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ADDRESS: 39 Northchurch Road, London N1

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De Beauvoir

REPORT AUTHOR:

Yousef Bahadur

VALID DATE: 11/09/2008

& 30/06/08

APPLICATION NUMBER (s): 2008/1190 &

2008/1692

APPLICANT:

Plan No's: Existing: 0840/ -1 to -4. -5A. -6A. -07 & -

Proposed: 0840/-9, -10A, -11, -12A, -13A, -14B,

-15A, -16, -16 Section B-B, -17 & -18. Structural Survey: 8194 -01 & -02.

AGENT:

Tim Sylvester & Eddie Menez 39 Northchurch Road London N1 7FF

Carolyn Squire Architect 122 Church Walk London N16 8QW

PROPOSAL (A): Removal of rear extension and erection of part one, part two storey rear extension (full planning permission).

PROPOSAL (B): Removal of rear extension and erection of part one, part two storey rear extension together with internal alterations comprising lowering of attic ceiling to create a shower room and internal alterations to create a bathroom at ground floor level.

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

- (A) Grant planning permission subject to conditions.
- (B) Grant listed building consent subject to conditions

Note to Members: This application is being reported to the Planning Sub Committee because one of the applicants is a Council employee.

ANALYSIS INFORMATION

ZONING DESIGNATION: (Yes) (No) CPZ Χ Conservation Area Χ Listed Building (Statutory) Χ Listed Building (Local) Χ DEA Χ

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| DETAILS: | | | |
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| Existing | C3 | Residential | 324sgm |
| Proposed | C3 | Residential | 336.7sqm |

| RESIDENTIAL USE DETAILS: | Residential Type | No of Bedrooms per Unit | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|----|--|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5+ | | |
| Existing | Dwelling | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Proposed | Flats | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | Dwellings | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | Studio | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Totals | (Total = 1) | | · | | | 1 | | |

| PARKING DETAILS: | Parking Spaces (General) | Parking Spaces (Disabled) | Bicycle storage | | |
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| Existing | Not relevant | Not relevant | Not relevant | | |
| Proposed | Not relevant | Not relevant | Not relevant | | |

CASE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. SITE DESCRIPTION

1.1 The application site is a Grade II listed 3 storey single dwelling house situated on the south side of Northchurch Rd, near the junction with Ufton Road. The surrounding area is predominantly residential in nature.

2. CONSERVATION IMPLICATIONS

2.1 The application site lies in De Beauvoir Conservation Area and the subject building is statutorily listed at grade II. The application has been advertised in accordance with the regulations applicable to applications of this nature.

3. HISTORY

None

4. CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1.1 Date Statutory Consultation Period Started: 07.07.20084.1.2 Date Statutory Consultation Period Ended: 28.07.2008
- 4.1.3 Site Notice: Yes
- 4.1.4 Press Advert: Yes

4.1.5 Neighbours

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4.1.6 4 letters sent to adjoining neighbours. One letter of objection was received on grounds of: the proposed works would significantly alter the character of the building which forms part of a group of Grade II listed buildings; risk of demolition of the rear building could harm the structure of the adjoining building and wall.

4.2 Statutory Consultees

None

4.3 Local Consultees

- 4.3.1 The Kingsland Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC): Objection Having scrutinised the latest set of drawings the Committee we can find no reason to change our previous opinion application 2008/1190 considered in June last. Our comments then were as follows:
- 4.3.2 The Committee strongly objects to this very intrusive addition to 39 Northchurch Road.
- 4.3.3 We strongly object to the careless and misleading presentation that insinuates that the existing work on the side of the house is higher than it actually is. We urge the Council to get a Conservation Officer to visit the property immediately and ask the applicant to make a re-submission showing the true context and appearance of the proposals. We do, however, object to the side extension as we understand it.
- 4.3.4 These are listed buildings and we think that a Conservation Officer should visit the interior to make sure that nothing is being destroyed by the proposal to put a rear room in the top of the building as no photographs have been supplied showing the inside of the building.

We strongly object to this application

4.4 Other Council Departments

4.4.1 The Sustainability and Design Team: This is an early-mid 19 centaury paired property forms part of a terrace of properties within the De Beauvoir conservation area. The current submission follows extensive pre-application discussions and a series of revisions. The Sustainability and Design Team have no objection to the principle of demolition and construction of a rear extension at lower ground floor level; the building of a part two storey side extension which maintains the symmetry of the front wall feature and the internal changes in the attic floor to provide a bedroom.

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5. POLICIES

Hackney Unitary Development Plan (UDP) (1995)

EQ1 – (Development Requirements)

EQ12 (Protection of Conservation Areas)

EQ13 (Demolition in Conservation Areas)

EQ14 (Alterations and Extensions of Buildings in Conservation Areas)

EQ16 (Protection of Listed Buildings)

EQ17 (Alteration to Listed Buildings)

5.2 London Plan (Consolidated with Alterations since 2004)

4B.1 - 'Design Principles for a Compact City'.

5.3 National Planning Policies

PPS1 - Creating Sustainable Communities

PPS3 - Housing

PPG15 - Planning and the Historic Environment

6. COMMENT

- 6.1 The proposal entails the demolition of an existing single storey rear extension at rear lower ground floor level and the construction of part one, part two storey rear extension and internal alterations to provide an open plan dinning and kitchen room at rear lower ground floor level, a bathroom at rear ground floor level and another bathroom in the roof space.
- 6.2 The lowest level of the proposed rear extension would be located at lower ground floor and would measure 3.2m deep, 5.3m wide and 3.2m high. The part of the rear extension at ground floor level involves building in the void space behind the front wall and measures 3.25m deep, 0.9m wide and 1.6m high.

Design Considerations

- 6.3 The scheme has been revised after negotiations with the Planning Service regarding the alterations to the listed building and the proposed rear extension.
- 6.4 The proposed part one extension at lower ground floor is considered acceptable in principle and on grounds of bulk, size and design. The scale and bulk of the proposed extension remains subservient to the host building and furthermore would not cause harm to the character of the Conservation Area in which it is situated. It would therefore accord with UDP policies EQ1 and EQ14.

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- 6.5 The Sustainability and Design Team have no objection to the proposal and consider the proposed materials of brick and timber to be appropriate for the listed building and the Conservation area.
- 6.6 The proposed part two storey extension at rear ground floor level to provide a bathroom is also acceptable. The proposed ground floor extension has been amended to be behind the solid wall and not the wall and the railings in order to protect the symmetry from the street of this pair of listed buildings. The drawings show the existing and proposed front elevation accurately, the details of the stairs, railing and details of the parapet align with the neighbour's staircase at No 41 in order to protect the symmetry from the street of this pair of listed buildings. The drawings also show that the roof of the proposed ground floor bathroom would not be visible from the front elevation.
- 6.7 On the rear elevation, the proportion of the window of the new bathroom would align with the other secondary windows in the building. The proposed new window will be constructed using the same fenestration patterns and in wooden material as the existing windows at the premises.
- 6.8 The applicant has also provided structural information indicating how they are going to support the weight of the bathroom by a inserting a steel box frame into the opening in the flank wall. The drawing on section B-B shows there is sufficient head height left in the lower ground floor below the proposed bathroom. No objection is raised to this aspect of the proposal providing further information is provided by way of a condition to the extent of demolition of the flank wall.
- 6.9 The Listed Building Consent application also seeks consent to construct a bathroom in the attic space. This aspect of the proposal involves lowering the ceiling height by 30cm to facilitate the provision of a shower room. Again no objection is raised to this aspect of the proposal which it is considered can be undertaken without undue disturbance to the fabric of the Listed Building. The applicant has provided structural information indicating how they are going to support the weight of the bathroom by cutting up the old joist to make space and joining it up with the new joist as shown in Section A-A. The Structural Engineer's Report accompanying the application shows how the load would be spread on the roof structure.
- 6.10 The Sustainability and Design Team have requested a condition to be attached to the listed building consent being granted requiring detailed drawings of the joining between new and old floor joists.

Amenity

6.11 The proposed extension at lower ground level would align with the adjoining building line at No. 37, and, the proposed extension at rear ground floor would be in line with the rear building line at No 41. There is a window to a kitchen area at lower ground floor level at No 41, which lies to the west of the application site. It is considered that the proposed single storey extension of 3.2m high would not impact on the light and outlook to this window because it is facing south and therefore would receive sufficient natural light and

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sunlight. There would be no significant loss of light or outlook to this adjoining window.

6.12 The proposal is considered acceptable in amenity terms.

Response to objections

- 6.13 The majority of the objections have been addressed in the body of the report. With respect to the remaining issues, the following comments apply:-
- Works to a Listed Building in a Conservation Area: The issue of the demolition and works to the Grade II listed building in De Beauvoir Conservation Area has been dealt with above through extensive negotiations. The demolition of the existing rear extension is considered acceptable because it is not visible from the front and surrounding properties and the replacement extension is also acceptable in its bulk, size, design and materials. The proposal would neither be detrimental to the listed building or the Conservation Area within which the building is located.
- 6.15 Potential damage to adjoining property: The concern regarding the possible impact on the structure of the adjoining building and wall is a party wall issue which needs to be resolved between the two respective landowners. I The Sustainability and Design Team are satisfied with the information received regarding the internal works and the internal demolition.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 The proposed part one and part two storey rear extension at lower ground and upper ground floor is considered to be acceptable in design and amenity terms. Overall the proposal would not cause any harm to the character and appearance of the listed building nor to the De Beauvoir Conservation Area and as such it is recommended that planning permission and listed building consent be granted.

7.2 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION A:

- 8.1 That planning permission and be GRANTED, subject to the following conditions:
- 8.1.1 SCB1 Commencement within three years

The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

REASON: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.

8.1.2 SCB0 - Development in accordance with plans

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The development hereby permitted shall only be carried out and completed strictly in accordance with the submitted plans hereby approved and any subsequent approval of details.

REASON: To ensure that the development hereby permitted is carried out in full accordance with the plans hereby approved.

8.1.3 SCM6 - Materials to be approved

Samples of all materials to be used on the external surfaces of the building, boundary walls and ground surfaces shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority, in writing, before work on the external surfaces, boundary walls and ground surfaces commences on site, in accordance

REASON: To ensure that the external appearance of the building is satisfactory and does not detract from the character and visual amenity of the area.

8.1.3 SCM9 - No extraneous pipework

No soil stacks, soil vent pipes, flues, ductwork or any other pipework shall be fixed to the (street) elevations of the building other than as shown on the drawings hereby approved.

REASON: To ensure that the external appearance of the building is satisfactory and does not detract from the character and visual amenity of the area.

8.2 **RECOMMENDATION B**:

8.2.1 That listed building consent be GRANTED, subject to the following conditions:

8.2.2 **SCB1N - 3 years**

The Development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this consent.

REASON: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 18(a) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended.

8.2.3 SCB0 - Development in accordance with plans

The development hereby permitted shall only be carried out and completed strictly in accordance with the submitted plans hereby approved and any subsequent approval of details.

REASON: To ensure that the development hereby permitted is carried out in full accordance with the plans hereby approved.

8.2.4 SCL8B - Demolition as part of Redevelopment Only

The demolition works hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than as part of the completion of development for which planning permission ref 2008/1190 was granted on 05/11/2008 and such demolition and development shall be carried out without interruption and in complete accordance with the plans referred to in this consent and any subsequent approval of details.

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REASON: As empowered by Section 74(3) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and to maintain the character and the appearance of the De Beauvoir Conservation Area and the special architectural and historic interest of this listed building.

8.2.5 SCL6 – Original Features

All existing ornamental features including chimney pieces, plasterwork, architraves, panelling, doors and staircase balustrade shall remain undisturbed in their existing position and shall be fully protected during the course of works on site, unless specifically authorised otherwise on the drawings hereby approved.

REASON: To ensure that those features which contribute to the special architectural and historic interest of the building are retained.

8. REASONS FOR APPROVAL

9.1 The following policies contained in the Hackney Unitary Development Plan (1995) and the London Plan 2008 are relevant to the approved development and were considered by this Council in reaching the decision to grant planning permission: EQ1 (Development Requirements); EQ12 (Protection of Conservation Areas); EQ13 (Demolition in a Conservation Areas); EQ14 (Alterations and Extensions of Buildings in Conservation Areas); EQ16 (Protection of Listed Buildings) and EQ17 (Alteration to Listed Buildings) and 4B.1 - 'Design Principles for a Compact City'.

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SI.3 Sanitary, Ventilation and Drainage Arrangements

SI.7 Hours of Building Works

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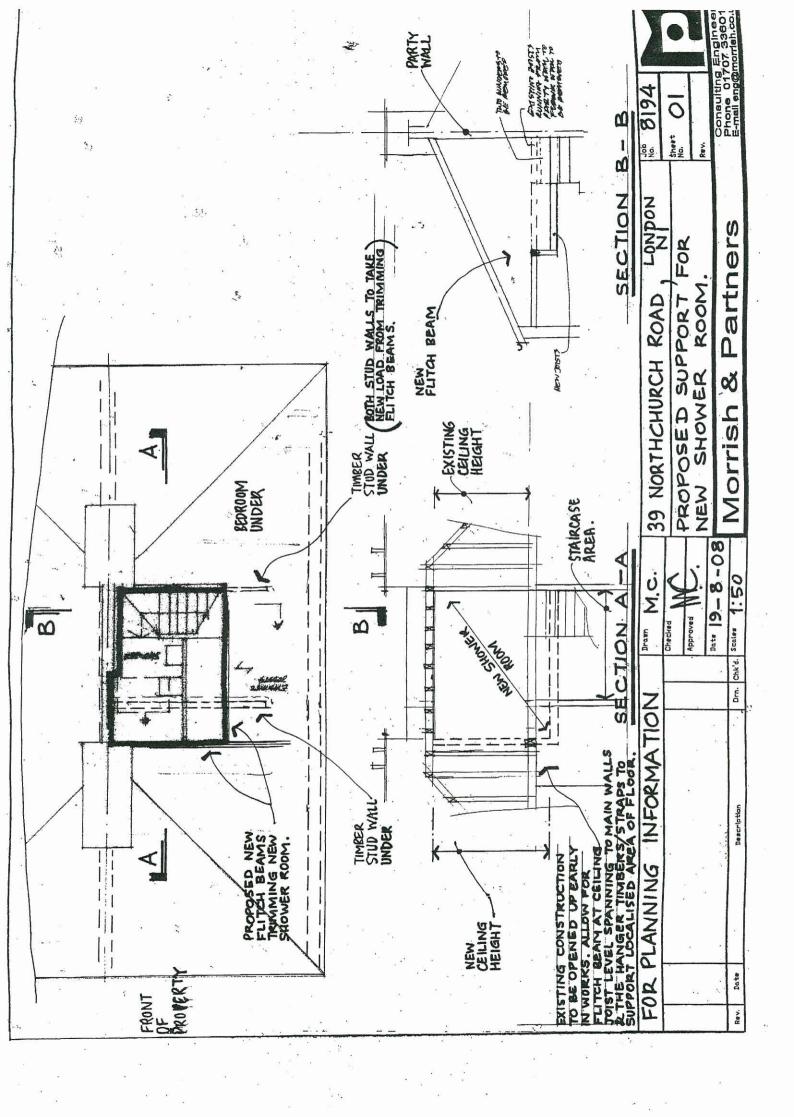
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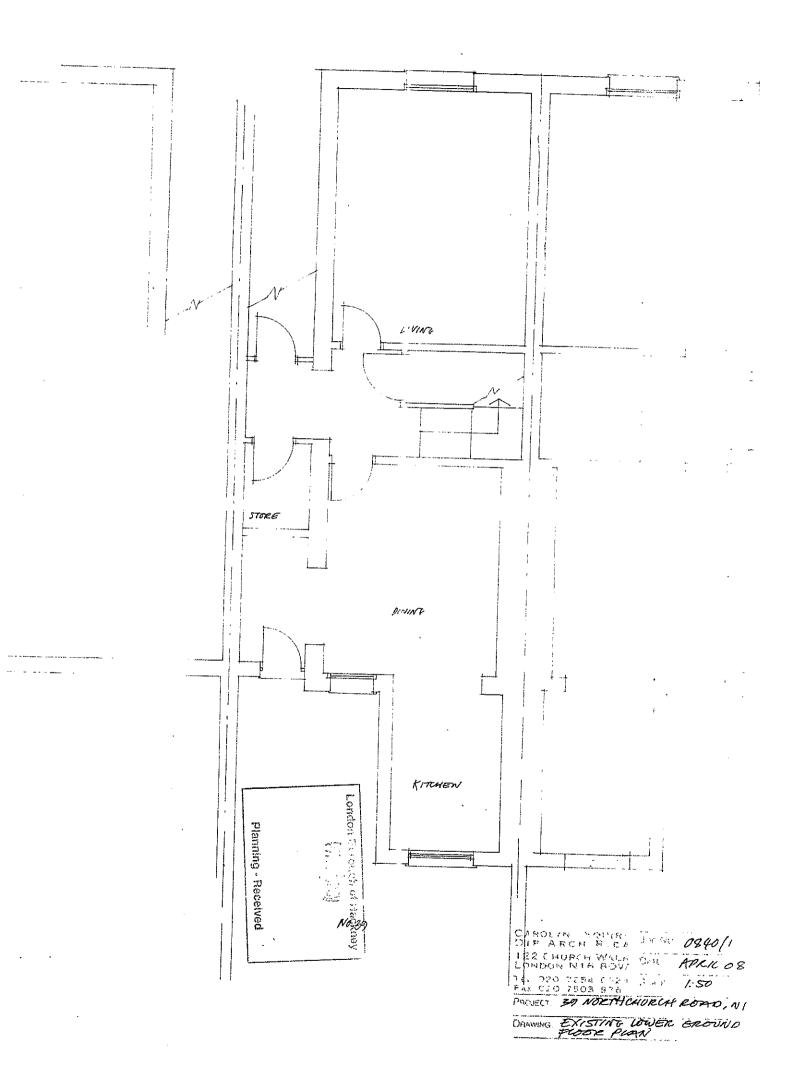


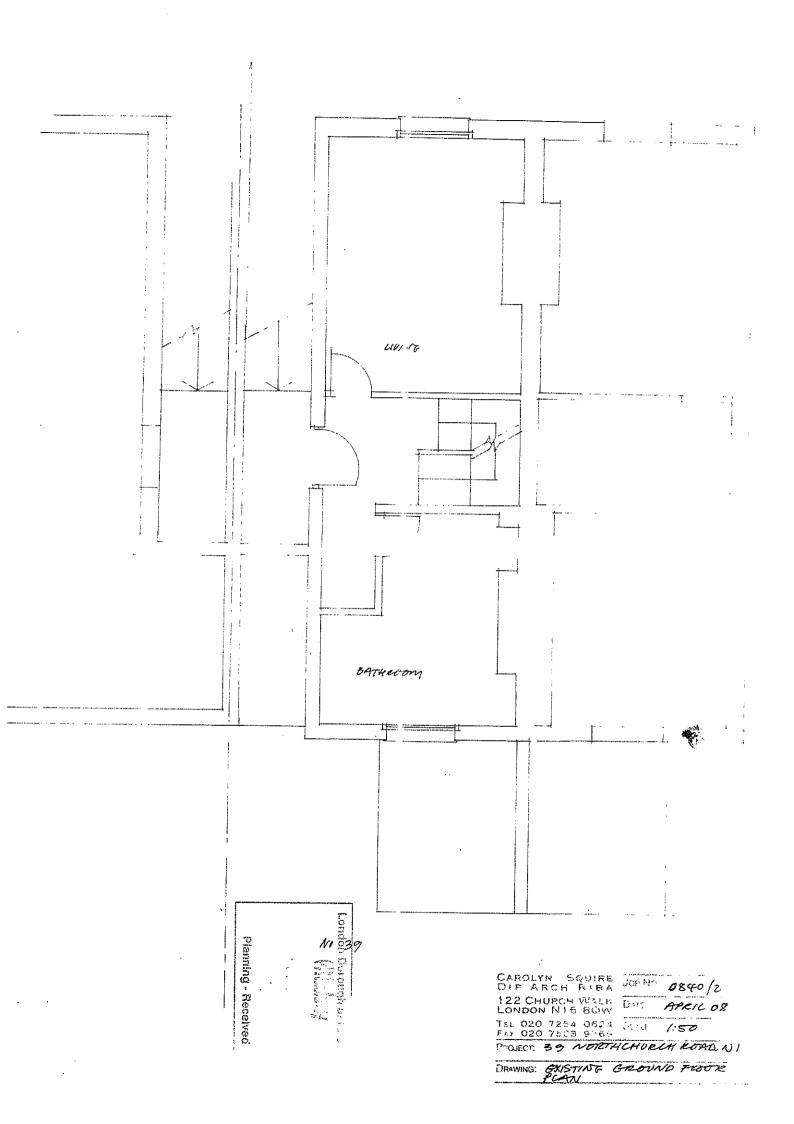
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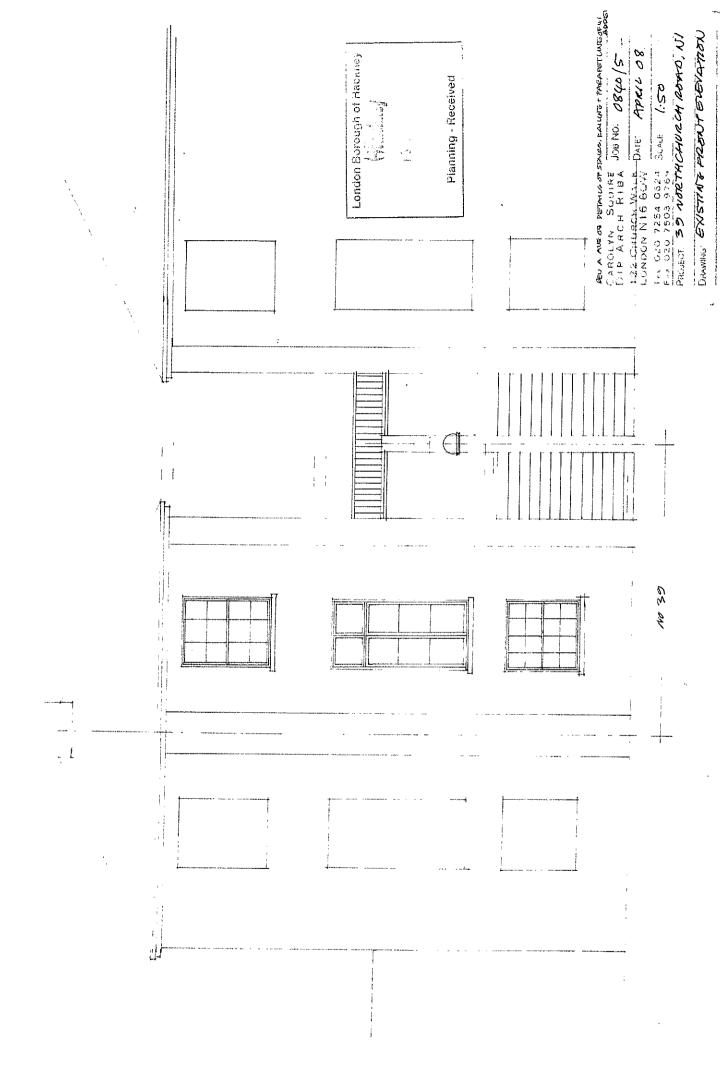
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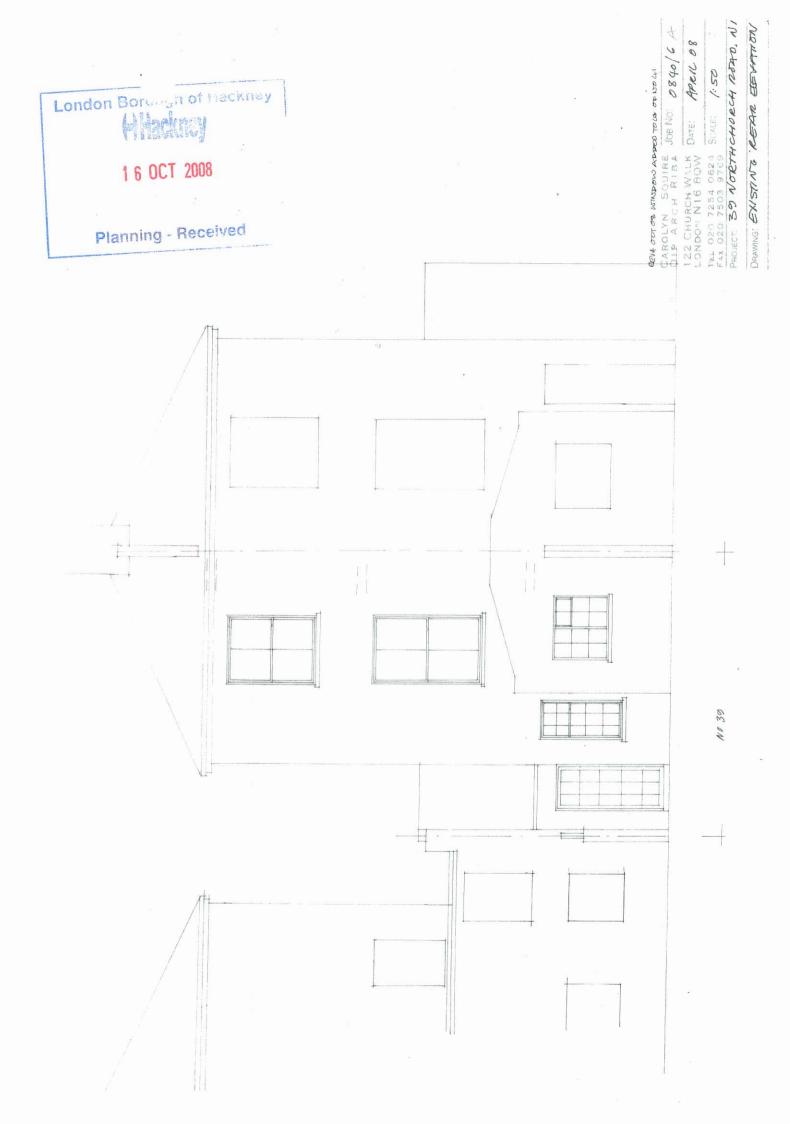
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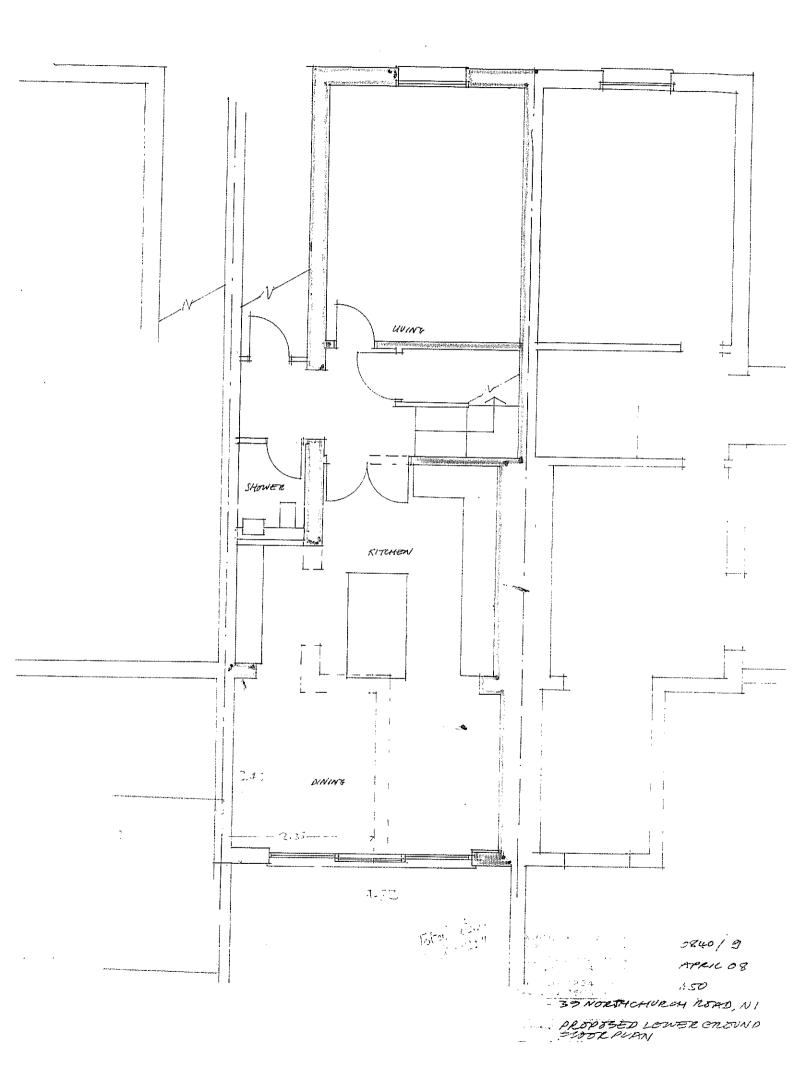
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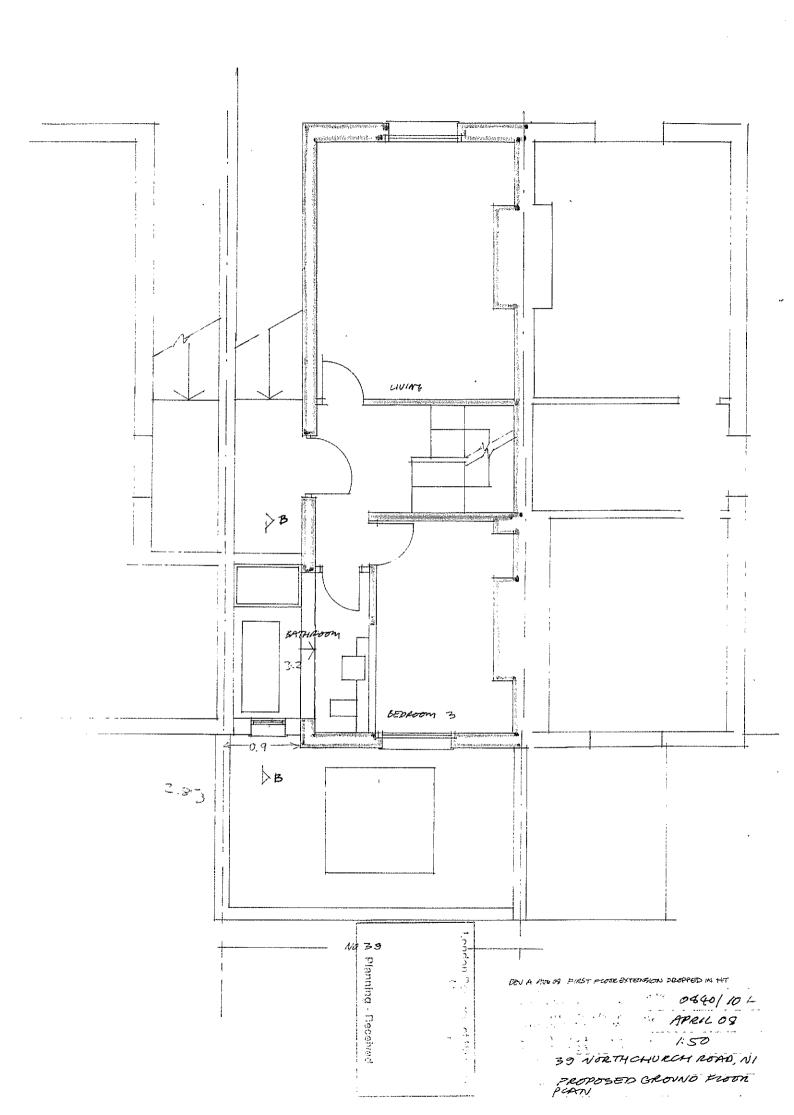


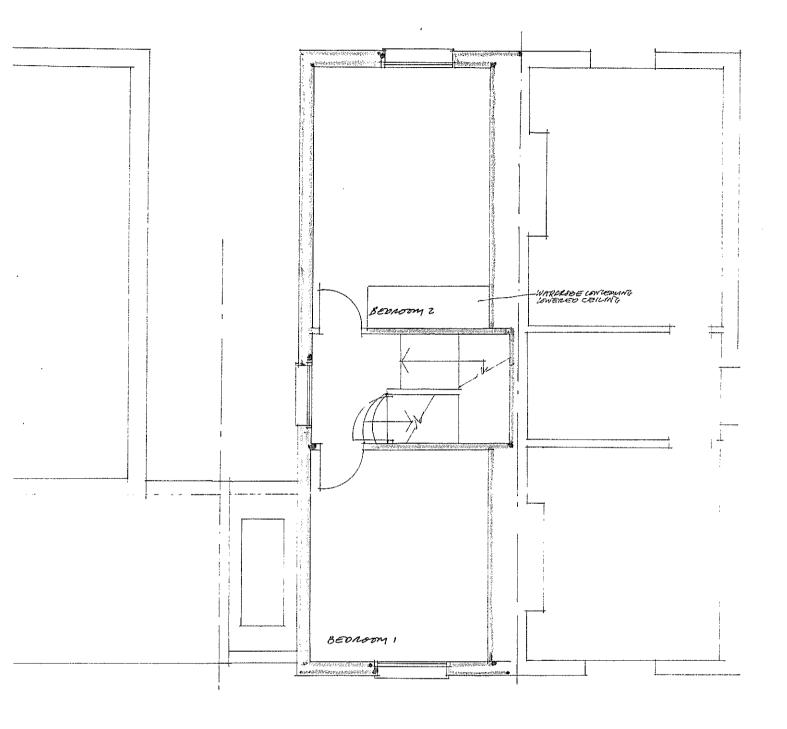


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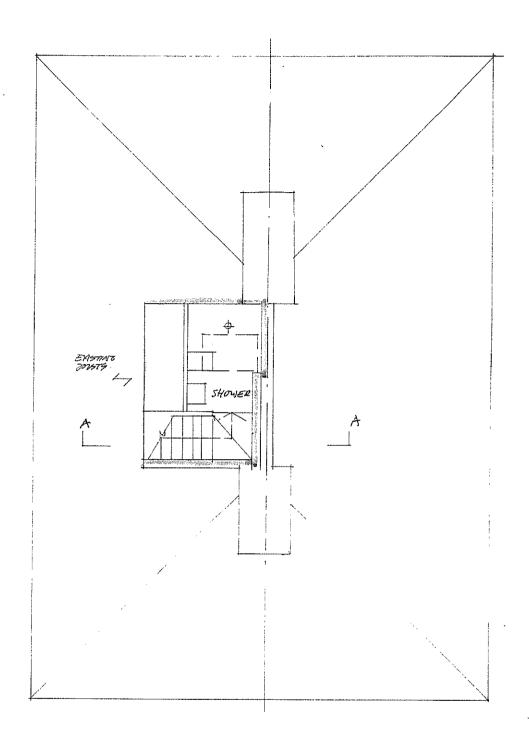


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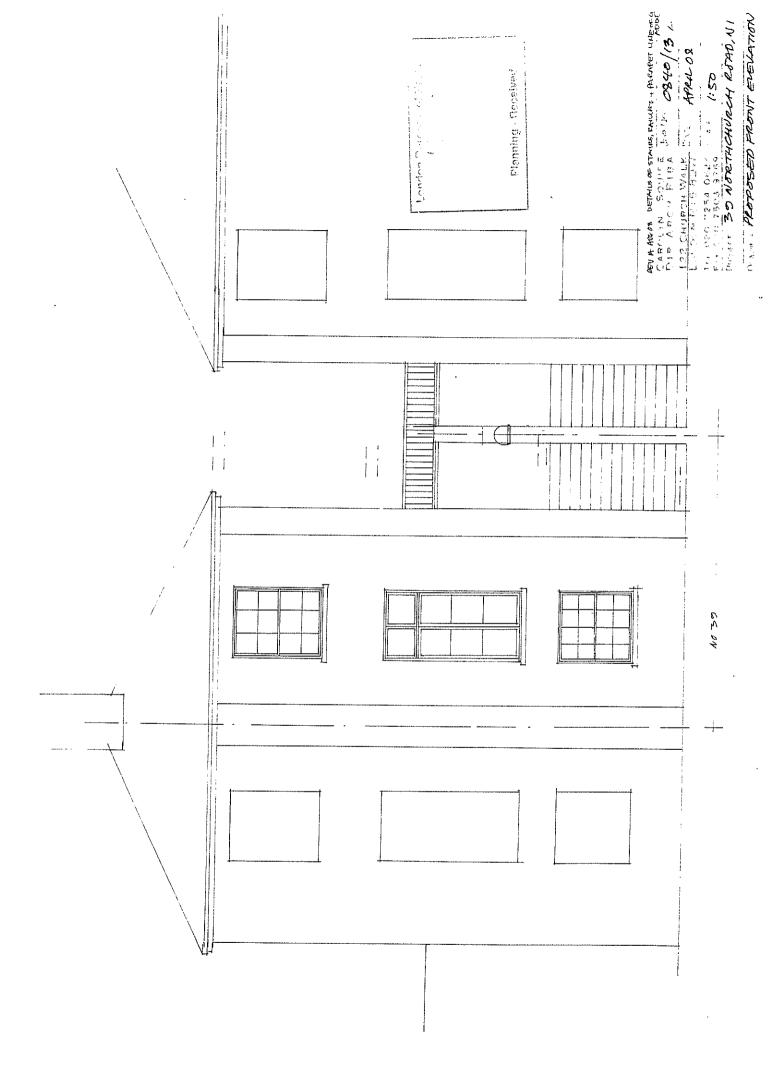
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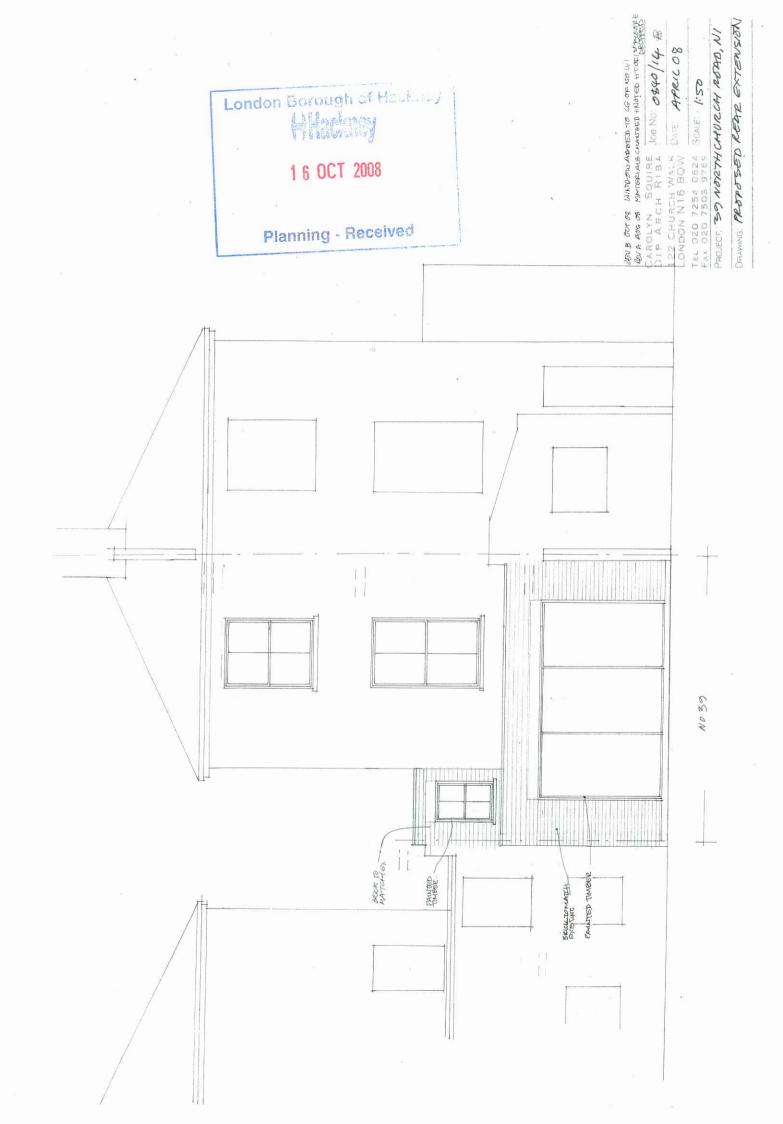
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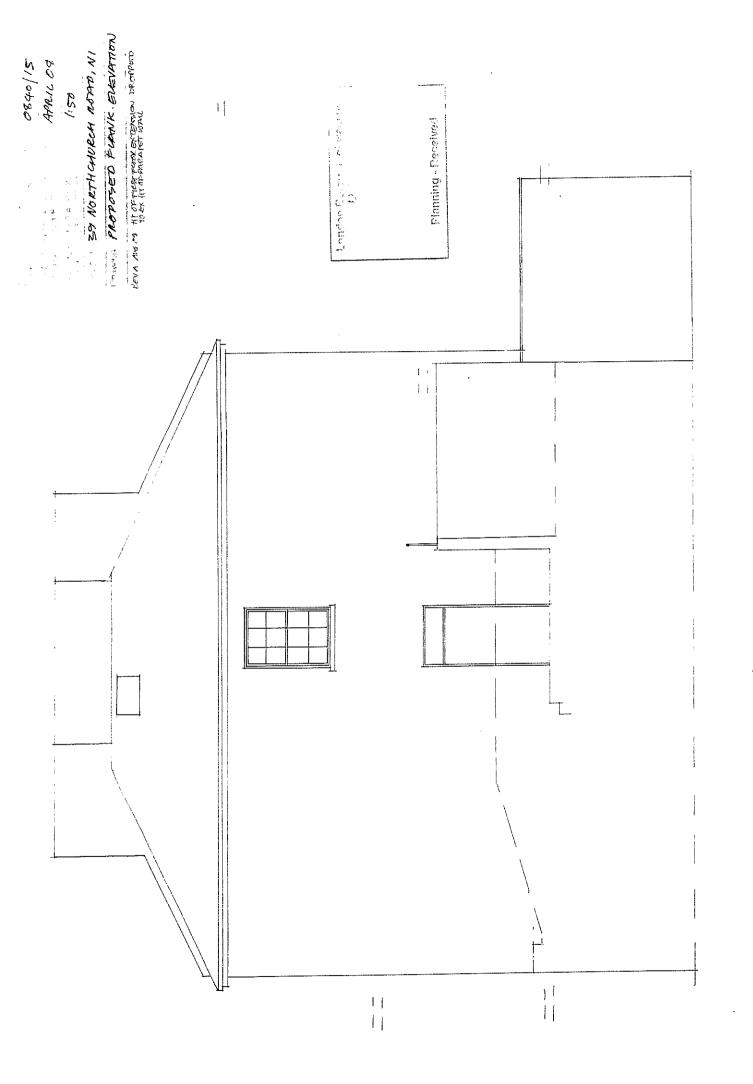
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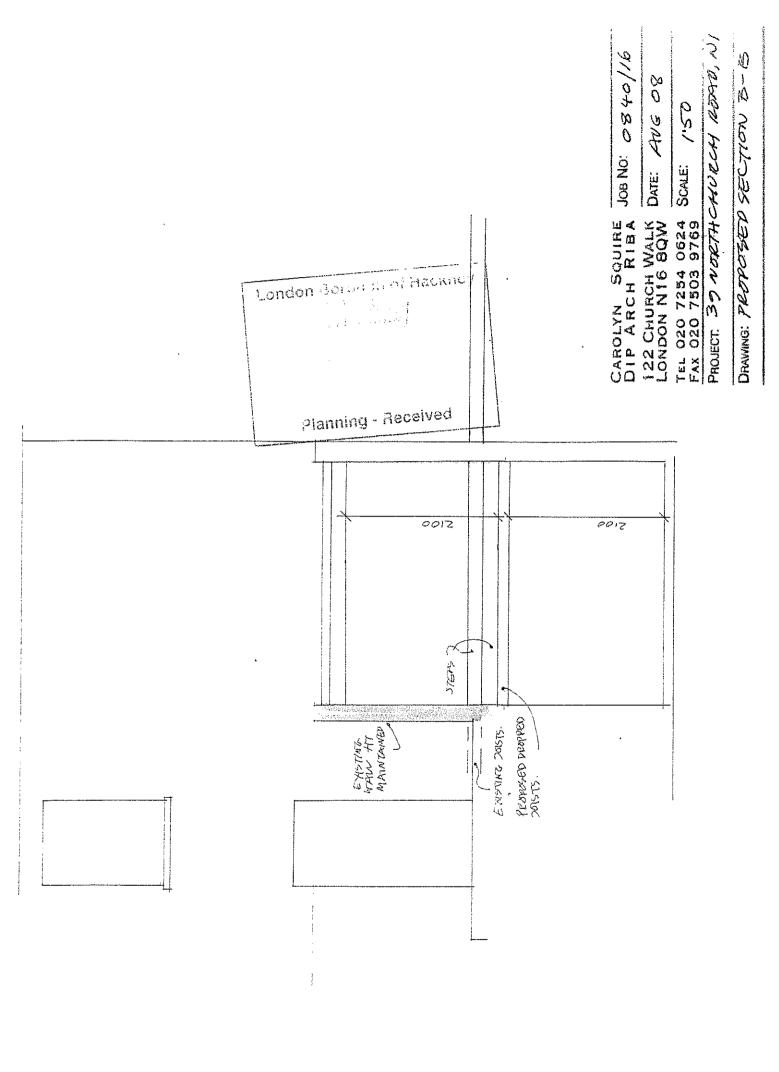
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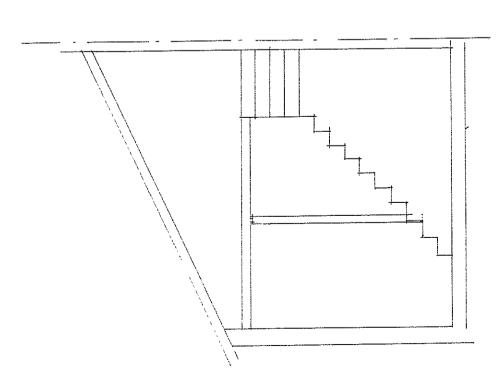


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