. An assessment of the topographical land features have been made based on this information. It is emphasised that Geotechnical conditions may vary substantially across the site from where observations have been made. Subsurface conditions, including groundwater levels can change in a limited distance or time. In evaluation of this report cognisance should be taken of the limitations of this type of investigation.

An understanding of the geotechnical site conditions depends on the integration of many pieces of information, some regional, some site specific, some structure specific and some experienced based. Hence this report should not be altered, amended or abbreviated, issued in part and issued incomplete in any way without prior checking and approval by GHD. GHD accepts no responsibility for any circumstances, which arise from the issue of the report, which have been modified in any way as outlined above.

Appendix A  
Photographs



**Photograph 1: East facing elevation with link corridor extension on right**



**Photograph 2: South elevation showing Dutch hip roof**



**Photograph 3: South entrance to link corridor extension with glasshouses to right**



**Photograph 4: Internal view of link corridor and steel post and beam**



**Photograph 5: Boxed out post and beam with windows to south east side of building**



**Photograph 6: Extent of roof diagonal strap bracing through skylights**



**Photograph 7: Minor cracking to plasterboard**



**Photograph 8: Timber roof truss to first floor**



**Photograph 9: Building location on site**

Appendix B  
Existing Drawings/Sketches

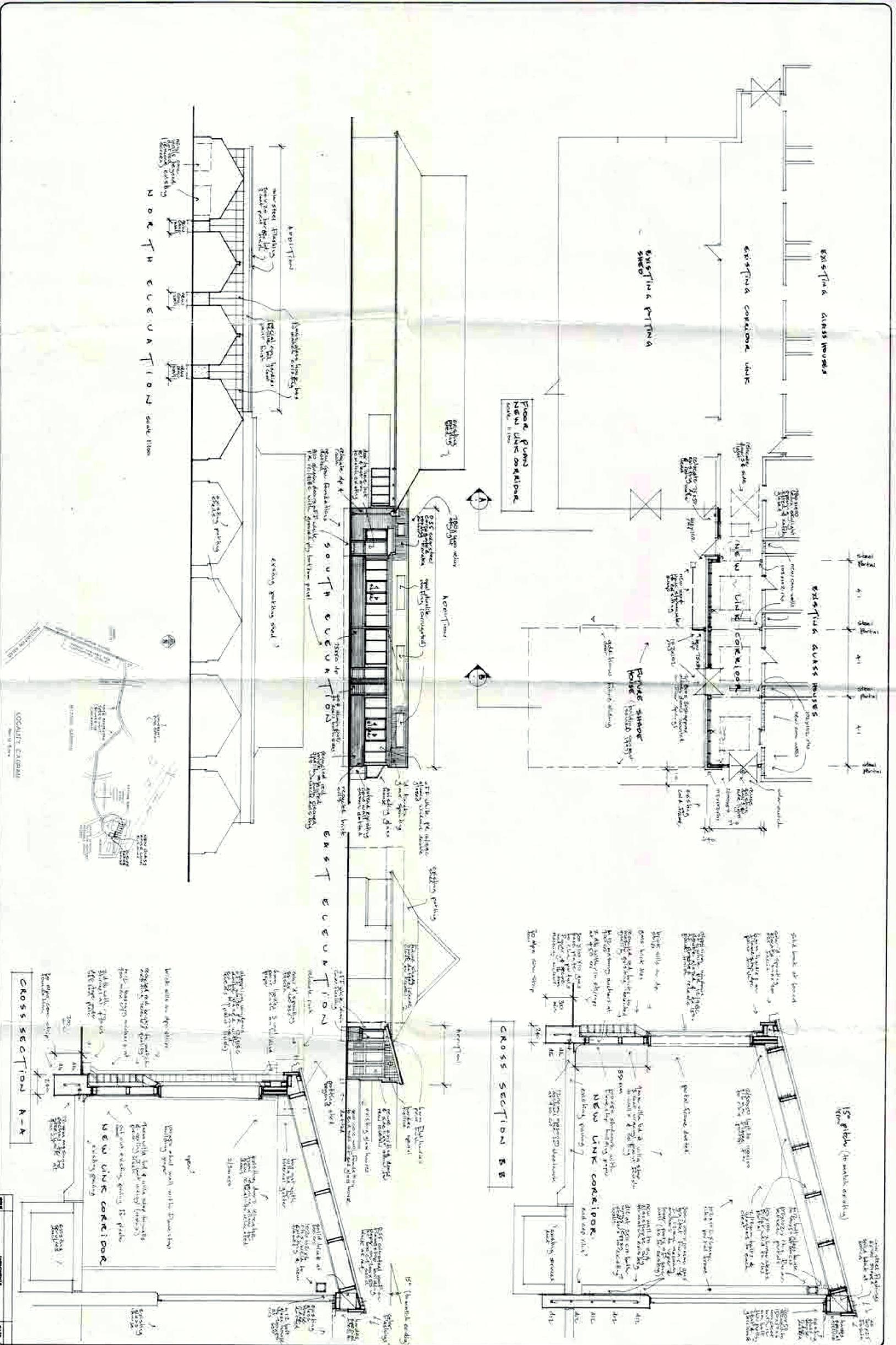
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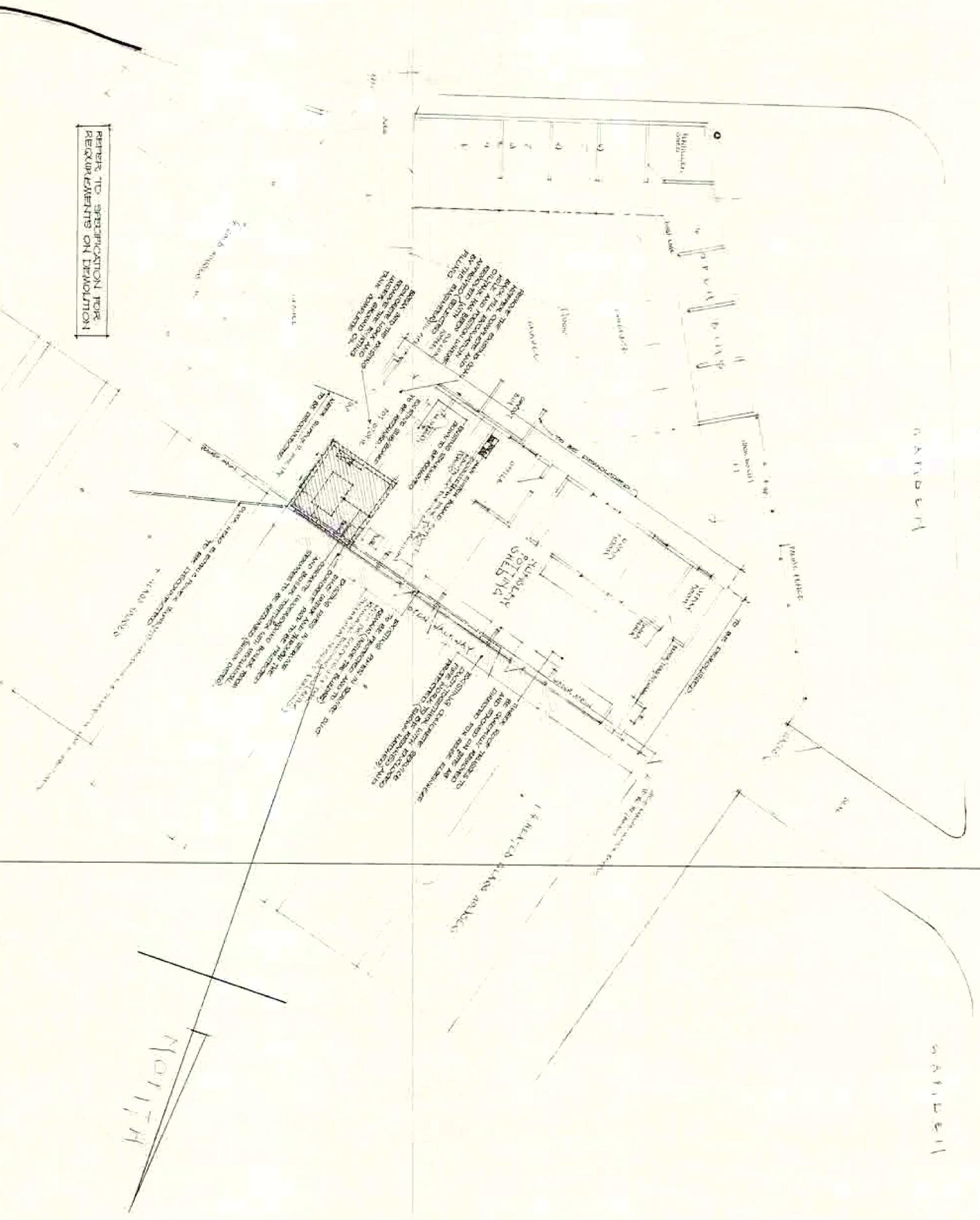




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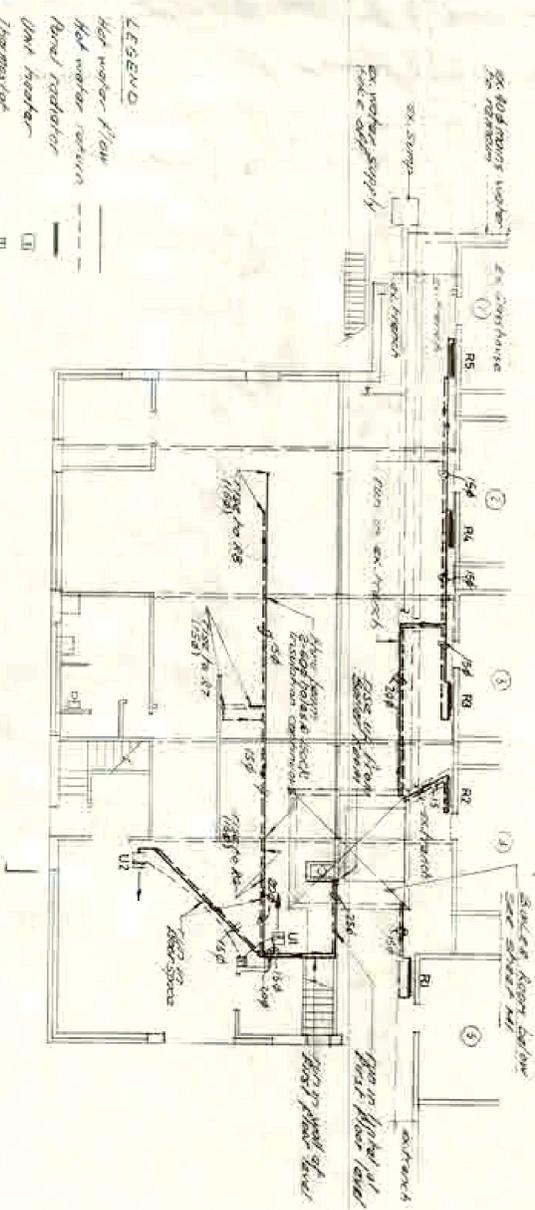
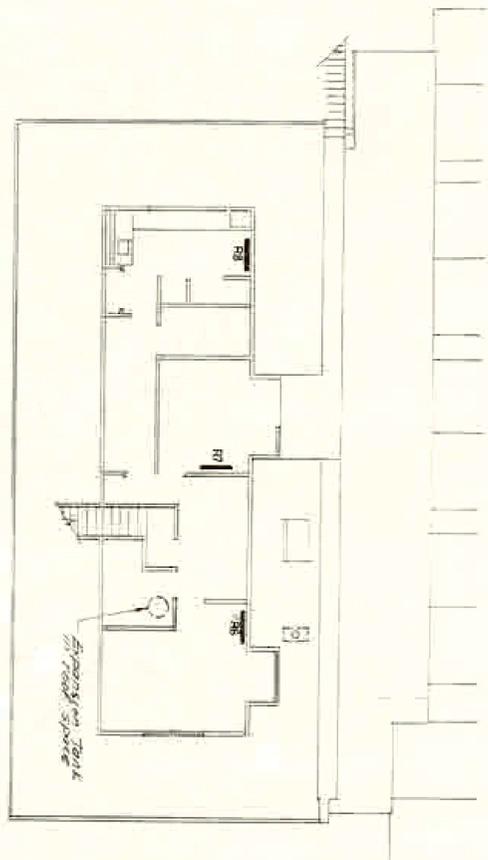
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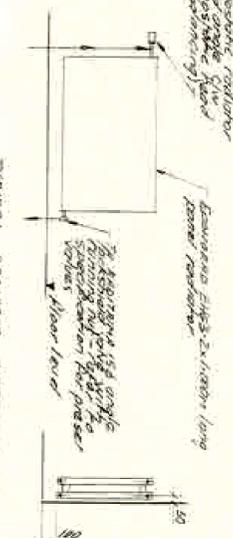


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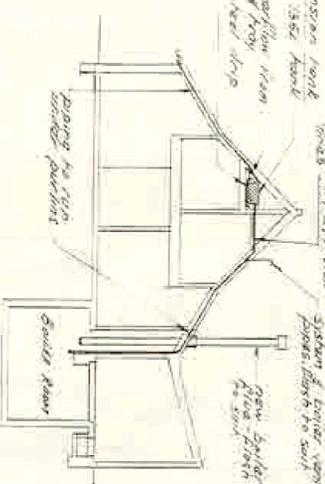
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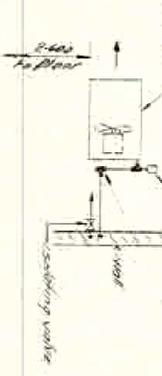
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after consulting



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101 & 102 after  
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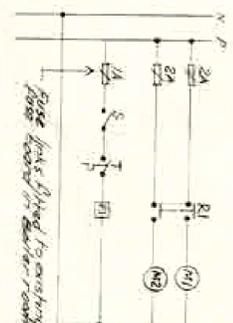
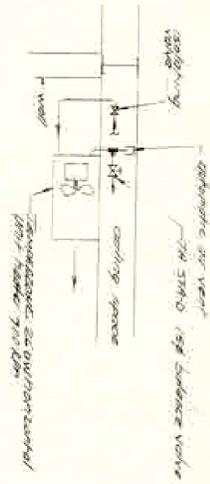


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Demolition Note  
By flow of water heating  
pipes to furnace area & to  
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existing flow of water heating  
pipes to be removed in  
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BLOCK PLAN  
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S: NEW 240V flush switch GVE  
to be installed in  
101 & 102 after  
consulting  
T: SWING 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2" tank  
to be installed in  
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R: STOPPER & GUN 1/2" x 1/2" x 1/2"  
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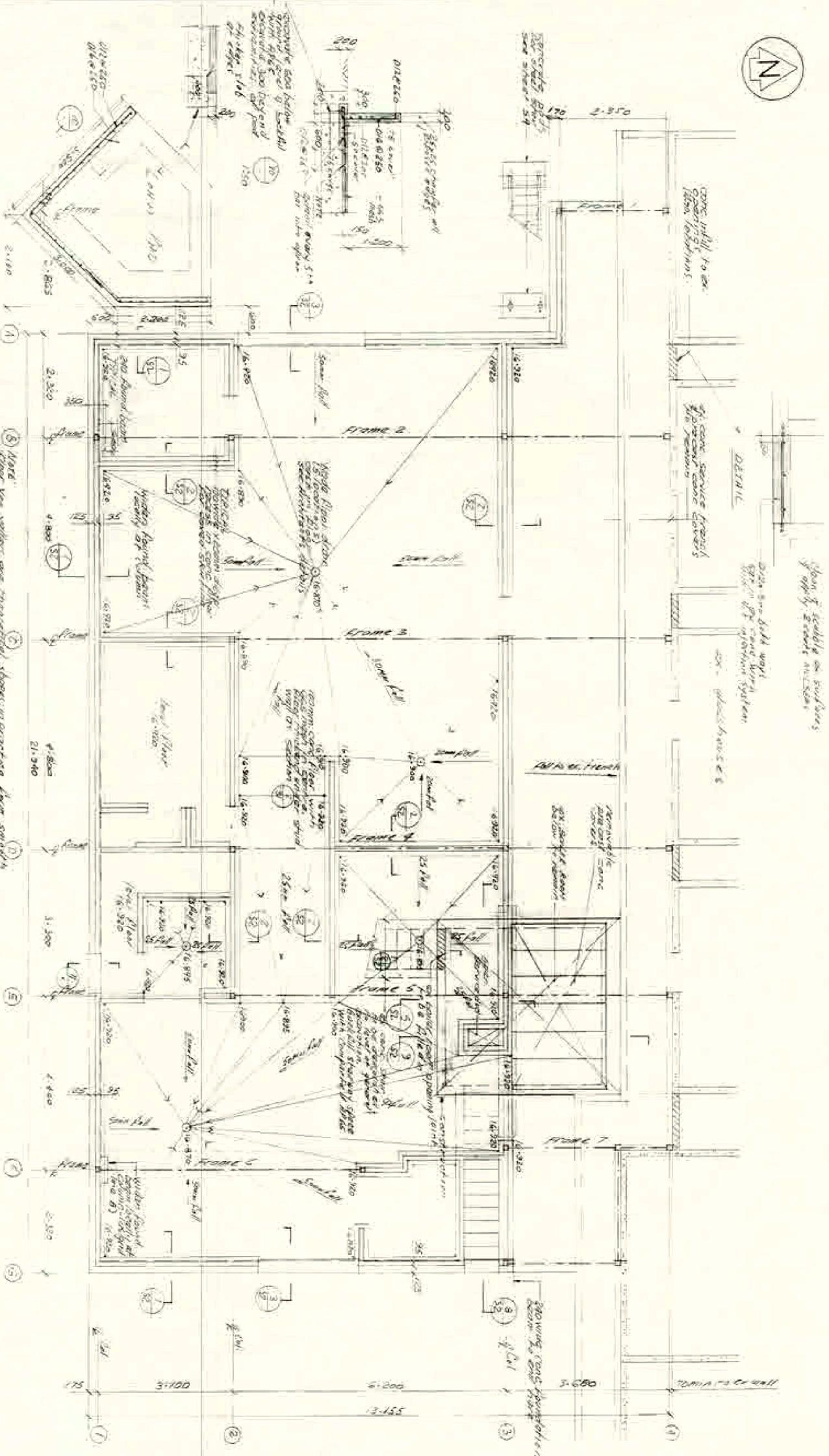
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**BOREHOLE HA1**

Location	Material	Orientation	Scale
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(2) 1000	Concrete	Vertical	1:100
(3) 1000	Concrete	Vertical	1:100
(4) 1000	Concrete	Vertical	1:100
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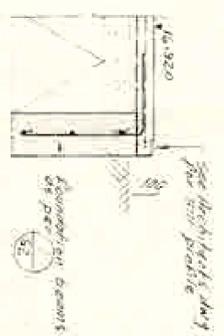
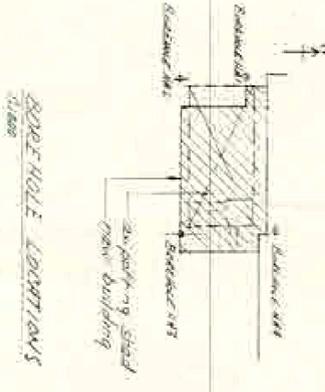
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**BOREHOLE HA3**

Location	Material	Orientation	Scale
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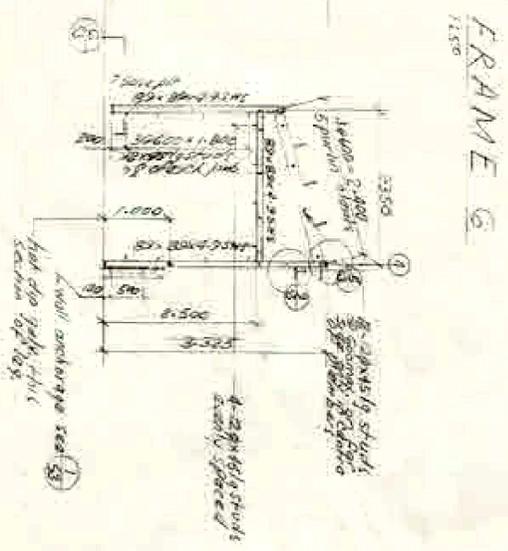
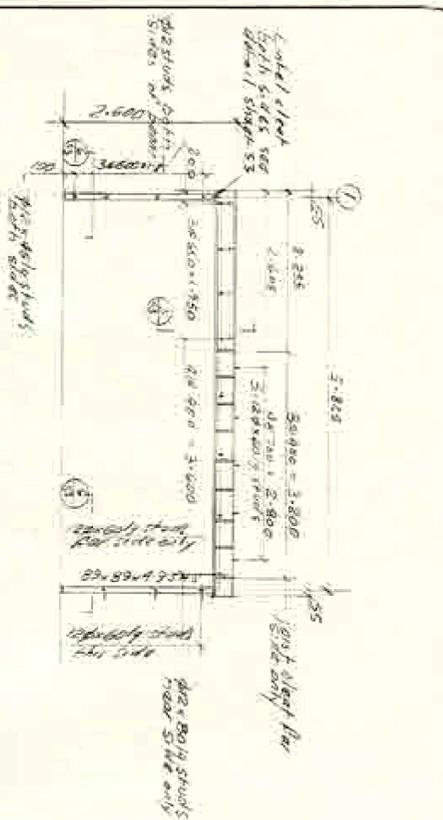
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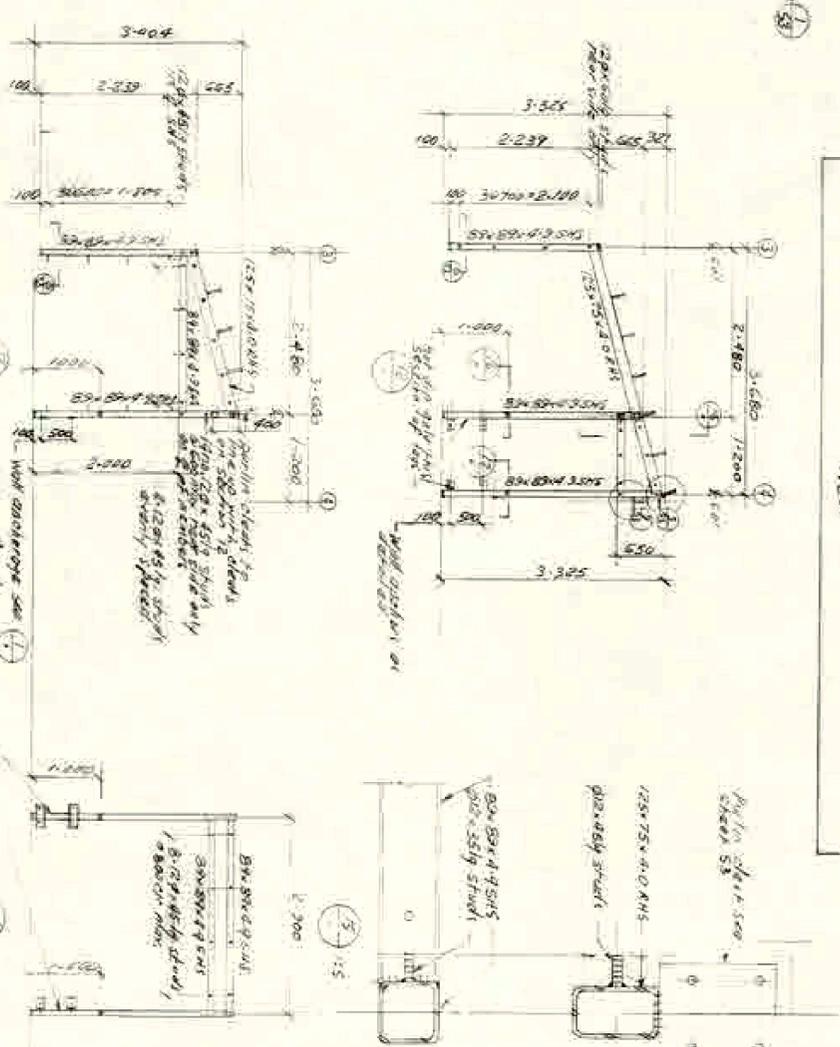
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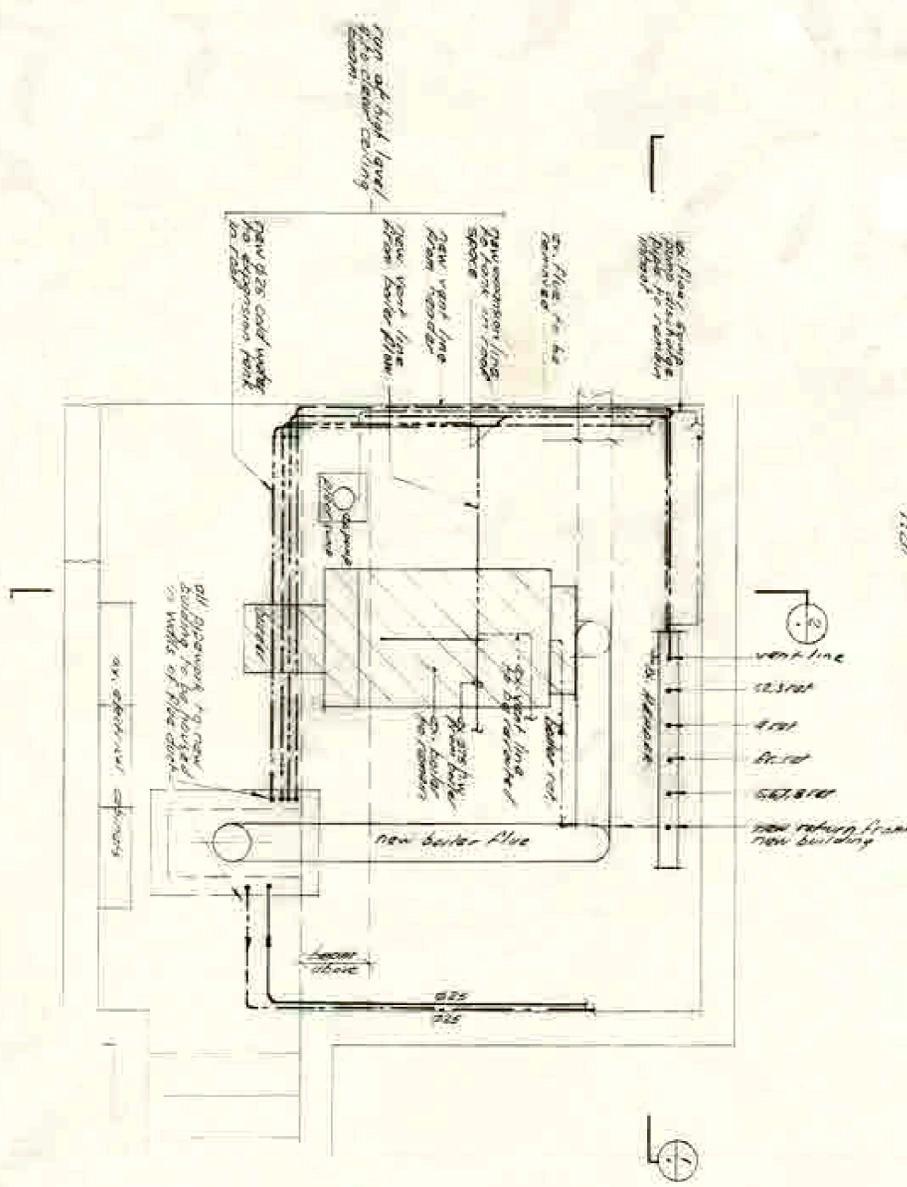
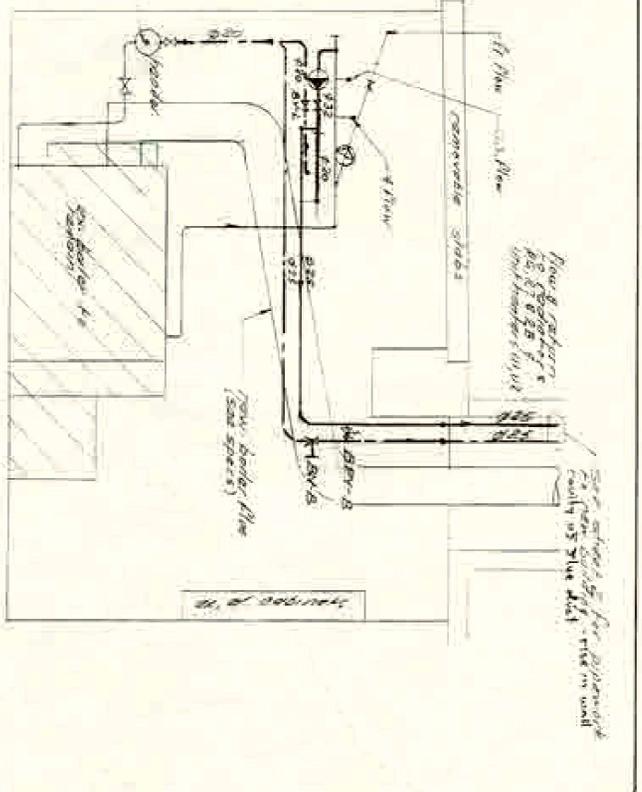
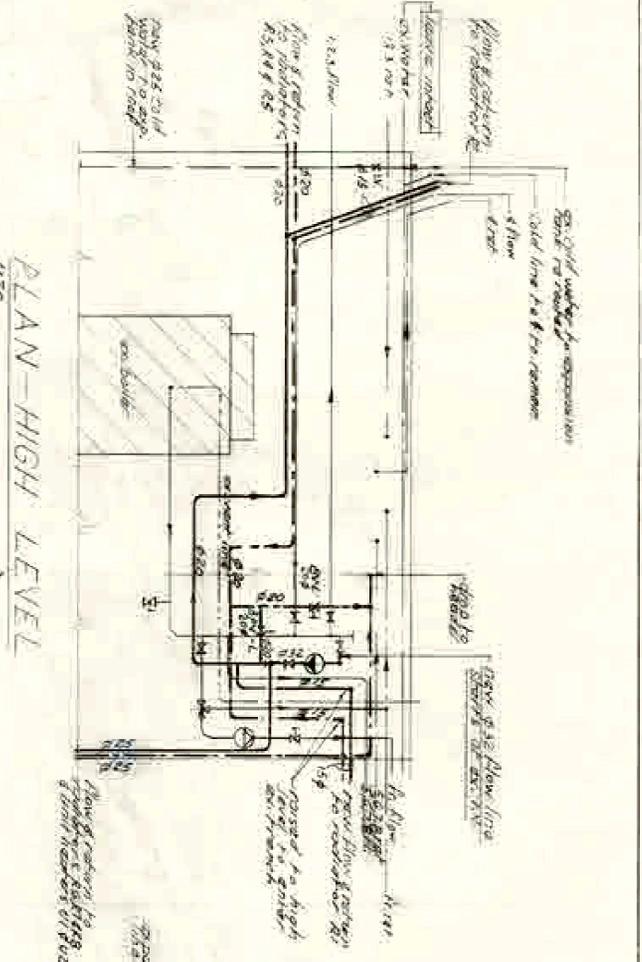
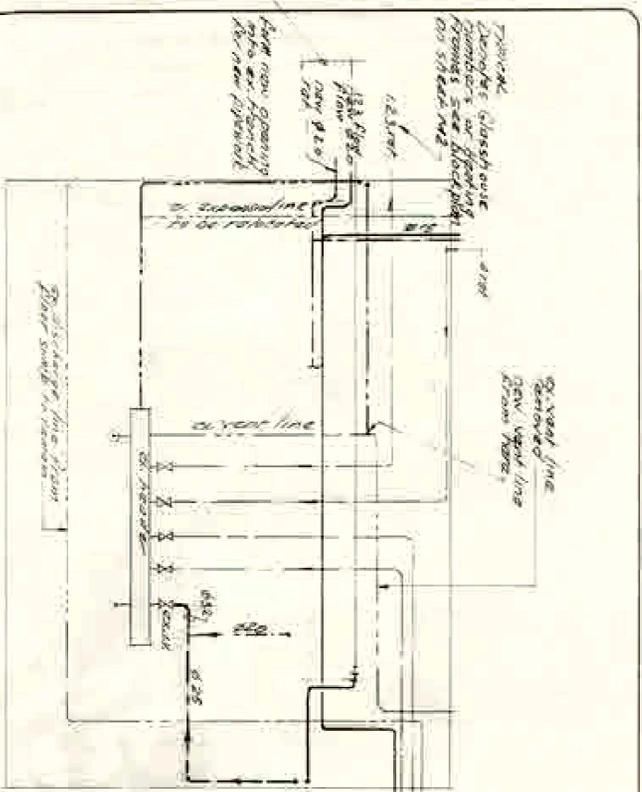






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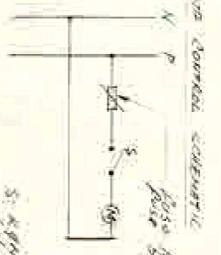


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LEGEND

Hot water flow	existing
Hot water return	new
4/20 CW	existing
4/20 CW	new
Supply valve	existing
Isolate valve	new
IV	existing
IV	new
IV	existing
IV	new

Labelings supply heater iv to be labelled since heating's balance valve size to be labelled 'since heating's balance valve size to be labelled' since heating's label to match existing



Scale 1:20 - 100mm = 1m  
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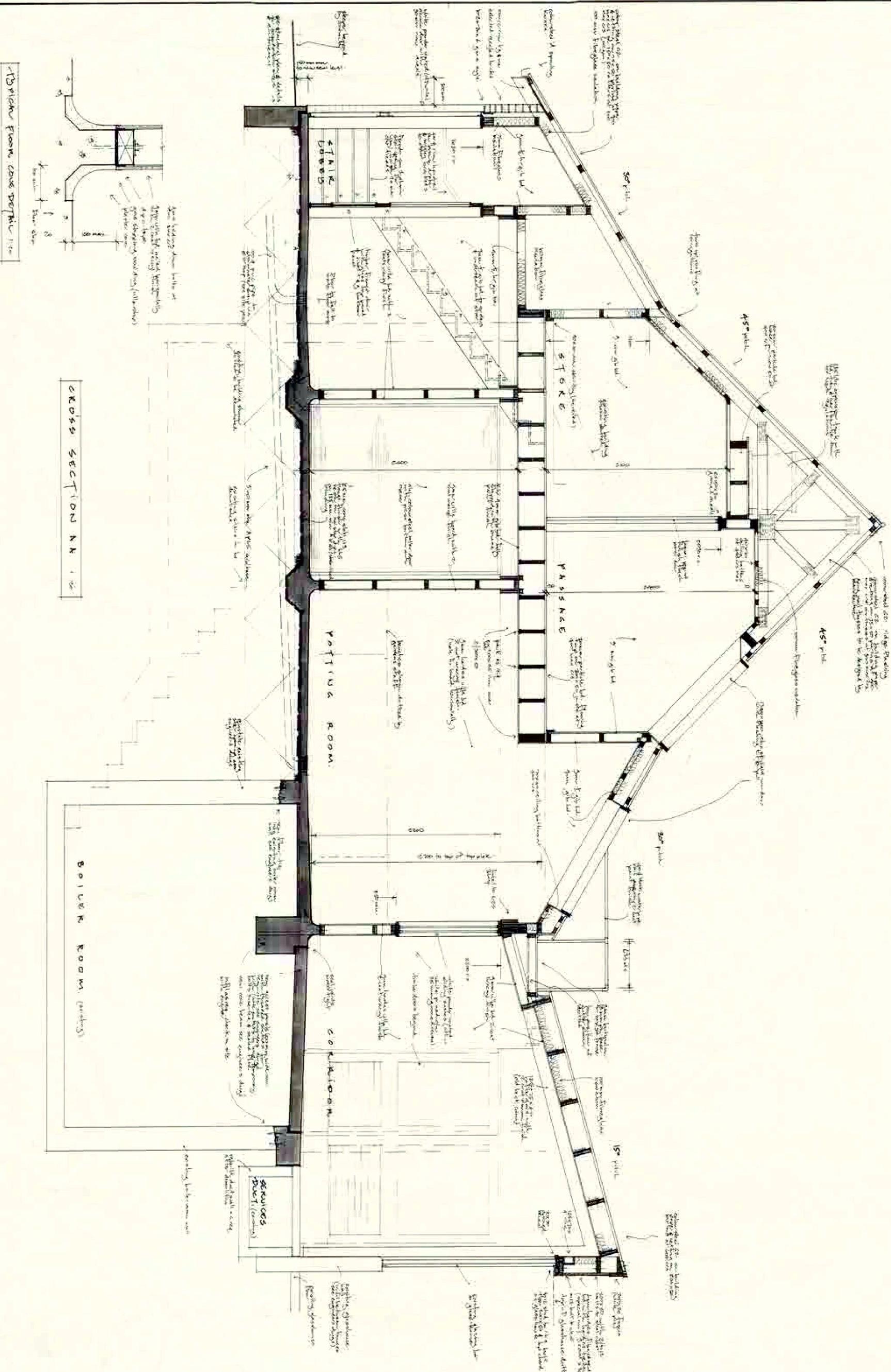
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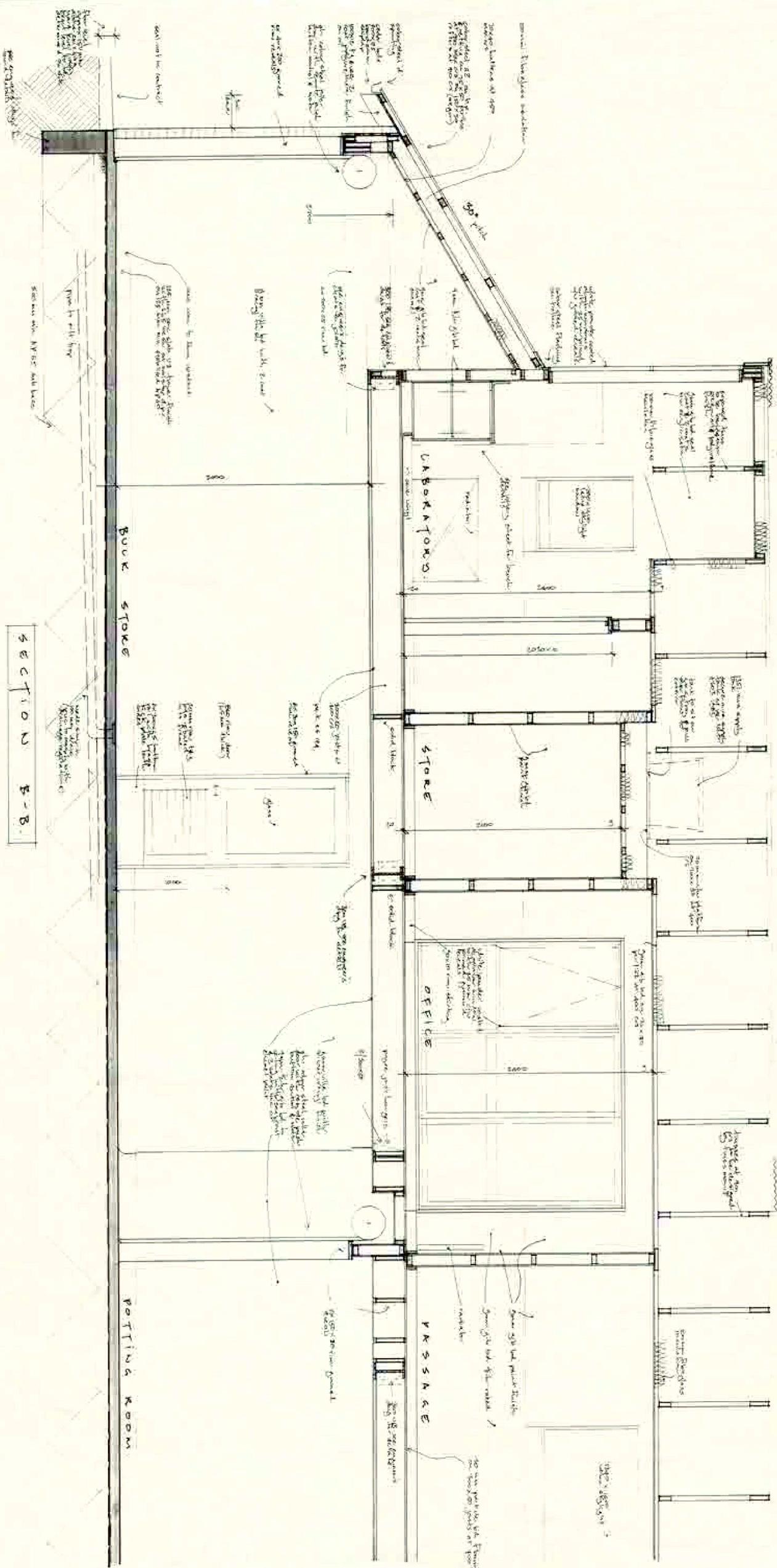


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Appendix C  
CERA Building Evaluation Form

Detailed Engineering Evaluation Summary Data

V1.11

<b>Location</b>		Building Name: <input type="text" value="Botanic Gardens Potting Facility"/>	Unit: <input type="text"/>	No: <input type="text"/>	Street: <input type="text"/>	Reviewer: <input type="text" value="Stephen Lee"/>
Building Address: <input type="text" value="7 Rolleston Avenue"/>						CPEng No: <input type="text" value="1006840"/>
Legal Description: <input type="text"/>						Company: <input type="text" value="GHD"/>
						Company project number: <input type="text" value="513059688"/>
						Company phone number: <input type="text" value="6433780900"/>
						Date of submission: <input type="text"/>
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GPS east: <input type="text"/>						Revision: <input type="text" value="Final Rev 1"/>
Building Unique Identifier (CCC): <input type="text" value="PRK 1566 BLDG 030 EQ2"/>						Is there a full report with this summary? <input type="text" value="yes"/>

<b>Site</b>		Site slope: <input type="text" value="flat"/>	Max retaining height (m): <input type="text"/>
Soil type: <input type="text" value="gravel"/>		Soil Profile (if available): <input type="text"/>	
Site Class (to NZS1170.5): <input type="text" value="D"/>		If Ground improvement on site, describe: <input type="text"/>	
Proximity to waterway (m, if <100m): <input type="text"/>		Approx site elevation (m): <input type="text"/>	
Proximity to clifftop (m, if < 100m): <input type="text"/>			
Proximity to cliff base (m, if <100m): <input type="text"/>			

<b>Building</b>		No. of storeys above ground: <input type="text" value="2"/>	single storey = 1	Ground floor elevation (Absolute) (m): <input type="text"/>
Ground floor split? <input type="text" value="no"/>		Stores below ground: <input type="text" value="1"/>		Ground floor elevation above ground (m): <input type="text" value="7.00"/>
Foundation type: <input type="text" value="strip footings"/>		Building height (m): <input type="text" value="7.00"/>	if Foundation type is other, describe: <input type="text" value="Strip footings/slab thickenings"/>	
Floor footprint area (approx): <input type="text"/>		Age of Building (years): <input type="text" value="20"/>	height from ground to level of uppermost seismic mass (for IEP only) (m): <input type="text" value="6.5"/>	
Strengthening present? <input type="text" value="no"/>		Date of design: <input type="text" value="1976-1992"/>		
Use (ground floor): <input type="text" value="commercial"/>		If so, when (year)? <input type="text"/>		
Use (upper floors): <input type="text" value="commercial"/>		And what load level (%g)? <input type="text"/>		
Use notes (if required): <input type="text"/>		Brief strengthening description: <input type="text"/>		
Importance level (to NZS1170.5): <input type="text" value="IL2"/>				

<b>Gravity Structure</b>		Gravity System: <input type="text" value="frame system"/>	rafters 100x50, purlins 75x50, metal cladding
Roof: <input type="text" value="timber truss"/>		truss depth, purlin type and cladding	cladding
Floors: <input type="text" value="timber"/>		joist depth and spacing (mm)	1st fl- timber, G fl- conc slab
Beams: <input type="text" value="steel non-composite"/>		beam and connector type	310 UB 40
Columns: <input type="text" value="structural steel"/>		typical dimensions (mm x mm)	89x89x4.9 SHS
Walls: <input type="text"/>			200

**Lateral load resisting structure**

Lateral system along:   
Ductility assumed,  $\mu$ :   
Period along:   
Total deflection (ULS) (mm):   
maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm):

0.00

**Note: Define along and across in detailed report!**

note typical wall length (m)

estimate or calculation?   
estimate or calculation?   
estimate or calculation?

Lateral system across:   
Ductility assumed,  $\mu$ :   
Period across:   
Total deflection (ULS) (mm):   
maximum interstorey deflection (ULS) (mm):

0.00

note typical wall length (m)

estimate or calculation?   
estimate or calculation?   
estimate or calculation?

**Separations:**

north (mm):   
east (mm):   
south (mm):   
west (mm):

leave blank if not relevant

**Non-structural elements**

Stairs:   
Wall cladding:   
Roof Cladding:   
Glazing:   
Ceilings:   
Services(list):

describe supports  
describe (note cavity if exists)  
describe

**Available documentation**

Architectural:   
Structural:   
Mechanical:   
Electrical:   
Geotech report:

original designer name/date  
original designer name/date  
original designer name/date  
original designer name/date  
original designer name/date

**Damage**

Site:  
(refer DEE Table 4-2)

Site performance:

Describe damage:

Settlement:   
Differential settlement:   
Liquefaction:   
Lateral Spread:   
Differential lateral spread:   
Ground cracks:   
Damage to area:

notes (if applicable):  
notes (if applicable):

**Building:** Current Placard Status:

Along Damage ratio:  Describe how damage ratio arrived at:

Describe (summary):

Across Damage ratio:   $Damage\_Ratio = \frac{(\%NBS(before) - \%NBS(after))}{\%NBS(before)}$

Describe (summary):

Diaphragms Damage?:  Describe:

CSWs: Damage?:  Describe:

Pounding: Damage?:  Describe:

Non-structural: Damage?:  Describe:

**Recommendations**

Level of repair/strengthening required:  Describe:

Building Consent required:  Describe:

Interim occupancy recommendations:  Describe:

Along Assessed %NBS before:  53% %NBS from IEP below If IEP not used, please detail assessment methodology:

Assessed %NBS after:

Across Assessed %NBS before:  53% %NBS from IEP below

Assessed %NBS after:

**IEP** Use of this method is not mandatory - more detailed analysis may give a different answer, which would take precedence. Do not fill in fields if not using IEP.

Period of design of building (from above): 1976-1992  $h_n$  from above: 6.5m

Seismic Zone, if designed between 1965 and 1992:  not required for this age of building

not required for this age of building

	along	across
Period (from above):	<input type="text" value="0.2"/>	<input type="text" value="0.2"/>
(%NBS) <sub>nom</sub> from Fig 3.3:	<input type="text" value="16.0%"/>	<input type="text" value="16.0%"/>
Note:1 for specifically design public buildings, to the code of the day: pre-1965 = 1.25; 1965-1976, Zone A = 1.33; 1965-1976, Zone B = 1.2; all else 1.0	<input type="text" value="1.00"/>	<input type="text" value="1.00"/>
Note 2: for RC buildings designed between 1976-1984, use 1.2	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>
Note 3: for buildngs designed prior to 1935 use 0.8, except in Wellington (1.0)	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>
<b>Final (%NBS)<sub>nom</sub>:</b>	<input type="text" value="16%"/>	<input type="text" value="16%"/>

**2.2 Near Fault Scaling Factor**

Near Fault scaling factor, from NZS1170.5, cl 3.1.6:

	along	across
Near Fault scaling factor (1/N(T,D), <b>Factor A:</b>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>

**2.3 Hazard Scaling Factor**

Hazard factor Z for site from AS1170.5, Table 3.3:	0.30
Z <sub>1992</sub> , from NZS4203:1992	0.8
Hazard scaling factor, <b>Factor B:</b>	3.333333333

**2.4 Return Period Scaling Factor**

Building Importance level (from above):	2
Return Period Scaling factor from Table 3.1, <b>Factor C:</b>	1.00

**2.5 Ductility Scaling Factor**

Assessed ductility (less than max in Table 3.2) Ductility scaling factor: =1 from 1976 onwards; or =k <sub>μ</sub> , if pre-1976, from Table 3.3:	along	across
	2.00	2.00
	1.57	1.57
Ductility Scaling Factor, <b>Factor D:</b>	1.00	1.00

**2.6 Structural Performance Scaling Factor:**

Sp:	0.700	0.700
Structural Performance Scaling Factor <b>Factor E:</b>	1.428571429	1.428571429

**2.7 Baseline %NBS, (NBS%)<sub>b</sub> = (%NBS)<sub>nom</sub> x A x B x C x D x E**

%NBS:	76%	76%
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Global Critical Structural Weaknesses: (refer to NZSEE IEP Table 3.4)

3.1. Plan Irregularity, factor A: insignificant 1

3.2. Vertical irregularity, Factor B: insignificant 1

3.3. Short columns, Factor C: insignificant 1

3.4. Pounding potential  
Pounding effect D1, from Table to right 1.0  
Height Difference effect D2, from Table to right 1.0

Therefore, Factor D: 1

3.5. Site Characteristics significant 0.7

Table for selection of D1	Severe	Significant	Insignificant/none
	0<sep<.005H	.005<sep<.01H	Sep>.01H
Separation			
Alignment of floors within 20% of H	0.7	0.8	1
Alignment of floors not within 20% of H	0.4	0.7	0.8

Table for Selection of D2	Severe	Significant	Insignificant/none
	0<sep<.005H	.005<sep<.01H	Sep>.01H
Separation			
Height difference > 4 storeys	0.4	0.7	1
Height difference 2 to 4 storeys	0.7	0.9	1
Height difference < 2 storeys	1	1	1

**3.6. Other factors, Factor F**

For ≤ 3 storeys, max value =2.5, otherwise max value =1.5, no minimum	Along	Across
Rationale for choice of F factor, if not 1	1.0	1.0

Detail Critical Structural Weaknesses: (refer to DEE Procedure section 6)

List any: Refer also section 6.3.1 of DEE for discussion of F factor modification for other critical structural weaknesses

**3.7. Overall Performance Achievement ratio (PAR)**

0.70	0.70
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**4.3 PAR x (%NBS)<sub>b</sub>:**

PAR x Baseline %NBS:	53%	53%
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**4.4 Percentage New Building Standard (%NBS), (before)**

53%
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