# Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí Cork City Council



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Mr. John Keane, Millbrook House, Hyde Park, Sunday's Well, Cork T23 PP38

18th July, 2018

Re: R477/18 - Section 5 Declaration

Property: The Brambles, 45 Wilton Road, Cork

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am asked by Mr. Patrick Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development to refer to your request received on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 for a Section 5 Declaration regarding whether the existing extension to the rear and the existing shed to the rear is development or is exempted development.

Based on the exact question before the Planning Authority, namely whether the "Construction of the existing 16.47m² single storey extension to rear of main dwelling and the existing 7.7 m² shed to the rear" requires planning: it is considered that they are development, and are exempt development. (As an aside, it is to be noted that the change of use of the garage to the side is not exempted development).

In view of the above and having regard to —

- Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and
- Articles 6, and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended),
  - 1) It is considered that Element 1, i.e. the attached extension to the rear of main dwelling house: Is Development and Is Exempted Development; and
  - 2) It is considered that Element 2, i.e. the detached shed in rear garden Is Development and Is Not Exempted Development

Yours faithfully,

Senior Staff Officer Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate

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Application type	Application type Section 5 Declaration	
Description	Whether the existing extension to the rear and the existing shed to the requires planning permission.	
Location	The Brambles, 45 Wilton Road, Cork	
Applicant	John Keane	
Date	17/07/2018	
Recommendation Element 1: Attached extension to the rear of main de Development and Is Exempted Development		<del>-</del>
Element 2: Detached shed in rear garden Is Development  Exempted Development		Development and <b>Is Not</b>

To be read in conjunction with previous report which required further information with regard to existing structures, dimensions, uses etc.

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# 1. Requirements for a Section 5 Declaration

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

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

# 2. The Question before the Planning Authority

In framing the question to the planning authority, the applicant states in Q2 of the application form:

"Construction of the x16.47m² single storey extension and 7.7m² shed to the rear of the above named premises"

Applicant has now clarified that the question refers to the existing single storey rear existing to the dwelling and the single storey detached shed at the rear of the garden.

#### 3. Site Description

The property in question is a two storey detached dwelling with single storey elements to the side and rear.

# 4. Planning History

No known applications.



# 5. Legislative Provisions

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"works" includes any act or operation of construction, excavation, demolition, extension, alteration, repair or renewal and, in relation to a protected structure or proposed protected structure, includes any act or operation involving the application or removal of plaster, paint, wallpaper, tiles or other material to or from the surfaces of the interior or exterior of a structure.

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- (a) (i) if the carrying out of such development would... contravene a condition attached to a permission under the Act or be inconsistent with any use specified in a permission under the Act.
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Development which consists of a change of use within any one of the classes of use as specified in Part 4 of Schedule 2, shall be exempted development for the purposes of the Act, provided that the development, if carried out would not —

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#### 6. ASSESSMENT

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As aforementioned, the applicant has clarified that the question is reffering to the retention of existing structures on site. These elements constitute development as they comprised of works including construction, extension and alteration.

#### 6.2 Exempted development

The next issue for consideration is whether or not the matter at hand is exempted development.

Applicant has indicated that no other structures/extensions have been erected at this location since 1964, but in response to the further information requested, has detailed that the rear extension and the shed were both built in 2001.

The floor area of the extension to the rear is given as 16.47m<sup>2</sup>.

The floor area of the shed in the rear garden is given as 7.7m<sup>2</sup> and appears to be built on 2 of the party boundary walls.

The garage to the side has been converted to a self-contained unit and is detailed as a bedroom with hall and WC on the plans. It is fully carpeted and has two pedestrian doors (front and rear). This change of use has not been mentioned and is relevant in terms of accumulated floor area. There is external access to same from the front and the rear but no internal access intrinsically linking it to the existing dwelling. This is a separate unit. No evidence of planning permission for this unit. The floor area of this element is  $20m^2$ . Photographic evidence of the interior has been submitted. With regards to planning permission, a letter dated  $11^{th}$  April 2005 from their engineers states that following consultation with the Council regarding replacing the existing lean to roof, they can confirm that "...you can alter your roof without requiring an Exemption Certificate or Planning permission provided you ensure that the ground to apex level remains less than 4m and that you do not increase the garage size to greater than  $25m^2$ ." The drawings submitted from their engineers also include samples of different front facades and a two storey side extension which indicates that the possibility of extending the main dwelling house and changing the use of the garage was being explored in 2004.

Notwithstanding same, it is to be noted that the query and response relate solely to the garage roof and the repair of same. However, both the front elevation and the use of the garage has changed. This is not internally linked to the main dwelling and therefore is not an extension of same but a separate unit. It does not come under Class 1 as it is not being used as part of the house.

Shed to the Rear:

There is only 1 no. shed to the rear. There are no other such structures. It is stated that this is  $7.7m^2$ . Class 3 (below) states that the...

"...total area of such structures constructed, erected or placed within the curtilage of a house shall not, taken together with any other such structures previously constructed, erected or placed within the said curtilage, exceed 25 square metres."

The accompanying letter refers to the attached structure to the side of the main dwelling as a garage. (It is noted that no change of use application has been granted for this structure; and notwithstanding that there is no garage door, that it is carpeted and has a hallway, and two pedestrian doors). At  $20m^2$ , it combined with the floor area of the shed to the rear (7.7m2) exceed the limit of  $25m^2$  for garages and such structures.

Exempted Development — General Column 1	Column 2
Description of Development	Conditions and Limitations
Development within the curtilage of a house  CLASS 1	1. (a) Where the house has not been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension shall not exceed 40 square
The extension of a house, by the construction or	metres.
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.	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.
	7. The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof garden.
CLASS 3 The construction, erection or placing within the curtilage of a house of any tent, awning, shade or other object, greenhouse, garage, store, shed or other similar structure.	1. No such structure shall be constructed, erected or placed forward of the front wall of a house.
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- 4. The external finishes of any garage or other structure constructed, erected or placed to the side of a house, and the roof covering where any such structure has a tiled or slated roof, shall conform with those of the house.
- 5. The height of any such structure shall not exceed, in the case of a building with a tiled or slated pitched roof, 4 metres or, in any other case, 3 metres.
- 6. The structure shall not be used for human habitation or for the keeping of pigs, poultry, pigeons, ponies or horses, or for any other purpose other than a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the house as such.

There is more than 25sq.m of private open to the rear and roof heights appear to comply with the limits and conditions of the regulations. The width between the rear extension and the side boundary wall has been clarified as 1.27m. As the existing extension to the rear is under the limits of the permitted 40sq.m defined in the exemptions, the extension to the rear would be exempt.

which is less than 25sq.m and thus would be exempt.

#### 7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

# 7.1 Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment

Having regard to the contents of Article 103 (as amended by Article 14 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No 3) Regulations 2011) and Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) it is considered that the proposed development by reason of its nature, scale and location would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Accordingly it is considered that an environmental impact statement is not required to be submitted.

# 7.2 Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Section 177U (9) of the Act requires planning authorities to screen applications for a section 5 declaration for appropriate assessment. The provisions of the *Habitats Directive*, the *Appropriate Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2009* (revised 2010) and the Act are noted. The relevant European sites are the Cork Harbour SPA (site code 004030) and the Great Island Channel cSAC (site code 001058). Having regard to the location of the proposed development site relative to these European sites and related watercourses and to the nature and scale of the proposed development it is considered that the proposed development would not affect the integrity of the European sites referred to above. Accordingly it is considered that appropriate assessment is not required.

#### 8. Conclusion

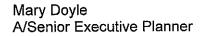
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26th June 2018

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RE: Section 5 Declaration, The Brambles, 45 Wilton Road

Dear Paul,

Further to your letter dated 08<sup>th</sup> June, I provide the following response to your request for further information.

- 1. I wish to confirm a declaration is being sought with respect to the existing rear extension and shed constructed by my late mother in 2001.
- 2. Planning Permission was not required for the 2005 garage works, as the limits set by Cork City Council in the D.L. Group Consulting Engineers letter dated 05th May 2005 attached, were not exceeded. The roof height is 3.54m and the floor area is 20m<sup>2</sup> as shown in the documents included with the application. In relation to photographs, please final attached G1 to G3 showing the interior of the garage.
- 3. Please find attached drawing TB-SK003, revision 1.0 at a scale of 1:50, showing the dimensions and gross internal floor area of the rear extension, which are the same included with the application.
- 4. Please find attached drawing TB-SK001 Site Layout Plan version 1.0 at a scale of 1:100.

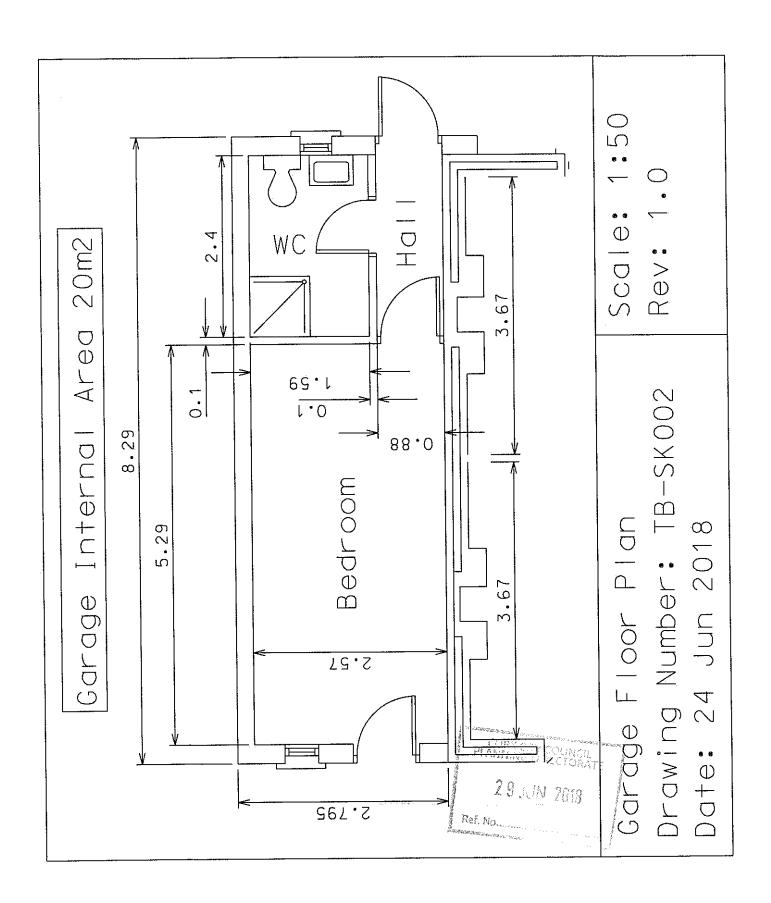
I trust this provides the information required to issue a Section 5 Certificate. Should you require further clarification, please advise.

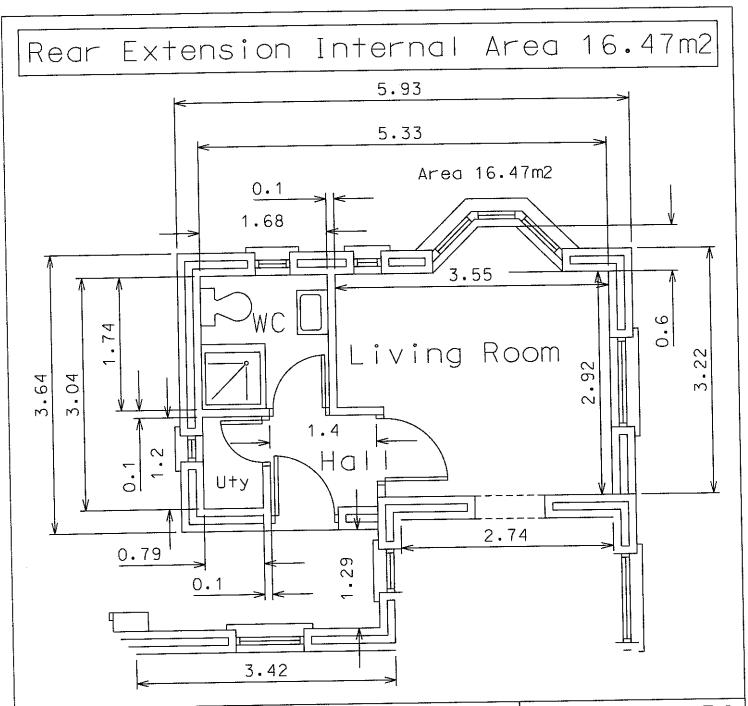
Yours faithfully

John Keene

# Enclosures:

- 1. D.L. Group Consulting Engineers letter dated 05th May 2005;
- 2. Drawing TB-SK001 version 1.0, 1:100 Site Layout Plan;
- 3. Drawing TB-SK002 version 1.0, 1:50 Garage Floor Plan;
- 4. Drawing TB-SK003 version 1.0, 1:50 Rear Extension Floor Plan;
- 5. Drawing TB-SK004 version 1.0, 1:50 Ground Floor Plan;
- 6. Drawing TB-SK005 version 1.0, 1:100 North Elevation;
- 7. Drawing TB-SK006 version 1.0, 1:100 South Elevation;
- 8. Drawing TB-SK007 version 1.0, 1:100 Rear (East Elevation);
- 9. Drawing TB-SK008 version 1.0, 1:100 Front (West Elevation);
- 10. Drawing TB-SK009 version 1.0, 1:100 Rear Shed; and
- 11. Photographs G1 to G3.





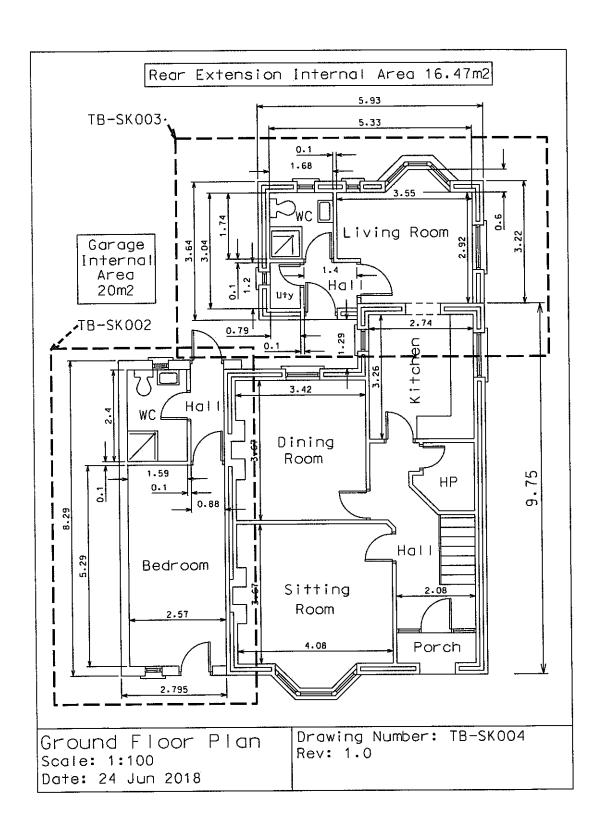
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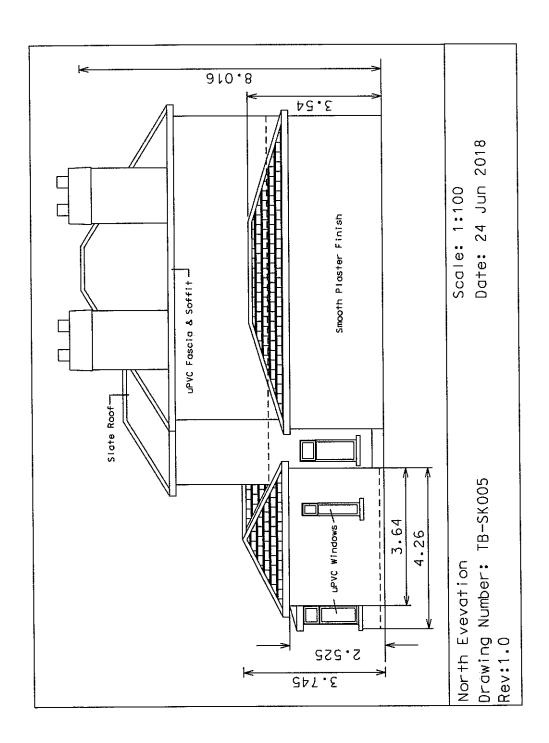
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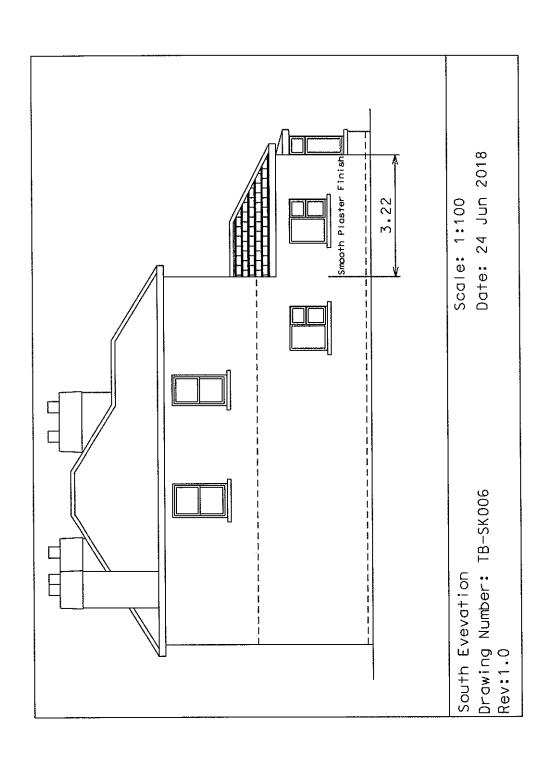
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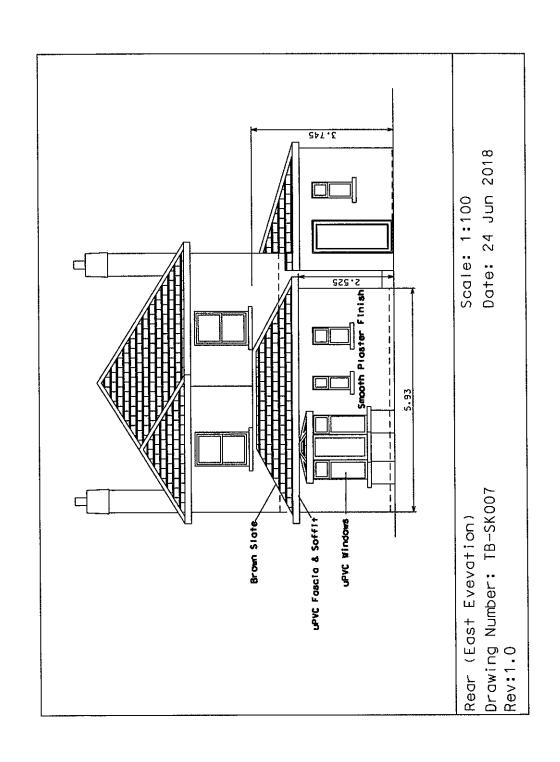
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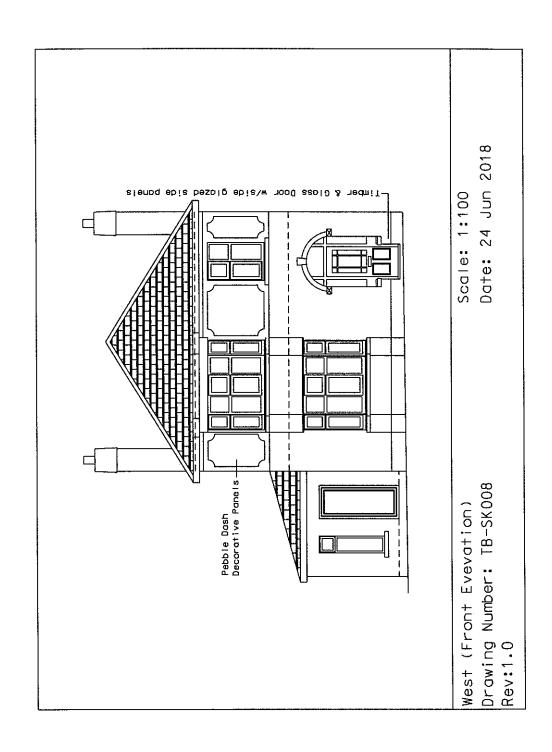
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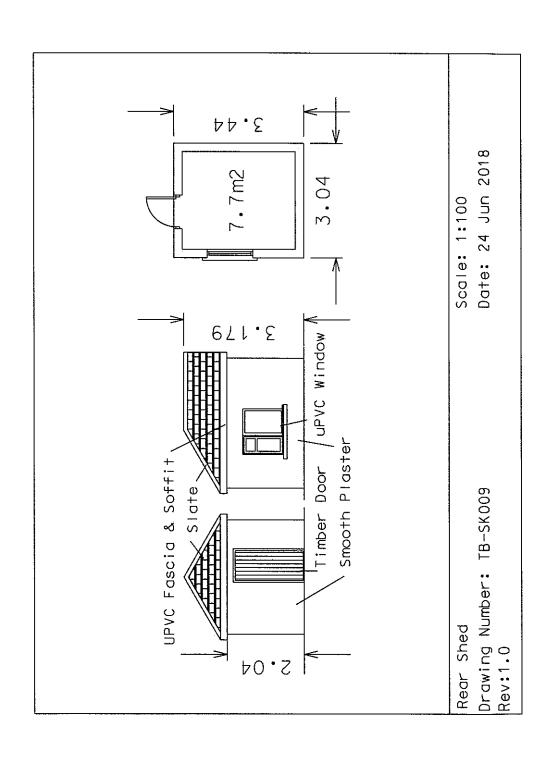


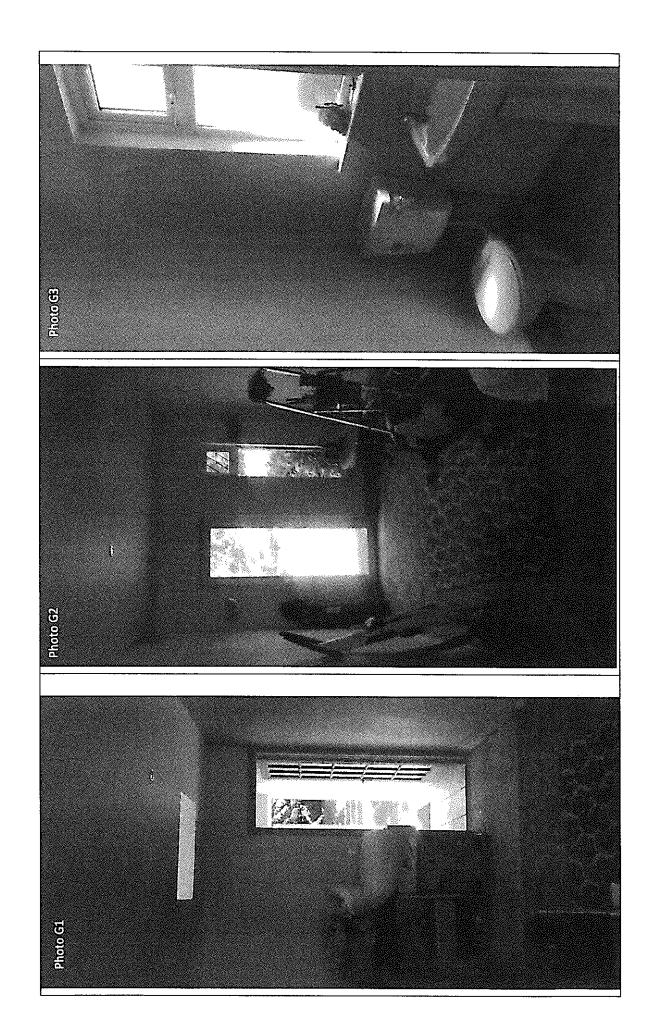












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Our Ref: 10201/S/CD/LH

Your Ref:

Date: Thursday, 05 May 2005

Mrs. Margaret Keane, The Brambles, No. 45, Wilton Road,

Re/ Alterations of Existing Garage Roof, Property @ The Brambles, No. 45, Wilton Road, Cork.

Dear Mrs. Keane,

Following on from my telephone conversation with Cork City Council, I am writing to confirm that you can alter your roof without requiring an Exemption Certificate or Planning Permission provided that you ensure that the ground to apex level remains less than 4m and that you do not increase the garage size to greater than 25m<sup>2</sup>.

If you require any further information please don not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Donovan M.LE.I.

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Date: Monday, 11 April 2005

Mrs. Margaret Keane, The Brambles, No. 45, Wilton Road, Cork.

Re/ Alterations of Existing Garage Roof.,
Property @ The Brambles, No. 45, Wilton Road, Cork.

Dear Mrs. Keane,

Following on from our telephone conversation please find attached a copy of the correspondence sent to Mr. Michael Lynch, Planner, acknowledging his agreement to replacing the existing lean too roof to a hip roof.

I trust the attached is to yours satisfaction and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,





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Michael Lynch, Cork City Council, Planning Department, Navigation House, Alberts Quay, Cork.

Re/ Our Client - Mrs. Peggy Keane, Property @ The Brambles, No. 45, Wilton Road, Cork.

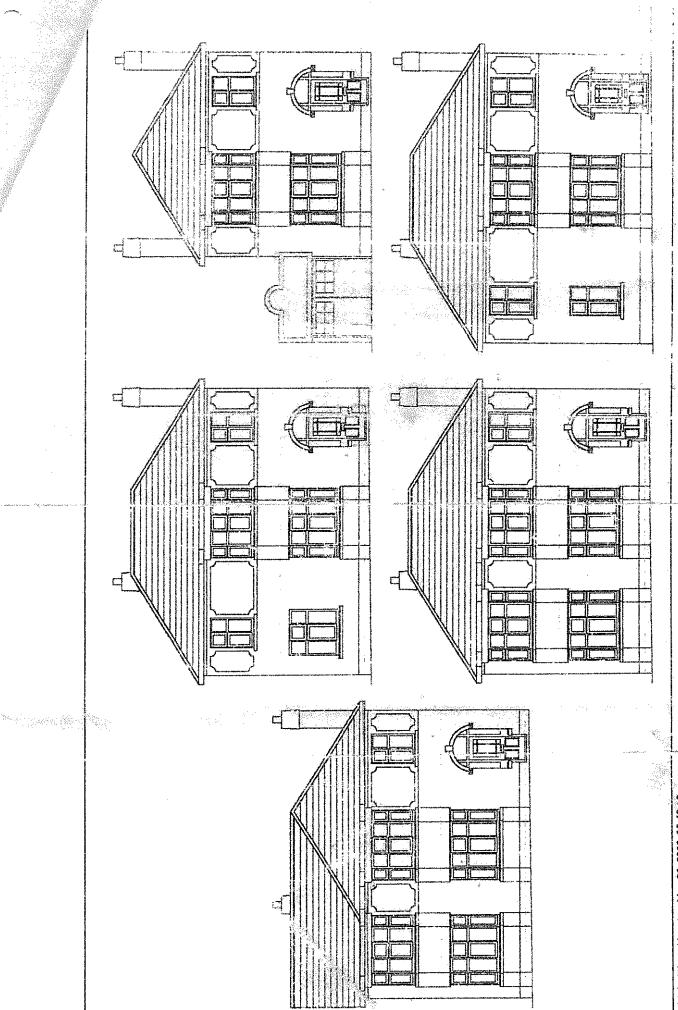
Dear Mr. Lynch,

As instructed by our client, Mrs. Peggy Keane, I am writing confirming your agreement to replacing the existing lean too roof which is in a very poor state of repair to a hip roof, not increasing the ridge height.

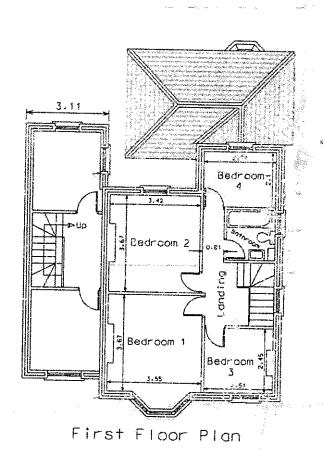
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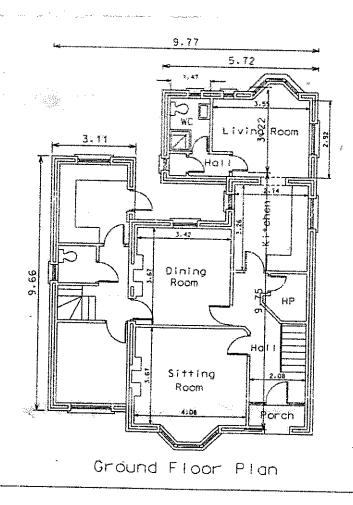
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# Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí Cork City Council



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08/06/18

RE: Section 5 Declaration The Brambles, 45 Wilton Road, Cork

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 address.

Further information is required in order to provide exact details for a proper assessment,

- 1. In framing the question to the planning authority, the applicant states in Q2 of the application form: "Construction of x16.47m² single storey extension and 7.7m² shed to the rear of the above named premises". While it is noted that there is an existing shed at the rear of the garden and also a single storey element at the rear of the dwelling, please clarify if you are requesting a declaration regarding the construction of new structures in lieu of the existing; or whether the declaration is being sought regarding the existing structures.
- 2. It is noted that the extension to the side was previously a garage that has been converted to a self-contained unit.
  - i) Please provide the planning permission reference for this change of use.
  - ii) Please provide the internal dimensions and floor area (m<sup>2</sup>) of this self-contained unit.
  - iii) Please provide a number of internal photographs of this unit showing its current use.
- 3. Having measured the lengths of widths of the internal areas, there appears to be some discrepancy between the correct figures e.g. the internal width of the living room appears to be 2.2m as opposed to the stated 2.92m. Please clarify the exact internal dimensions (in metres) and floor areas (in metres 2) of the single storey extension and the shed.

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4. The width between the rear extension and the boundary wall appears to be 0.8m as opposed to the stated 1.27m. Please submit a site layout map at a scale of 1:100 to include the neighbouring property and party boundary wall and clarifying the measurement between the extension and this boundary.

Yours Faithfully,

**Paul Hartnett** 

Assistant Staff Officer
Strategic Planning & Economic
Development
Cork City Council

PLANNER'S REPORT Ref. R477/18		Cork City Council Development Management Strategic Planning and Economic Development
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#### 6.2 Exempted development

The next issue for consideration is whether or not the matter at hand is exempted development.

# All comments below are referenced on the **presumption** of retention of existing structures:

The date of the build is unknown. Applicant has indicated that no other structures/extensions have been erected at this location since 1964. However, a change of use has occurred which has not been mentioned and is relevant in terms of accumulated floor area. The garage to the side has been converted to a self-contained unit. There is external access to same from the front and the rear but no internal access intrinsically linking it to the existing dwelling. This is a separate unit. No evidence of planning permission for this unit. Applicant to clarify its existing use; to provide full photographic evidence of the interior of same and to submit any relevant planning for same. The floor area of this unit is also required.

The floor area of the extension to the rear, (again on presumption that the question is referring to the existing element), is given as 16.47m<sup>2</sup>.

The floor area of the shed in the rear garden (again on presumption that the question is referring to the existing element), is given as 7.7m<sup>2</sup> and appears to be built on 2 of the party boundary walls

Exempted Development — General Column 1	Column 2	
Description of Development	Conditions and Limitations	
Development within the curtilage of a house	1. (a) Where the house has not been extended	
	previously, the floor area of any such	
CLASS 1	extension shall not exceed 40 square	
The extension of a house, by the construction or	metres.	
erection of an extension (including a		
conservatory) to the rear of the house or by the	5. The construction or erection of any such	
conversion for use as part of the house of any	extension to the rear of the house shall not	
garage, store, shed or other similar structure	reduce the area of private open space,	
attached to the rear or to the side of the house.	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. 7. The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof garden. CLASS 3 The construction, erection or placing 1. No such structure shall be constructed, within the curtilage of a house of any tent, erected or placed forward of the front wall of awning, shade or other object, greenhouse, a house. garage, store, shed or other similar structure. 2. The total area of such structures constructed, erected or placed within the curtilage of a house shall not, taken together with any other such structures previously constructed, erected or placed within the said curtilage, exceed 25 square metres. 3. The construction, erection or placing within the curtilage of a house of any such structure shall not reduce the amount of private open space reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house to the rear or to the side of the house to less than 25 square metres. 4. The external finishes of any garage or other structure constructed, erected or placed to the side of a house, and the roof covering where any such structure has a tiled or slated roof, shall conform with those of the house. 5. The height of any such structure shall not exceed, in the case of a building with a tiled or slated pitched roof, 4 metres or, in any other case, 3 metres. 6. The structure shall not be used for human habitation or for the keeping of pigs, poultry, pigeons, ponies or horses, or for any other

The existing floor area of the change of use of the garage would have to be included with that of the rear extension. Applicant to clarify.

purpose other than a purpose incidental to the

enjoyment of the house as such.

Having measured the lengths of widths of the internal areas, there appears to be some discrepancy between the correct figures e.g. the internal width of the living room appears to be 2.2m as opposed to the stated 2.92m. Applicant to clarify.

There is more than 25sq.m of private open to the rear and roof heights appear to comply with the limits and conditions of the regulations. The width between the rear extension and the boundary wall appears to be 0.8m as opposed to the stated 1.27m. Applicant to clarify.

There is only 1 no. shed to the rear. There are no other such structures. It is stated that this is 7.7m<sup>2</sup> which is less than 25sq.m and thus would be exempt.

#### 7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

#### 7.1 Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment

Having regard to the contents of Article 103 (as amended by Article 14 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (No 3) Regulations 2011) and Schedule 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) it is considered that the proposed development by reason of its nature, scale and location would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Accordingly it is considered that an environmental impact statement is not required to be submitted.

#### 7.2 Screening for Appropriate Assessment

Section 177U (9) of the Act requires planning authorities to screen applications for a section 5 declaration for appropriate assessment. The provisions of the *Habitats Directive*, the *Appropriate Assessment Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2009* (revised 2010) and the Act are noted. The relevant European sites are the Cork Harbour SPA (site code 004030) and the Great Island Channel cSAC (site code 001058). Having regard to the location of the proposed development site relative to these European sites and related watercourses and to the nature and scale of the proposed development it is considered that the proposed development would not affect the integrity of the European sites referred to above. Accordingly it is considered that appropriate assessment is not required.

#### 8. Conclusion

Further information is required in order to provide exact details for a proper assessment,

# 9. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following further information be sought:

- 1. In framing the question to the planning authority, the applicant states in Q2 of the application form: "Construction of x16.47m² single storey extension and 7.7m² shed to the rear of the above named premises". While it is noted that there is an existing shed at the rear of the garden and also a single storey element at the rear of the dwelling, please clarify if you are requesting a declaration regarding the construction of new structures in lieu of the existing; or whether the declaration is being sought regarding the existing structures.
- 2. It is noted that the extension to the side was previously a garage that has been converted to a self-contained unit.
  - i) Please provide the planning permission reference for this change of use.
  - ii) Please provide the internal dimensions and floor area (m²) of this self-contained unit.
  - iii) Please provide a number of internal photographs of this unit showing its current use.

- 3. Having measured the lengths of widths of the internal areas, there appears to be some discrepancy between the correct figures e.g. the internal width of the living room appears to be 2.2m as opposed to the stated 2.92m. Please clarify the exact internal dimensions (in metres) and floor areas (in metres 2) of the single storey extension and the shed.
- 4. The width between the rear extension and the boundary wall appears to be 0.8m as opposed to the stated 1.27m. Please submit a site layout map at a scale of 1:100 to include the neighbouring property and party boundary wall and clarifying the measurement between the extension and this boundary.

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# **SECTION 5 DECLARATION APPLICATION FORM**

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

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The Brambles, 45 Wilton Road, Cork, T12 Y2D9

# 2. QUESTION/ DECLARATION DETAILS

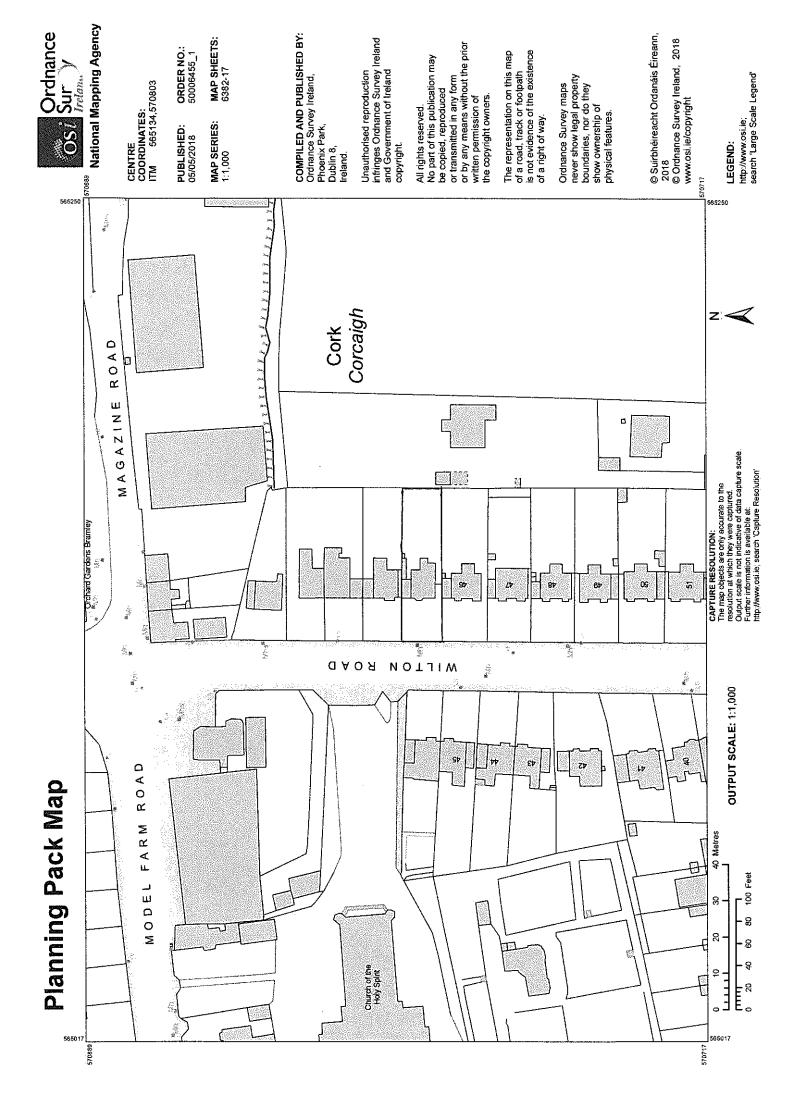
PLEASE STATE THE SP	ECIFIC QUESTION FOR WHICH A DECLARATION IS SOUGHT:
Sample Question:	Is the construction of a shed at No 1 Wall St, Cork development and if so, is it exempted development?
Note: only works listed a	nd described under this section will be assessed under the section 5 declaration.
Construction of x 16.47m2 s	single storey extension and 7.7m2 shed to the rear of the above named premise.
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	REGARDING QUESTION/ WORKS/ DEVELOPMENT:
(Use additional sheets if i	required).
Attached site plan, 1:1000	Ordnance Survey Map, 1:250 Site Plan, 1:50 and 1:100 floor plans and 1:100 side and rear
elevations. Construction co	omprises: raft foundation, block walls, with external smooth plaster finish and internal insulated
plasterboard . Double glaze	ed white uPVC windows and black fascia, soffit and downpipes. Cut hip roof, with constituted brown
slate to match existing dwe	elling. Sanitary waste and storm water tied into existing sewer to the rear of the premise.
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# 3. APPLICATION DETAILS

Answer the following if applicable. Note: Floor areas are measured from the inside of the external walls and should be indicated in square meters (sq. M)

(a) Floor area of existi			· ·	
			142m2 / 16.47m2 rear extension & 7.7m2 shed	
location after 1 <sup>st</sup> 0 for which planning obtained)?	res been erected at t ctober, 1964, (includ permission has been	his ing those I	Yes No X  If yes, please provide floor areas. (sq m)  Not applicable  ing(s), please state the following:	
Existing/ previous use (please circle)		Proposed/	Proposed/existing use (please circle) Not applicable	
4. APPLICANT/ CONT. Name of applicant (princ		Mr. John	Keane	
			, walls	
Applicants Address	Millbrook House, Hyde Park, Sundays Well, Cork T23 PP38			
Person/Agent acting on	Name:	Not Appli	icable	
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	Telephone:			
	Fax:	None		
	E-mail address:			
Should all correspondence (Please note that if the answer is 'No address)				
. LEGAL INTEREST				
Please tick appropriate bo legal interest in the land c		s A. Owr	ner B. Other X	
Where legal interest is 'O' your interest in the land/s			Ars Margaret Keane Deceased	
If you are not the legal over name and address of the		SEGMENTERS .	rgaret Keane Deceased, The Brambles, 45 Wilton ork, T12 Y2D9.	

Date: 15 May 2018 6.1/ We confirm that the information contained in the application is true and accurate: Signature:



# The Brambles, 45 Wilton Road, Cork T12 Y2D9 Application for Part V Exemption Certificate

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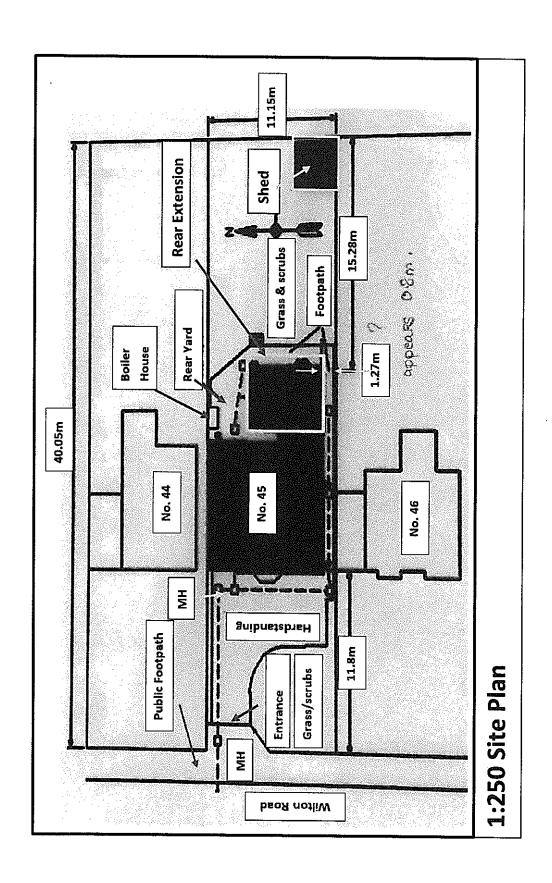
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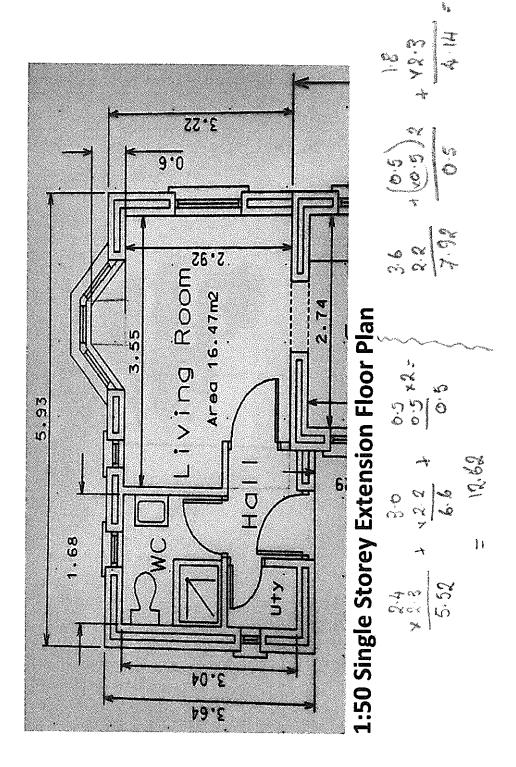
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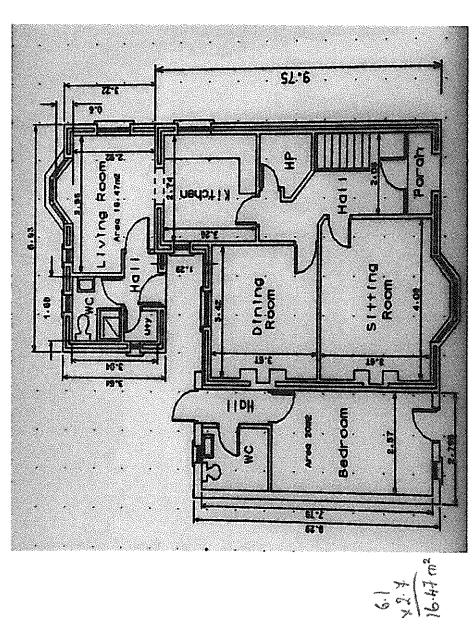
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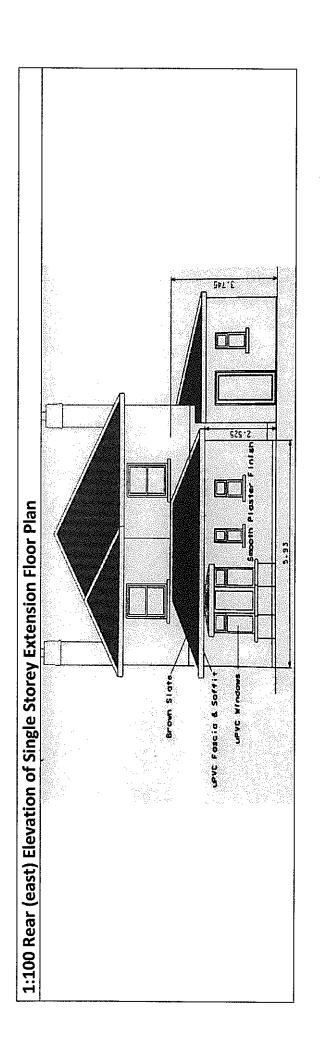


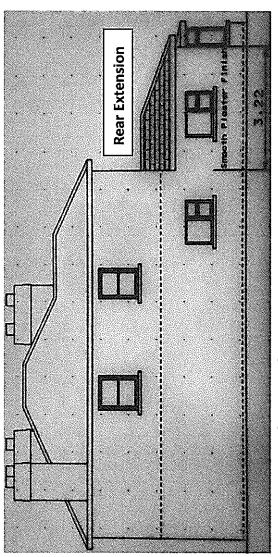


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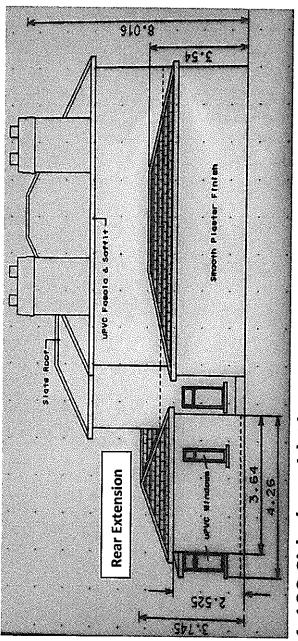


1:100 Rear (east) Elevation of Single Storey Extension

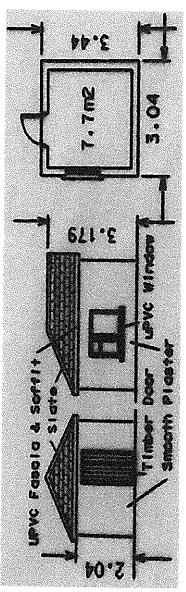




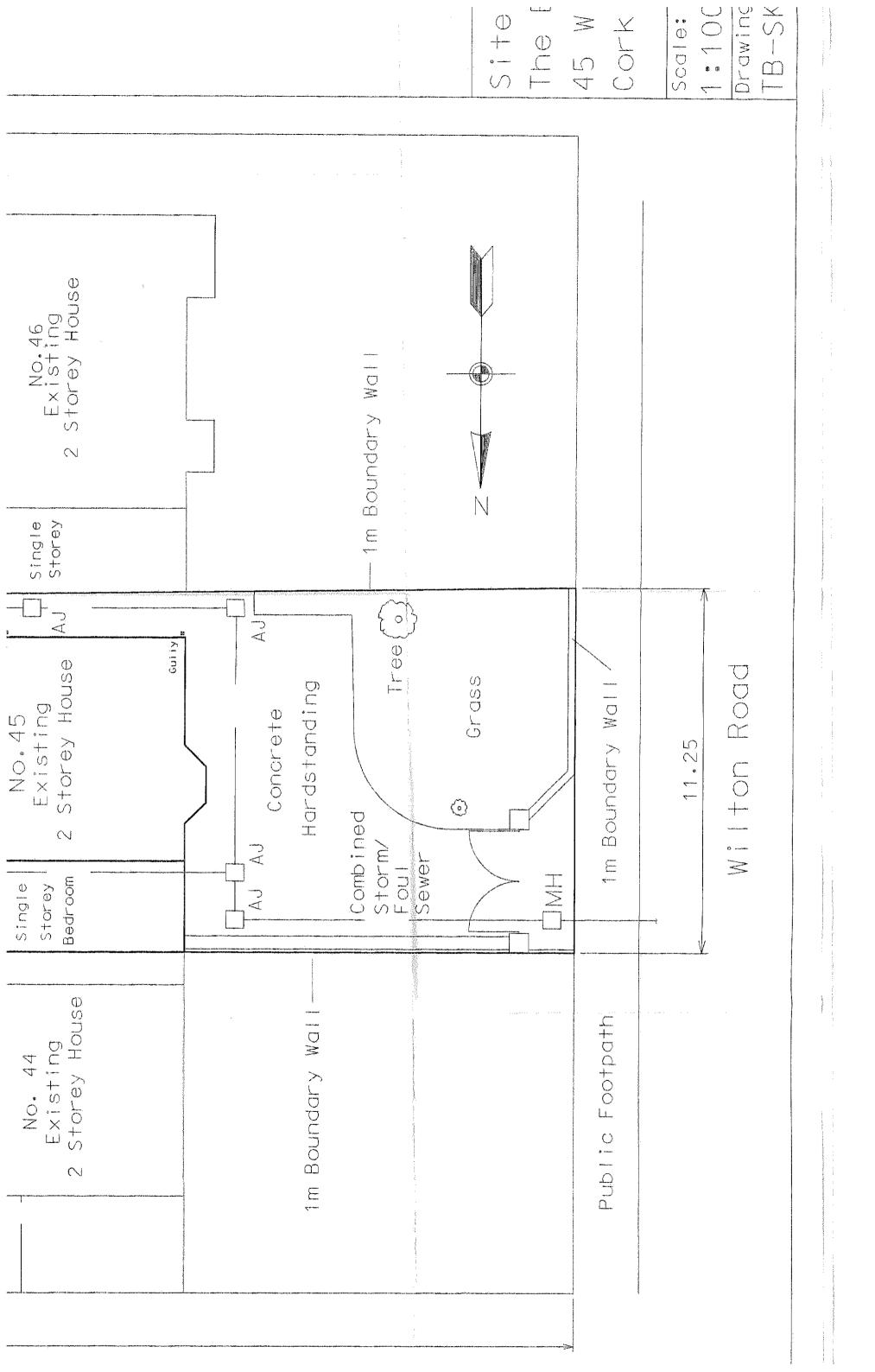
1:100 Side (south) Elevation of Single Storey Extension



1:100 Side (north) Elevation of Single Storey Extension



1:100 Shed Floor Plan and North & West Elevations



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Site Layout Plan
The Brambles
45 Wilton Road
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Scale: Date:
1:100 24 Jun 2018
Drawing Number: Rev:
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