FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT
FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT
NEW ROAD, SUTTON BRIDGE

FINAL REPORT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and supporting planning practice guidance (PPG) on Flood Risk and Coastal Change.

In areas at risk of flooding or for sites of 1 hectare or more, developers are required to undertake a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment to accompany an application for planning permission. This Flood Risk Assessment has been produced on behalf of G R Merchant in respect of a development that consists of a new dwelling at New Road, Sutton Bridge.

A planning application for the proposed development is to be submitted by G R Merchant.

2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site Location

The site is located at Elm Grange, 178 New Road, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, PE12 9QE. The National Grid Reference of the site is 54814/32276.

The location of the site is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 – Location Plan (© OpenStreetMap contributors)

2.2 Existing Site

The site is on the eastern side of New Road. The site is to the south of 138 New Road and serves as part of the garden of 138 New Road. The site is surrounded by residential dwellings. The area of development is approximately 0.07 hectares.

A topographic survey has been undertaken and site levels are shown in Attachment 1. Ground levels within the site vary between +3.3m OD and +3.5m OD. Ground levels in the area of the proposed dwelling are typically +3.3m OD. The carriageway level of New Road adjacent to the site is +3.8m OD.

The site is in the South Holland Internal Drainage Board (IDB) District. Surface water at the site naturally drains through soakaway and hence to the IDB drain system. There is an IDB High Priority Watercourse 900m north of the site.

The online British Geological Survey maps indicate that the site is likely to be underlain by Ampthill Clay Formation mudstone. The bedrock is shown to be overlain with superficial deposits of clay and silt.

2.3 Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of one dwelling. The dwelling will have three storeys. Details of the proposed development are shown in Attachment 1.

2.4 Local Development Documents

The South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011 – 2036, adopted in March 2019, is the Local Plan for the district. Policy 4: Approach to Flood Risk states the requirements for flood risk reduction.

The South East Lincolnshire Level 1 and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) was prepared in June 2017.

The Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Drainage Management Strategy has been prepared by Lincolnshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority. The purpose of the Strategy is to increase the safety of people across Lincolnshire by reducing the number of people at risk of flooding, increasing the resilience of local communities, and reducing the impact of flooding.

2.5 Flood Zones

An extract from the Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning is shown in Figure 2. The site is located within Flood Zone 3, an area with a high probability of flooding.

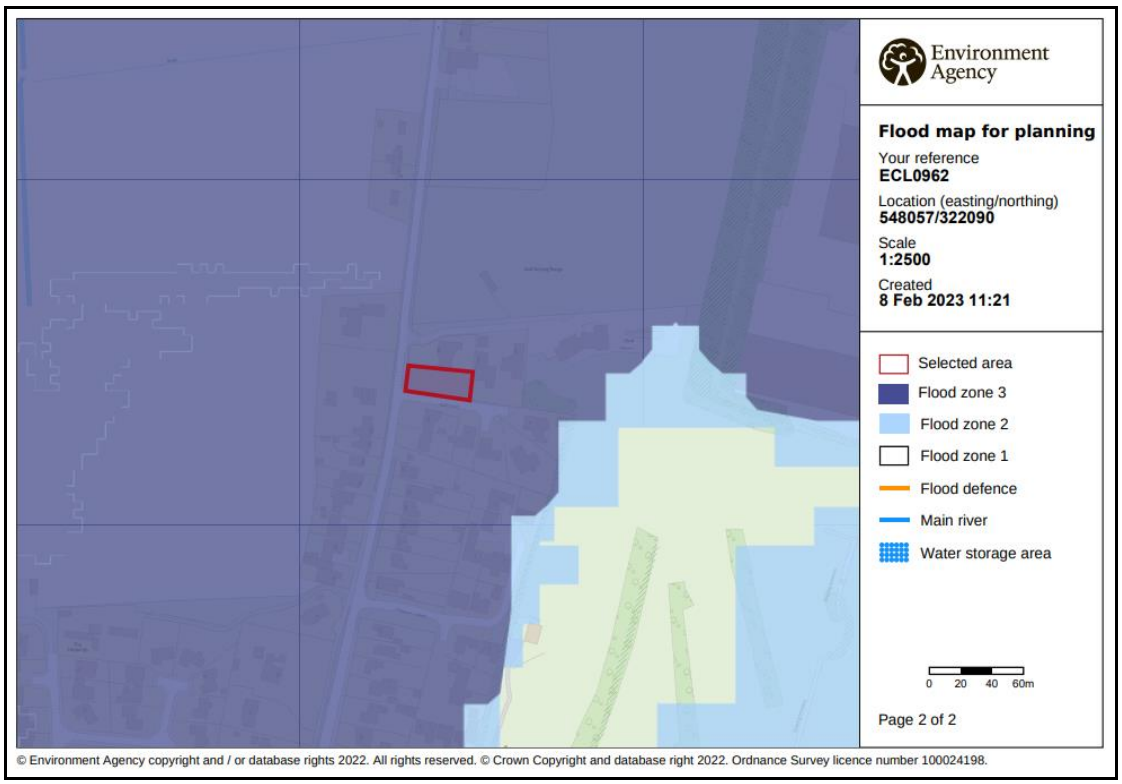


Figure 2 – Environment Agency Flood Map for Planning

The Environment Agency Long Term Flood Risk maps show that:

- the site has a low risk of flooding from rivers or the sea (annual probability between 0.1% and 1%);
- the site has a very low risk (annual probability less than 0.1%) of surface water flooding; and
- the site is not within an area at risk of reservoir flooding.

Table 1 shows the level of risk at the site within the South East Lincolnshire SFRA.

SFRA Map	Present Day	Year 2116
Residual Flood Hazard Map for the 1% fluvial and 0.5% tidal event	The site is in the 'Danger for Most' area	The site is in the 'Danger for All' area
Residual Peak Depth Map for the 1% fluvial and 0.5% tidal	The peak flood depth is between 0.25m and 0.5m.	The flood depth is 0.5m - 1.0m and in the eastern part of the site 1.0m - 2.0m.

Table 1 – Flood Risk within SFRA Maps

3.0 FLOOD RISK VULNERABILITY

3.1 The Sequential and Exception Test

The NPPF requires the application of a Sequential Test to ensure that new development is in areas with the lowest probability of flooding.

The Exception Test is a method to demonstrate and help ensure that flood risk to people and property will be managed, while allowing necessary development to go ahead in situations where suitable sites at lower risk of flooding are not available.

3.2 Vulnerability Classification

Table 2 of the PPG Flood Risk and Coastal Change categorises different types of uses and development according to their vulnerability to flood risk. The proposed development is covered by the description of buildings used for dwellings and is classified as 'More Vulnerable'.

Table 3 of the PPG Flood Risk and Coastal Change sets out Flood Risk Vulnerability and flood zone 'compatibility'. The site is in Flood Zone 3 and the development is 'More Vulnerable' therefore it is necessary to complete the Exception Test.

PPG Flood Risk and Coastal Change defines that the lifetime of the development in terms of flood risk and coastal change is 100 years.

3.3 Application of the Sequential and Exception Test

It is for the Local Planning Authority, using the evidence provided and taking advice from the Environment Agency as appropriate, to consider whether an application passes the Sequential Test.

Large parts of the South Holland district that are near the River Nene lie within Flood Zone 3. As such, the opportunities to undertake the development at an alternative site with a lower flood risk are limited.

The River Nene has defences that provide protection during the 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) event including climate change. Therefore the 'actual risk' of flooding at the site is low and is considered to pass the Sequential Test.

The Exception Test requires consideration of the wider sustainability benefits of a development and that the development would be safe and residual risks managed.

The Local Plan has a target of a net increase of at least 11,681 dwellings in South Holland over the 25-year local plan period. The Plan considers this new housing is required to ensure the sustainability of the Local Plan area. The proposed development will contribute to this target.

Section 5 of this Flood Risk Assessment describes the flood mitigation measures and the management of the residual risks, demonstrating that this development will be safe and not increase flood risk elsewhere. In summary the site is protected to the appropriate standard and the residual risk is mitigated. The development is considered to pass the Exception Test.

4.0 SITE SPECIFIC FLOOD RISK

4.1 Local Flood Assets

The site is 450m west of the tidal River Nene. The site is protected by the River Nene tidal defences through Sutton Bridge. The River Nene is the responsibility of the Environment Agency.

There is a long-term strategy for the maintenance of the Environment Agency defences which is reviewed and updated periodically.

There is an extensive local drainage network managed by South Holland IDB. There is an IDB High Priority Watercourse 900m north of the site. The site and the surrounding land are within the Westmere catchment and discharge to the tidal River Nene at the Westmere Tidal Sluice.

During the operation and maintenance of its pumping stations, associated structures, and channel systems, the IDB seeks to maintain a general standard capable of providing flood protection to its district. A routine maintenance programme is in place to ensure that the Boards assets are commensurate with the standard of protection that is sought.

Current maintenance standards of the South Holland Internal Drainage Board and the Environment Agency are generally good.

4.2 Sources of Flooding

The potential sources of flooding that have been identified during this assessment are:

- local blockages to the South Holland IDB drainage system;
- an event in the local drainage network greater that exceeds the standard of protection;
- failure of Westmere Tidal Sluice; and
- overtopping and/or breaching of the tidal River Nene.

4.3 Probability of Flooding

The probability of flooding associated with blockages in the South Holland IDB drainage system is low due to the maintenance standards achieved and managed by the IDB.

Through the operation and maintenance of the pumping stations and the channel system the Board seek to maintain a general standard capable to providing flood protection to agricultural land and developed areas of 1 in 20 years and 1 in 100 years respectively. The risk associated with flood events that exceed the standard of protection provided is lowered due to the South Holland IDB main drains

incorporating freeboard. This freeboard provides storage during the exceedance events.

The site benefits from defences on the River Nene that provide protection during a 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) tidal event and a 1% annual probability (1 in 100 chance each year) fluvial event.

4.4 Historic Flooding

During the preparation of this assessment, no evidence was discovered of the site being flooded.

4.5 Climate Change

Climate change is likely to impact the site through increased rainfall intensity and duration affecting the local drainage network and increased flood levels in the River Nene.

The River Nene tidal defences have been designed to include an allowance for climate change. In summary the site is not at risk for the design life of the development (i.e., 100 years).

4.6 Residual Risk

There is a residual risk of flooding at the site should a breach of the tidal defences occur. The South East Lincolnshire SFRA includes maps demonstrating the residual peak depth in 2115 during the 1% annual probability (1 in 100 chance each year) fluvial event and 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) tidal event. The peak depth is between 0.5m and 1.0m in the western part of the site between 1.0m and 2.0m in the eastern part of the site.

An extract from this map is shown in Figure 3 below.

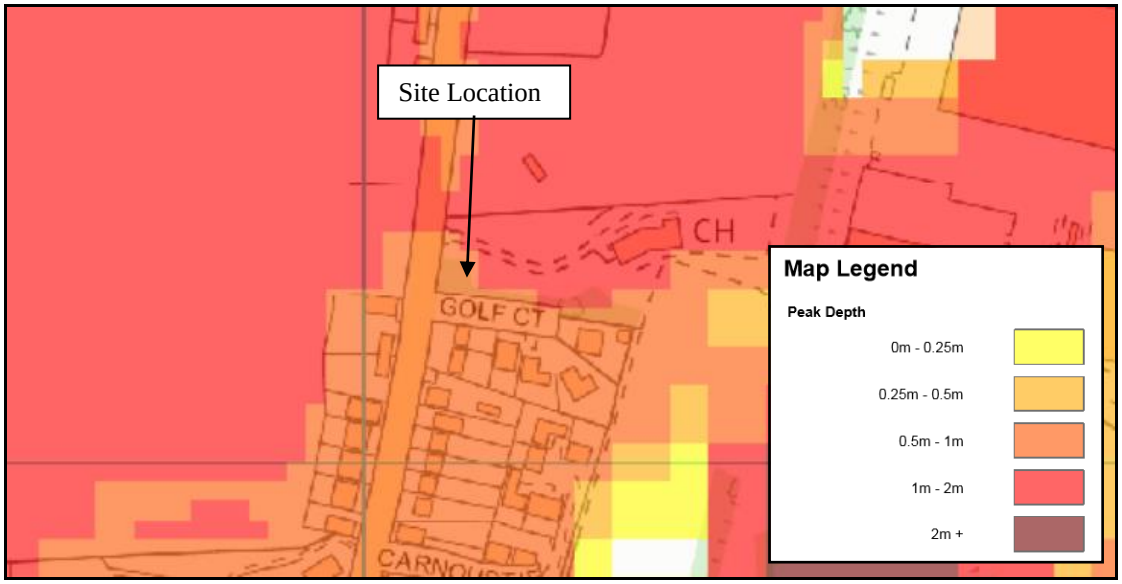


Figure 3 – SFRA 2115 Residual Peak Depth Map (0.1% annual probability)

Based upon the location of the proposed dwelling the estimated flood depth is 1.0m.

5.0 FLOOD RISK MITIGATION

5.1 Summary of Risks

The probability of this development flooding from localised drainage systems is low. Failure of Westmere Tidal Sluice could lead to an increased level of risk at the site.

The probability of the site flooding from any Environment Agency system is less than 1% annual probability (1 in 100 chance each year) because of the standards of the existing flood defences. Over time there will be a gradual increase in risk to the site due to climate change. During the design life of the development, it is not anticipated that the site would flood.

The SFRA considers the residual risk associated with overtopping and a breach in the defences in 2115. The flood depth in the area of the proposed dwelling is estimated to be 1.0m.

The development increases the impermeable area and therefore has the potential to increase flood risk elsewhere.

5.2 Mitigation Measures

The site has a low 'actual risk' of flooding. The proposed mitigation measures are in accordance with the South East Lincolnshire SFRA Standing Advice (Cell C8). Based upon the information available during the preparation of this flood risk assessment, it is proposed that the finished floor level of the dwelling is 1.0m above existing ground level and there is 0.3m of flood resilient construction above finished floor level.

The developer should ensure that the eventual occupier of the dwelling is sufficiently aware of the risk of flooding, and the standard of the existing defences. The Environment Agency operates a flood warning system for properties at risk of flooding to enable householders to protect life or take actions to manage the effect of flooding on property. Floodline Warnings Service is a national system run by the Environment Agency for broadcasting flooding warnings. The occupier of the dwelling should register to receive flood warnings.

Should there be a failure of Westmere Tidal Sluice and conditions were such to put properties and land at risk of flooding, the Internal Drainage Board would take emergency action to maintain the drainage level of service by using temporary pumping equipment.

It is recommended that surface water run-off is managed so that stormwater from the development will not affect any adjoining properties or increase the flood risk elsewhere.

6.0 CONCLUSION

As a result of the assessment, the following conclusions have been reached.

- The proposed development consists of a three-storey dwelling at 138 New Road, Sutton Bridge.

- The site is located within an Internal Drainage Board catchment and through the operation and maintenance of the pumping stations and the channel system the Board seek to maintain a general standard capable to providing flood protection to agricultural land and developed areas of 1 in 20 and 1 in 100 years respectively.

- The proposed development is in Flood Zone 3. The River Nene tidal defences provide protection during the 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) event. During the design life of the development, including an allowance for climate change, it is not anticipated that there would be flooding at the site.

- In the area of the proposed dwelling the maximum breach depth during the 0.5% annual probability (1 in 200 chance each year) tidal event in 2115 is 1.0m.

- It is recommended that the finished floor level is 1.0m above existing ground level and there is 0.3m of flood resilient construction above finished floor level.

- The development passes the Sequential Test and Exception Test and is therefore suitable for the proposed location.

ATTACHMENT 1

GROUND & FIRST FLOOR PLANS
(Dwg 4073-22 01A)

SITE & LOCATION PLAN
(Dwg 4073-22 02A)

FRONT ELEVATION

SIDE ELEVATION

REAR ELEVATION

MATERIAL SCHEDULE

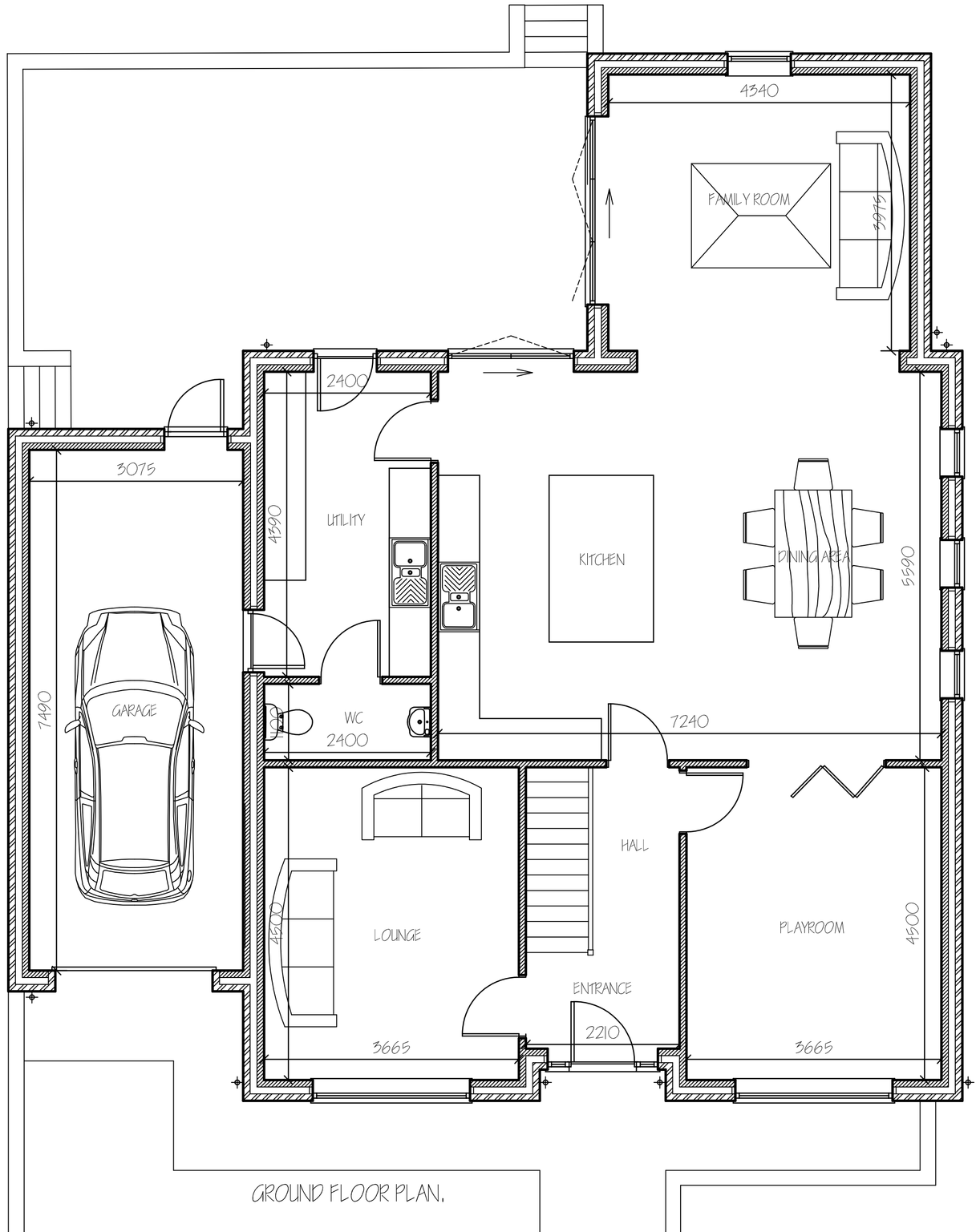
WALLS -

ROOF -

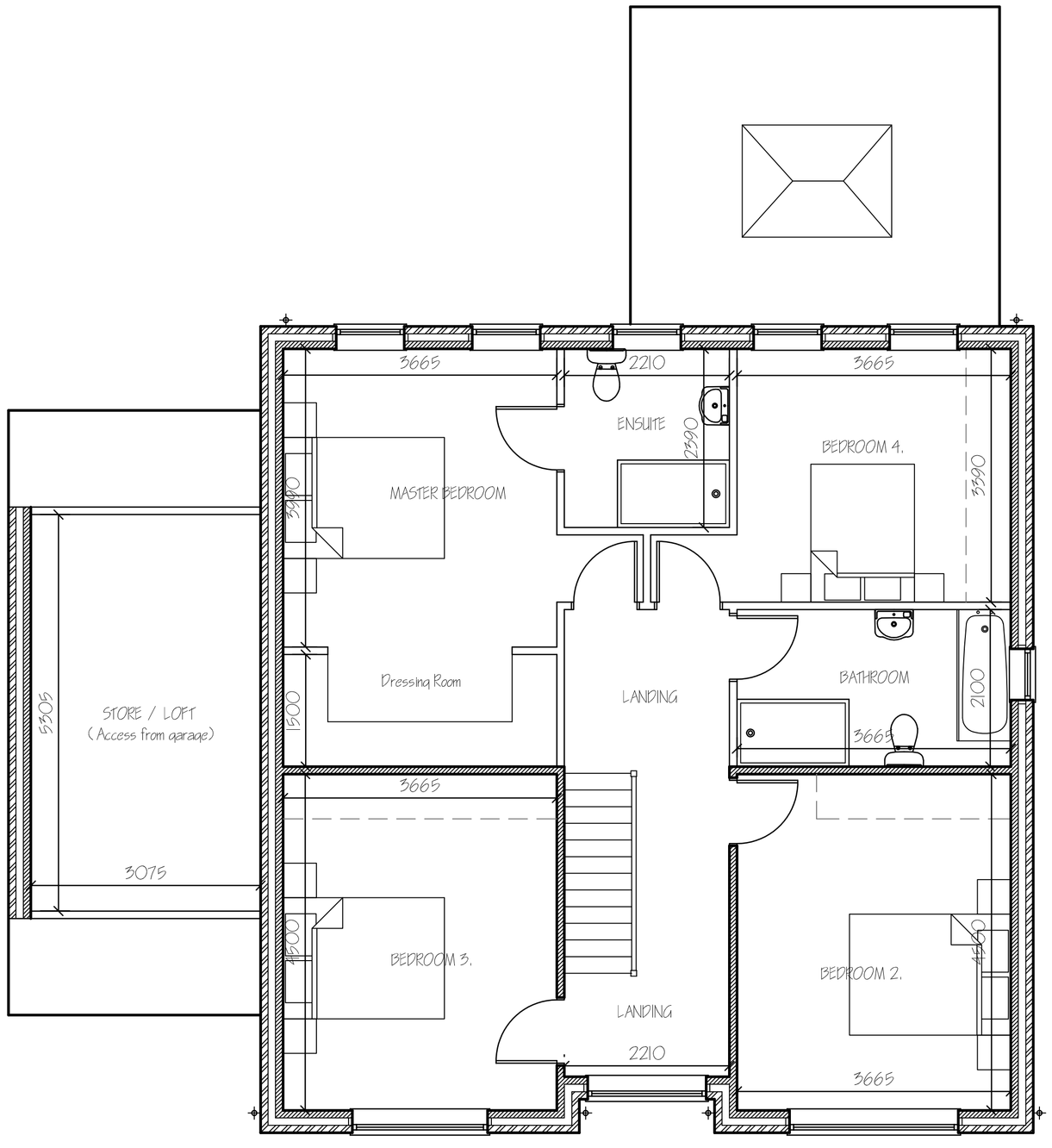
WINDOWS -

DOORS -

RAINWATER GOODS - BLACK UPVC



GROUND FLOOR PLAN.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

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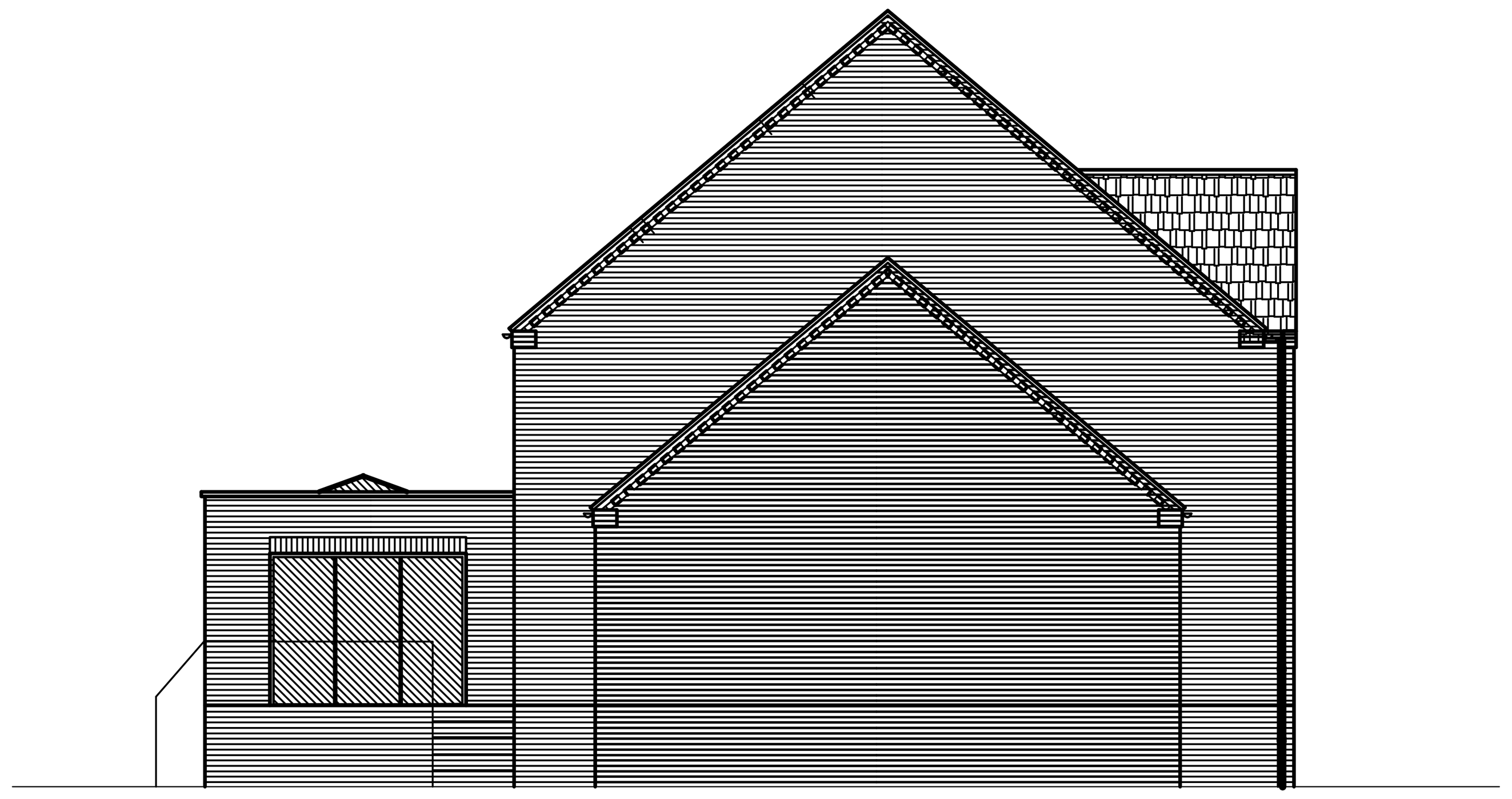

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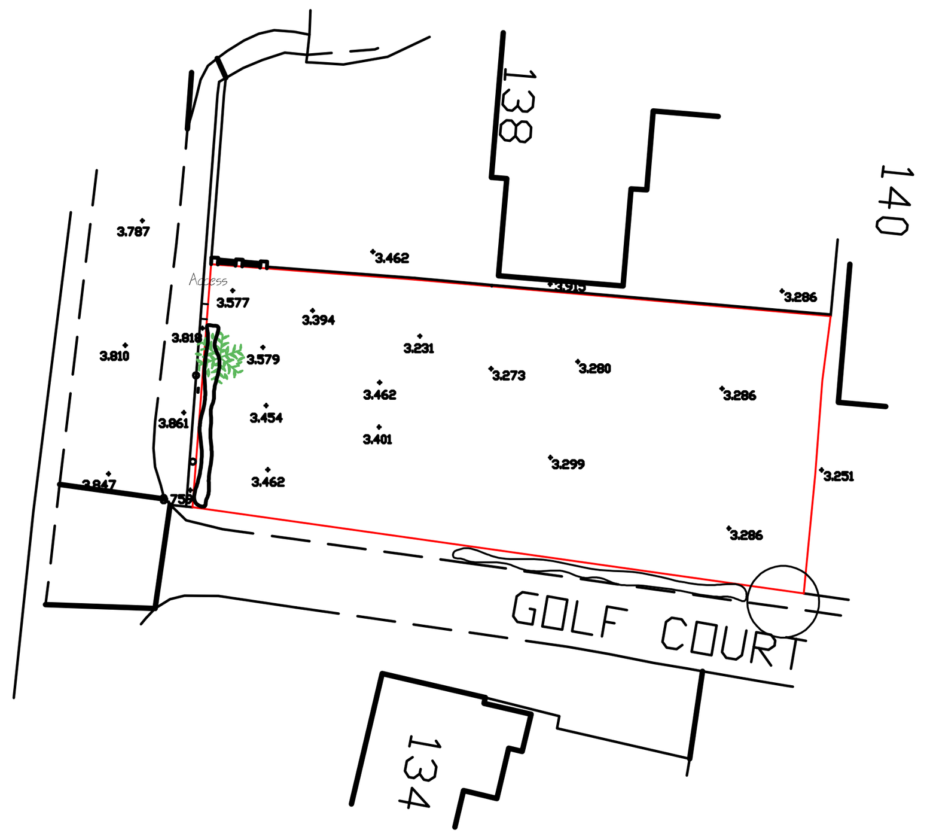

EXISTING SITE LEVELS
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LOCATION PLAN
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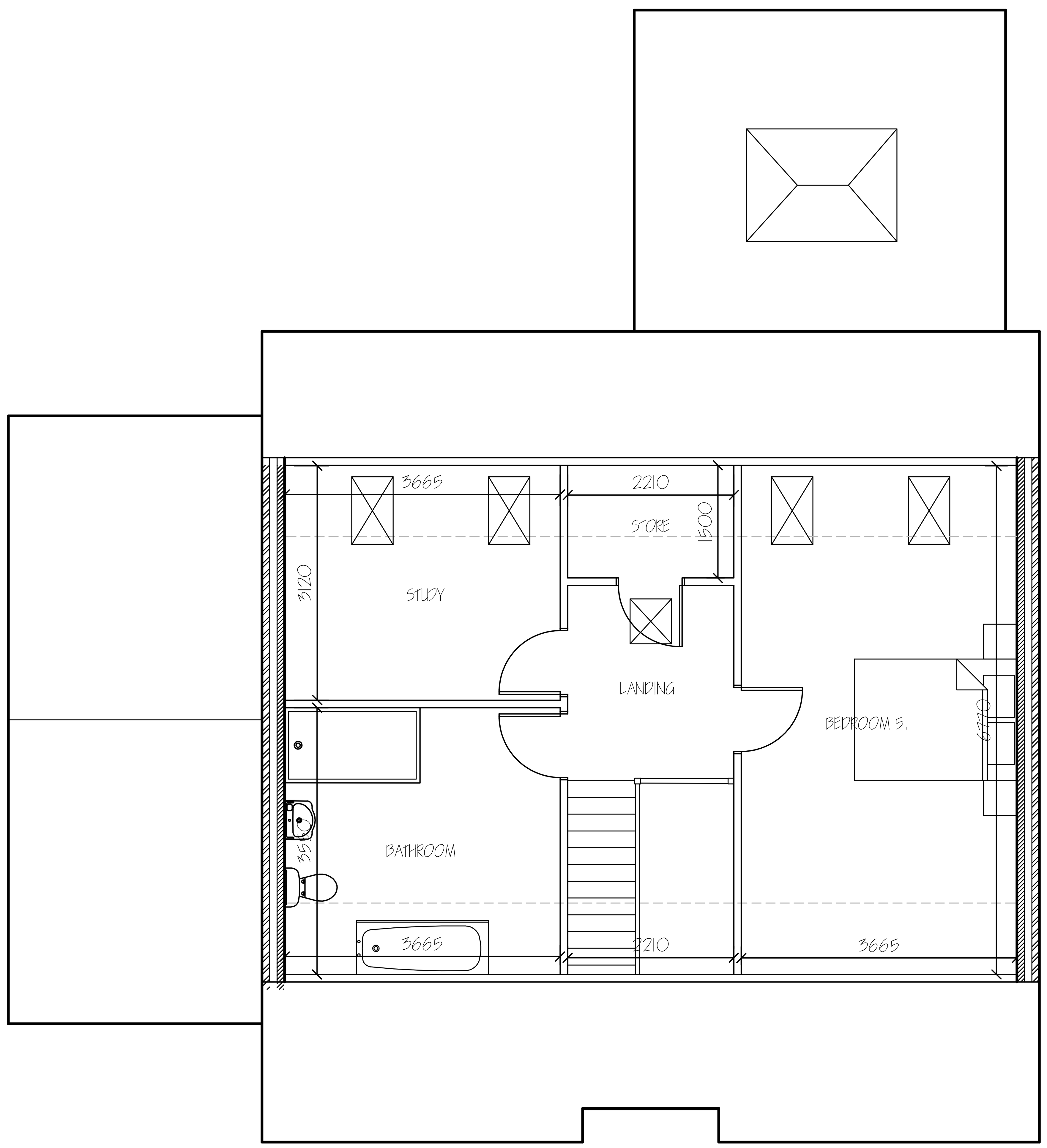
LANDSCAPING, TREE PLANTING & FENCING SCHEME.

A - Existing Entrance Wall
B - Existing Frontage Hedge and Trees
C - Silver birch (Betula pendula) feathered.
D - Magnolia Tree (Magnolia Liliflora) feathered.
E - Low Shrubbery Area
F - Gravel Drive
G - Slabbed patio and footpaths
H - Exisitng 2m high fence
J - Existing Fence
K - Existing Fence and Native Hedge and trees

All planting to be in accordance with BS 4428:1989 and amendment No. 1 (1991)

All trees to be planted with minimum 0.6m plastic mulch mat and to be staked, tied and tubed.

1/ 3 to ½ bag of peat free tree and shrub planting compost to be incorporated into backfill for each tree hole.



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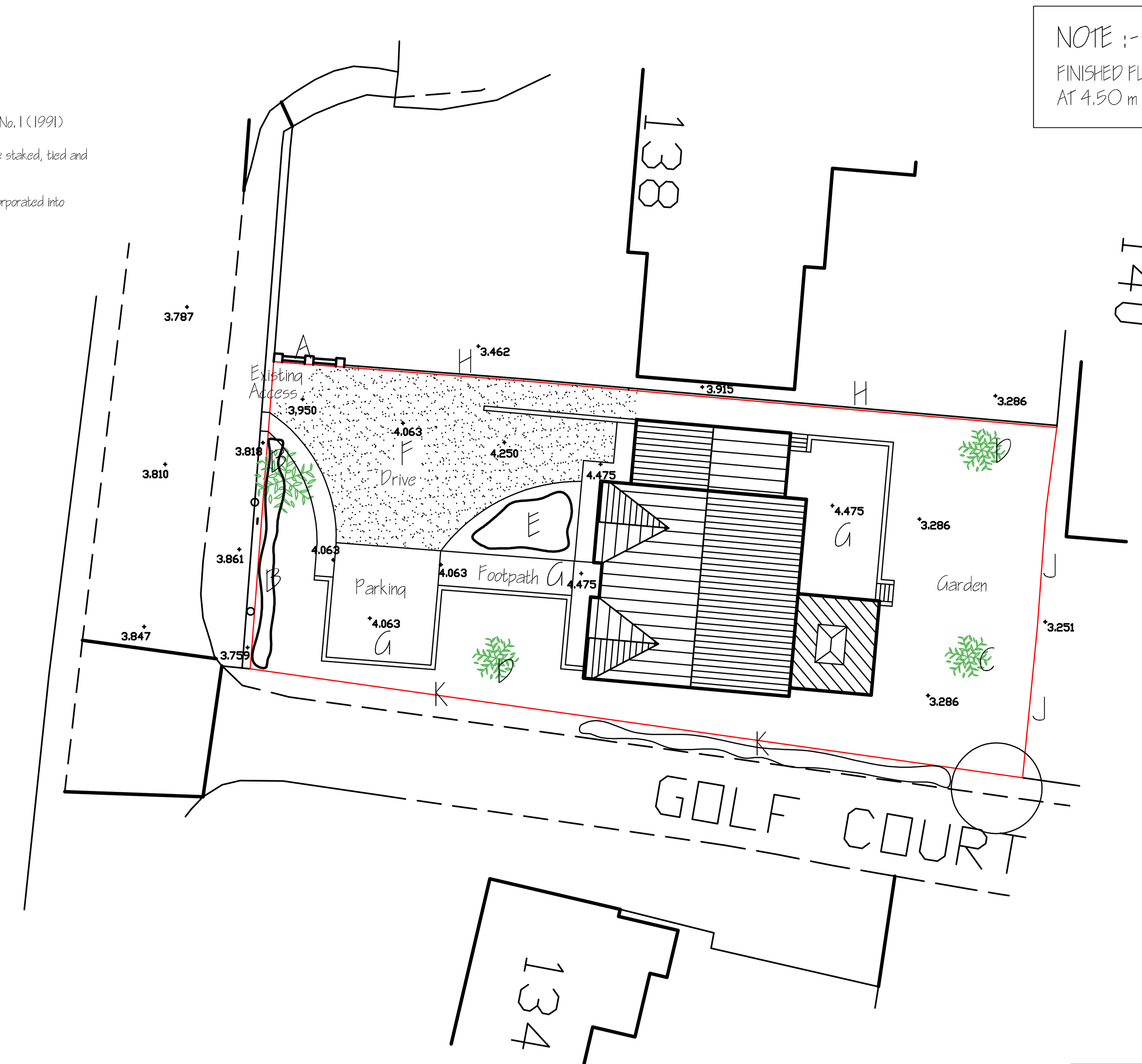

PROPOSED SITE PLAN
& SITE LEVELS
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NOTE :-
FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL TO BE AT 4.50 m ABOVE O. D. NEWLYN.

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