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Introduction

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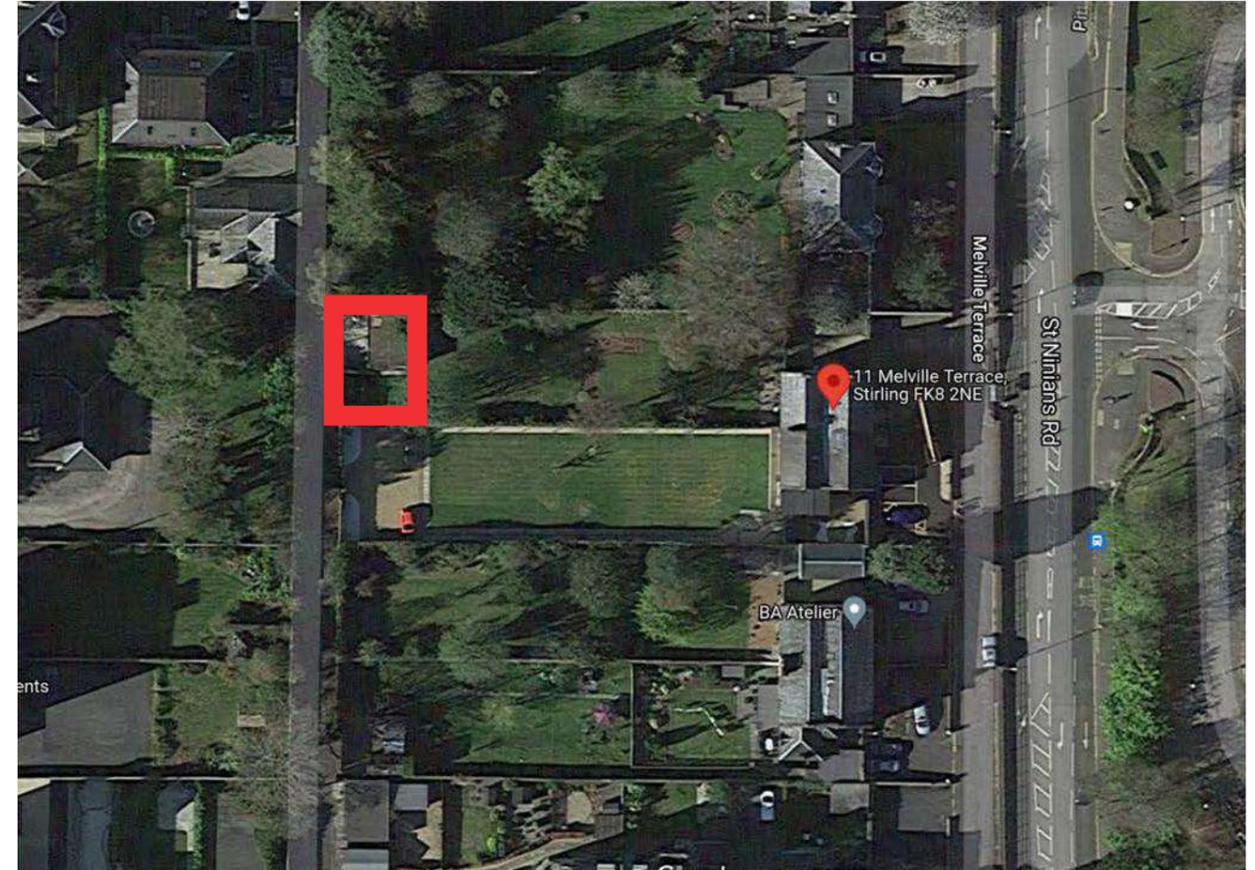
This report has been prepared by Studio SJM Architects on behalf of their client in support of a planning application for the demolition of existing poor quality modern garages on Gladstone Place Lane, on the grounds of 11 Melville Terrace, and the erection of a single storey house on the footprint.

This application is in response to a pre-planning application submitted in December 2021 for 3no 2 storey houses which the Planning Authority advised would likely not be approved.

This application is also supported by Tracy Hughes, Chartered Planning Consultant who has prepared a covering letter to accompany this report.

Studio SJM has a depth of experience in the sensitive adaptive re-use and conservation of historic buildings. Company director, Sarah Jane Storrie, has held RIAS Conservation Accreditation since 2013 and company director, Marianne Partyka, is leading in the field of BIM for Heritage.

Studio SJM Architects and our client are committed to creating a piece of high quality innovative architecture on the site which enhances and takes inspiration from the distinct character of King's Park Conservation Area.



2.0
Existing
Building &
Context

2.1 Listing

Address/Name of Site

MELVILLE TERRACE 11, 12
LB41357

Summary

Category
B

Local Authority
Stirling

NGR
NS 79518 92795

Date Added
04/11/1965

Planning Authority
Stirling

Coordinates
279518, 692795

Burgh
Stirling

Description

Early 19th century. 2-storey and basement, 4-window
semi-detached, whin ashlar, twin arched fanlight doorpieces.
One chimney removed, slated roof.



2.2 King's Park Conservation Area Appraisal

Extracts from King's Park Conservation Area Appraisal – June 2014

Summary of Significance

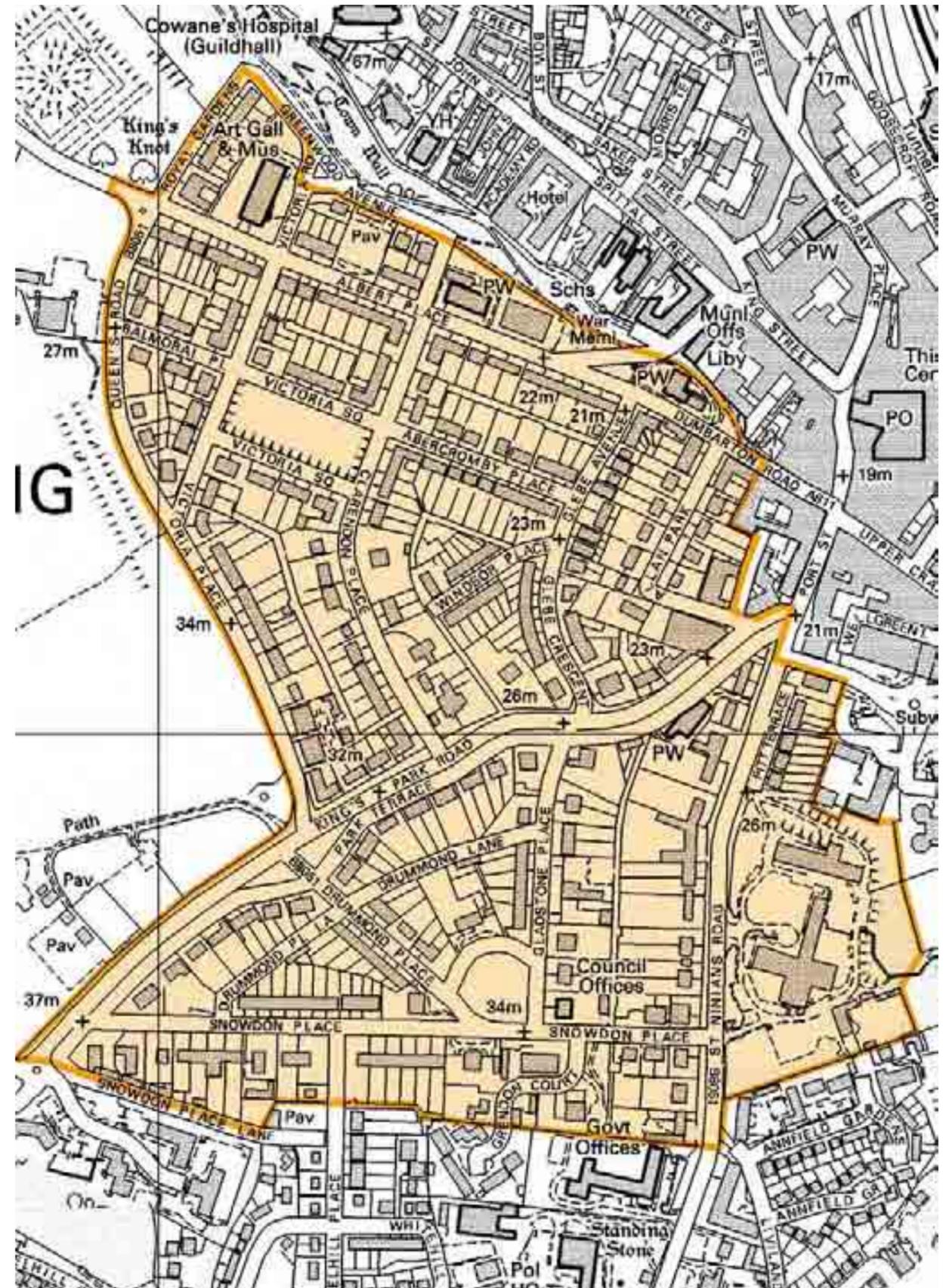
King's Park is an important historic district in the City of Stirling and comprises a spacious residential suburb located beneath Stirling Castle and south-west of the city centre. It developed in a series of feu plans released over the course of the 19th century, with buildings constructed over a period of approximately eighty years. The area has considerable historic significance for a number of interrelated reasons, all of which contribute to its character and appearance:

- Stirling's first significant expansion beyond the Royal Burgh walls.
- A substantial and coherent grouping of historic residential properties forming one of the best examples of a Victorian suburb in Scotland.
- An excellent example of coherent planning with large 2-storey detached and semi-detached villas set within their own garden plots defined by stone walls.
- An attractive and mature green environment enhancing by its setting immediately below the Castle Rock and with the King's Park to the west.

King's Park Conservation Area is characterised by:

Its buildings: early 19th century properties, chiefly, Allan Park, Albert Place (south side), Park Terrace, Melville & Pitt Terraces;

- Predominantly residential with some commercial uses.
- 2-storey detached and semi-detached; with some single storey villas (Albert Place) and the distinctive terraced properties on Allan Park.
- Medium residential plots on feu lines unchanged since completion of the suburb.
- Short 'semi-private' front gardens enclosed by low stone boundary walls.
- Larger rear private gardens defined by tall stone boundary walls.
- Scot's slate pitched roofs, with continuous finish (no rooflights or dormers); prominent gable wall chimney stacks; some hipped roofs with twin central chimney stacks.
- Local dressed whinstone or ochre/grey sandstone ashlar façades with gable and rear elevations in rubble wall construction (originally harled).
- Timber sash and case windows, generally with astragals in 6 over 6 panes.
- Pedimented doorways with Doric and Ionic columns/pilasters often with decorative fanlights and transom lights above and timber fielded panelled doors.



2.3 Surrounding Lanes

Kings Park Conservation Area Character Appraisal produced in June 2014 notes the following architectural features and local details:

“Lane to rear of Melville Terrace and Gladstone Place with original high stone boundary walls and traditional low out buildings.”

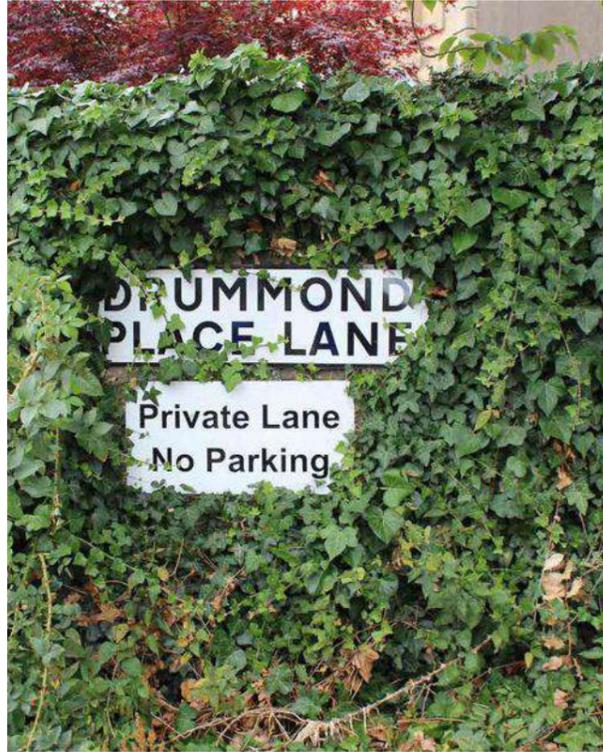
“Drummond Lane & Drummond Place Lane: tall stone boundary walls and original stone and slate outbuildings/stables to the rear of properties; a few now converted to residential use.”

In addition to Gladstone Place Lane (to the rear of the proposed site and documented in the subsequent section of the report) there are another 8 historic service lanes known to the design team within the King’s Park Conservation Area:

- Drummond Place Lane
- Snowdon Place Lane
- Park Avenue Lane
- Windsor Place Lane
- Albert Place Lane
- Claredon Place Lane
- Victoria Square Lane
- Balmoral Place Lane

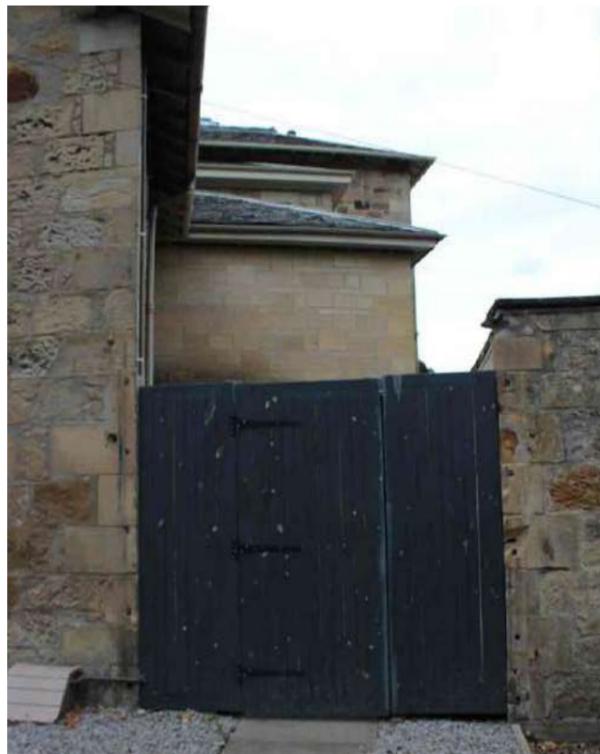
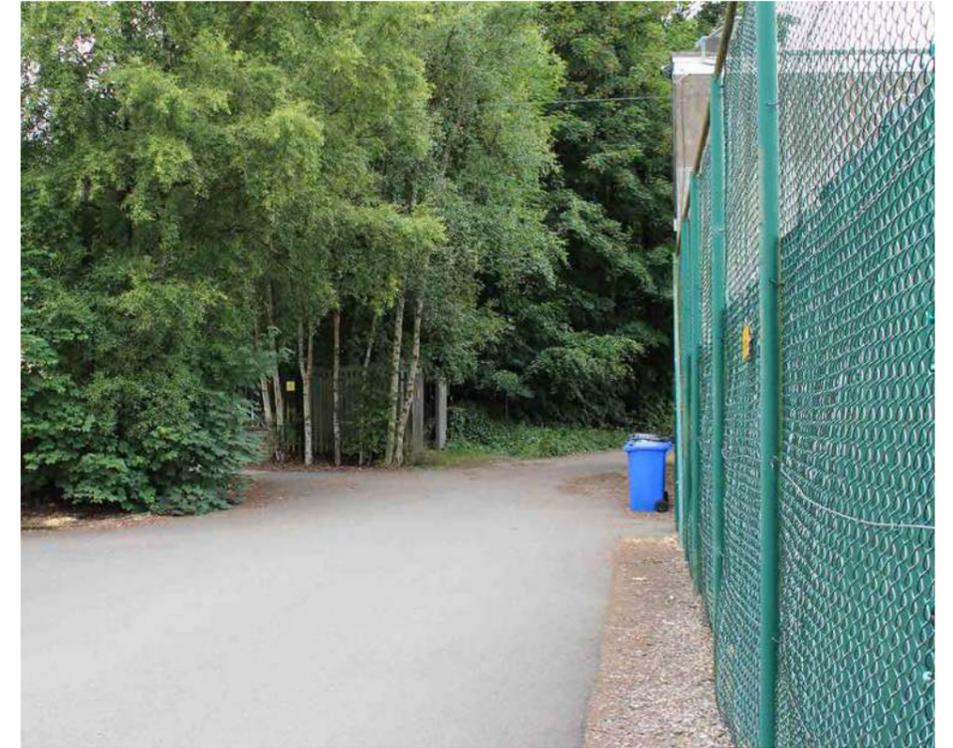
The following pages contain a photographic study of the lanes listed above, taken by Studio SJM in June 2022 to document their current condition and gain an understanding of their character. The photographic study demonstrates that there has been substantial new development and alterations which sets a precedent for sympathetic new build development within historic service lanes.

2.3 Surrounding Lanes



Images:
Photographs of
Drummond Place Lane

2.3 Surrounding Lanes



Images:
Photographs of
Snowdon Place Lane

2.3 Surrounding Lanes



Images:
Photographs of Park
Avenue Lane

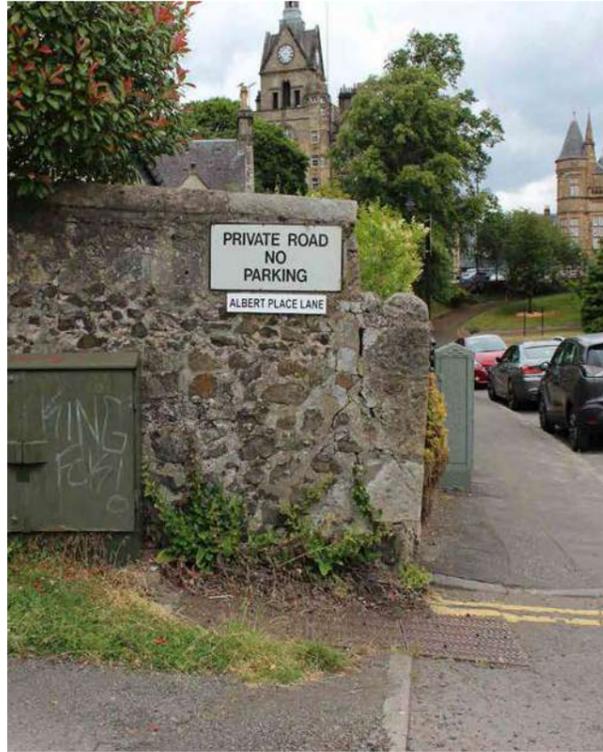
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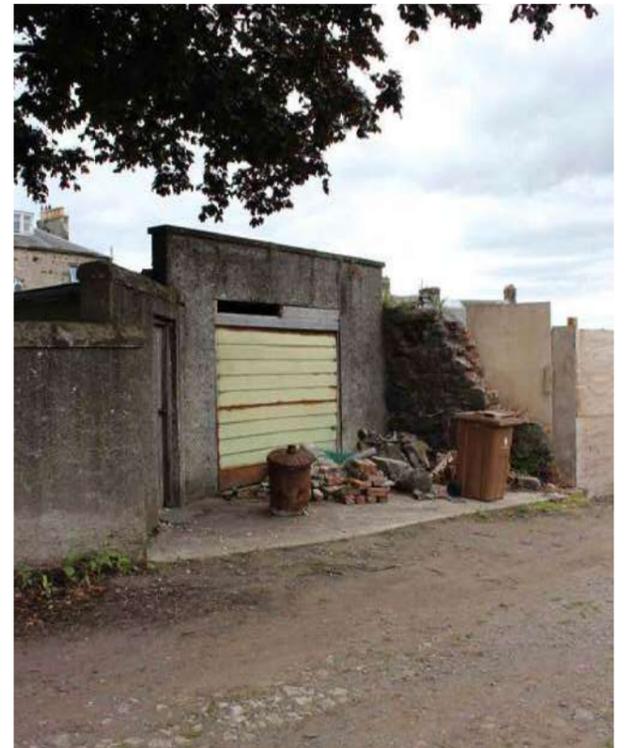
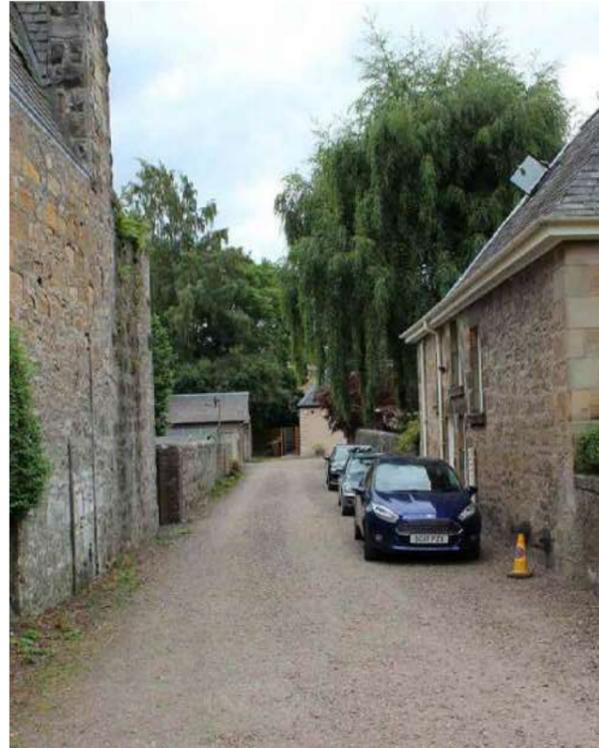


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2.3 Surrounding Lanes



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Claredon Place Lane

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Square Lane

2.3 Surrounding Lanes



Images:
Photographs of Balmoral
Place Lane

2.4 Gladstone Place Lane

The proposed development site is located on Gladstone Place Lane which is to the South East of Kingspark Conservation Area. The lane forms a route north to south between the rear gardens of the large villas of Melville Terrace and Gladstone Place.

The large villas which make up the surrounding area is a mix of residential - both flats and houses with many converted to commercial premises and a hotel. A significant amount of development has been carried out to these villas in terms of alterations and extensions.

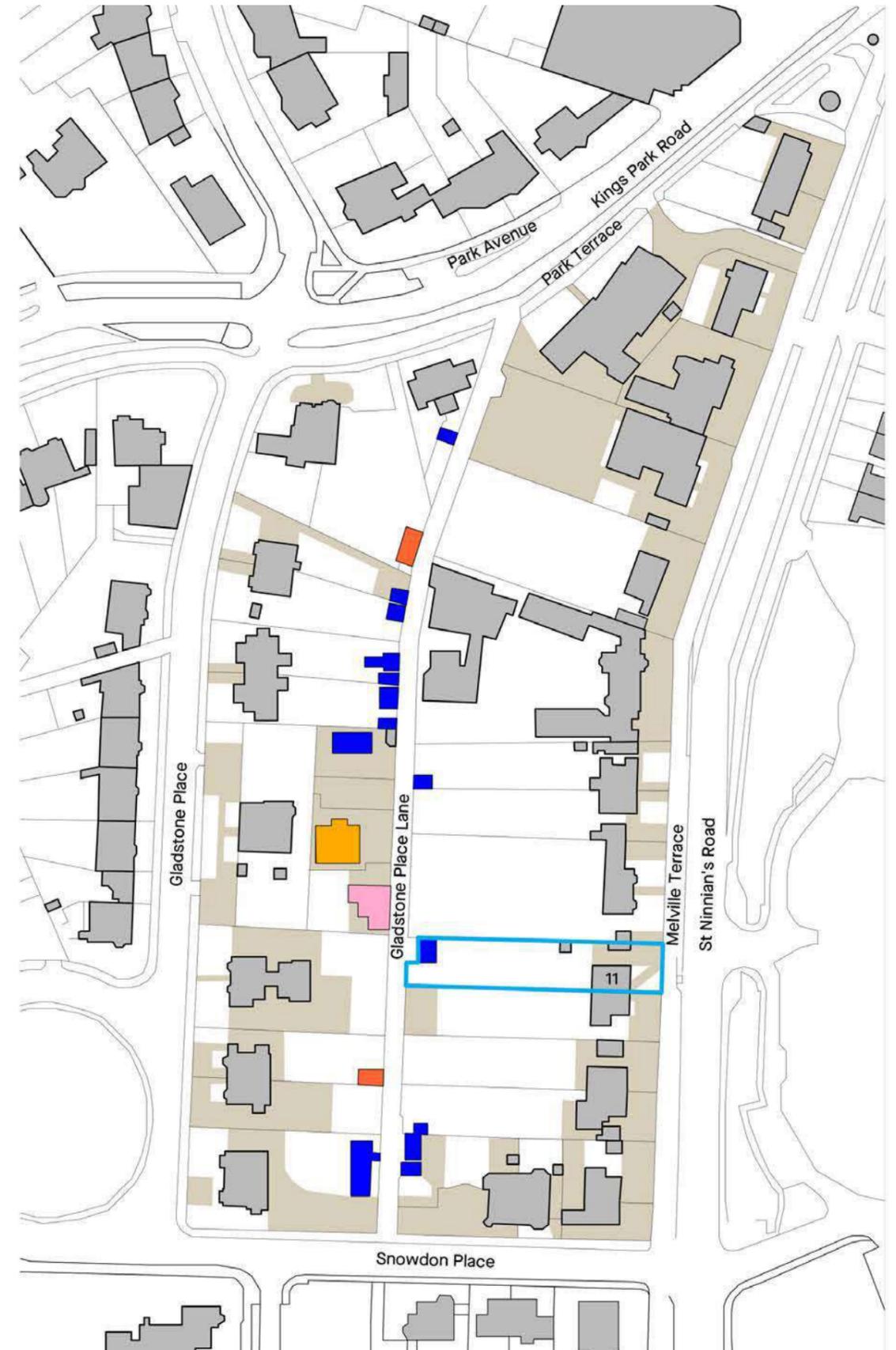
There is a mix of development present along the lane itself. There are examples of historic mews and coach house buildings however the predominant development along the lane is of modern garages which do not present historic value and many are in a dilapidated condition which has a negative impact on the character of the lane.

Gladstones Lodge which is an attractive historic building extended for residential use sits on the lane opposite the proposed development site.

Neighbouring Gladstones Lodge is a modern residential flatted development and corresponding garages, creating a cluster of residential development adjacent to the site.

KEY

- Car Garage
- Modern housing development
- Historic housing
- Historic coach house / out building
- Site ownership line
- Parking / Hardstanding



2.5 Gladstone Place Lane Existing Photos



Images:
Photographs along
rear lane

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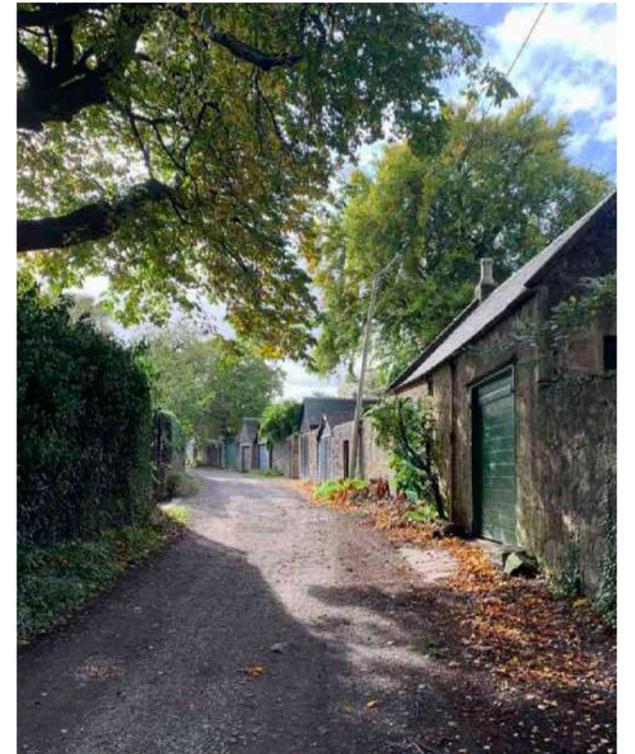
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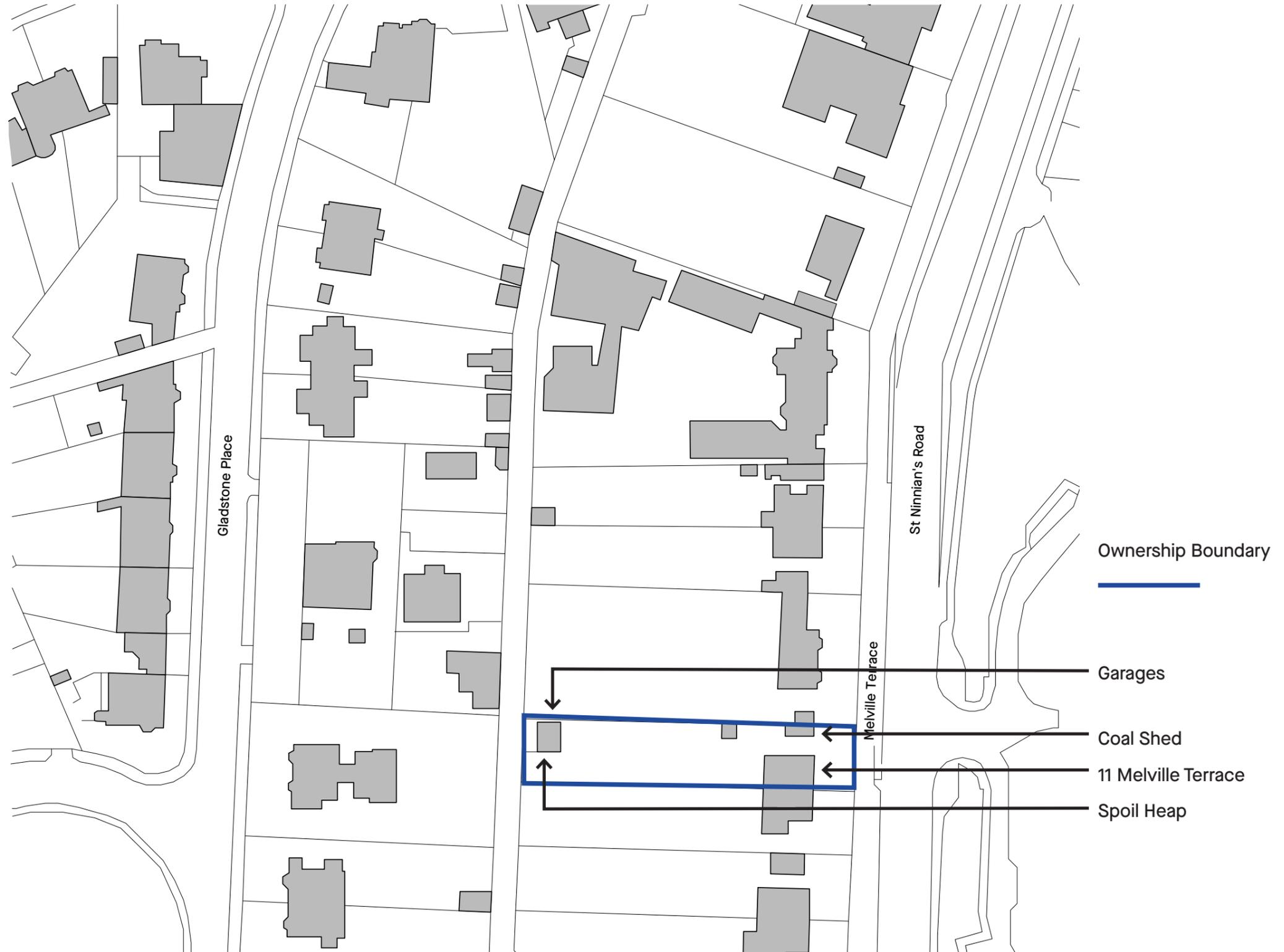
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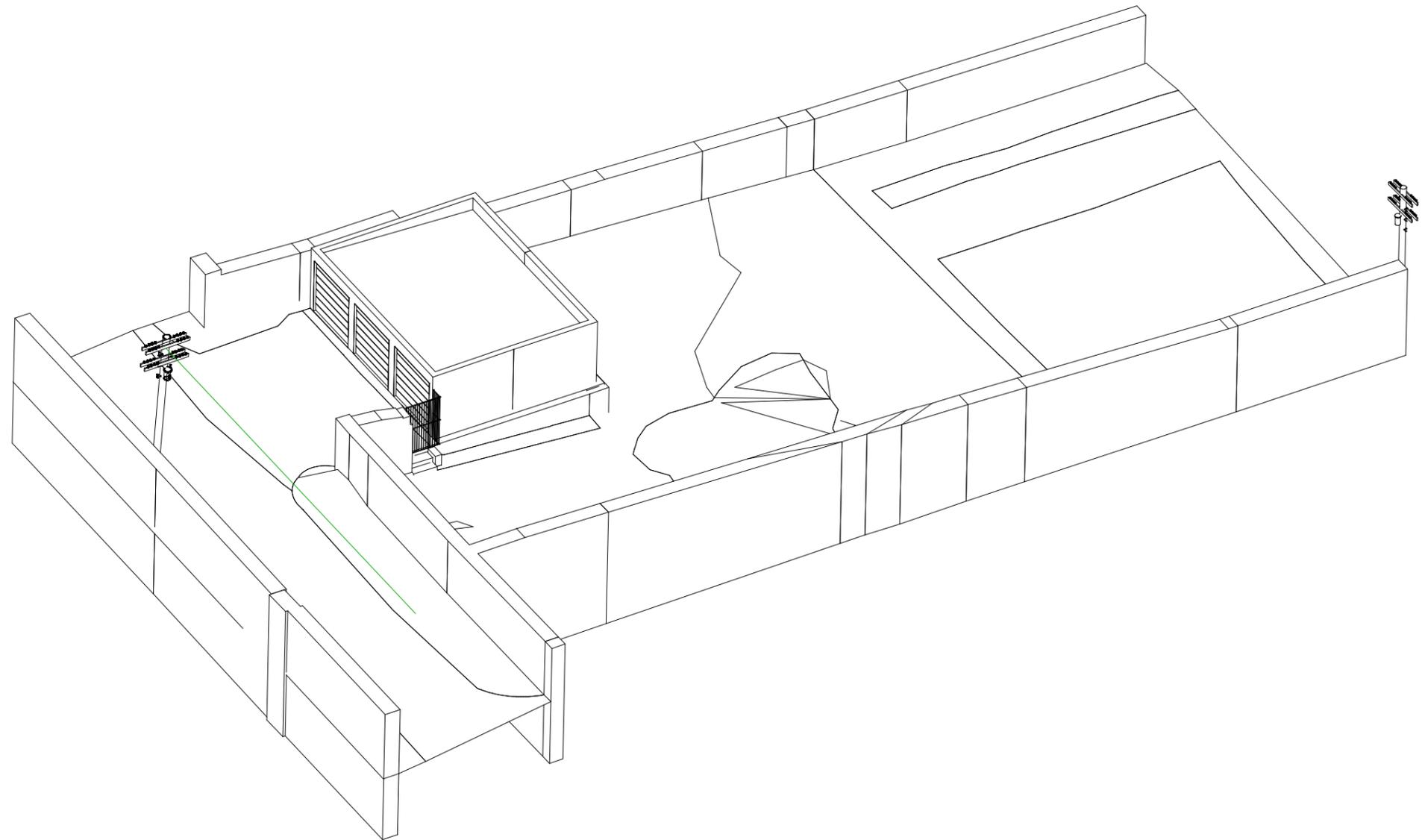


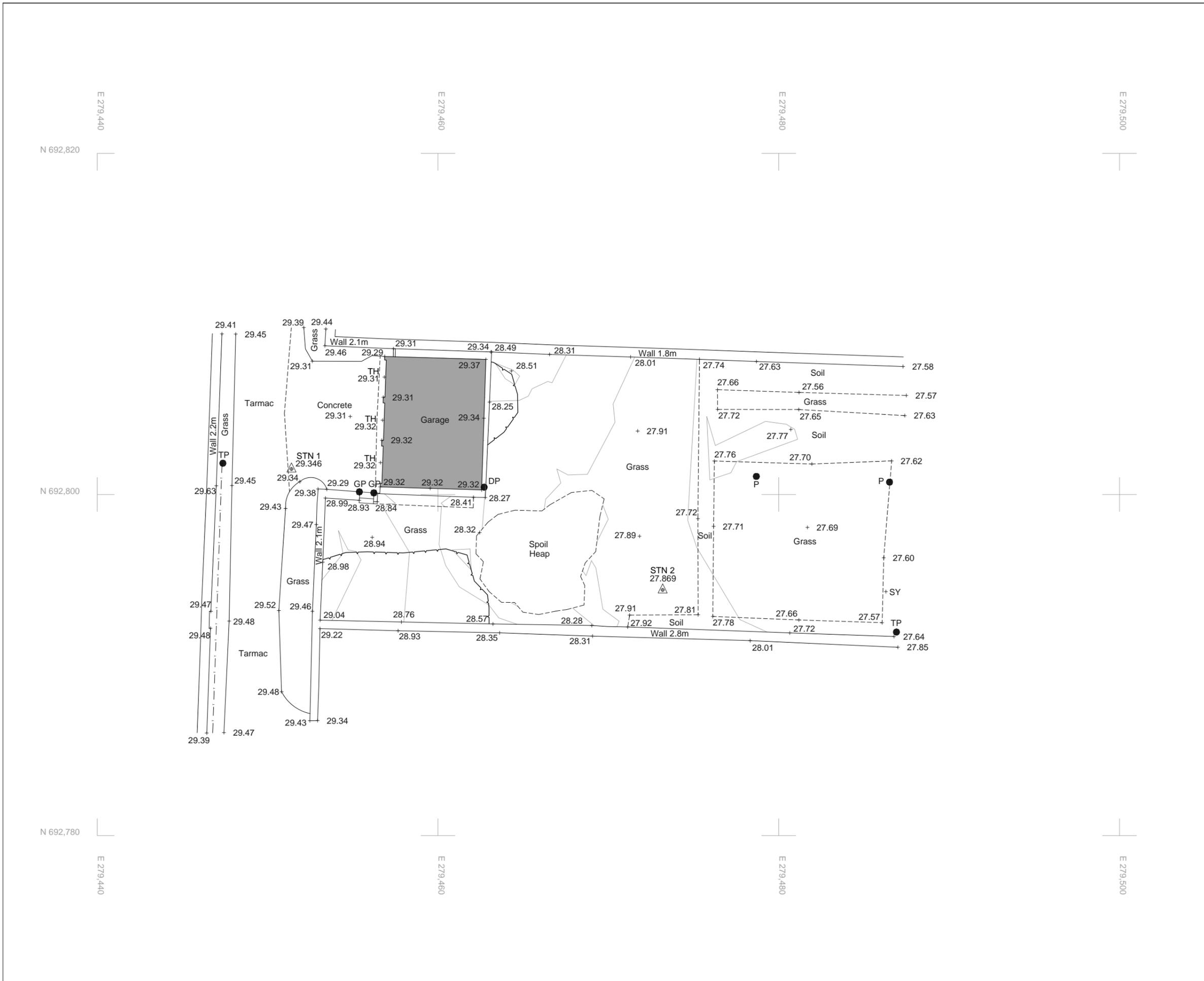
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Top Left & Right: View of existing garages from lane. Bottom Left: View of existing garages from lane. Bottom Right: View looking towards lane from garden.

2.8 Site Survey Information

We engaged Sigma Surveys to carry out the following survey information to inform Design Stage 1-2.

1. 3D Topographical to determine site levels and contours
2. Utilities survey to determine underground service locations
3. 2D plans and elevations of the garages as a record of existing





LEGEND

TOP OF EMBANKMENT	ROAD CHANNEL	
BOTTOM OF EMBANKMENT	FENCE	
FOLIAGE & HEDGES	CRASH BARRIER	
TREE	WALL	
BUSH	OVERHEAD TELECOMMS	
NOTE:- SPOTTED AND HEIGHTS ARE INDICATIVE ONLY	OVERHEAD ELECTRICITY	
GATE	BUILDING	
VERGE	OPEN SIDED BUILDING	
	CONTOURS	
	CONCRETE / TARMAC EDGE	ROCK OUTCROP

ABBREVIATIONS (WHERE APPLICABLE)

AV VALVE	AV	LIGHT BOX	L BOX
ME LEVEL	BLV	MANHOLE	MH
BOLLARD	Bol	MARKER POST	MP
BORSHOLE	BH	MILE STONE	MS
BRITISH TELECOM	BT	MOORING RING	MR
BUCHANAN TRAP	Trap	PARKING METER	PM
BUS STOP	BS	POST	P
CABLE TV	CTV	POST BOX	PB
CCTV	CCTV	POWER POINT	Power Pt.
COVER LEVEL	CL	REFLECTING POST	RP
DOWN PIPE	DP	ROAD SIGN	RS
ELECTRICITY POLE	EP	RODING EYE	RE
ELECTRICITY BOX	EB	RETAINING WALL	RTW
EARTH ROD	ER	ROAD	R
FIRE HYDRANT	FH	STOP VALVE	SV
FLOOR LEVEL	FL	STOP COCK	SC
FLAG POLE	FP	TREE STUMP	ST
GAS VALVE	Gv	TELEGRAPH POLE	TP
GATE POST	GP	THRESHOLD LEVEL	TL
GULLY	G	TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX	TCB
HALO PILLAR	HP	TRAFFIC LIGHT	TL
INSPECTION COVER	IC	TRIAL PIT	TPit
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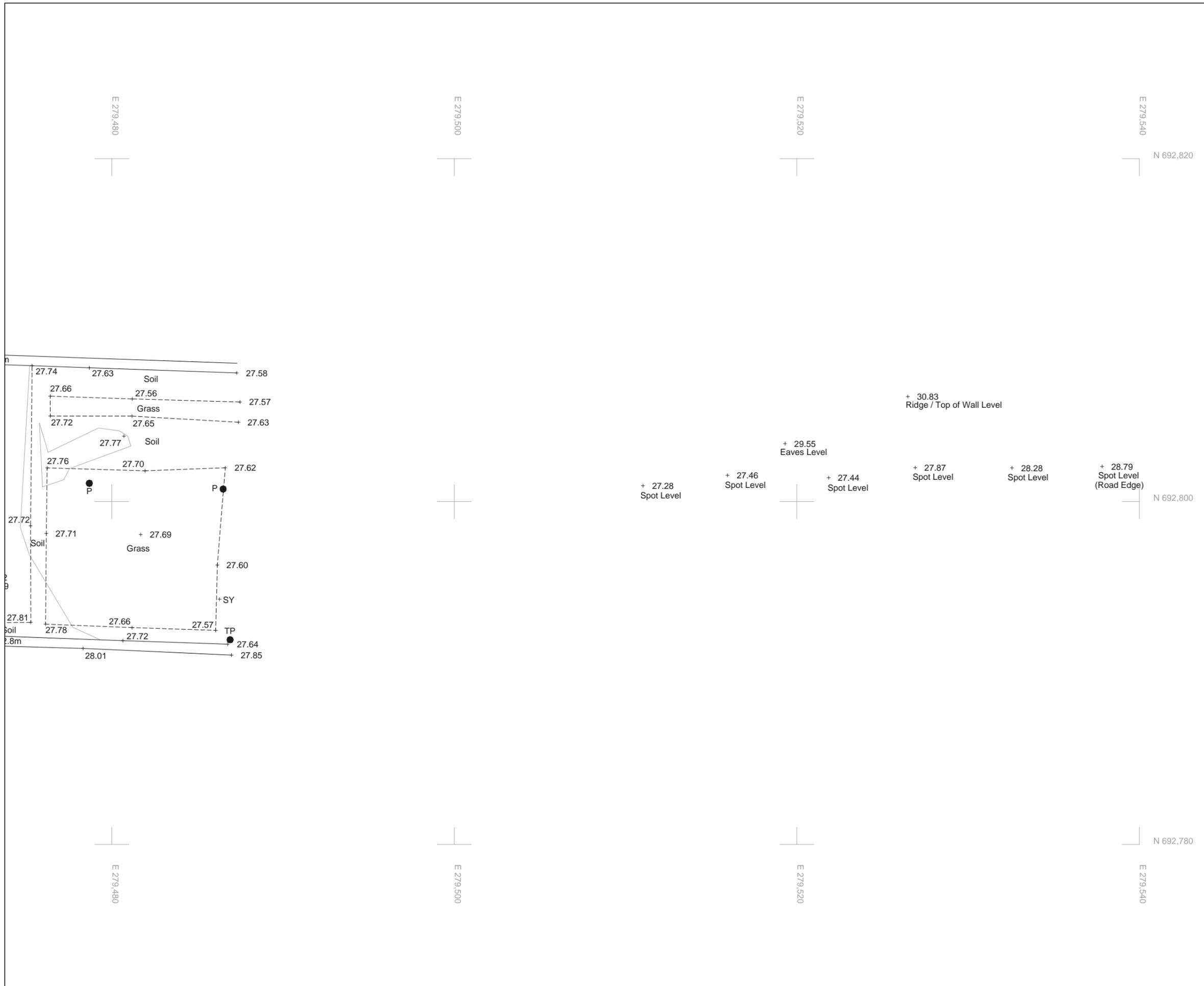
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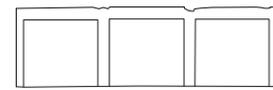
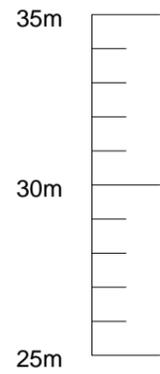
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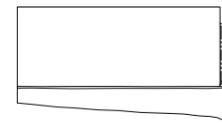
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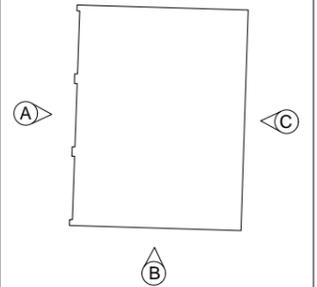
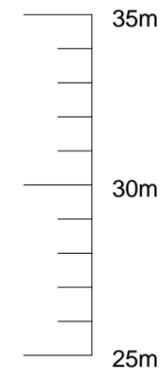
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3.0 Proposal

3.1 Design Description

The character of the existing Conservation area has been carefully considered and the proposal has been thoughtfully designed to not only be sympathetic to the historic surroundings but also enhance the quality of development along Gladstone Place Lane, within Kingspark Conservation Area.

The following Planning Policy and Material Considerations have been taken into account:

1.1 Placemaking

This policy details that new development is required to contribute, in a positive manner, to quality of the surrounding built and natural environment.

3.1 Addressing the Travel demands of New Development

This policy seeks to ensure that proposed developments are assessable, sustainably located and connect to existing travel options.

7.2 Development within and out with Conservation Areas

This policy seeks to ensure that development in the conservation area seeks to preserve or enhance its character, appearance and setting.

7.3 Development affecting Listed Buildings

The policy states that the layout, design, materials, scale, siting and use of any development must preserve the character of the Listed Building and its setting.

7.4: Development in Gardens/Curtilages within Conservation Areas and around Listed Buildings

In the interests of preserving or enhancing the historic, architectural and landscape qualities of Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings and their settings, new development will not generally be supported within the gardens and grounds of existing buildings or if served by rear access lanes. Support may be given to developments which propose:

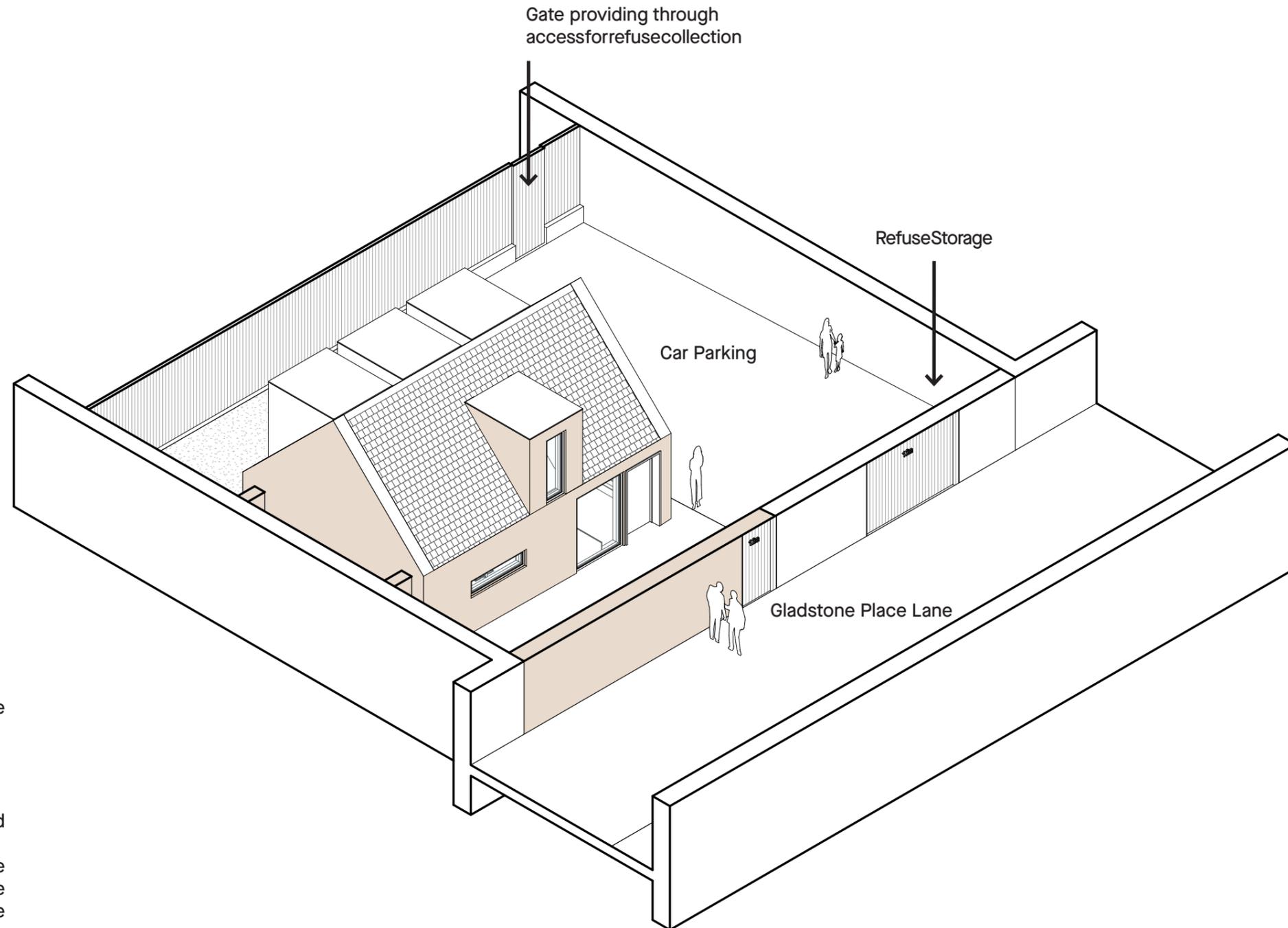
(a) The sympathetic conversion, adaptation or extension of existing properties or ancillary buildings of character where the development will preserve the character and appearance of the original building, its setting and the surrounding area.

(b) The erection of small scale ancillary buildings directly associated with the use of the main building and sited and designed to respect the special architectural and visual qualities of the Conservation Area and / or setting and character of the Listed Building.

(c) The retention of existing boundaries and landscape treatments that contribute to the character of the area / building and proposed new boundaries and landscape treatments of a design, location and material appropriate to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and setting of the Listed Building

The new single storey 2 bedroom dwelling takes the form and materials of an historic out house, typical to the historic typology found on this lane, interpreted in a contemporary style house using high quality traditional materials. As it is not possible to adapt the existing garage structure as the policy suggests, the proposal has been designed to sit on the footprint of the existing poor quality, disused, dilapidated garages. The proposals retain the element of historic stone wall remaining on the sight and seek to strengthen the historic character of the lane by reinstating the line of the historic stone wall, negating the visual impact of this development. We also note that the proposal is sited within an area on the lane that contains both historic and modern residential buildings.

3.2 Axonometric Looking West



Refuse

Refuse and recycling storage will be in curtilage of the new dwelling. There is provision for bins to be presented within Gladstone Lane or on Melville Terrace by residents on collection days. Final waste collection arrangements to be agreed in discussion with the local authority.

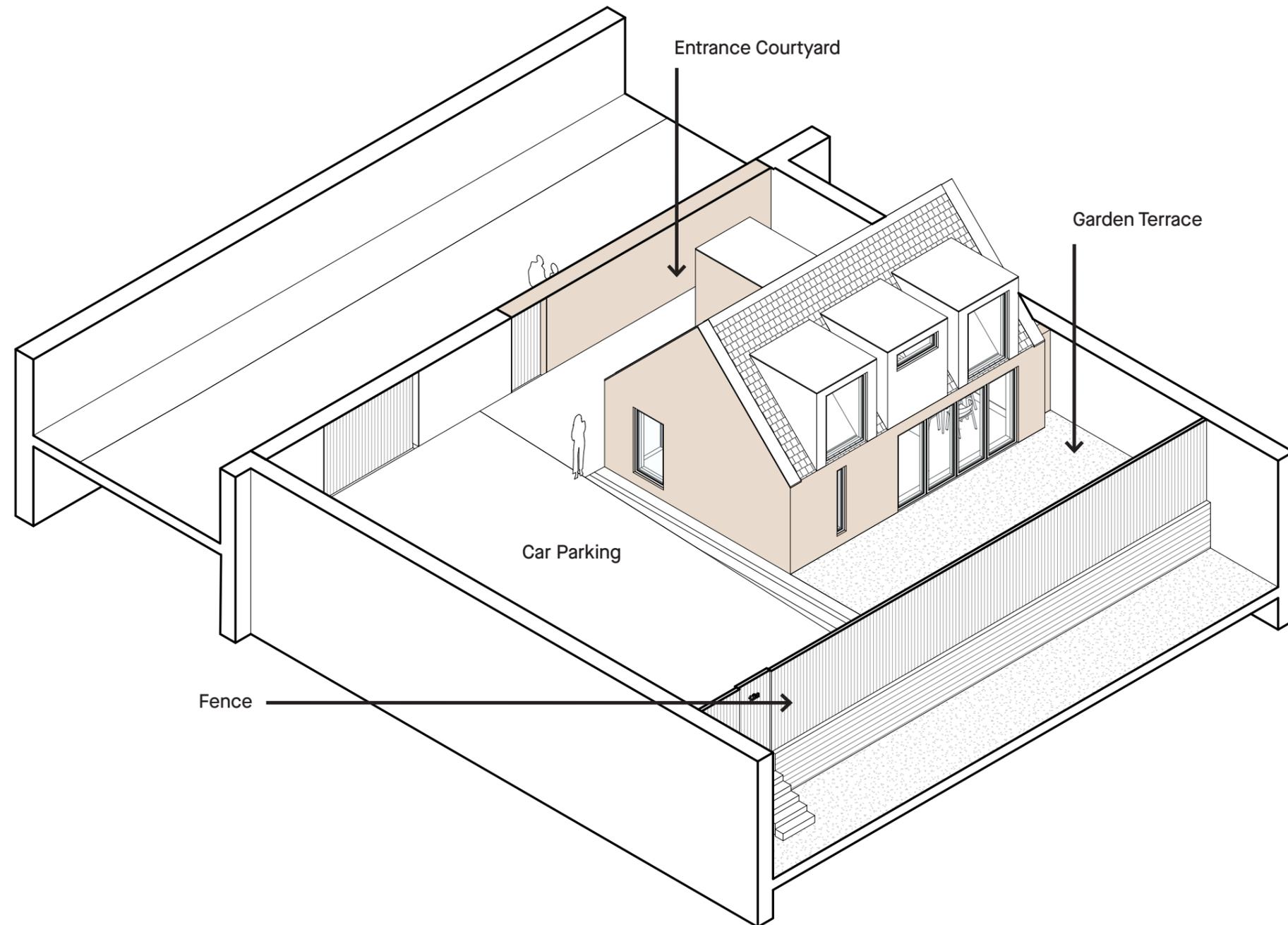
Vehicular Access

Emergency, refuse and private vehicle access will be as existing i.e. via Gladstone Place Lane.

Car/Cycle Parking

Resident and visitor car parking will be incorporated within the curtilage of the new dwelling and will not affect the existing properties along Gladstone Place Lane. There is space within the curtilage of the new dwelling for the addition of a bike store where cycles can be stored if required.

3.3 Axonometric Looking East



Landscape

Curtilage, in the location of an existing spoil heap, is raised above the grounds of 11 Melville Terrace to negotiate the existing topography. With areas of hard standing in the entrance courtyard and car parking, and soft landscaping in the garden terrace.

A timber fence with a blonde sandstone plinth is proposed to provide separation from the new dwelling and 11 Melville Terrace so the privacy of the rear garden is maintained. Likewise, a new blonde sandstone wall is to be erected to preserve the historic service lane.

No trees are to be removed as part of the proposed works. A bat survey will be commissioned to mitigate risk of adverse effects on bats and roosting sites and develop encounter protocols if required.

3.4 Site Plan

Ownership Boundary

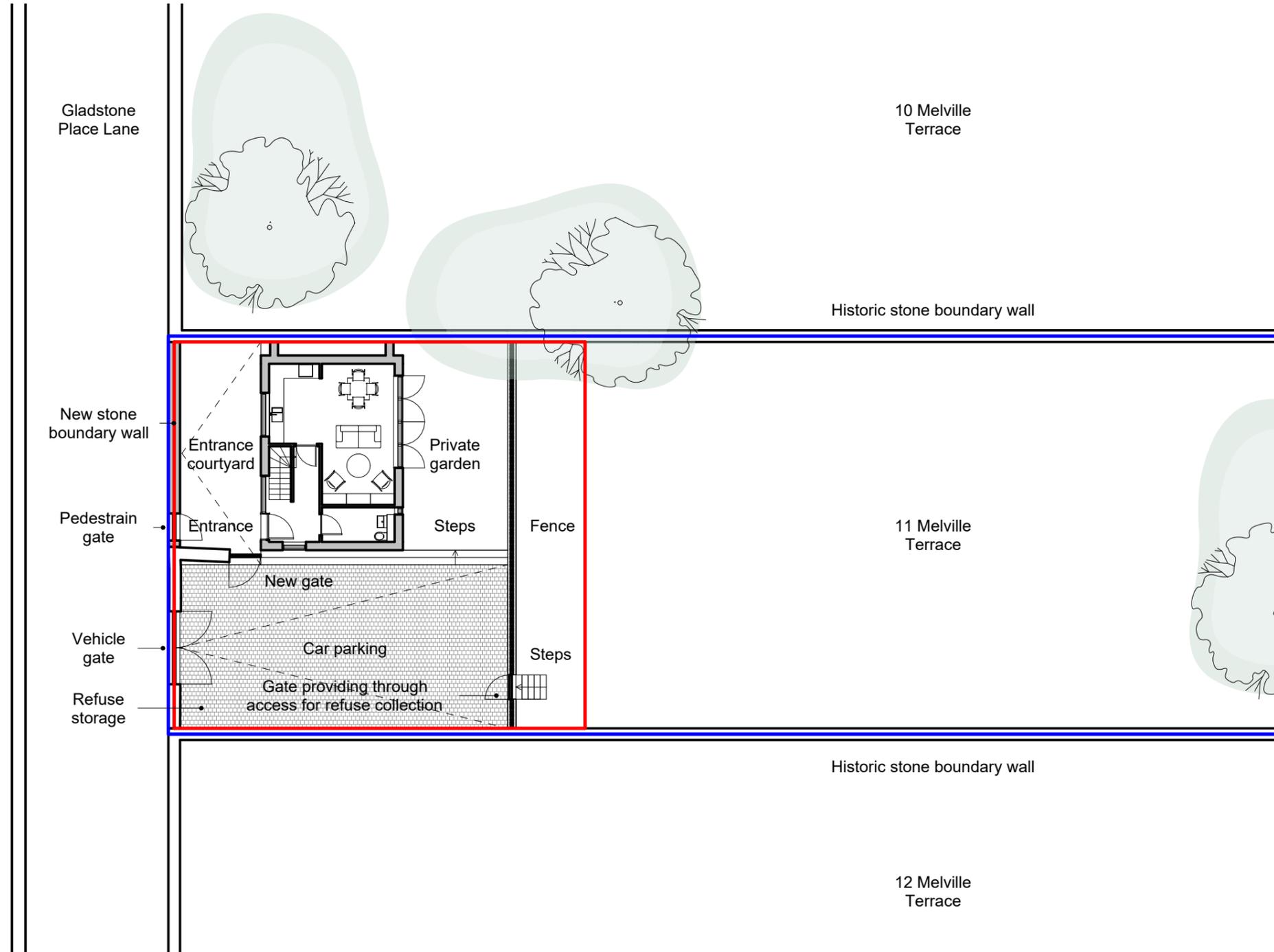


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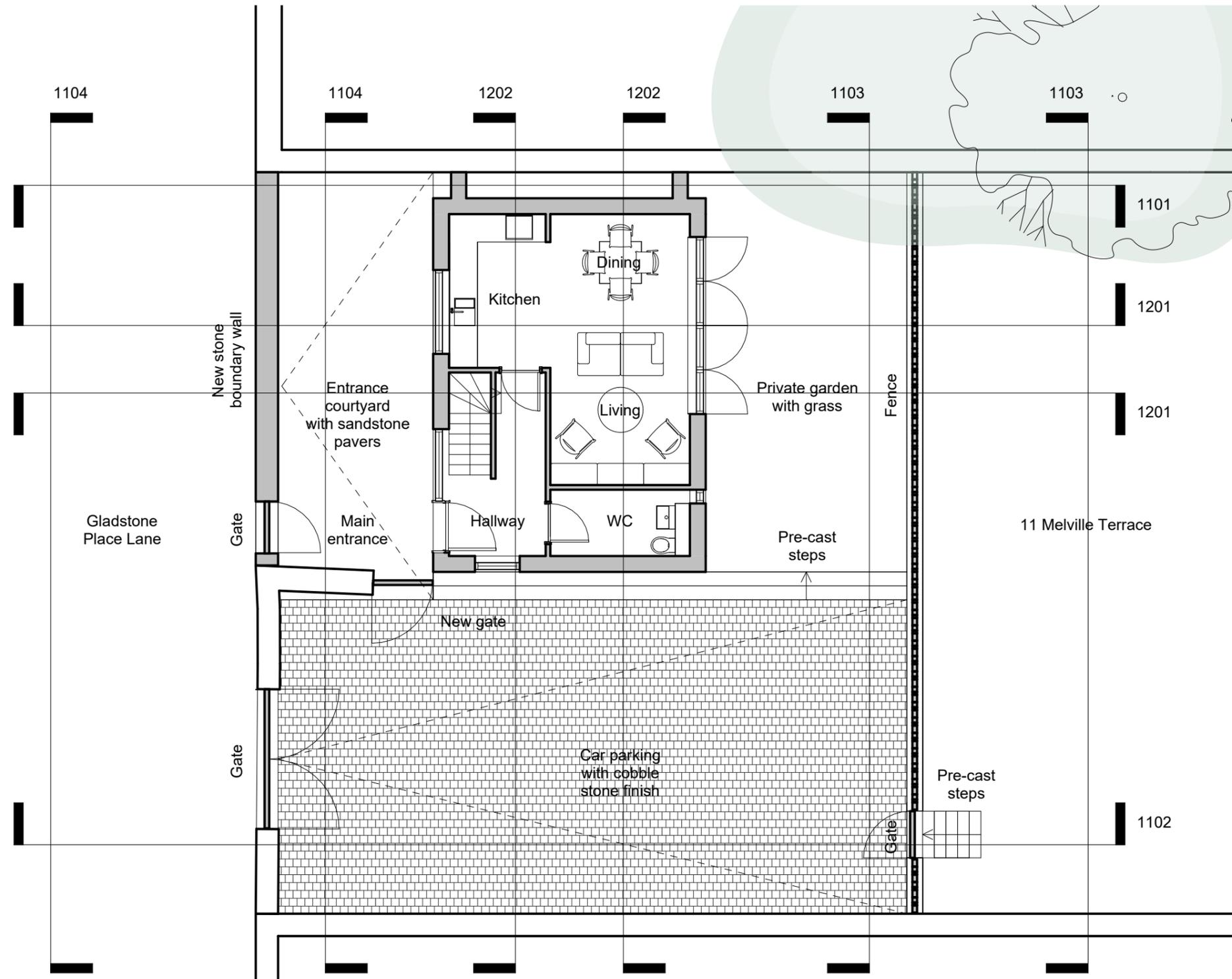


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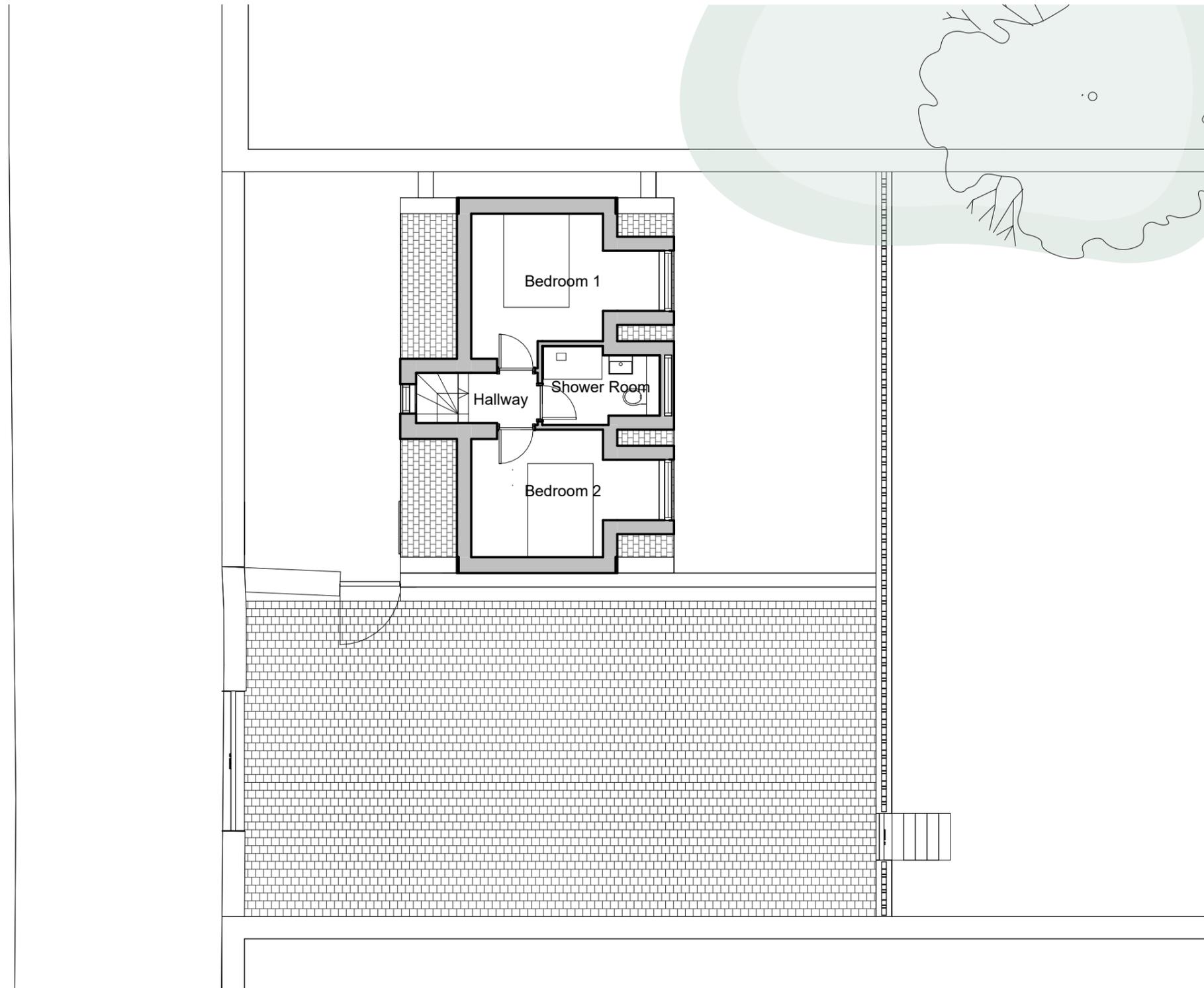
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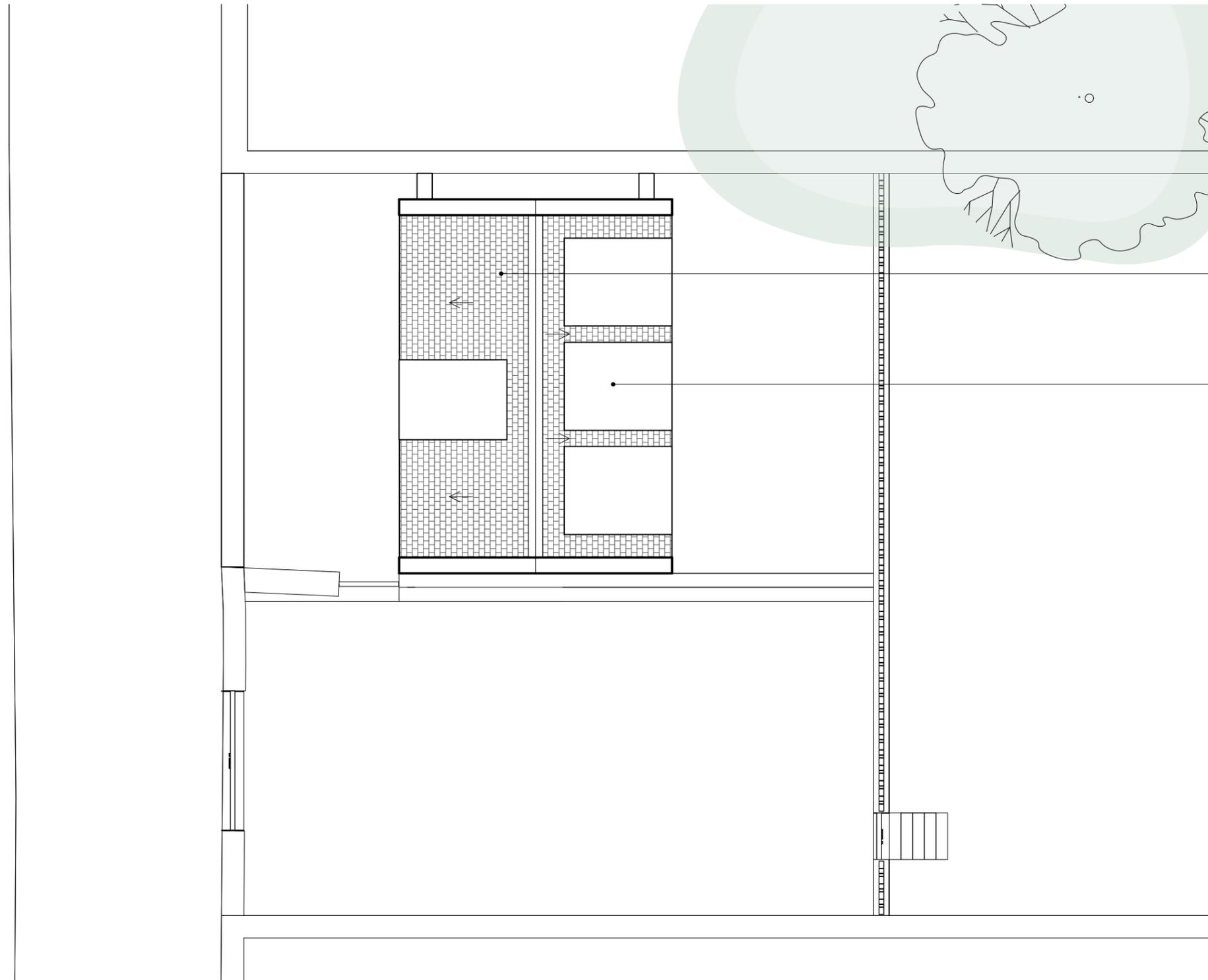
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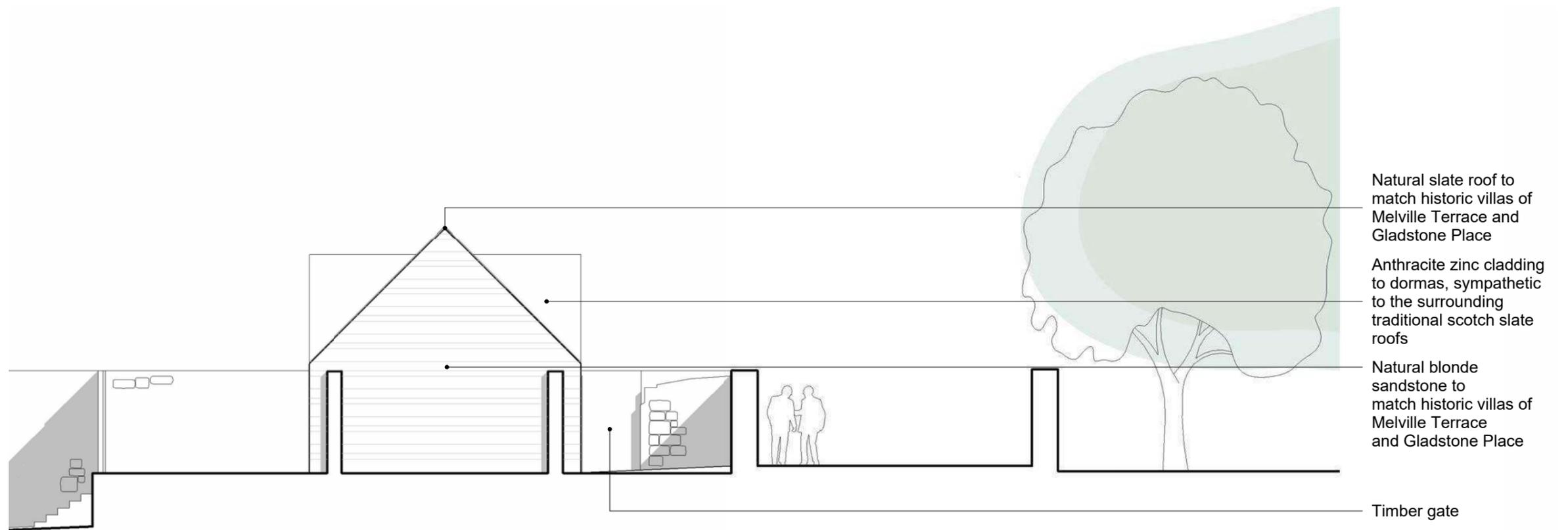
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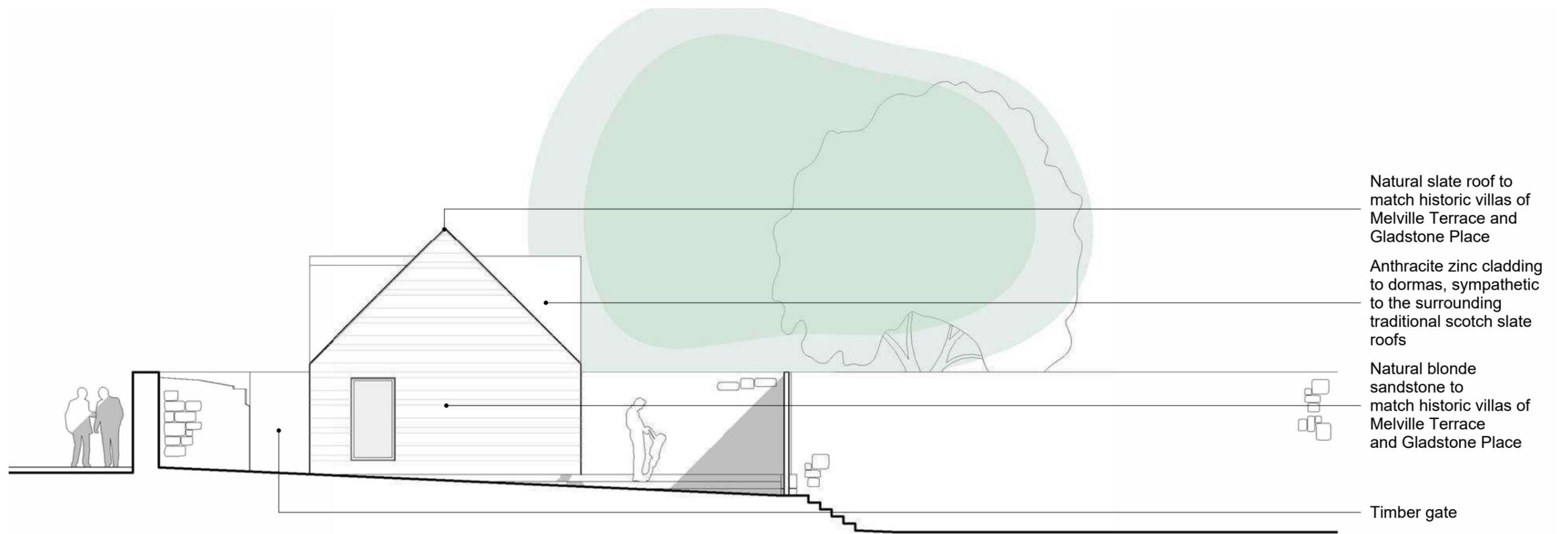
Natural slate roof to match historic villas of Melville Terrace and Gladstone Place

Anthracite zinc cladding to dormas, sympathetic to the surrounding traditional scotch slate roofs

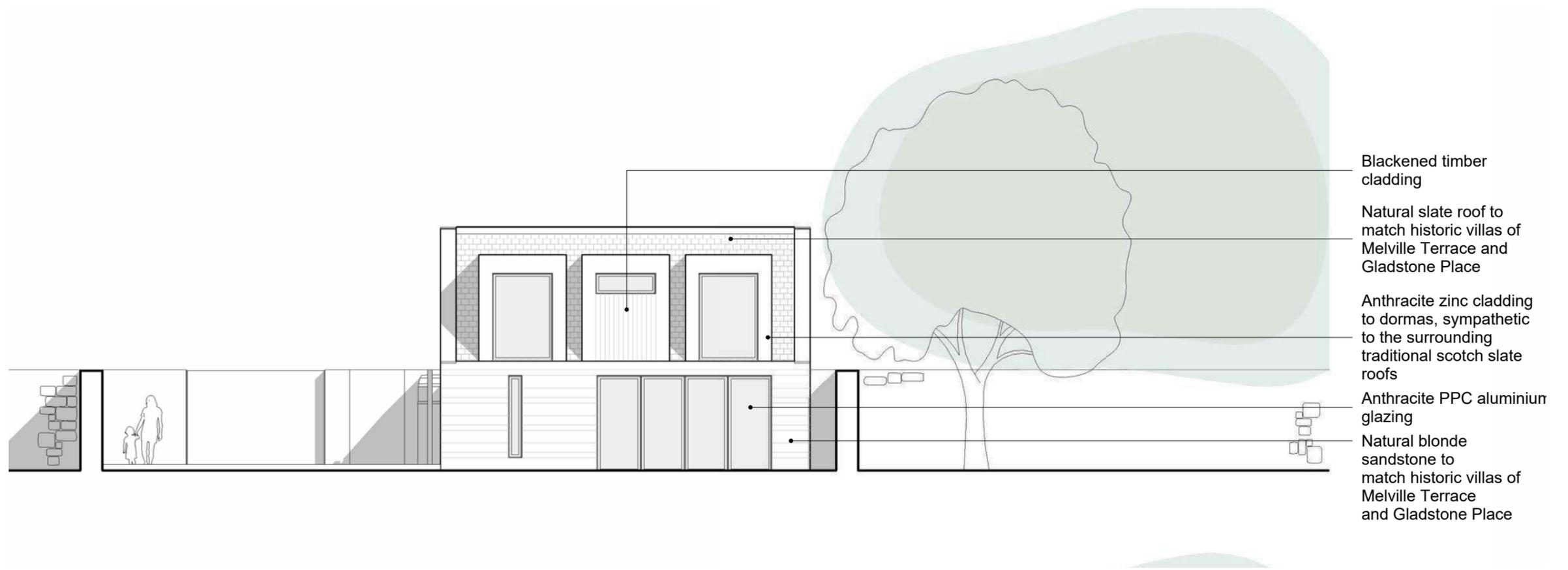
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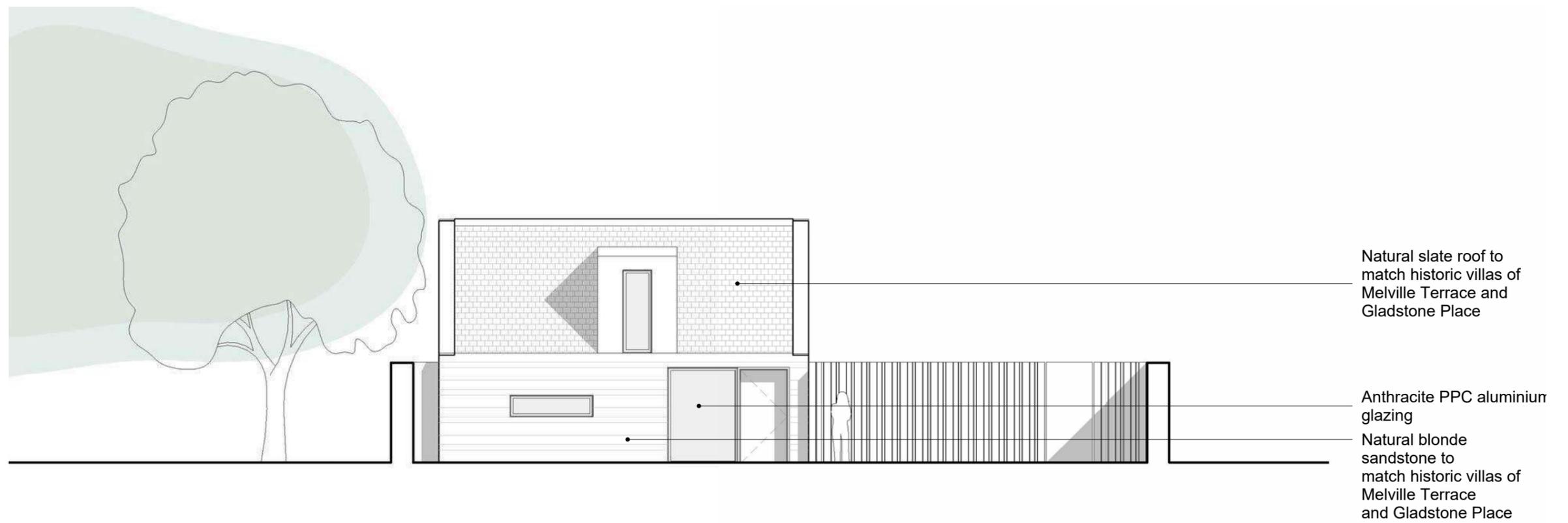
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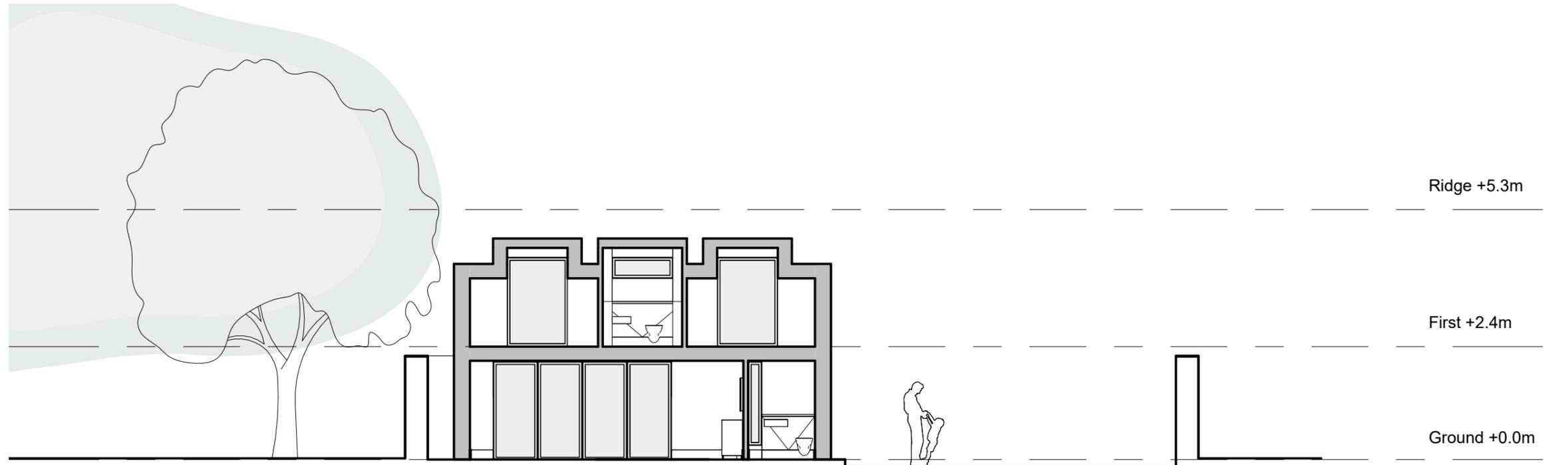
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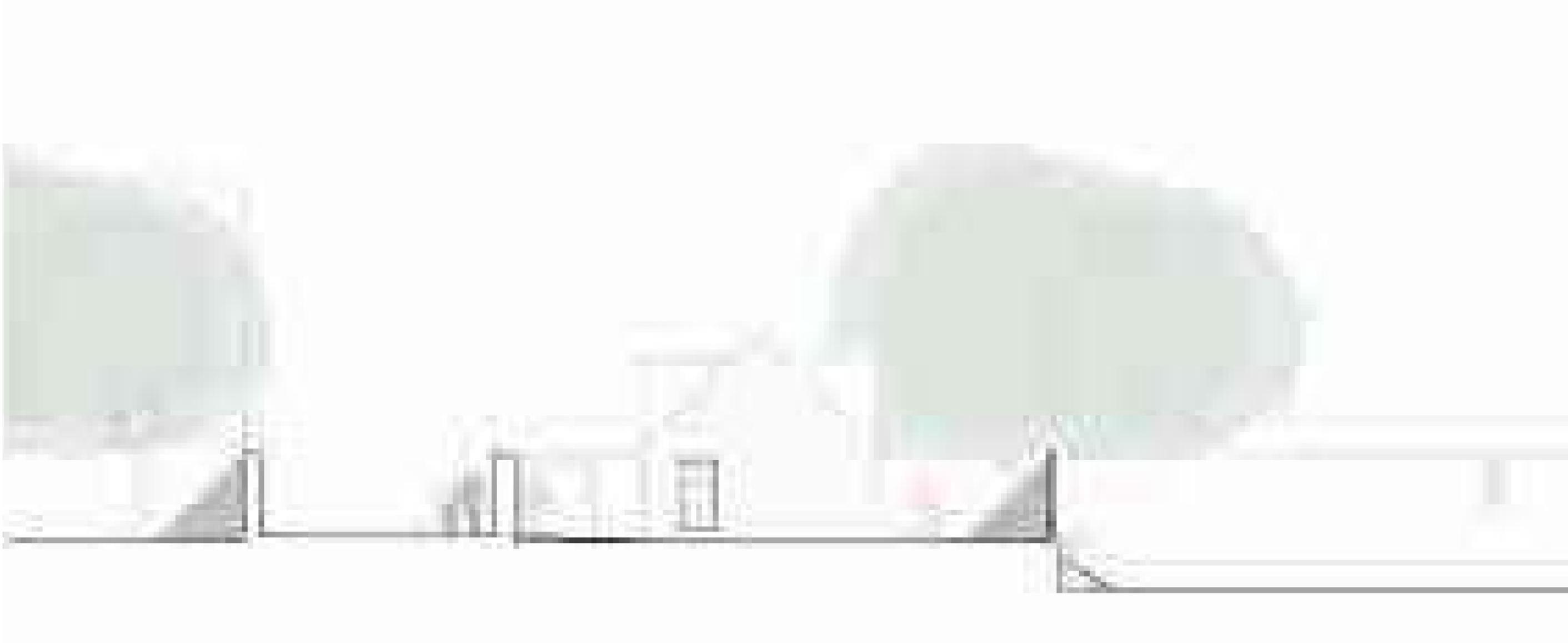


Image:
Sketch section
through site



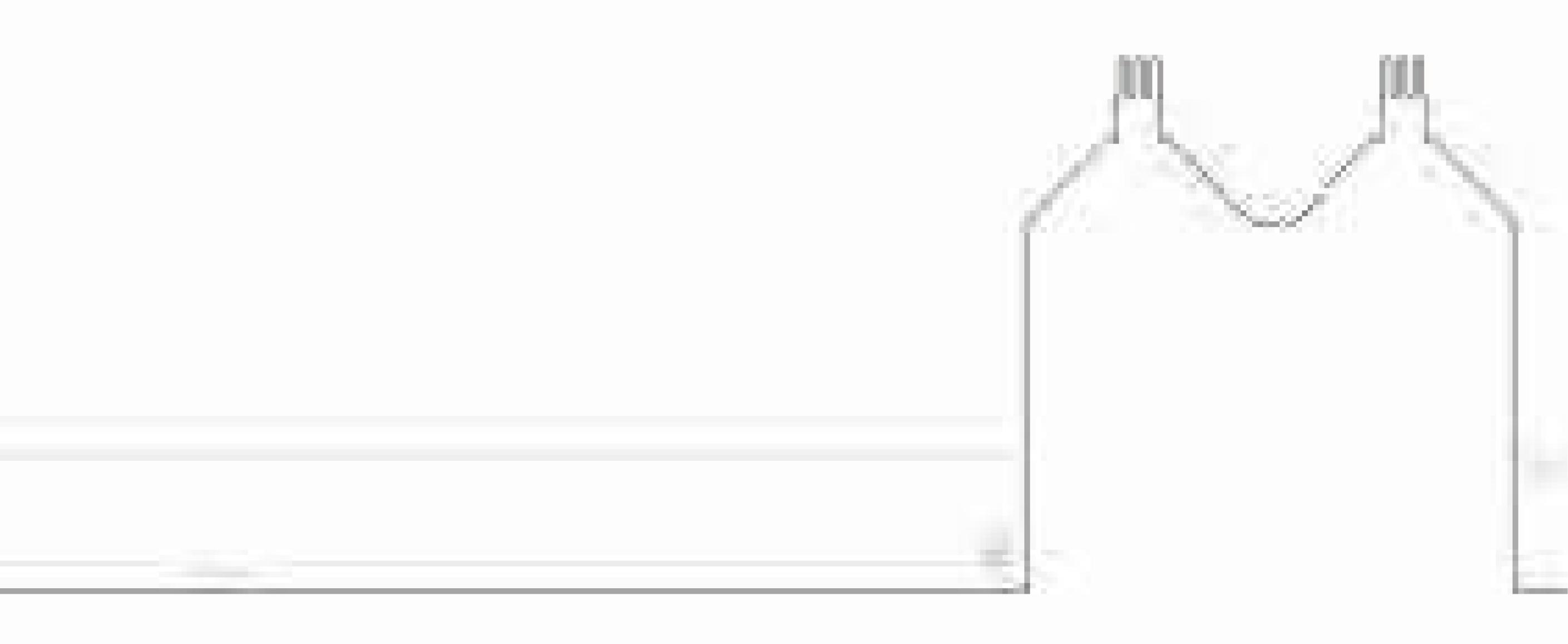


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3.14 Materiality

“Specifications issued to local builders at this period for houses in the area included detailed instructions as to the source and quality of materials. For example: flooring from Arbroath stone; building stone from the local quarries of Devonan and Thorny Dyke; Aberfoyle slate; lime from Couslane; timber from the Baltic, Spain and America. All the above materials were to be of the very best quality and standard of finish.”

Kings Park Conservation Area Character Appraisal
Stirling Council Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance SG07
June 2014

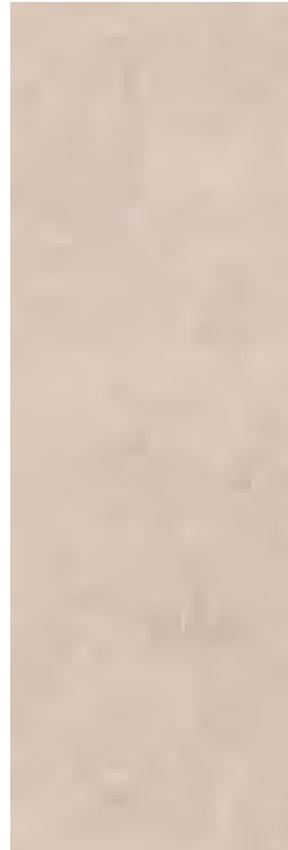
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As the Kings Park Conservation Area Character Appraisal quote on the previous page suggests the surrounding area comprises largely of high quality blonde sandstone dwellings with natural slate roofs and traditional timber windows and doors.

The proposal aims to build upon the traditional materiality of the area in a contemporary way with the use of the adjacent sympathetic and complimentary material palette.

While reinstating the historic boundary wall using smooth ashlar blonde sandstone helps to preserve the much loved and valued historic character of the Kings Park Conservation Area.



Smooth ashlar blonde sandstone walls and copes



Existing historic sandstone boundary walls



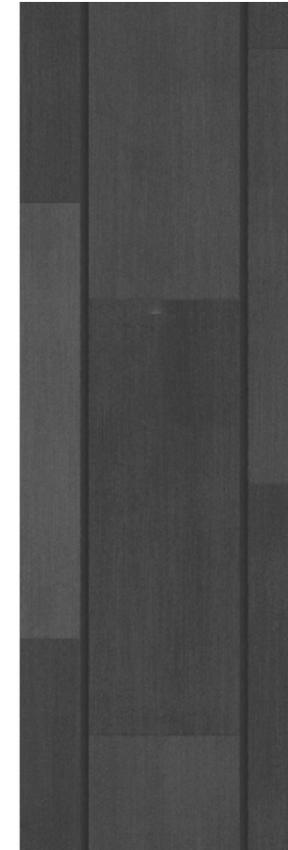
Timber fencing



Dark metal window frames



Blackened timber panelling



Anthracite zinc cladding



Natural slate roof

4.0
3D Visuals



Looking South on Gladstone Lane



Looking North on Gladstone Lane



Looking West from 11 Melville Terrace, fence hidden for purposes of view



Looking West from 11 Melville Terrace

5.0 Carbon Statement

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While constrained by the existing site and heritage assets the client and design team recognise the importance of protecting and improving the environment and aim to adopt best practice sustainable design and construction principles when possible. Complying as a minimum with relevant energy and sustainability legislation, while promoting the use of locally sourced materials and services/labour, and responsible waste management. To meet these commitments the proposal endeavours to:

- Challenge the brief for spatial efficiency to reduce consumption of resources and limit carbon emissions during construction;
- Maximise natural light, orientation and adopt a fabric first approach to limit energy demand, running costs and carbon emissions in use;
- Enhance the sites natural assets to support biodiversity;
- Improve infrastructure to facilitate responsible waste management in use;
- Consider renewable building services strategies (noted below) to minimise fossil fuel consumption in use.

Building services strategies under consideration:

Kers (indoor Heat Pump Mechanical Extract Ventilation)

- Recycles waste heat, constant 20°C improves COP
- High temperature water output 65°C
- Heaterless design requires no immersions
- Simple installation
- MEV function options
- No external condenser

Zeb (Zero emission boiler)

- Electric heating elements heat an insulated storage medium which @ efficiently stores 40kWh of energy as heat until needed
- Uses only the cheapest and greenest electricity
- Patented technology releases the heat to your heating/hot water circuit only when needed
- Heats existing water boiler to any setpoint between 35-80
- Works with any thermostat
- Supports the transition to a low carbon electricity grid
- Works with any thermostat

CUBE FLOW (Electric Thermal Store Tank)

- Rectangular floor standing Thermal Store Mains Pressure System
- The store is vented and heated by immersion heaters
- Can be fitted anywhere in the home
- Suitable for use with off peak electricity tariffs
- Designed to take 27% less space than a cylinder
- Designed to pass through most loft hatches or hot water tank cupboards
- Reduces heat loss /Low maintenance
- No annual service requirements

ASHP (Air source heat pump)

