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Desk Top Report Summary

Airtight Building Solutions Ltd has been requested to carry out a sound insulation assessment of the

party walls and floors between 211 Rayleigh Road Hutton Brentwood Essex CM13 1LZ The scheme

includes additional installations for timber floor and achieve building regulations compliances.

The building is required to achieve the sound insulation performance criteria within Approved

Document E (ADE) 'Resistance to the passage of sound' of the Building Regulations with additional

improvement of at least 5dB above building Regulation.

The purpose of this design note is to provide a review of the sound insulation performance for the

separating walls and floors within the development.

Desktop audit showed that the WALL(S) and FLOOR(S) assessed is likely to MEET and exceed at least

the requirements of Approved Document E with respect to IMPACT sound insulation provided that all

works are undertaken as per specification and manufactures guideline as below

ABOVE floor

- Removal of the floorboards.

- Insert 100mm RWA45 Acoustic insulations between existing Joist.

- Install floorboards.

BELOW Ceiling/Joists

- Install a secondary layer of Sound block plaster board on existing ceiling

- Install independent joists below existing ceiling with a minimum drop of 125mm from existing

ceiling

- Insert 100mm RWA45 Acoustic insulations between new independent ceiling joists.

- Install 2x15mm Sound block plaster board to ceiling and skim.

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Condition 1:

No development shall take place until details of sound protection and insulation measures for the buildings to be converted (including fenestration alterations) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Details should include methods of sound insulation between the internal and adjoining walls of the proposed and existing above residential dwellings from noise arising from activities within the ground floor retail premises, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by or on behalf of the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be fully implemented and sound transmission tests shall be carried out by a competent person to demonstrate compliance with the approved scheme, the results shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved scheme shall be permanently maintained thereafter.

Deliveries to the retail shop shall be made at reasonable times to avoid disturbance to local residents.

Reason: To help mitigate noise disturbances in the interest of future occupiers of the residential dwellinghouses.

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1 OBJECTIVES

1.1 To carry out Desk top Internal Sound Insulation Report to comply to Condition 1 of planning permission number 23/01532/PNCOU at the following property: 211 Rayleigh Road Hutton Brentwood Essex CM13 1LZ

2 ASSESSMENT DETAILS

2.1 Type of property: Flat conversion

2.2 Age of property: N/A

2.3 Tests carried out by: Airtight Building Solutions Ltd.

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2.4 Test Technician / Engineer: Nilav Babariya2.5 Laboratory Manager: Suresh Babariya

2.6 Client: Sunil Sehdev

2.7 Description of Background Noise: Light vehicular traffic noise

2.8 Desk top audit has been carried in full accordance with the procedures set out in Approved Document E [1], and the following standard(s):

BS EN ISO 140-4: 1998 [2] BS EN ISO 140-7: 1998 [3]

2.9 The sound insulation ratings were calculated in full accordance with:

BS EN ISO 717-1: 1997 [4] BS EN ISO 717-2: 1997 [5]

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3 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND RESULTS

3.1 The table below is taken from Building Regulations Approved Document E. Table 3.1 shows the required performance standard needed to pass a sound insulation test for <u>separating walls</u> and floors for dwelling houses and flats.

Table 3.1			
	Airborne Sound Insulation	Impact Sound Insulation	
	D _{nT,w} + C _{tr}	L' _{nT,w}	
Purpose built dwelling houses and flats			
Walls	45dB	-	
Floor	45dB	62dB	
Dwelling houses and flats formed by			
material change of use			
Walls	43dB	-	
Floors	43dB	64dB	

3.2 The table below is taken from Building Regulations Approved Document E. Table 3.2 shows the required performance standard needed to pass a sound insulation test for <u>separating walls and floors for Rooms for residential purpose</u>.

Table 3.2			
	Airborne Sound Insulation D _{nT,w} + C _{tr}	Impact Sound Insulation L' _{nT,w}	
Purpose built Rooms for Residential Purpose			
Walls	43dB	-	
Floor	45dB	62dB	
Rooms for residential purpose formed by material change of use			
Walls	43dB	-	
Floors	43dB	64dB	

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3.3 Predicted Desk top analysis results of the sound insulation tests are documented below in Table
 3.3 – If all materials used in accordance with strictly manufactures specifications

Table 3.3						
	Predictive Desk top analysis Test Results					
KEY WC	RD: ABW = Airborne	Wall($D_{nT,w}$); ABF = Airbo	rne Floor(D _{nT,w}); IMF	P = Impact(L' _{nT,w})		
Test Number / Test Type / Chart No	Test Type / Dntw+Ctr / Fail					
01ABF(Floor)	ABF(Floor) GF – Commercial 1 st F – Front Room ≥43dB 55dB Pass					
02IMP(Floor) 1 st F − Front Room GF − Commercial ≤64dB 51dB Pass						
03ABW(Wall)	Bedroom	Commercial	≥43dB	48dB	Pass	

3.4 The Building Regulations Approved Document E

Approved Document E (2003) edition which incorporates 2004, October 2010 and April 2013, amendments. Sets out guideline sound transmission values for separating walls and floors that should be achieved under test if, acoustical performance is to be deemed acceptable. This document provides information on construction details, flanking details, testing and sampling methods as well as the criteria for both new build and converted buildings.

Approved Document E states airborne tests should be undertaken for both partition floors and walls between dwellings. For airborne performance, converted dwellings the partition walls and floor between dwellings and between dwellings and communal areas should achieve a minimum of 43 dB DnT,w + Ctr, and purpose built dwellings should achieve a minimum of 45 dB DnT,w + Ctr.

Approved Document E states impact tests should be undertaken for partition floors between dwellings. For impact performance, converted dwellings the partition floor between dwellings and between dwellings and communal areas should achieve a maximum of 64 dB DnT,w + Ctr, and purpose built dwellings should achieve a maximum of 62 dB DnT,w + Ctr.

Internal walls and floors within dwelling are required to meet minimum construction standards, these will not however be tested. Section 0.2 of the Building Regulations Part E states that internal walls and floor need to provide a minimum of Rw 40 dB.

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Reverberation within communal spaces is also required to meet minimum standards, these will not however be tested.

To allow the reader to better understand the predicted acoustic performances stated for the proposed partition walls and floors, we have applied the following subjective scale. This scale is based on our opinion of best achieving our client's expectations. We will only design to achieve a 'Good' performance or better.

Table 3.4 Subjective Scale of Acoustic Performance					
	Predicted Performance Predicted Performance Subjective Range for Airborne Sound Ratings				
Conversion	New Build	Conversion	New Build		
43-46	45-48	61-64	59-62	Poor/Average	
47-50	49-52	57-60	55-58	Good	
50-53	53-56	53-56	51-54	Very Good	
54-57	57-60	49-52	47-50	Excellent	

3.5 **Sound Insulation Specification**

Sound Insulation Criteria – Requirement E1

Requirement E1 of Approved Document E requires protection against sound from other parts of the building and adjoining buildings as follows:

E1 – Dwelling-houses, flats and rooms for residential purposes shall be designed and constructed in such a way that they provide reasonable resistance to sound from other parts of the same building and from adjoining building.

The table below shows the criteria for sound insulation of the party walls and floors. The sound insulation requirements are taken from Part E.

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Table 3.5 Design Sound Insulation Specification – Requirements E1			
Element	Minimum Performance Standard	Minimum Design Standard	
Party Walls	Airborne – 45dB DnT,w + Ctr (43dB for Material Change of Use)	Airborne – 50dB DnT,w + Ctr	
	Airborne – 45dB DnT,w + Ctr (43dB for Material Change of Use)	Airborne – 50dB DnT,w + Ctr	
Party Floors	Impact – 62 dB LnTw (64dB for Material Change of Use)	Impact – 57 dB LnTw	

4 <u>INTERNAL SOUND INSULATION</u>

To comply with Planning **Condition 1** a sound insulation assessment of party walls and floors has been carried out to ensure future habitants are not unduly affected by noise and activities within adjoining flats.

Planning **Condition 1** requires separating walls and floors to achieve a minimum of +5 dB improvement above the performance standards within the Building Regulations.

4.1 Design Targets

To comply with Planning **Condition 1** a sound insulation assessment of party walls and floors has been carried out to ensure future habitants are not unduly affected by noise and activities within adjoining flats.

Planning **Condition 1** requires separating walls and floors to achieve a minimum of +5 dB improvement above the performance standards within the Building Regulations.

Table 4.1.1 – Design Targets in compliance with Condition 1				
Sound Insulation Performance ADE Requirements Design Tolerance On-site Requirement				
Airborne Walls and Floors \geq 43dB $D_{nT,w} + C_{tr}$ $+$ 12dB(Floors), $+$ 5dB(Walls) \geq 55dB $D_{nT,w} + C_{tr}$				
Floor- Impact ≤64dB L' _{nT,w} - 5dB ≤59dB L' _{nT,w}				

Note that the values within Table 6.1 are on-site performance targets. The sound insulation of various construction elements are normally measured and rated in acoustic test laboratories, and quoted in terms of the sound reduction index, Rw. Using a minimum sensible design tolerance, we calculate that the following laboratory measure of sound insulation is required:

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Table 4.1.2 – Laboratory Sound Insulation Performance Requirements			
Sound Insulation Performance On-site Requirement Laboratory Tested Values			
Walls -Airborne ≥48 dB $D_{nT,w} + C_{tr}$ ≥57 dB $R_w + C_{tr}$		≥57 dB R _w + C _{tr}	
Floor- Airborne \geq 48 dB $D_{nT,w} + C_{tr}$ \geq 60 dB $R_w + C_{tr}$			
Floor-Impact ≤59 dB L' _{nT,w} ≤51 dB L' _{nT,w}		≤51 dB L′ _{nT,w}	

4.2 Separating Wall Construction

It is understood that new build separating walls between flats is based on a twin timber stud construction and existing walls to be retained are formed from 140mm solid masonry.

To meet the acoustic performance targets for separating walls the following wall specifications are provided:

Table 4.2 – Main separating wall construction		
Plan view	Construction Specification	Acoustic Rating
250 mm	 1 layer of 12.5mm Fire Line 1 layer of 15mm Sound Bloc 2 x 75mm Studs – Not Braced Minimum 200mm cavity between inner boards 100mm Mineral Wool Insulation (density ≥ 45 kg/m3) 1 layer of 15mm Sound Bloc 1 layer of 12.5mm Fire Line 	57 dB R _w + C _{tr}
	 270mm Brick/Block 50mm Independent Timber Stud – Not fixed to wall 25mm Mineral Wool Insulation (density ≥ 45 kg/m3) 1 x layers of 12.5mm Wall Board 	58 dB R _w + C _{tr}

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Construction Notes:

- Calculations are based on the twin studs remaining independent, i.e. no cross braces.
- Ensure walls are fully complete with no service penetrations.
- Care must be taken to ensure the insulation layer is fully complete with no airgaps of sagging.
- Acoustic back boxes or putty pads should be used around electrical outlets.

4.3 Separating Floor Construction

It is understood the existing floors are based on a timber joist construction. To achieve the airborne sound insulation performance value in Table 4.2 the following construction specification is provided:

Table 4.3 – Main separating floor construction			
Section View Construction Specification			
	Cavity: Solid joist(timber or Twinaplate): Stud spacing 600 mm, Infill Fibreglass (10kg/m3) Thickness 100 mm (?:10 kg/m3, Rf:4000 Pa.s/m2) Panel 2 + 2 x 15.0 mm Gyproc SoundBloc 15mm (?:840 kg/m3,E:3.1GPa,?.0.01) Cavity: Separate joists: Stud spacing 600 mm, Infill Fibreglass (10kg/m3) Thickness 100 mm (?:10 kg/m3, Rf:4000 Pa.s/m2) Panel 3 + 2 x 15.0 mm Gyproc SoundBloc 15mm (?:840 kg/m3,E:3.1GPa,?.0.01)	60 dB R _w + C _{tr}	

Calculations show that the proposed floor construction will achieve the design targets set out in Table 4.3 above once constructed correctly. It is seen as the responsibility of the main designer and contractor to ensure all junctions and interfaces are detailed correctly.

Sound insulation data sheets for the proposed constructions are provided in Appendix D.

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4.4 Impact Sound Insulation

Calculations show that the proposed floor construction achieves an impact sound insulation performance of 51 dB L'n,w which meet the performance criteria within Table 4.1.2.

The floating floor may be applied as T&G flooring boards over a separate resilient layer or as a complete system. Sample systems included Screed Board 28, Sound Deck, Isosonic Dek or Karma Overlay. Please refer to manufacturers specifications to ensure the system provides an impact reduction of no less than 18 dB Δ Lw. Ensure manufacturers installation guidelines are fully followed.

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5 REFERENCES

[1] The Building Regulations 2010

Approved Document E: Resistance to the Passage of Sound (2003 Edition incorporating 2004 and 2010 amendments)
1.ISBN 978 1 85946 204 1

[2]BS EN ISO 140-4: 1998

Acoustics – Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements 2.Part 4: Field measurements of airborne sound insulation between rooms

[3]BS EN ISO 140-7: 1998

Acoustics – Measurement of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements 3.Part 7: Field measurements of impact sound insulation of floors

[4]BS EN ISO 717-1: 1997

Acoustics – Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements
Part 1: Airborne sound insulation

[5]BS EN ISO 717-2: 1997

Acoustics – Rating of sound insulation in buildings and of building elements Part 2: Impact sound insulation

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6 APPENDIX 1 – GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Airborne Sound: Sound propagating through the air

Airborne Sound Insulation : Sound insulation which reduces the amount of airborne sound passing between buildings or parts of buildings

 C_{tr} : The correction applied to a sound insulation rating (such as $D_{nT,w}$) to take into account specific sound spectra

Decibel (dB) :The unit used in acoustic measurement to describe one level with respect to a pre-defined reference level

 $\mathbf{D}_{\mathsf{nT,w}}$:The weighted standardised level difference – a single number figure used to characterise the airborne sound insulation between rooms

Hertz (Hz): The unit of measurement of frequency (cycles per second)

Impact Noise : Sound (generally from foot-falls) propagating through the material of the building

Impact Noise Insulation : Sound insulation which reduces the amount of structure-borne sound passing between buildings or parts of buildings

 $\mathbf{L'}_{\mathsf{nT,w}}$: The weighted standardised impact sound pressure level – a single number figure used to characterise the impact sound insulation of floors

Noise: Unwanted sound

Reverberation Time (RT $_{60}$): An indication of the amount of absorption in a room. The time (in seconds) taken for the noise level in a room to decay by 60dB

Types of Separating Walls Wall Type 1: Solid Masonry

Wall Type 2: Cavity Masonry

Wall Type 3: Masonry between independent panels Wall Type 4: Framed walls with absorbent material

Types of Separating Floors

covering

floor

Floor Type 1: Concrete base with ceiling and soft floor

Floor Type 2: Concrete base with ceiling and floating

Floor Type 3: Timber frame base with ceiling and

platform floor

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7 APPENDIX 2 – TEST CHART(S) and Drawings

As Attached below

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Sound Insulation Prediction (v8.0.7)

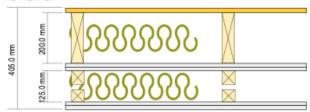
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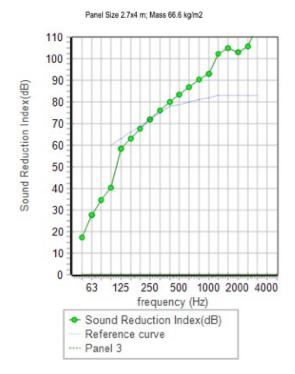
Panel 1: 1 x 20.0 mm Flooring Particle Board (?:710 kg/m3,E:3.4GPa,?:0.03)

Cavity: Solid joist/timber or Twinaplate): Stud spacing 600 mm, Infill Fibreglass (10kg/m3) Thickness 100 mm (?:10 kg/m3, Rf:4000 Pa.s/m2) Panel 2 + 2 x 15.0 mm Gyproc SoundBloc 15mm (?:840 kg/m3,E:3.1GPa,?:0.01)

Cavity: Separate joists: Stud spacing 600 mm, Infill Fibreglass (10kg/m3) Thickness 100 mm (?:10 kg/m3, Rf:4000 Pa.s/m2) Panel 3 + 2 x 15.0 mm Gyproc SoundBloc 15mm (?:840 kg/m3,E:3.1GPa,?:0.01)

Mass-air-mass resonant frequency =35 Hz , 55 Hz

frequency (Hz)	R(dB)	R(dB)
50	17	
63	28	22
80	35	
100	40	
125	58	45
160	63	
200	68	
250	72	71
315	76	
400	80	
500	84	83
630	87	
800	90	
1000	93	93
1250	102	
1600	105	
2000	103	104
2500	106	
3150	115	
4000	123	119
5000	129	



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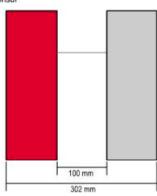
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C -1 dB
C tr -4 dB
D nTw 56 dB [V50n3] [At1n2]

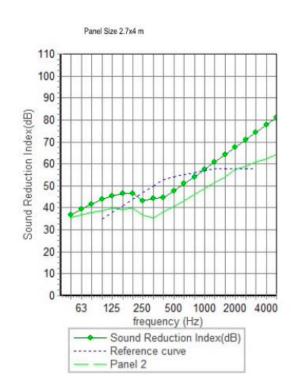
System description

Panel 1: 1 x 102.0 mm Brick (102.5) (?:1600 kg/m3,E:8.9GPa,?:0.02)

Cavity: Point connections ,Stud spacing 600 mm (?:0 kg/m3, Rf:100 Pa.s/m2) Panel 2 + 1 x 100.0 mm mm Concrete Block (?:1850 kg/m3,E:8.3GPa,?:0.02)

Mass-air-mass resonant frequency =19 Hz

frequency (Hz)	R(dB)	R(dB)
50	37	
63	39	39
80	42	
100	44	
125	45	45
160	46	
200	47	
250	43	44
315	44	
400	45	
500	48	47
630	51	
800	54	
1000	58	57
1250	61	
1600	64	
2000	67	67
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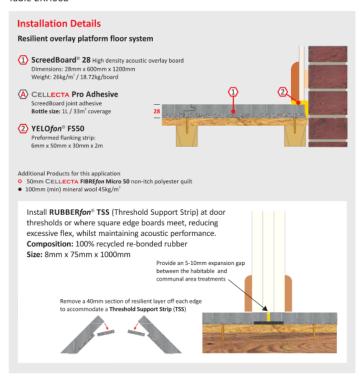
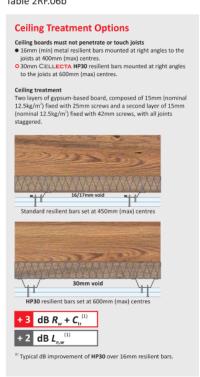


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Performance values quoted were achieved using 50 x 235mm solid timber and 16mm resilient bar at Sound Research laboratories, Sudbury in accordance with Approved Document E: Annex B: Procedures for Airborne results tested in accordance with BS EN ISO 140-3:1995 Impact results tested in accordance with BS EN ISO 140-6: 1998





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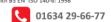








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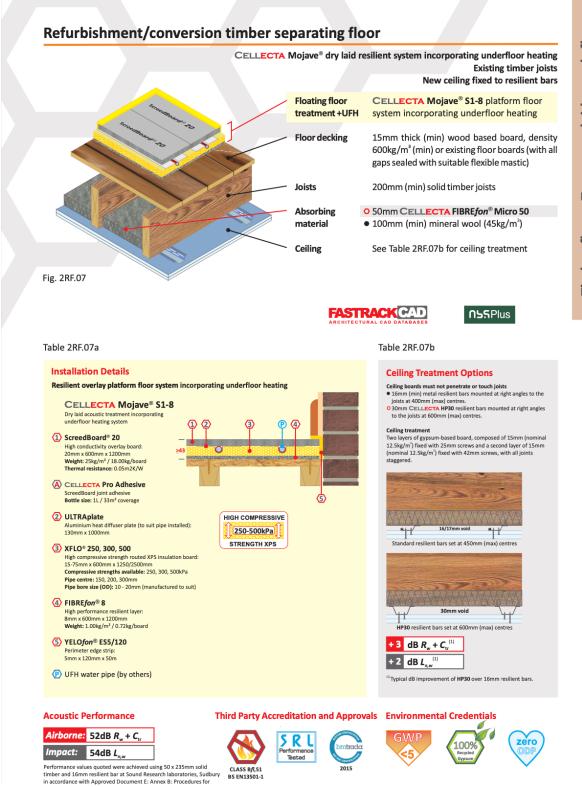




Timber floor - Treatment laid on sub-floor

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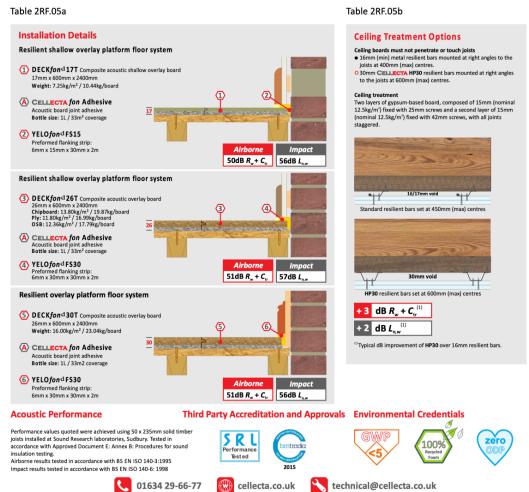
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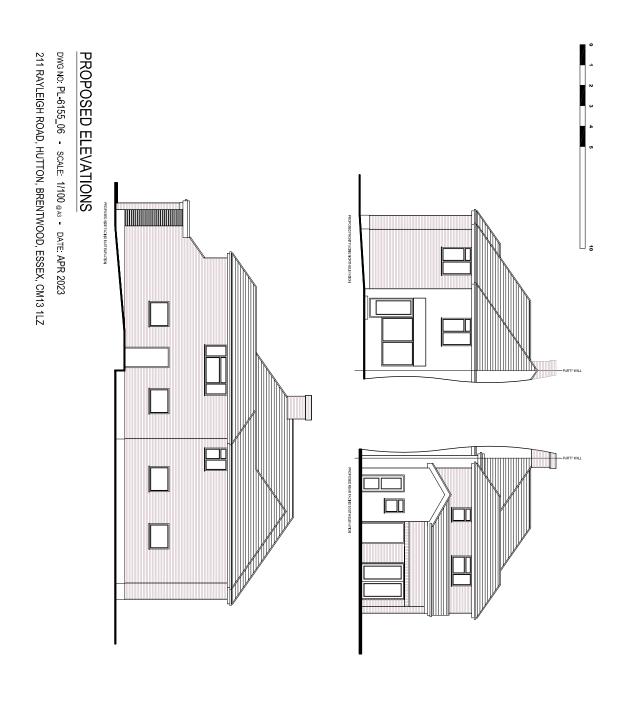






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