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**SECTION 5 DECLARATION** 

Question

Whether the construction of a single storey extension (less than 40

sg.m.) is development or is exempted development.

Location

St. Lachtan's, 10 Fairy Lawn, Lough Road, Cork

Applicant

Rodney and Grainne Herlihy

Recommendation

Is development and is not exempted development

### INTERPRETATION

In this report 'the Act' means the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and 'the Regulations' means the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), unless otherwise indicated.

### 1. REQUIREMENTS FOR A SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION

Section 5(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended states,

5.—(1) If any question arises as to what, in any particular case, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development within the meaning of this Act, any person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, request in writing from the relevant planning authority a declaration on that question, and that person shall provide to the planning authority any information necessary to enable the authority to make its decision on the matter.

The requirements for making a Section 5 declaration are set out in the Act.

### 2. THE QUESTION BEFORE THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

The question to the planning authority is whether 'the construction of a single storey rear extension (less than 40 sq.m.) is exempt from planning as allowed under Schedule 2, Part 1 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001'. This is interpreted to mean 'whether the extension is development or is exempted development.'

### 3. SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject property comprises a two-storey, detached dwelling house located on the Lough Road. The site slopes up to the rear boundary with part of the rear garden located at a higher level than the ground floor level of the house and its patio area (see photos taken at the time of assessment of planning application T.P. 18/37878.

### 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development comprises an extension to the rear of the existing house. The extension is shown consisting of an internal link corridor, a living room, bathroom and store. The extension could also be accessed via external patio doors into the link corridor. The link corridor (located between the existing house and the proposed extension) would be located off the half landing of the stairs located in the existing house.

### Section 4(2),

Section 4(2) provides that the Minister may, by regulations, provide for any class of development to be exempted development. The principal regulations made under this provision are the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

### Section 4(3),

A reference in this Act to exempted development shall be construed as a reference to development which is—

- (a) any of the developments specified in subsection (1), or
- (b) development which, having regard to any regulations under subsection (2), is exempted development for the purposes of this Act.

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### **6.2 THE REGULATIONS**

### Article 5(2):

In Schedule 2, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to the height of a structure, plant or machinery shall be construed as a reference to its height when measured from ground level, and for that purpose "ground level" means the level of the ground immediately adjacent to the structure, plant or machinery or, where the level of the ground where it is situated or is to be situated is not uniform, the level of the lowest part of the ground adjacent to it.

### Article 6(1):

Subject to Article 9, development of a class specified in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall be exempted development for the purposes of the Act, provided that such development complies with the conditions and limitations specified in column 2 of the said Part 1 opposite the mention of that class in the said column 1.

Article 9 sets out restrictions on exemptions specified under Article 6.

### Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 1

Classes 1-8 relate to development within the curtilage of a house and Class 1 relates to "the extension of a house, by the construction or erection of an extension (including a conservatory) to the rear of the house or by the conversion for use as part of the house of any garage, store, shed or other similar structure attached to the rear or to the side of the house":

Column 1	Column 2					
Description of Development	Conditions and Limitations					
	permission has been obtained, shall					
	not exceed 20 square metres.					
	<ol> <li>Any above ground floor extension shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary.</li> </ol>					
	4. (a) Where the rear wall of the house does					
	not include a gable, the height of the					
	walls of any such extension shall not					
	exceed the height of the rear wall of					
	the house.					
	(b) Where the rear wall of the house					
	includes a gable, the height of the					
	walls of any such extension shall not					
	exceed the height of the side walls of					
	the house.					
	(c) The height of the highest part of the					
	roof of any such extension shall not					
	exceed, in the case of a flat roofed					
	extension, the height of the eaves or					
	parapet, as may be appropriate, or, in					
	any other case, shall not exceed the					
	height of the highest part of the roof					
	of the dwelling.					
	5. The construction or erection of any such					
	extension to the rear of the house					
	shall not reduce the area of private					
	open space, reserved exclusively for					
	the use of the occupants of the house,					
	to the rear of the house to less than					
	25 square metres.					
	6. (a) Any window proposed at ground level					
	in any such extension shall not be less					
	than 1 metre from the boundary it					
	faces.					
	(b) Any window proposed above ground					
	level in any such extension shall not be less than 11 metres from the					
	boundary it faces.					
	(c) Where the house is detached and the					
	floor area of the extension above					
	ground level exceeds 12 square					
	metres, any window proposed at					
	above ground level shall not be less					
	than 11 metres from the boundary it					
	faces.					
	7. The roof of any extension shall not be					
	used as a balcony or roof garden.					
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above the existing level (in response to Question 2)). The level of the patio to the rear of the existing house is shown at 102.40 (approx).

When viewed from the rear and side elevations, the proposed extension level is located mid way between ground and first floor.

As per Article 5(2) of the Regulations "ground level" means the level of the ground immediately adjacent to the structure,... or where the level of the ground where it is situated or is to be situated is not uniform, the level of the lowest part of the ground adjacent to it.

I do not consider that the proposed extension could reasonably be considered to be situated at 'ground floor level' given that it is located mid-way between ground and first floor levels of the existing house. In the context of Article 5(2) of the Regulations the definition of 'ground level' is the lowest level of the house and is generally at the same level (allowing for typical differences between floor level and ground level) as the ground immediately adjacent to it. In this instance one could not directly access the proposed extension via the ground floor of the main house but would have to enter off the half landing of the stairs via a link corridor located at a point 1.21m above the ground floor where the stairs begins. External access to the extension would be via external steps linking the lower patio and side access passageway with the upper garden area.

It would be a reasonable interpretation of the legislation that in this instance the proposed extension, while single storey, be defined as being 'above ground floor' in the context of Class 1, having regard to its position and level relative to the ground and finished floor levels immediately adjacent to it. This interpretation would appear to be consistent with the intention of the legislation to provide for exemptions with respect to limited 'first-floor' development but to have built in safeguards to protect the residential amenity of the occupiers of adjoining residential dwellings.

If the extension is considered to be located at 'above ground floor level' in the context of Class 1, then it would not constitute 'exempted development' as it does not satisfy several of the conditions/limitations of this class including:

- Condition/limitation 1(c) being 38.74 sq.m. rather than the 20m maximum;
- Condition/limitation 3 being located within 2m of the party boundaries to the northwest and south-west;
- Condition/limitation 4(c) being just higher than eaves line of the existing house;
- Condition/limitations 6 (c) having windows within 11m of the boundary they face.

It should be noted that it is stated on the drawings that the rear garden remaining following the works would 19 sq.m - below the limit of 25 sq.m. however I measure it at approx. 30 sq.m. with the existing patio in addition to this.

I note too Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 6(a) relating to landscaping works and that the level of the ground shall not be altered by more than 1 metre above or below the level of the adjoining ground. The construction of the proposed extension would result in the lowering of the adjoining garden level to approx 102.6 m O.D. (There appears to be some discrepancy in the drawings in that the existing site layout drawing provided shows the upper garden level having levels of 103.5 while the 'proposed elevation' drawing references a level of 102.73 m. O.D.) It

and therefore the Planning Authority considers that -

the construction of a rear extension at *St. Lachtan's, No. 10 Fairy Lawn, Lough Road*, Cork IS **DEVELOPMENT** and IS **NOT EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**.

<u>R. Wihhm</u> Evelyn Mitchell,

Senior Executive Planner.



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Kieran Murphy JHK Consultants Ltd Clyde House Brian Boru St Cork

12/11/18

### RE: R492/18 Section 5 Declaration 10 Fairy Lawn, Lough Road.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am asked by Mr. Patrick Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development to refer to your request for a section 5 Declaration at the above named property.

Having regard to —

- Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, and
- Articles 5(2) and 6(1) and Class 1 and Class 6(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended,

the Planning Authority has concluded that —

- (1) the proposed extension constitutes an above ground floor extension in the context of Article 5(2) and Class 1 and Class 6(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, and as
  - (a) its floor area exceeds 20 sq.m.;
  - (b) it would be located closer than 2 metres from a party boundary;
  - (c) the height of the highest part of the roof of the extension would exceed the height of the existing eaves;
  - (d) the windows proposed in the elevations would be closer than 11 metres from the boundary it faces,
  - (e) the development would result in the alteration of the ground by more than 1 metre above or below the level of the adjoining ground



it would not satisfy conditions and limitations 1(c), 3, 4(c), and 6(c) of Class 1 respectively, and would not satisfy the condition and limitation of Class 6(a)

and therefore the Planning Authority considers that —

the construction of a rear extension at St. Lachtan's, No. 10 Fairy Lawn, Lough Road, Cork IS DEVELOPMENT and IS NOT EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT.

Yours Faithfully,

**Paul Hartnett** 

Assistant Staff Officer Strategic Planning & Economic Development

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03rd September 2018.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Cork City Council, City Hall, Anglesea Street, CORK

Dear Sir/Madam,

ON OCT 2018

RE: RODNEY & GRAINNE HERLIHY - SECTION 05 DECLARATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO THE REAR OF OUR PROPERTY AND ALL ANCILLARY SITE WORKS AT NO.10, ST LACHTANS, FAIRY LAWN, LOUGH ROAD, CORK

Please find enclosed herewith 2 No. copies of all relevant drawings and documentation with respect to the above section 05 Declaration application, for your information.

Also find herewith cheque for €80.00 being applicable fee which you might please receipt at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any queries, or should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

KIERAN MURPHY

Encls.

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### **SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION FORM**

under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

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Is the construction of a shed at No 1 Wall St, Cork development and if so, is it

PLEASE STATE THE SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR WHICH A DECLARATION IS SOUGHT:

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### 2. QUESTION/ DECLARATION DETAILS

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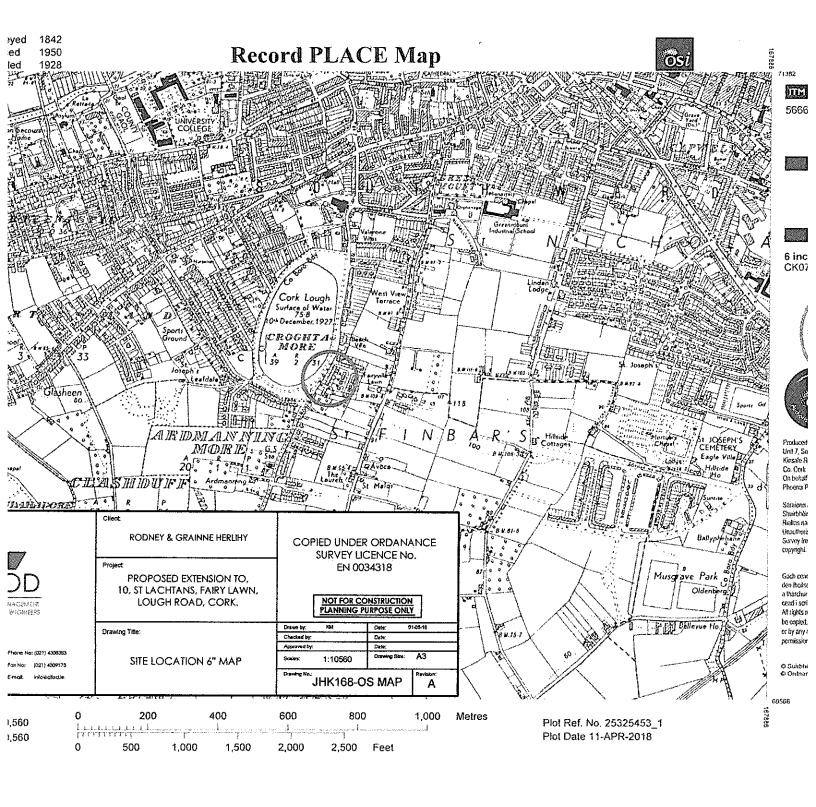
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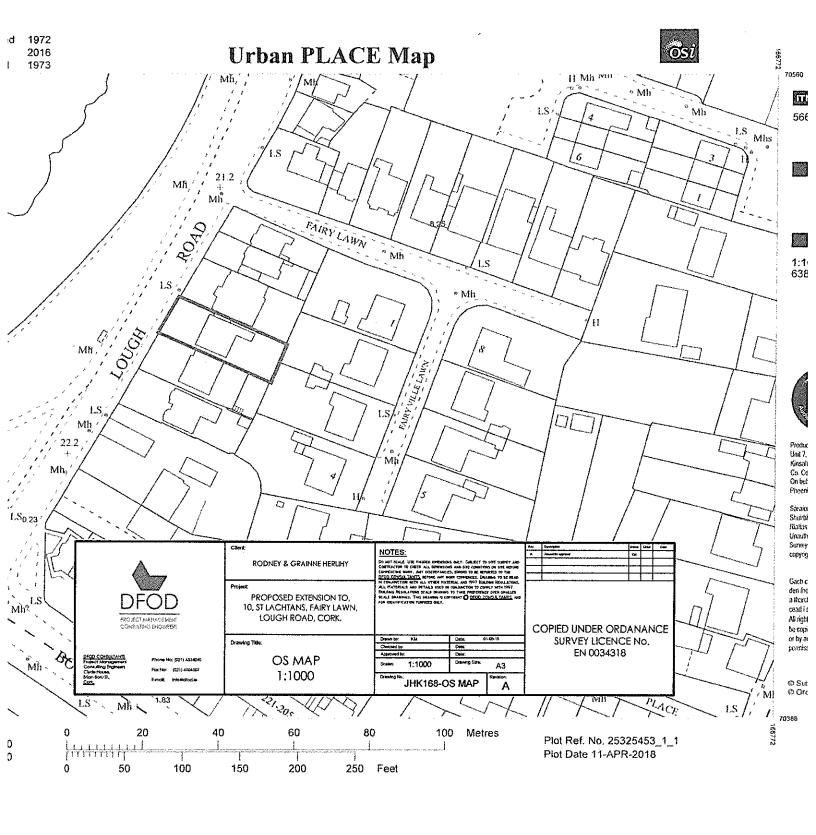
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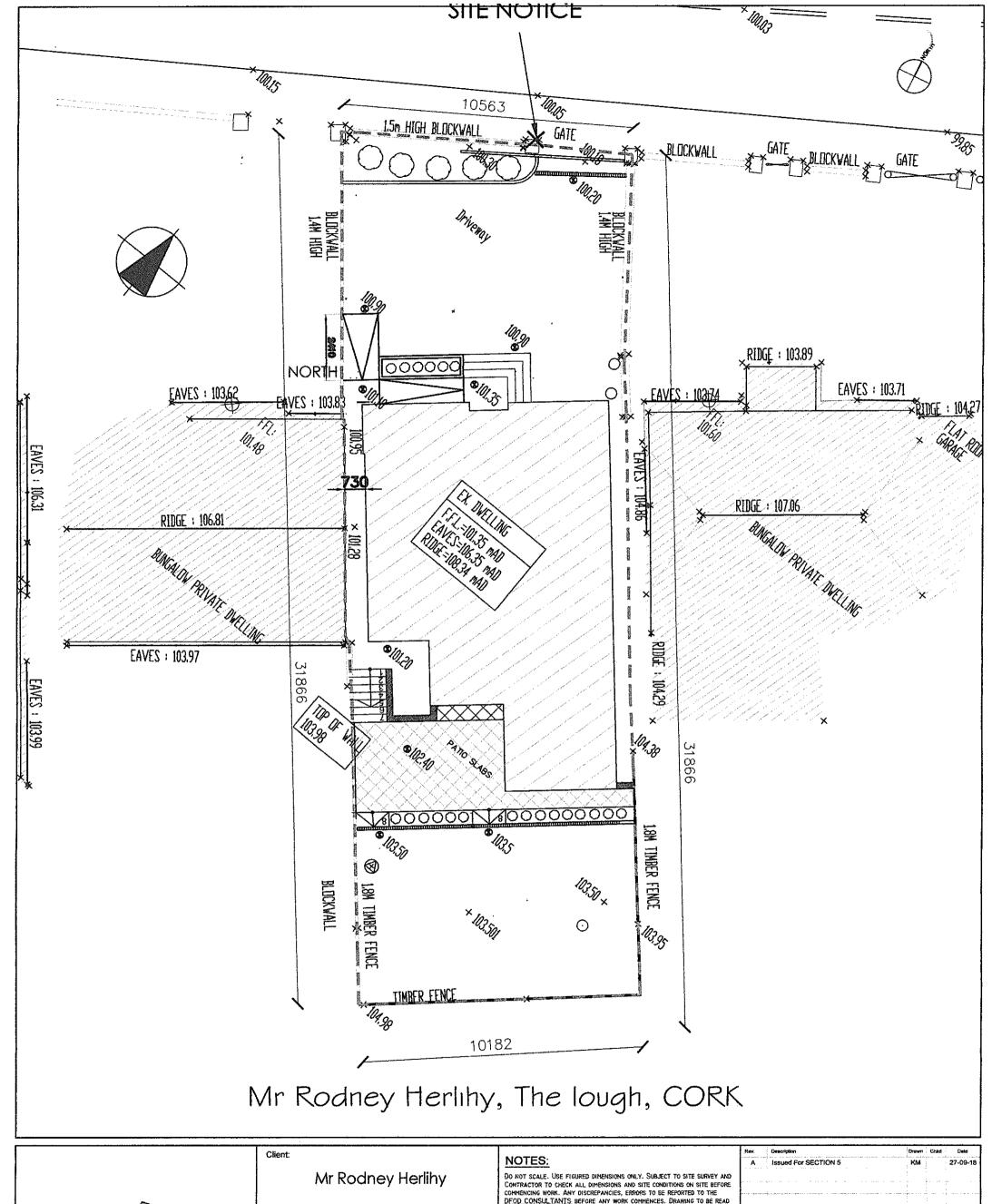
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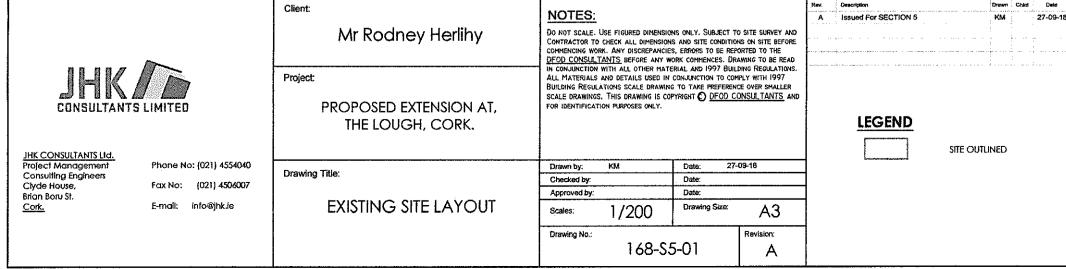
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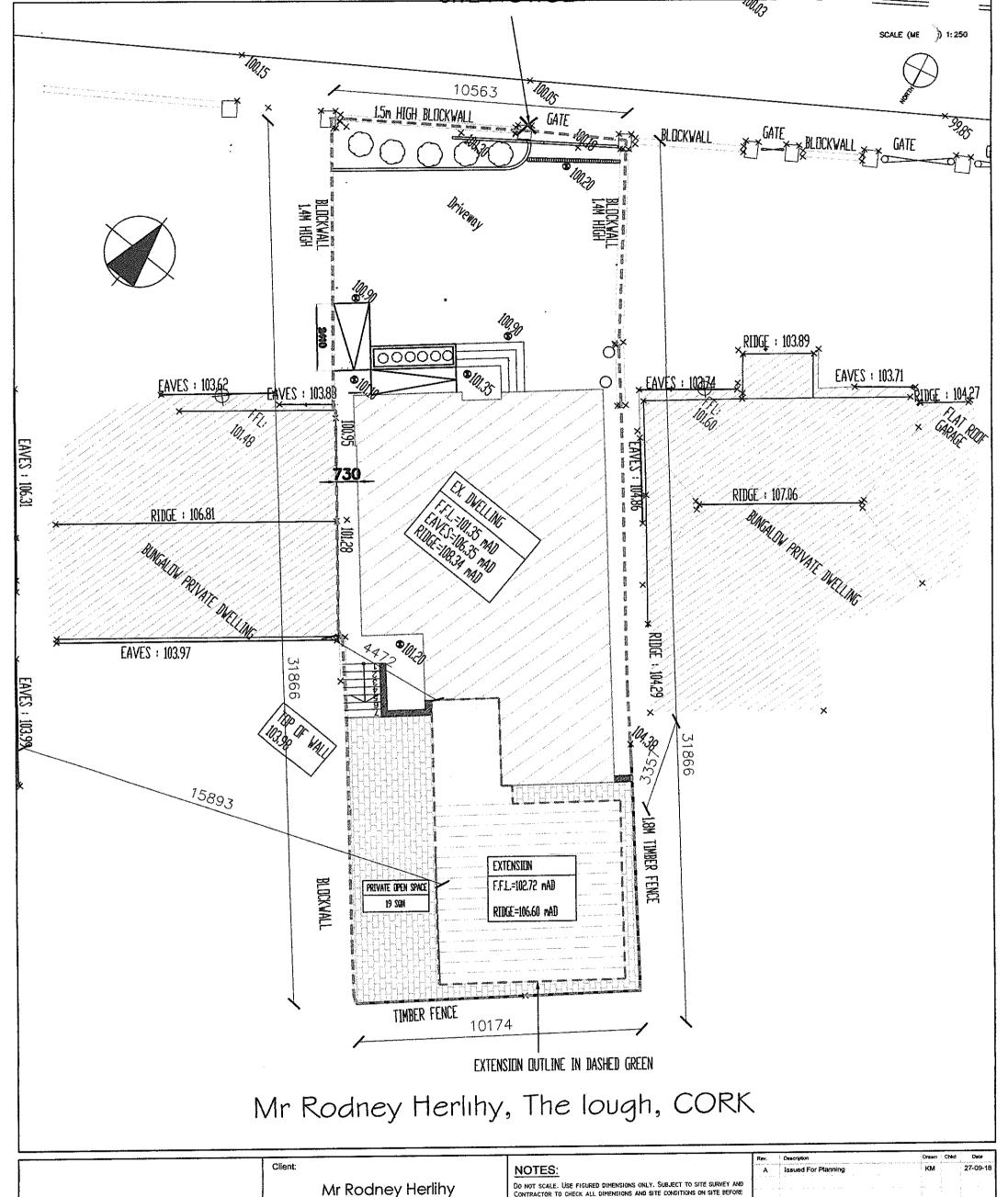
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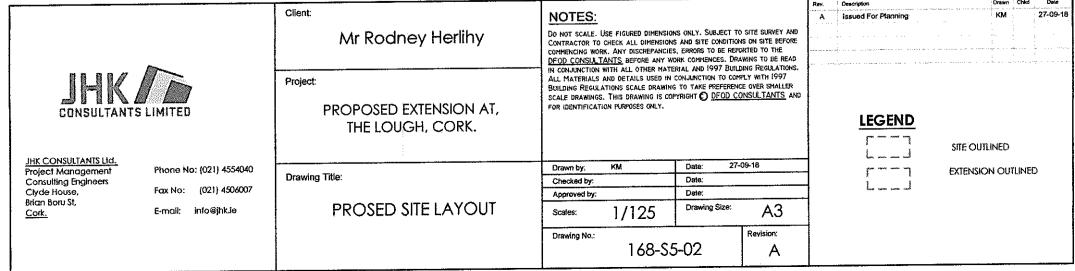


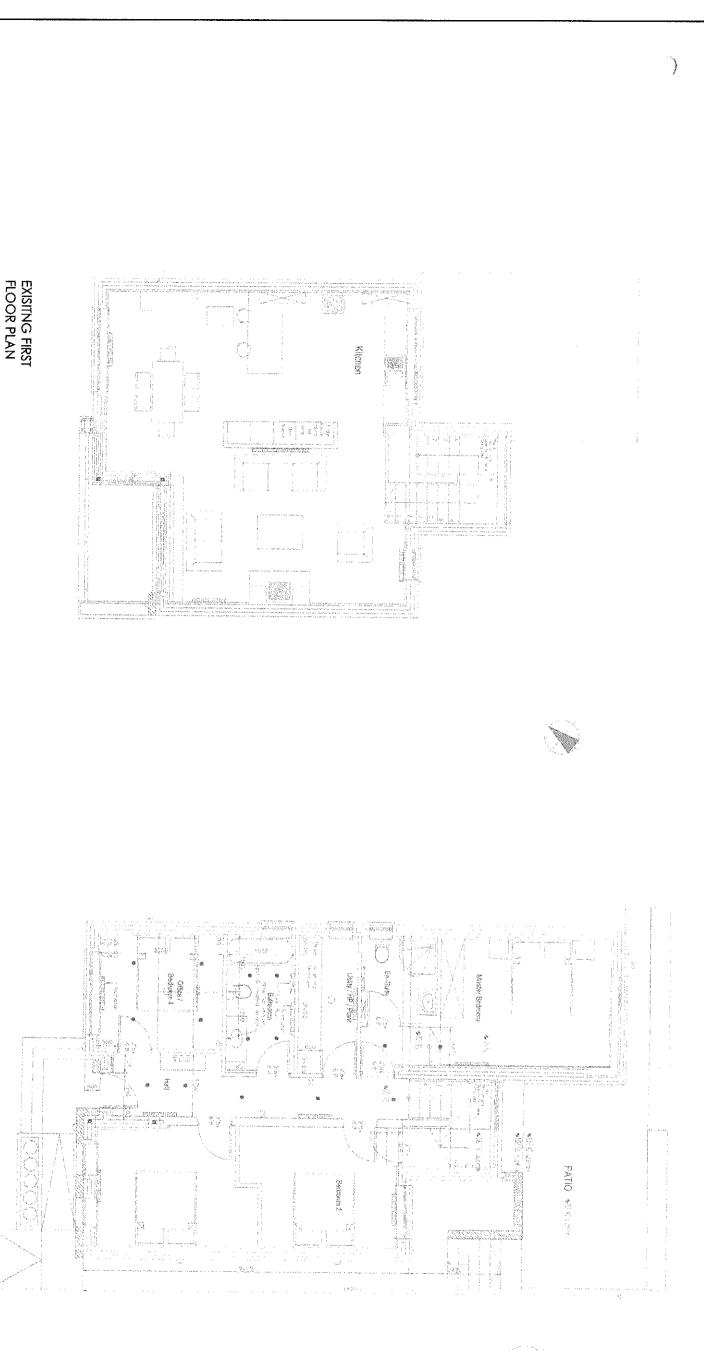












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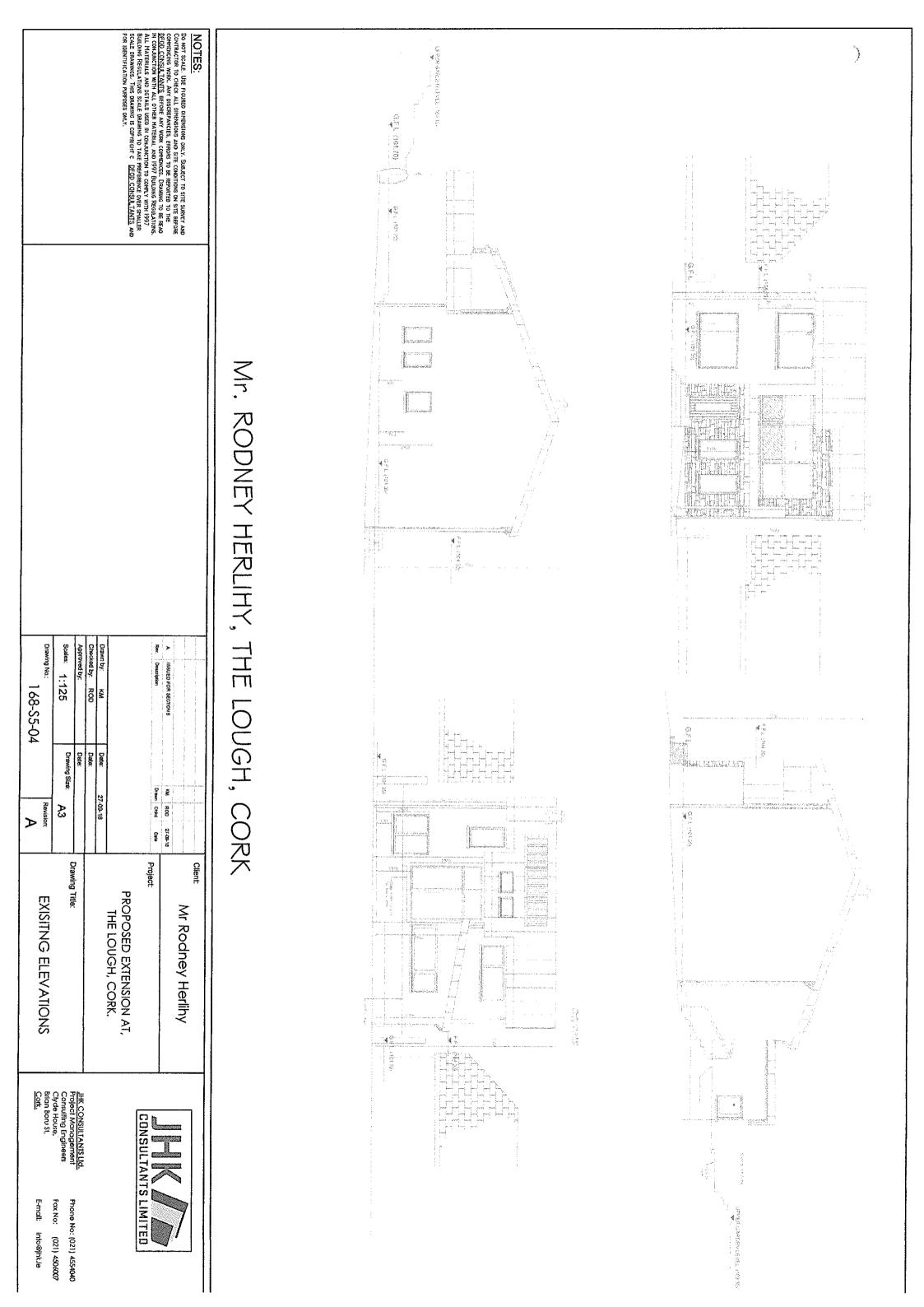
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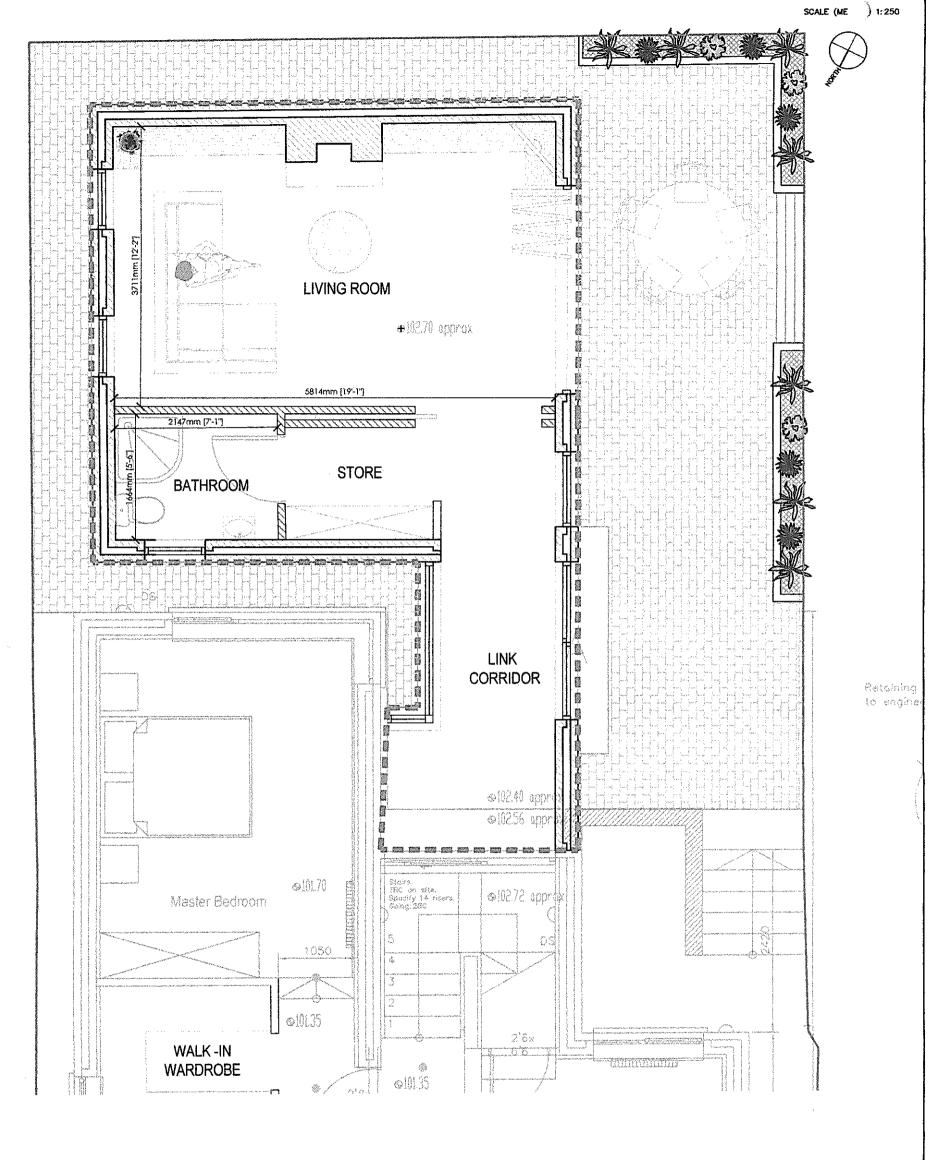


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