# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P21/1386

Type of approval sought		Full Planning Permission	
Ward		Pedmore and Stourbridge East	
Agent		Mr J. Allsop, EP Architecture	
Case Officer		Simrun Hanif	
Location:	14, IRON BRI	DGE WALK, PEDMORE, STOURBRIDGE, DY9 0SF	
Proposal	FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION AND REAR DORMER TO FACILITATE LOFT CONVERSION.		
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SL	IBJECT TO CONDITIONS	

## SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

- 1. The application site relates to a detached dwelling set within a 750 sqm plot and located in a residential cul-de-sac comprising of large, detached dwellings of varying style. The application site features a two-storey front projection gable and a dormer window to the front elevation. The dwelling is characterised with brick work to the elevations with render and timber beams depicting a Mock Tudor design feature to the front elevation. The application site benefits from an integrated garage and a large, paved frontage that can accommodate up to several parked vehicles. The application dwelling benefits from a single storey rear extension and an outbuilding located in the rear garden. To the rear of the site is located the rear garden of No 2 Wigorn Lane.
- 2. No 12 Iron Bridge Walk is located to the east of the application site, it is very similar in scale and character to the application site and also features a front gable and Mock Tudor design detailing. No 12 benefits from a single storey rear extension and

a single storey side extension. No 12 is set slightly back and at an angle away from the application and at a slightly elevation position.

- 3. No 16 is located to the west of the application site and is of a different character and style to the application site. It is a "L" shaped dwelling and comprises of a hipped roof profile with a large two storey side and rear extension and a two-storey front projection. The property benefits from brickwork to the elevations.
- 4. Iron Bridge Walk is predominately a residential street that is predominantly occupied by two storey dwellings. The wider street scene is predominantly brick, although there are instances of render and Mock Tudor fenestration within the street. There is a mix of uniquely designed dwellings alongside small numbers of similarly designed properties. To the rear of the application site is a mixture of two storey dwellings and single storey bungalows.

### PROPOSAL

- 5. It is proposed to erect a first-floor rear extension and a loft conversion.
- 6. The first-floor rear extension would measure 3.4m deep and span the full width of the original dwelling. The roof profile would feature two gable features to the rear and a dormer that measure 1.6m wide, to facilitate two additional bedrooms in the loft space and increase the room sizes on the first floor.
- 7. Amended plans have been sought throughout the progression of the application to omit the roof height increase and redesign the roof profile. The height of the proposed first floor rear extension would measure 8.35m in line with the existing roof ridge of the host dwelling with two rear gable features.

### PLANNING HISTORY

APPLICATION No.	PROPOSAL	DECISION	DATE
P14/0238	Lawful Development Certificate	Certificate	03-04-2014

	for proposed single storey rear extensions and new front porch	Granted	
P18/1293	Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey outbuilding in rear garden under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class E of the General Permitted Development Order (England) (2015) (as amended)		05-11-2018

# PUBLIC CONSULATION

- 8. The application was advertised by way of neighbour notification letters sent to five nearby properties. Nine letters of representations were received from seven addresses, and the following material issues were raised:
  - Loss of light
  - Scale/disproportionate
  - Design/character
  - Overbearing/dominating
  - Loss of privacy

The following Non-material issues were raised-

- Construction noise, deliveries, parking
- HMO
- Use of outbuilding

Following amended plans being received, a further 10-day neighbour consultation period was carried out and 12 letters of representations were received from 6 addresses including 1 new address, and the following material issues were raised:

- Overshadowing
- Overlooking
- Excessive scale

- Loss of privacy
- Design/character
- Dormers would dominate roofline
- Parking

The following Non-material issues were raised-

- Use of outbuilding
- Number of occupants
- HMO
- Restrictive covenants on the estate

# RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

## National Planning Policy Framework 2021(NPPF)

Black Country Core Strategy (2011)

• ENV 3 Design Quality

## Dudley Borough Development Strategy (2017)

- L1 Housing Development, extensions and alterations to existing dwellings
- S8 Local Character and Distinctiveness

## Supplementary Planning Documents / Guidance

- PGN 12 The 45 Degree Code
- PGN 17. House Extension Design Guide
- Parking Standards SPD (2017)

## ASSESSMENT

9. The proposed development will be assessed with regards to its design, scale and appearance and whether it would reflect the character of the existing dwelling and the character of the area. Along with any potential impact on the amenity of neighbours.

Key Issues:

- Design, Character and Appearance
- Neighbour Amenity

• Access and Parking

#### Design, Character and Appearance

- 10. Dudley Borough Development Strategy (2017) Policy L1, reads that "extensions to residential dwellings will be allowed providing they do not adversely affect the character of the area or residential amenity". The proposed first floor rear extension is considered appropriate in projection and design, having been substantially reduced following an amendment to the application. The extension will assimilate well with the host dwelling with an appropriate roof pitch and design and window alignment. No part of the proposed development will be visible from the street scene as it is sited wholly to the rear of the dwelling. Whilst it is noted that a number of windows are proposed on the roof and front gable of the property, these are modest in size and design and will not significantly impact upon the property and its relationship with the wider streetscene.
- 11. Planning Guidance Note No.17 states that "house extensions and alterations- relate to the character of the original house in terms of scale, materials and design details" An objector commented that the proposed addition is out of scale and out of character with the surrounding properties, however it is noted that the surrounding dwellings vary in scale and design and the proposed development would not be harmful to the street scene. The proposed first floor rear extension projects out a modest 3.4m from the original rear wall and the amendments to the roof profile would result in a more sympathetic addition.
- 12. Dudley Borough Development Strategy Policy L1 states that extensions to residential dwellings will be allowed provided they do not adversely affect the character of the area or residential amenity. On assessment of the application is considered that all elements of the scheme outlined above would relate satisfactorily in design terms and there would be no demonstrable harm to the street scene or character and appearance of the area proposal therefore complies with Dudley Borough Development strategy Policy L1 Housing Development, Extensions and Alterations to Existing Dwellings.

13. Comments have been raised regarding the accuracy of the site and location plan provided with regards to the neighbouring dwelling No 12, that show a single storey rear extension that the dwelling does not have. Whilst it is noted that the plans show an outline for a structure closest to the boundary with No 14, the structure is a pergola which is seen as a permanent structure and therefore included on the plans that are provided by Ordnance Survey.

#### Neighbour Amenity

- 14. The addition of the first-floor rear extension is not considered to result in a detrimental impact to neighbouring dwellings. Due to the position of the application site in relation to No 12, which is set at an angle away from No 12, there is a separation distance of between 2.25m-2.75m from the proposed extension and common boundary. Moreover the 45 degree line has been take from the ¼ point of the first floor rear window and there is no contravention of the 45 Degree Code. It is subsequently considered that the proposed development would not create detrimental harm in terms of outlook, receipt of light or privacy. Whilst the objectors raise concern that the windows within the rear elevation at second floor would lead to a loss of privacy to their rear garden, these windows would look out onto the rear garden of the application property, and it is not considered that this would give rise to undue overlooking of neighbouring gardens.
- 15. With regards to No 16, there is an existing two storey side/rear extension that projects out considerably further than the proposed extension. It is also noted there are two side facing windows at first floor, however these are obscure glazed and serve non-habitable rooms. It is also noted that No 16 sits at a lower land level to the application site, however given the position of the existing two storey side/rear extension to No 16 and the main garden area located to far west, it is considered that the proposed development would not create detrimental harm in terms of outlook, loss of light or privacy.

- 16. It is noted that several objections from the rear neighbouring properties have been received regarding the impact that the extension would have on the loss of privacy and overlooking to neighbouring dwellings and rear garden areas. However, the separation distance between the proposed windows within the rear elevation and the rear facing habitable room windows of the properties along Wigorn Lane are in excess of 28m, which complies with the minimum requirement contained in PGN 17 House Extension Design Guide. Given the depth of the garden would remain at approximately 16metres exceeding the minimum garden length of 13metres as guided by the New Housing Development SPD (2013) it is not considered that the presences of the rear facing windows at first floor or within the roof would result in a significant loss of privacy to the rear gardens. Refusal of permission is not, therefore, deemed sustainable on this basis.
- 17. It is noted that alongside the velux windows proposed on the front elevation of the dwelling, an additional window is proposed on the front projecting gable of the dwelling. Given the separation distance of the application property to the opposing dwelling, 6 Iron Bridge Walk exceeding 30metres it is not considered that the siting of this window would result in any loss of privacy.
- 18. It is, therefore, considered that there would be no demonstrable harm to the occupiers of neighbouring properties which adjoin the site in terms of light, outlook or privacy. In this respect the proposal complies with Policy L1 of the Dudley Borough Development Strategy and PGN 17 House Extension Design Guide.

#### Access and Parking

19. There would be increase in the number of bedrooms to 7, which would require provision of 4 parking spaces in accordance with the Parking Standards SPD (2017). Adequate off-street parking would be maintained within the curtilage of the application site and would still be in accordance with the Councils Parking Standard SPD (2017). There are no highway safety concerns.

20. Officers note that objections have been raised regarding the current parking layout of the site, objections indicate that no planning permission has been sought for the creation of the parking area within the frontage of the site. Officers acknowledge the concerns, however, as no hard surfacing details are included within the application officers cannot give any consideration to the appropriateness of the existing hardstanding. If the hardstanding does not accord with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 then this may be liable to enforcement action.

#### Other Considerations

- 21. Objections have been raised with regards to the potential conversion of the property into an HMO, however the application has been submitted for a domestic extension with no indication of an HMO conversion. As such, the only matter for consideration in the assessment of this application is the impact of the extensions proposed. No consideration can be given to the any potential future use of the property as a 'House in Multiple Occupation'.
- 22. Further comments have been raised with regards to the use and permission of the outbuilding located in the rear garden. The outbuilding benefits from a Lawful Development Certificate granted under P18/1293.

#### CONCLUSION

23. The proposed development would be of appropriate design, scale and appearance that would not have an adverse impact upon the character of the area and would not be detrimental to residential amenity. The proposed development would not raise any significant highway safety concerns. The proposal complies with policies contained within ENV3 of the Black Country Core Strategy (2011), Policies S6, S8 and L1 of the Dudley Borough Development Strategy (2017) and Planning Guidance Note 17 (The House Extension Design Guide) and Planning Guidance Note 12 (PGN 12) - 45 Degree Code.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the application is APPROVED, subject to conditions;

Conditions and/or reasons:

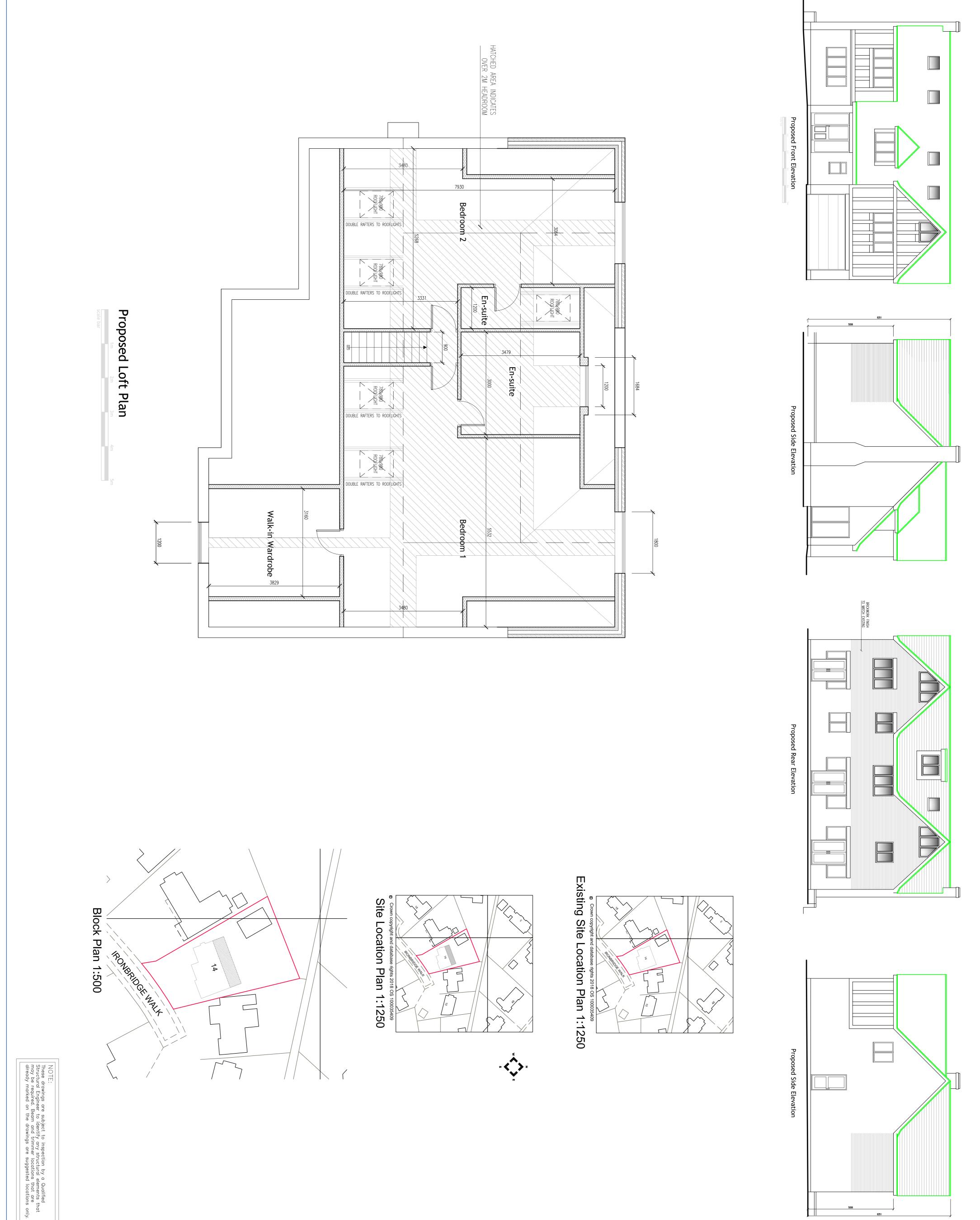
1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission. REASON: To comply with Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Proposed loft plan and elevations, location plan and block plan DRG NO 21143-03C, Proposed ground and first floor plans DRG NO - 21143-02A

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3) The materials to be used in the approved development shall match in appearance, colour and texture those of the existing building unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. REASON: To ensure the satisfactory appearance of the development in accordance with BCCS Policy ENV2 - Historic Character and Local Distinctiveness and Borough Development Strategy 2017 Policy S6 Urban

Design and Policy L1 Housing Development, extensions and alterations to existing dwellings/ Policy D2 Incompatible Land Uses (in part)



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Proposed Side Elevation

New FD20 fire doors to have a minimum 25mm rebate, an additional 12mm planted stop to be screwed to the existing door frame/lining if required. **Part 'F' Ventilation** Kitchens and Utility Rooms to be ventilated to provide Min' 60 ltrs/second and operated by an intermitant timer and light switch with a 20 minute over-run.

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**Drains under Buildings** Drains under buildings to be surrounded with a Min' 100mm granular material. Drains within 300mm of the underside of the floor slab should be surrounded in 150mm Min' of concrete. 'Spanlite' prestressed concrete lintols to be used above all openings where drains run through a wall or under foundations. Maintain a 50mm clearance around pipes to openings. Openings in walls need to be masked either side with rigid sheet material.

Below Ground
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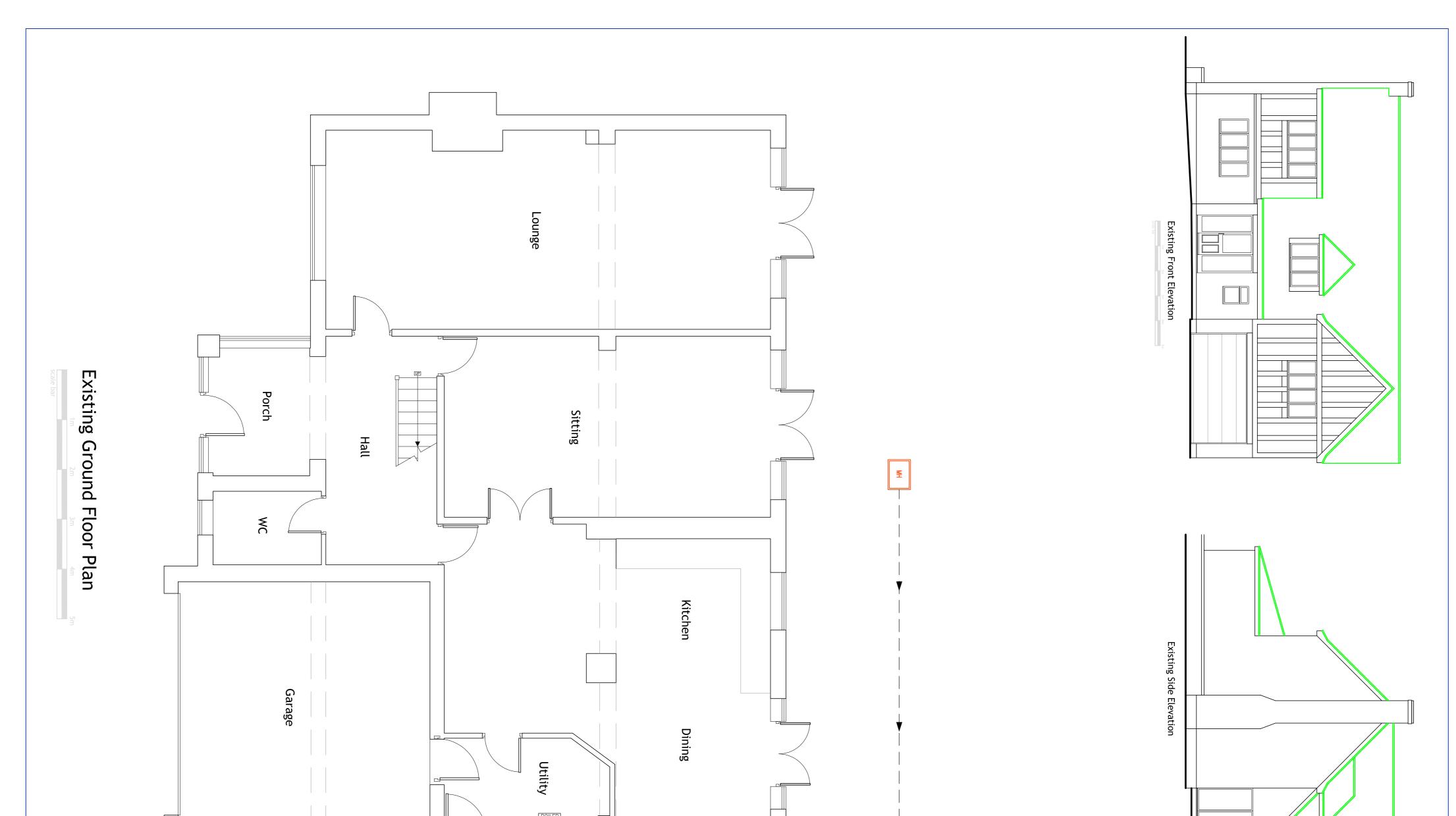
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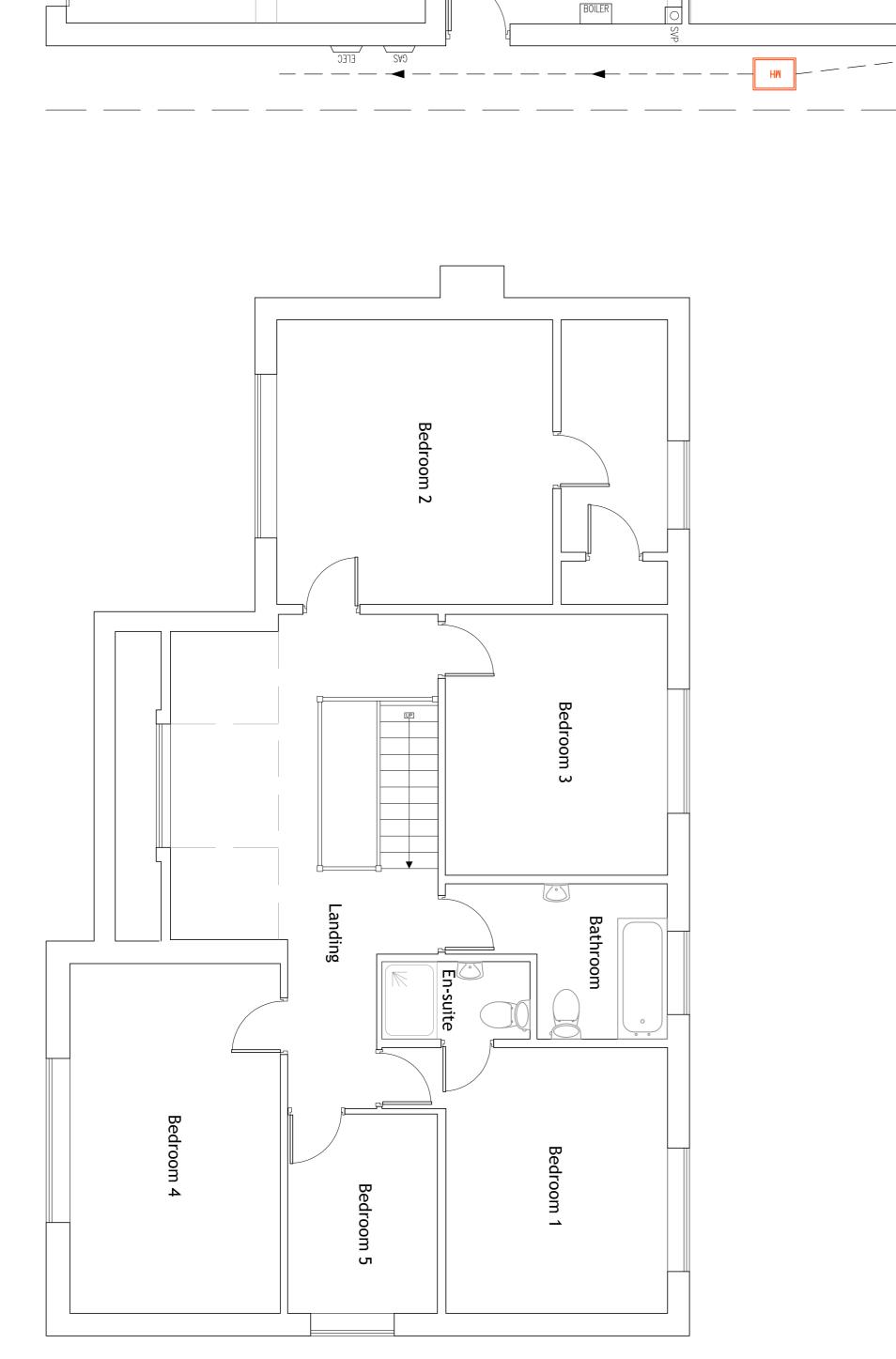
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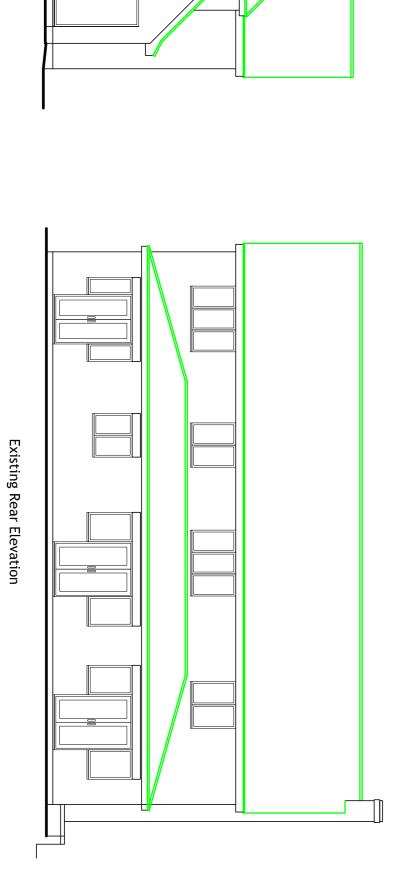
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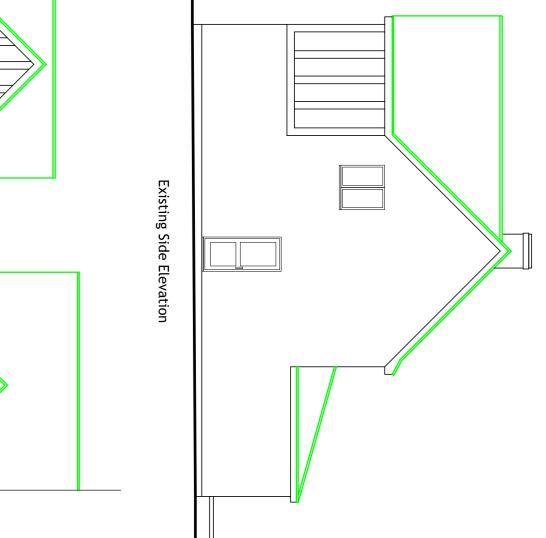












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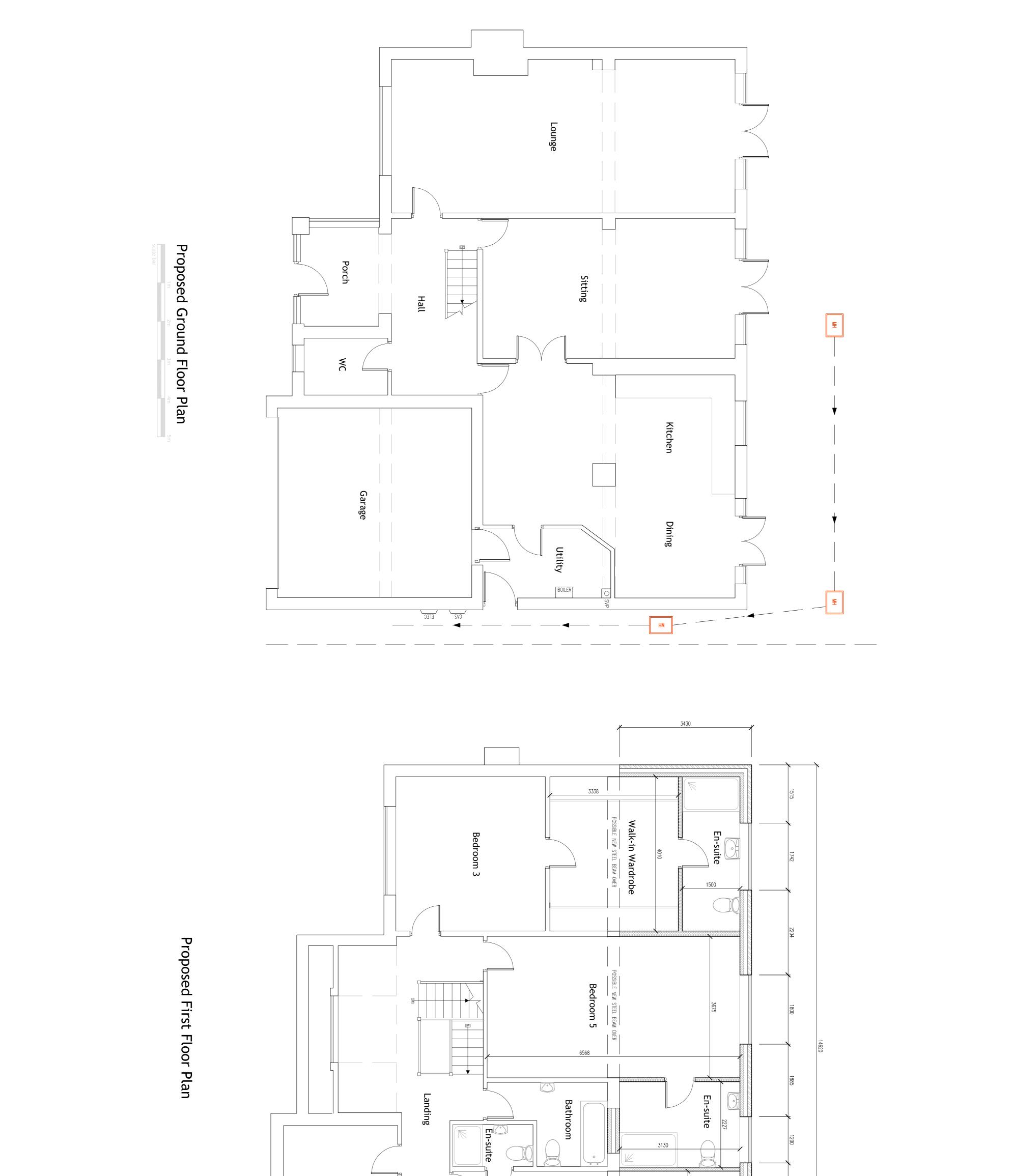
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FD30 fire door with self closing device and fitted with heat activated seals in conjunction with flexible edge seals instal between garage and dwelling.

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