Attachment C2

Urban Design Report (Part 2 of 2) – 85-93 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills

REFERENCE SCHEME

"BETTER PLACED" REVIEW VIEW FROM HUNT STREET

GANSW - Better Placed

Review and integration of "Better Placed" into the Proposal ensures that the development and policy outcomes it seeks to change presents a considered and robust approach that aligns with the seven objectives set out in Better Placed. In doing so, the proposal adopts a process of early integration, connection, and collaboration between design, planning and development. Furthermore, the policy and design outcomes proposed demonstrates an understanding of place, through research, analysis, precedent analysis, as well as alternative design solutions. An assessment of the proposed built form against the seven objectives in Better Placed is provided below.

1. Better fit – contextual, local and of its place.

- The proposal responds to the existing topography of the site, surrounding structures, as well as the buildings history.
- An allowance for new urban components to be balanced by the retention and enhancement of the existing building and surrounding natural and built form elements.
- Proposed massing takes guidance from the building footprint, as well as the height and massing of adjacent buildings to the north (i.e., 79-83, 46 and 69 Commonwealth Street).
- The proposal will provide opportunities for a contemporary urban form that retains and reinforces the historic building and city structure.
- The proposal provides an opportunity to enhance the qualities and distinctive characteristics of this area of Surry Hills established by other developments, both constructed and approved.
- The proposal will provide further richness, diversity and quality to the local precinct by proving diversity in architecture and land uses.
- Rooftop open space is incorporated to enhance natural elements across the site, activation at
 elevated levels, and to promote the scenic qualities of the site established by the surrounding
 topography.

2. Better performance - sustainable, adaptable and durable.

- Sustainability and resilience against climate change is achievable through the implementation of design standards established through state and local controls.
- The proposal presents new opportunities for ecologically sustainable development (ESD) principles and outcomes to be incorporated into the site.

3. Better for community - inclusive, connected and diverse.

- The Proposal through the provision of new employment floorspace will allow for improved diver sity in the offering of commercial uses.
- The intensification of commercial uses will provide an economic framework that supports engaging places and resilient communities.
- Access though walking, cycling and public transport is promoted with the aim of reducing private car usage and in turn reducing traffic impacts, air pollution and transport costs.

4. Better for people - safe, comfortable and liveable.

- New employment floorspace and the addition of a rooftop area will improve the building's ability
 to provide improved internal air quality, access to views, and natural light to support safe, com
 fortable and enjoyable experience for tenants.
- The proposal provides an opportunity for the retention and upgrade of the existing building to
 ensure its longevity to an existing building whilst minimising the need for its replacement.
- that it lasts longer as valuable part of the city's existing building stock, minimising the need for its replacement.

Better working - functional, efficient and fit for purpose.

- The proposal will ensure the building is able to maximise its functionality and performance, sup
 porting existing and future commercial uses in an optimal and efficient manner than
 what is currently available.
- The proposal will ensure the building is able to adapt to the changing needs of commercial mar kets and existing tenants.
- Improvements in the design and function of commercial floor space will support enhanced productivity and the effectiveness for organisations who use this space.

5. Better value - creating and adding value.

- The proposal seeks to take advantage of its location, leveraging on the existing characteristics
 and qualities of the site to increase social, economic, and environmental benefits to the existing
 and future tenants as well as the wider community.
- This is realised through the adaptation and incorporation of good design, effective materials and construction methods to protect and enhance the buildings value.
- The proposal provides the impetus for change and implementation of good design in a location that showcases the City's support and encouragement of good design in the locality and neigh bouring Surry Hills area.

Better look and feel - engaging, inviting and attractive.

- A key feature of the Proposal is its location and setting in a prominent corner location which is enhanced by a topography that varies and changes around the site. These elements create a visu al setting that has guided the proposal and the design options presented.
- Built form will complement this urban landscape allowing for an urban setting that is diverse and
 proportionate in scale to the surrounding built and natural environment.
- The proposal presents a significant intervention into the built environment that can provide en
 ergy and interest into the local streetscape, encouraging visitors, activity and enjoyment of the
 public domain that surrounds the site.
- The proposal provides opportunities for contemporary design that will contribute to the rich and diverse urban setting that has been created by existing and proposed developments along Com monwealth Street and within the surrounding area.
- The proposal utilises the site's location to present a future built form outcome that is visually at tractive and engaging to tenants and the wider community, and ultimately landmarking the building and the site.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Alterations and Additions to 85-93 Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills

The additions to the existing building are shown in the drawings prepared by Brian Zulaikha Architects. The existing building is a timber building, concrete pads footings and brick stair cores.

There are drawings, that show the existing structure. A latter extension consisting of the foyer, lift and stair core is concrete. The building is presently occupied which made it difficult to investigate every column and footings and all areas of the timber floor. However, we could access some columns and footings. We determined the extent of the timber deterioration. The timber was checked for rot and insect activity.

We have investigated the existing structure and have taken into account the deterioration of the timber, are of the opinion that the additional floors shown on the architects drawings can be added to the existing building provided the new floors are lightweight. That is steel and bondek and there are no heavy loads are on the roof. The stair and lift core walls need to be extended up.

There will be the need to further investigate all the footings and the timber as they were inaccessible. It will be necessary to do some remedial work on the building, but this will not prevent the additions to the building.

Yours sincerely

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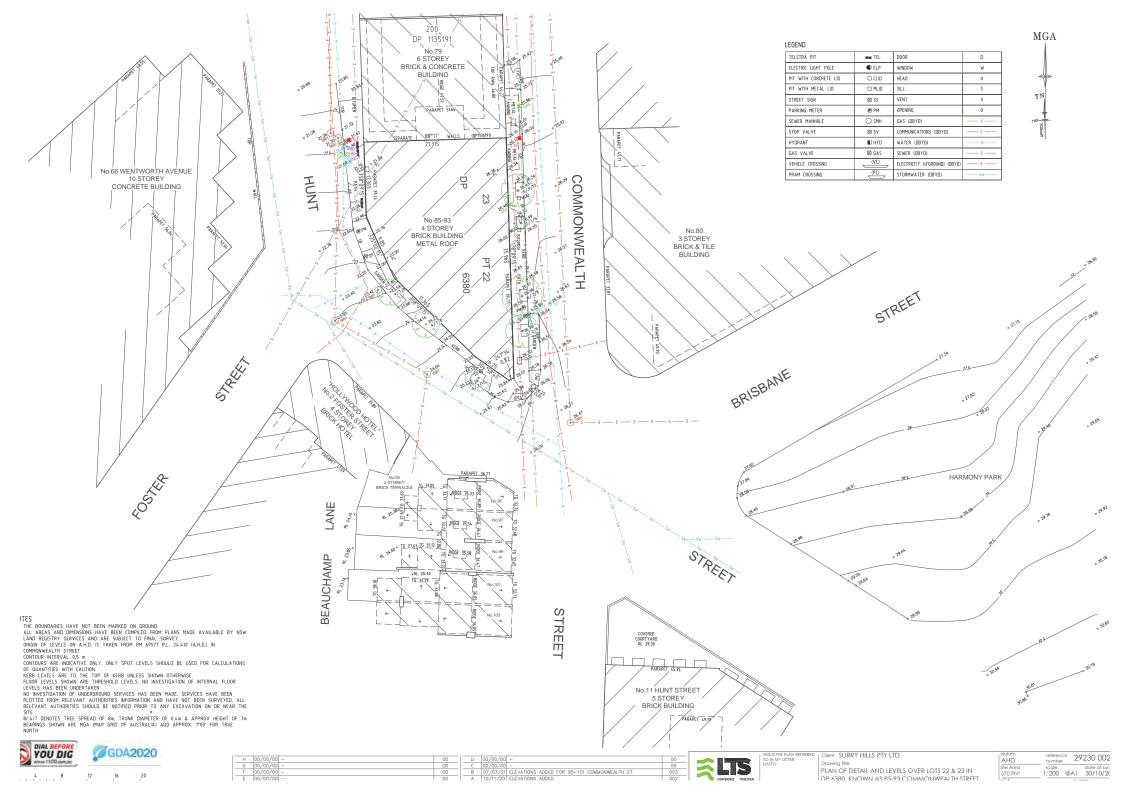
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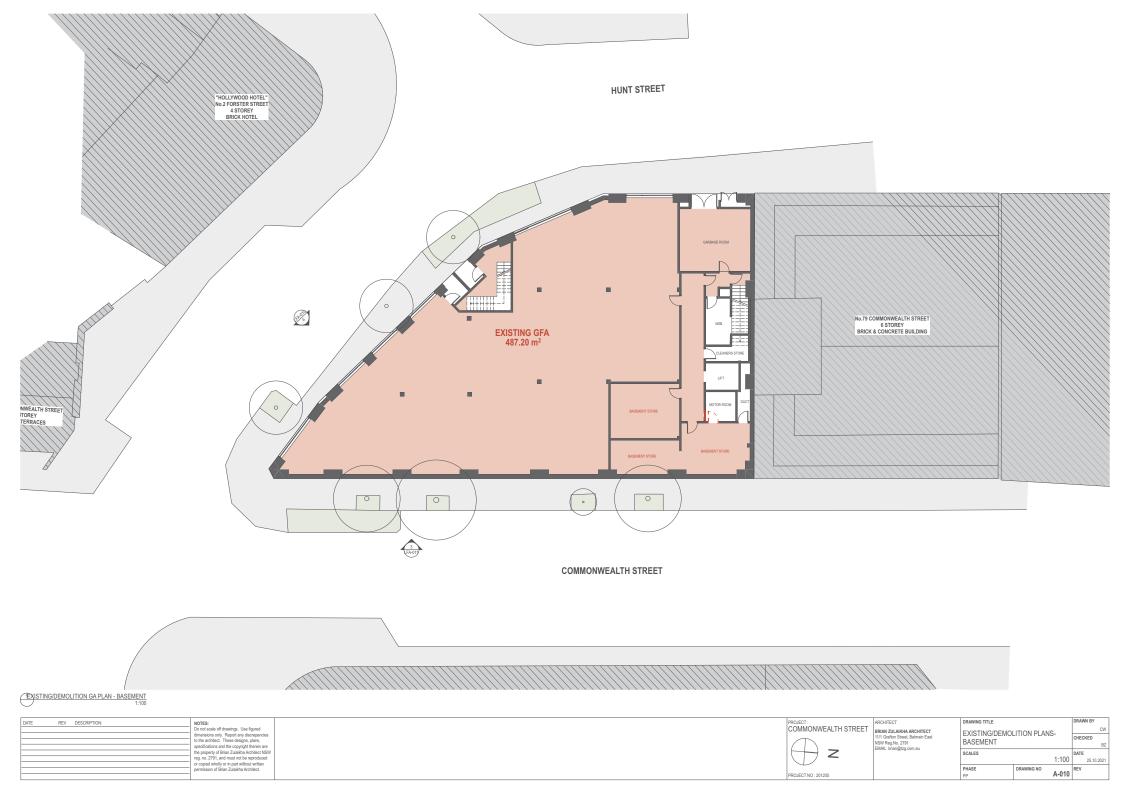


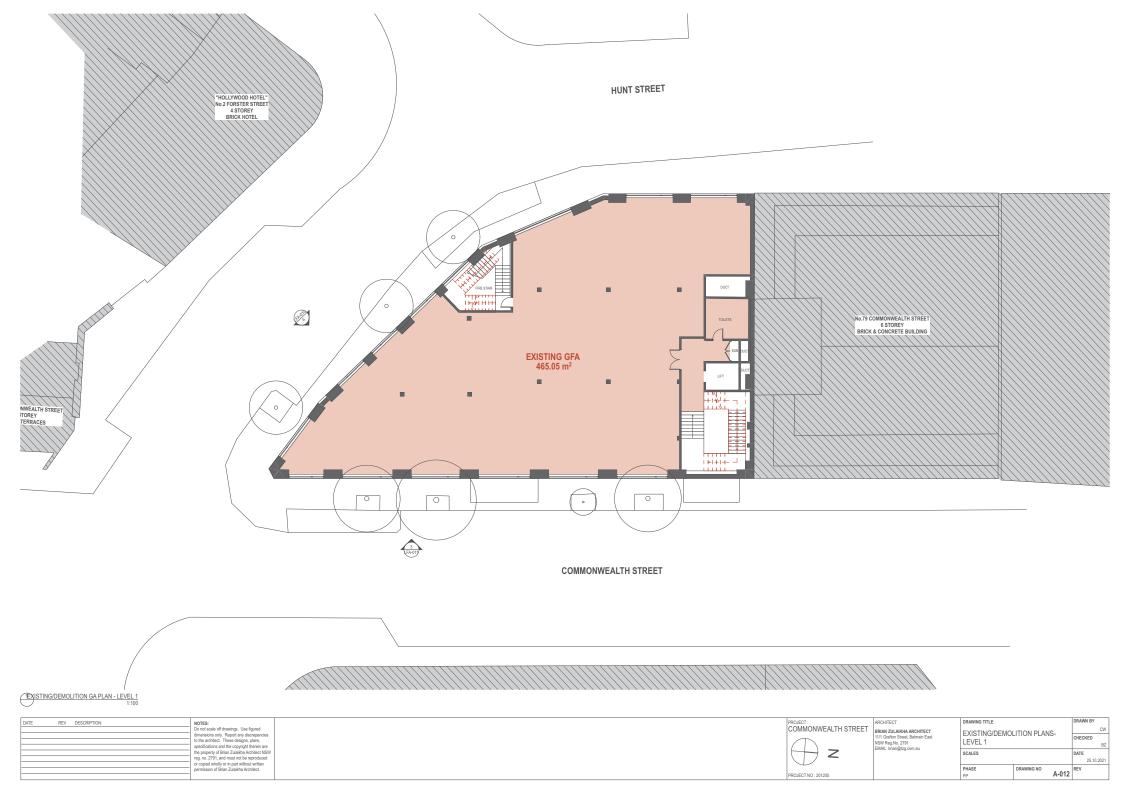
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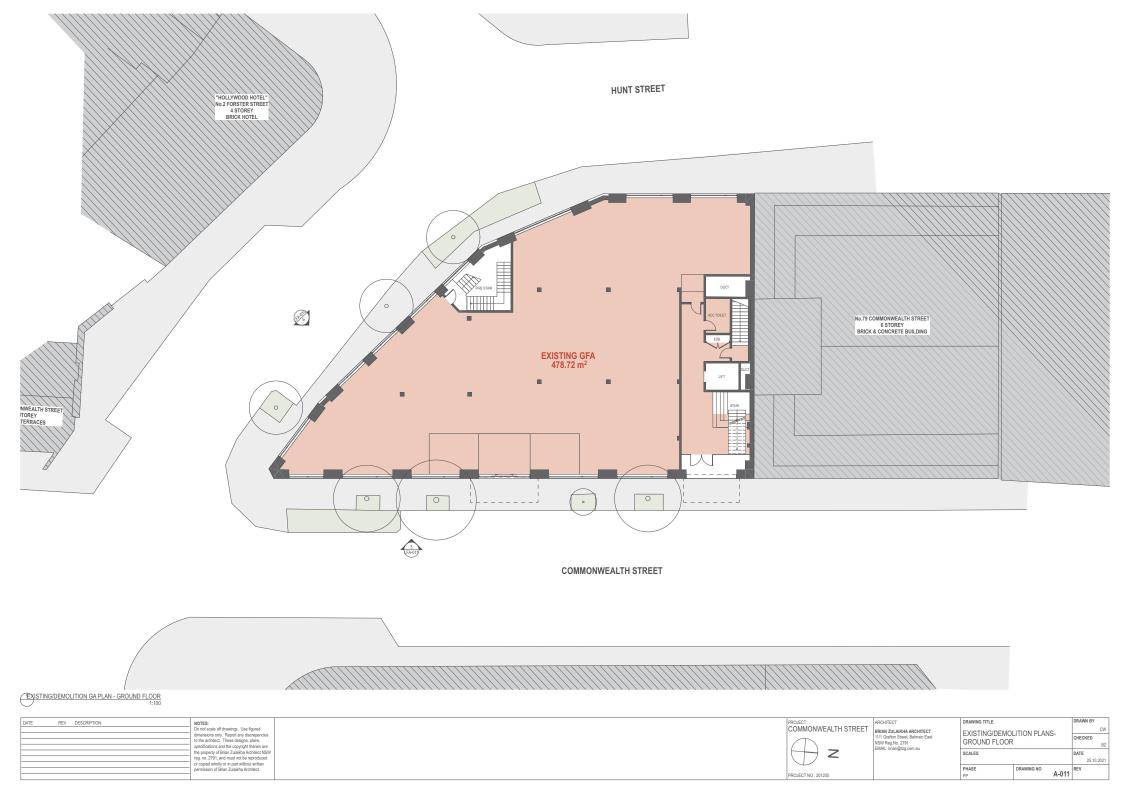
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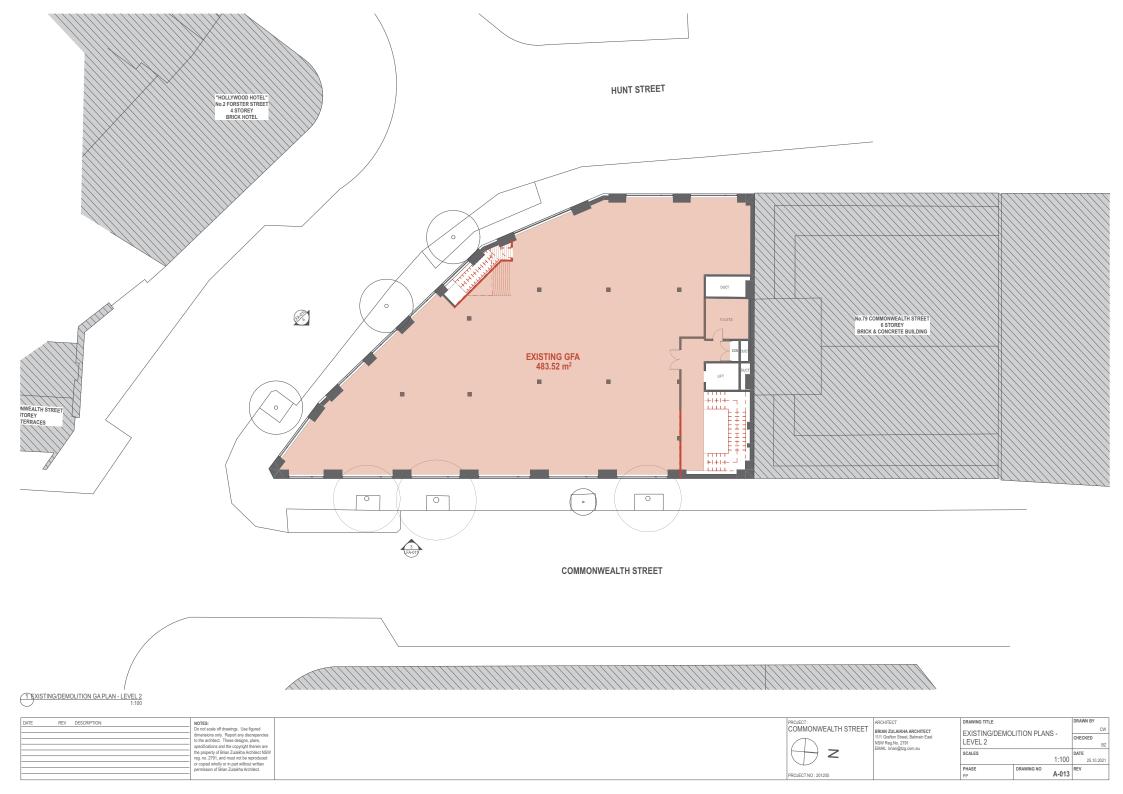
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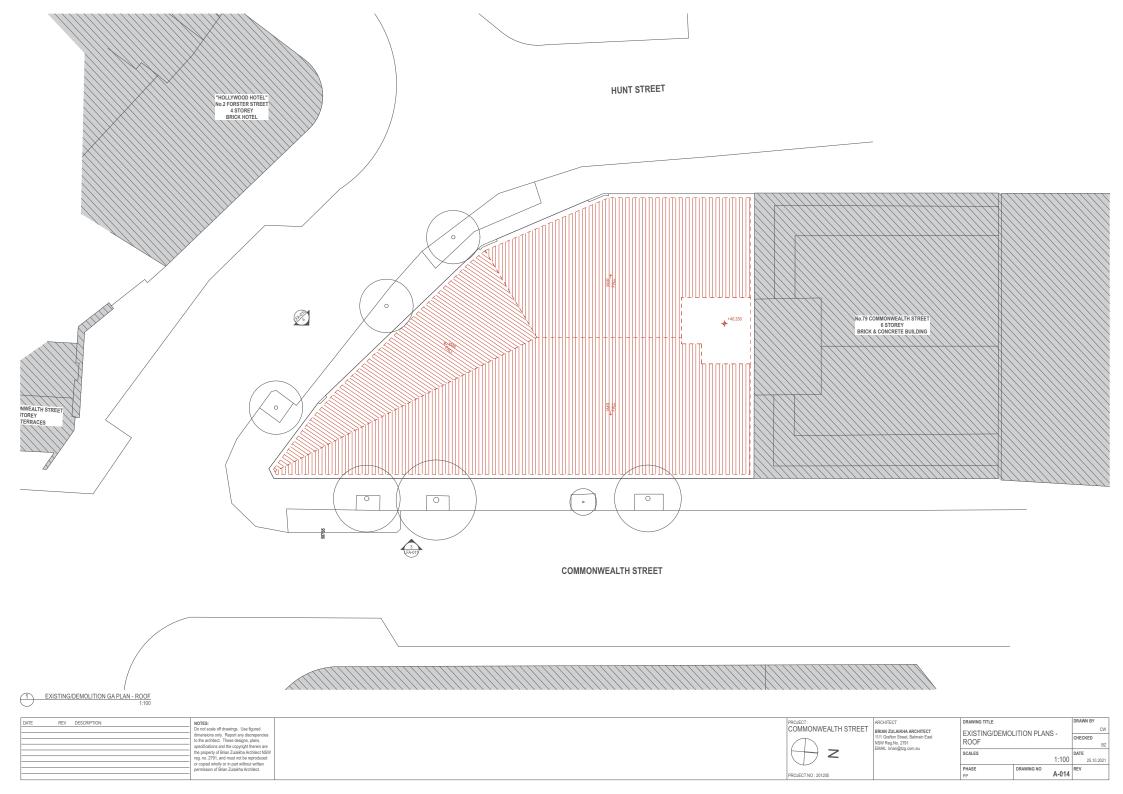






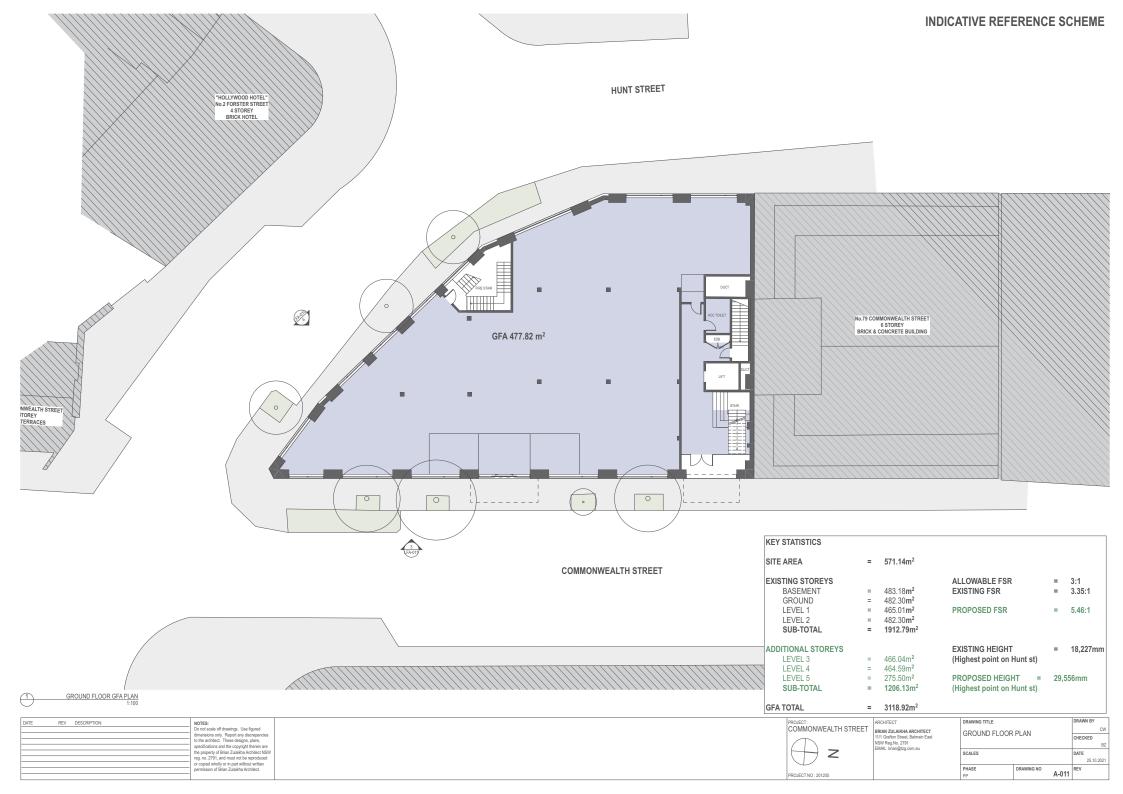


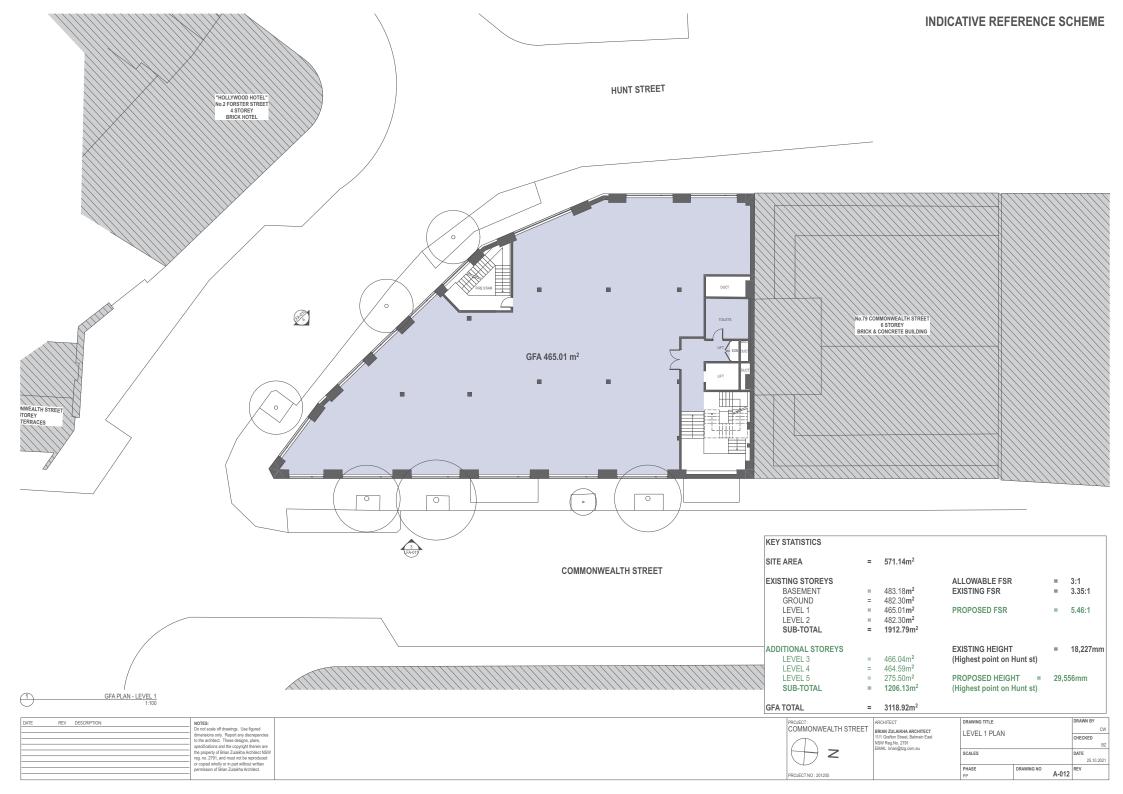


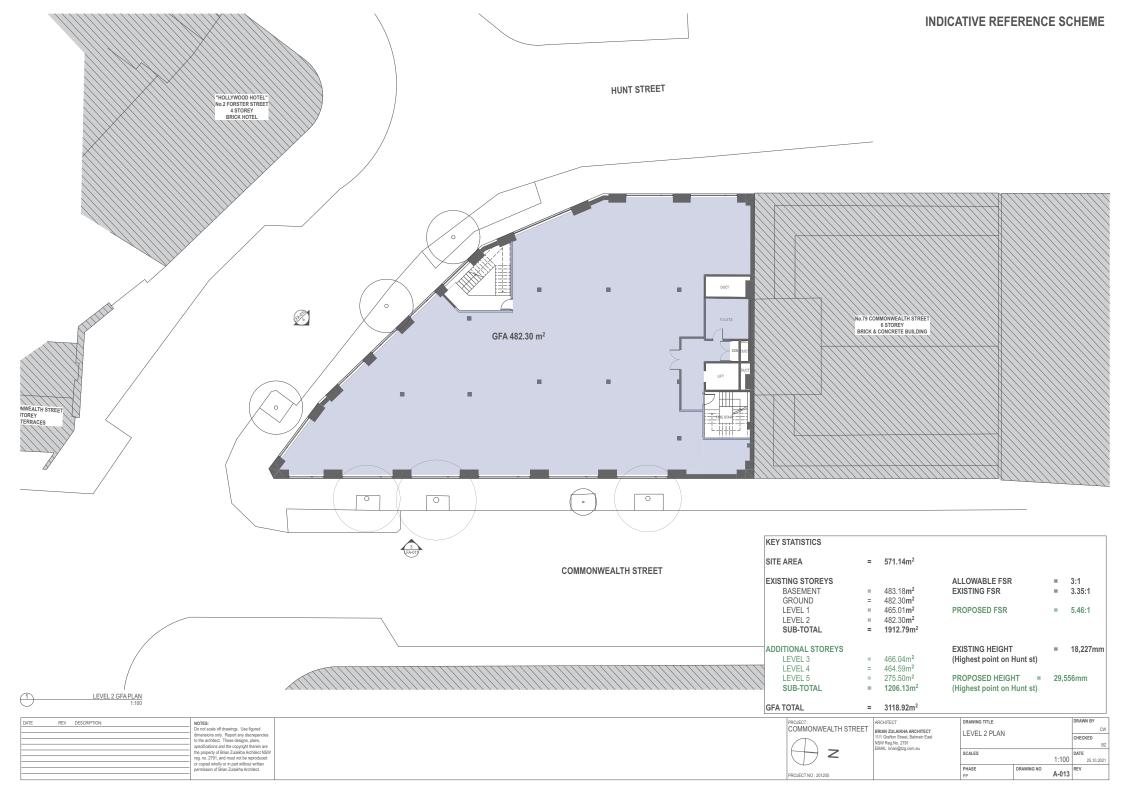


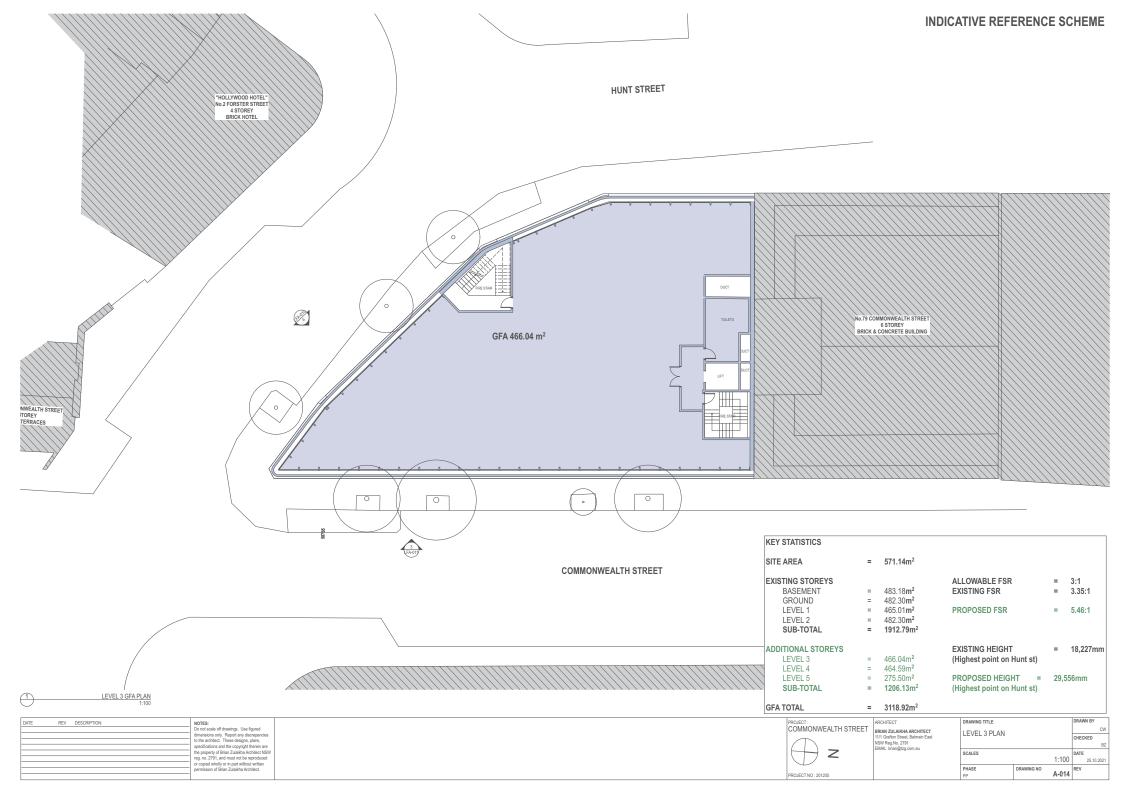
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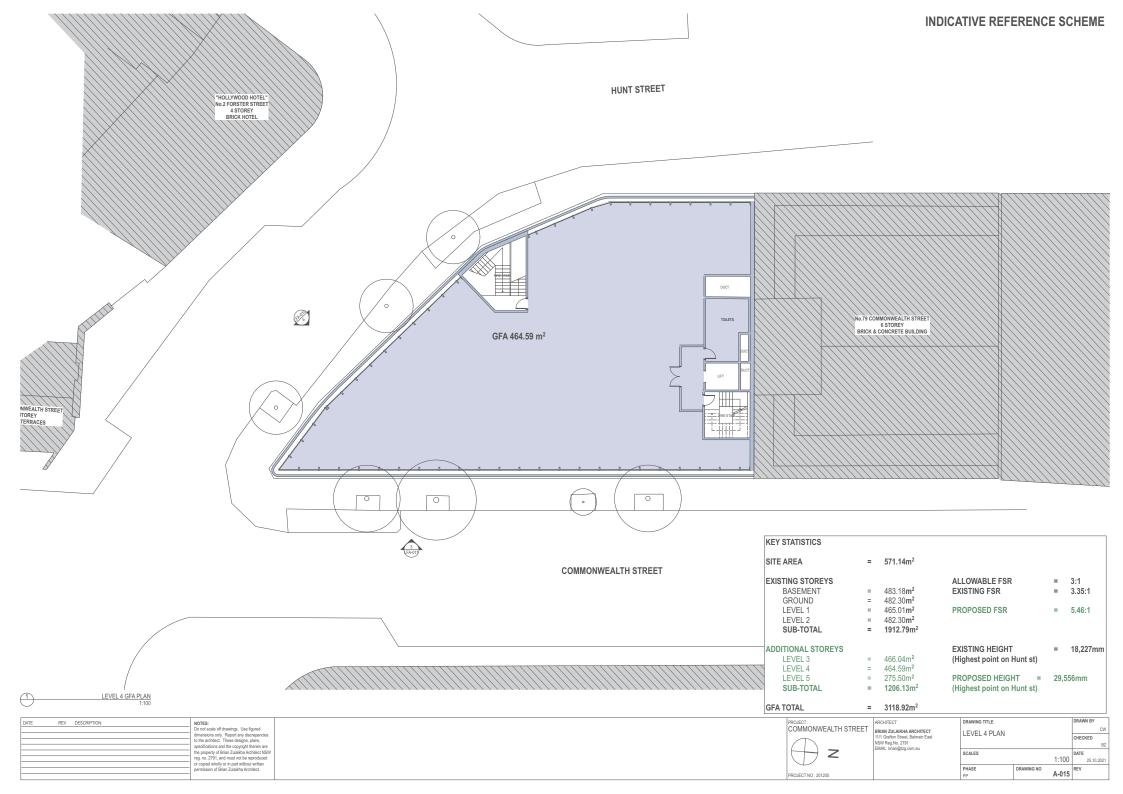
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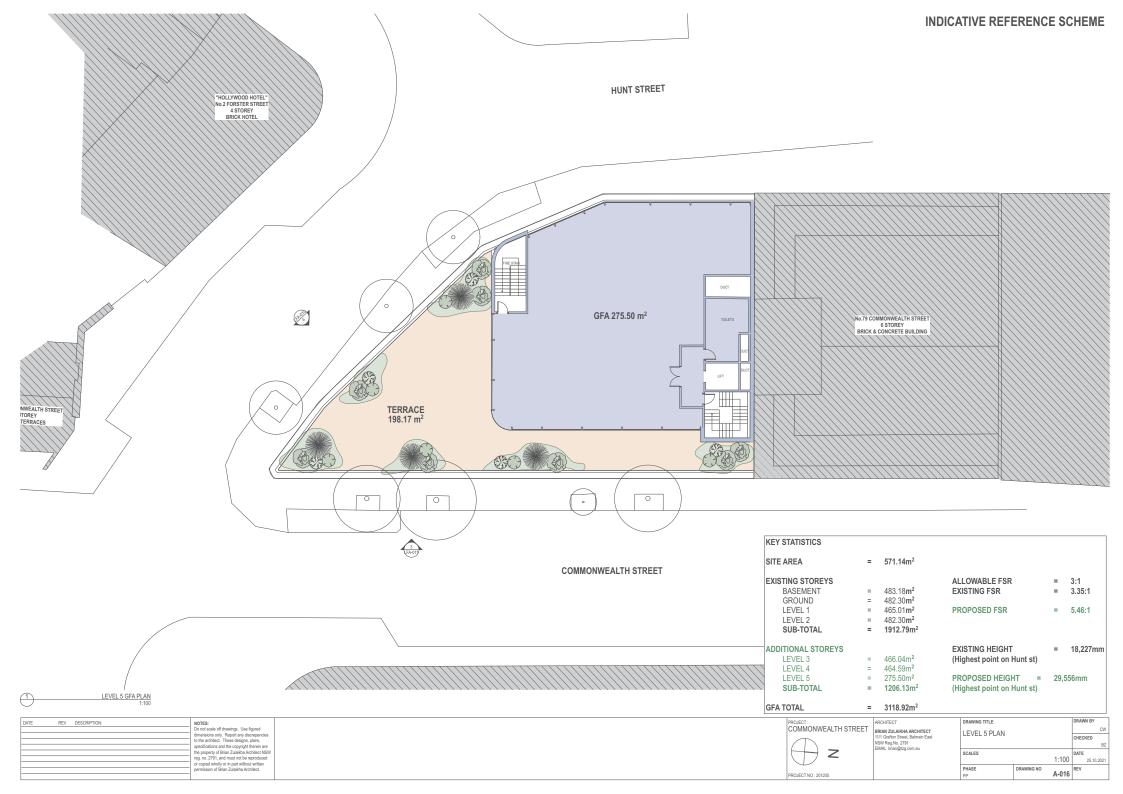


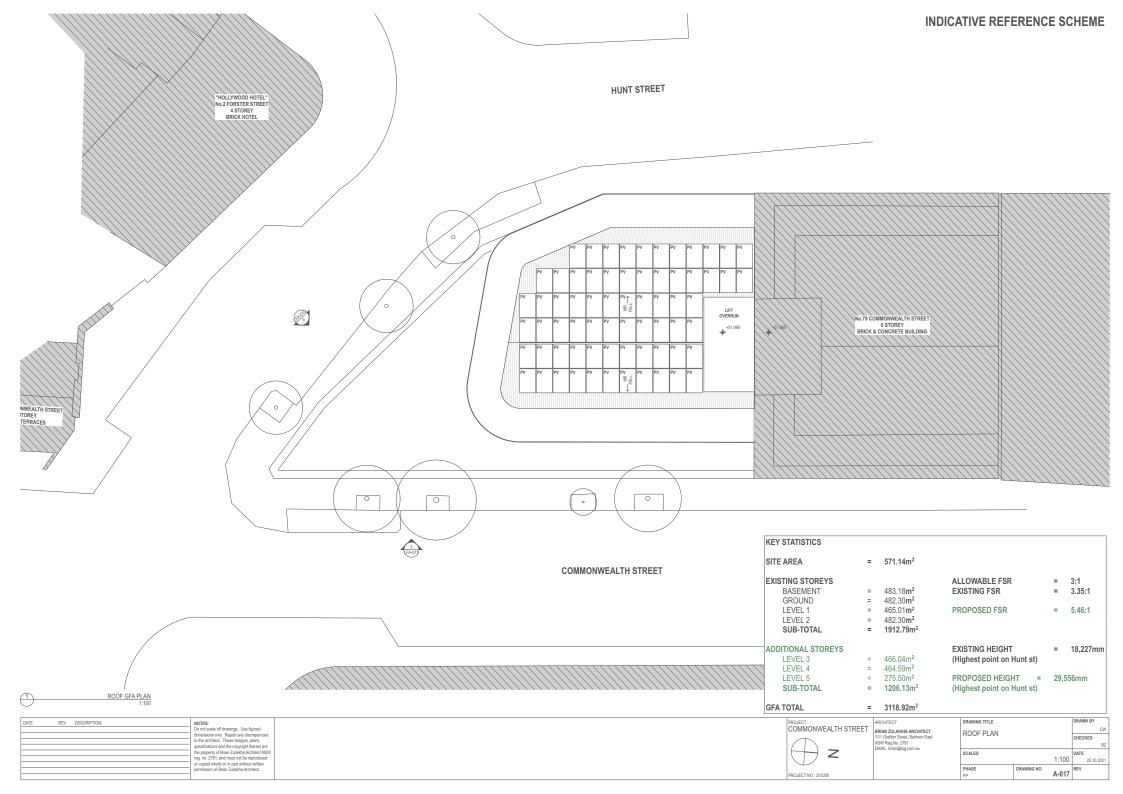


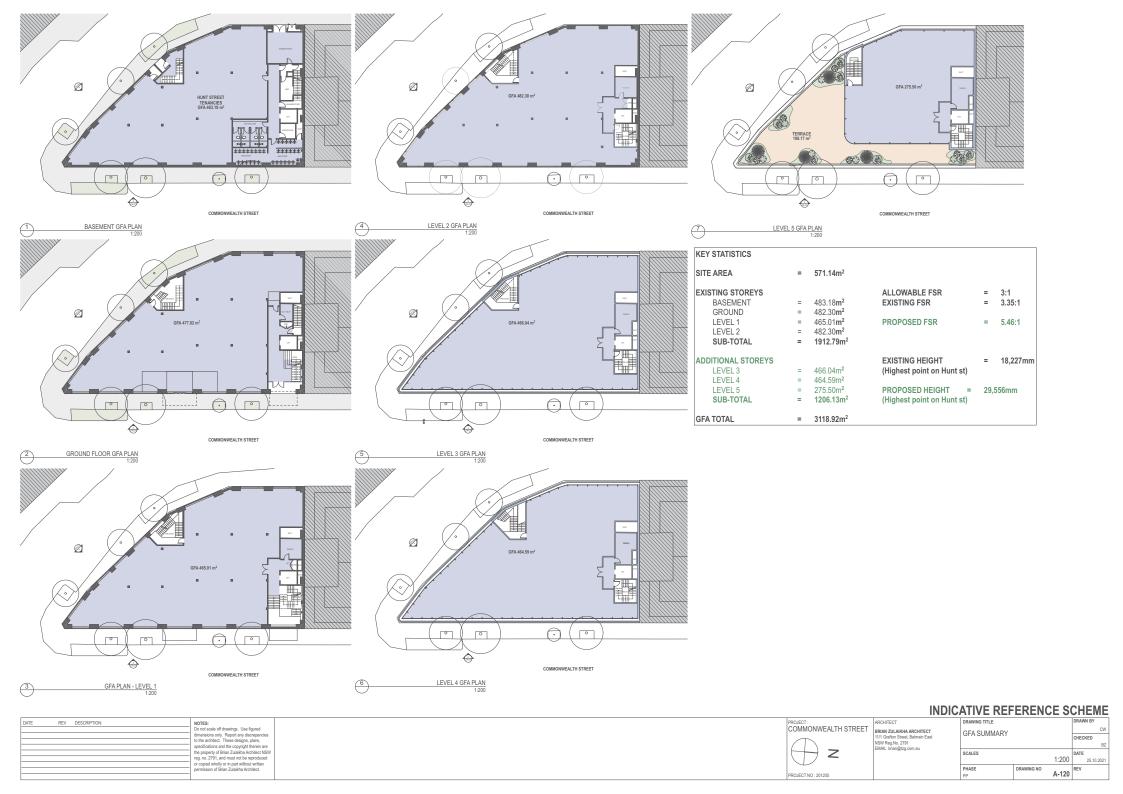




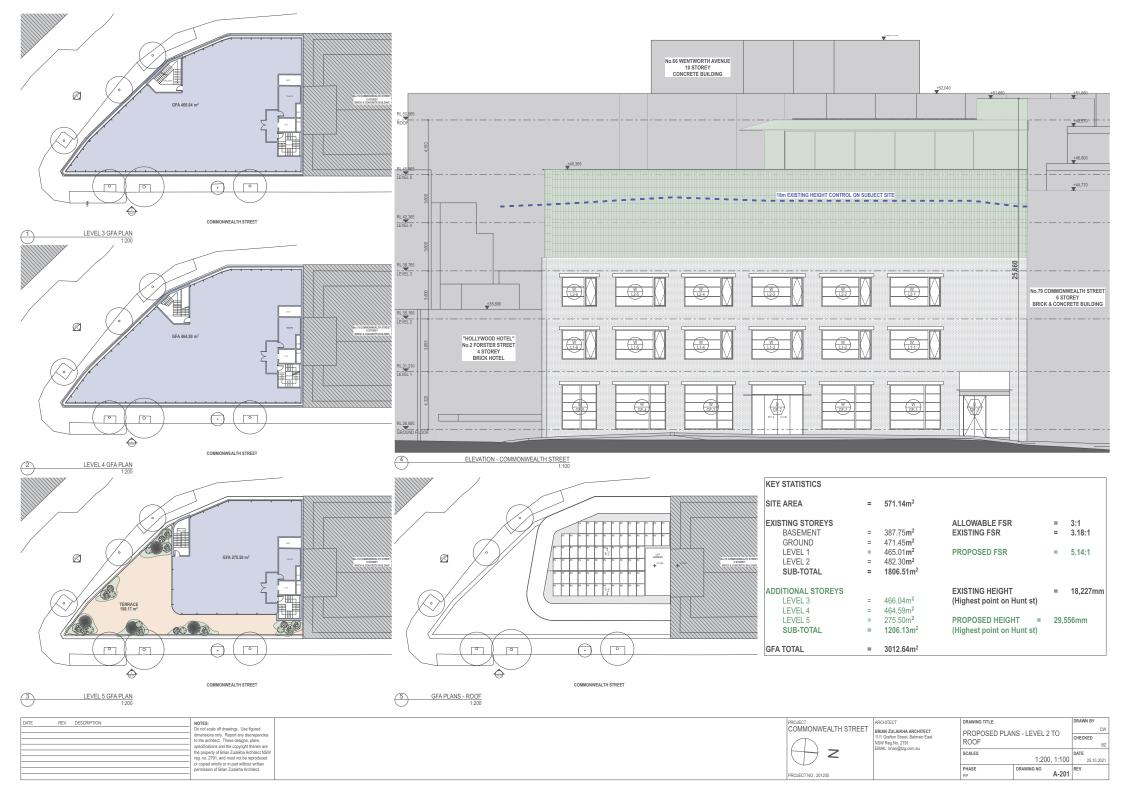


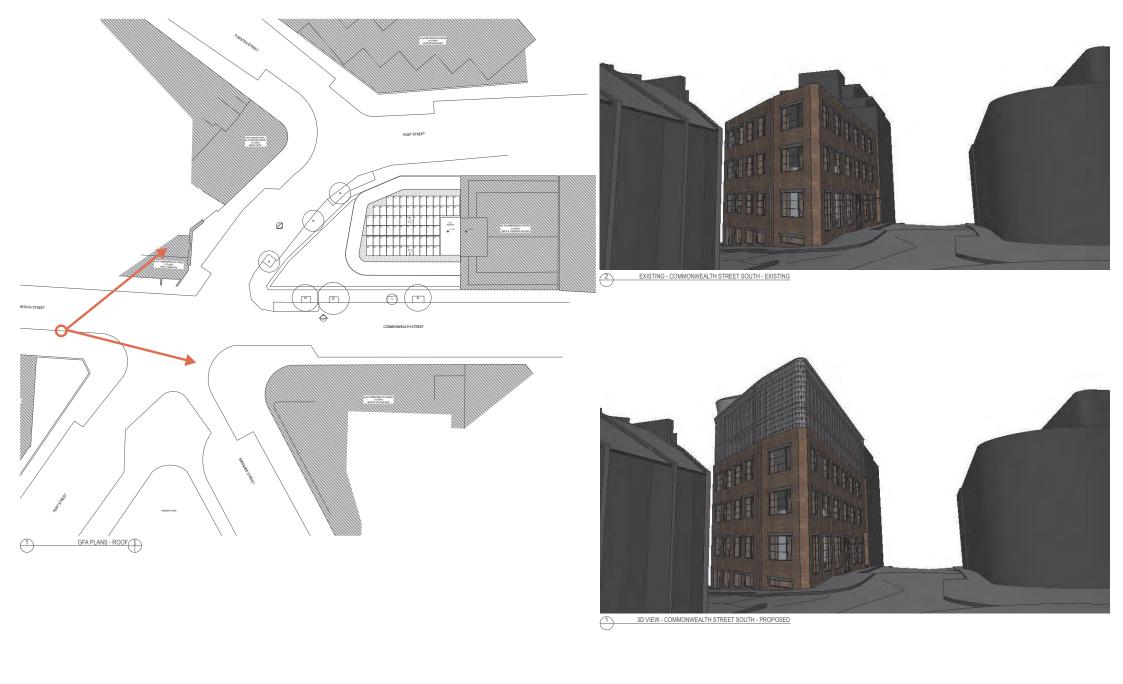










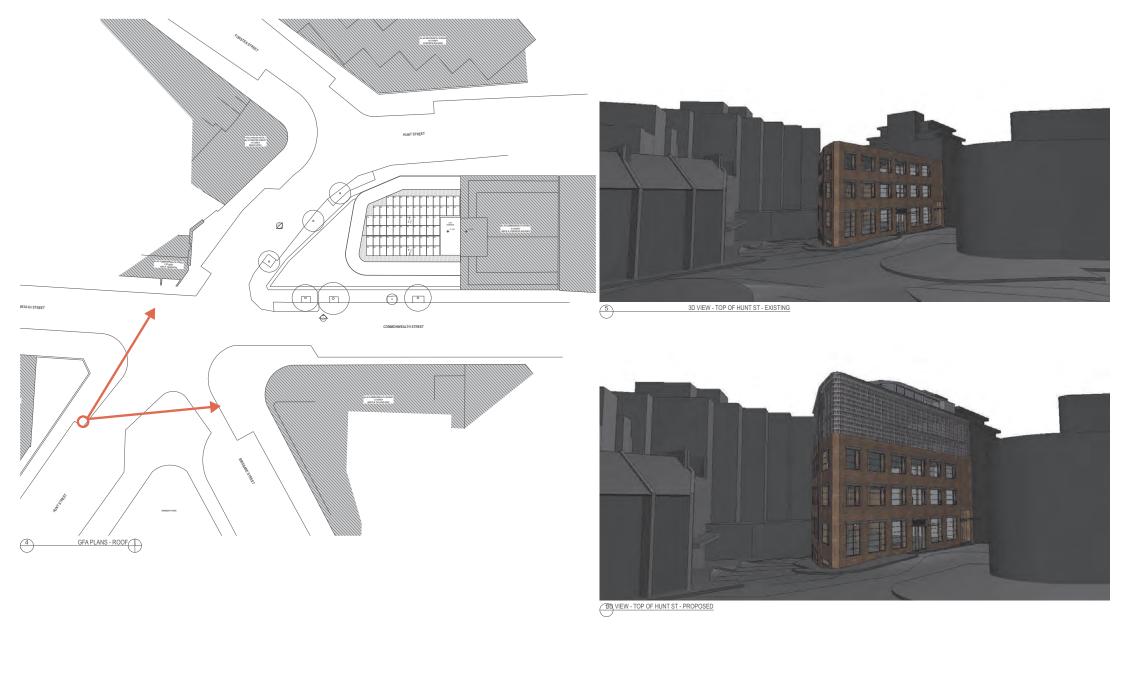


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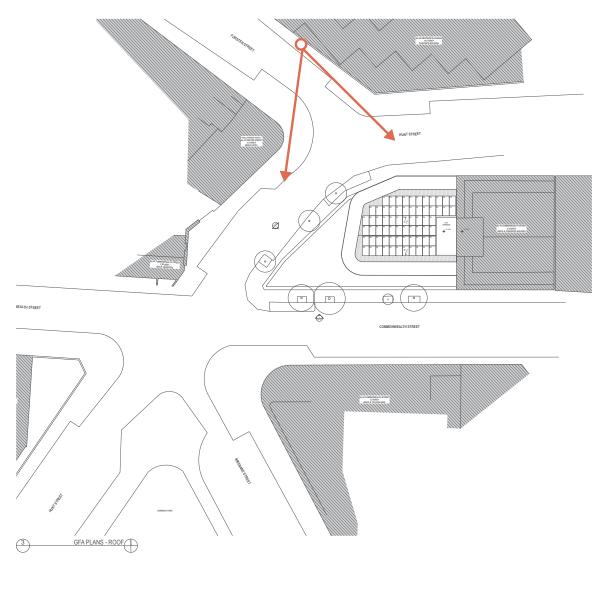


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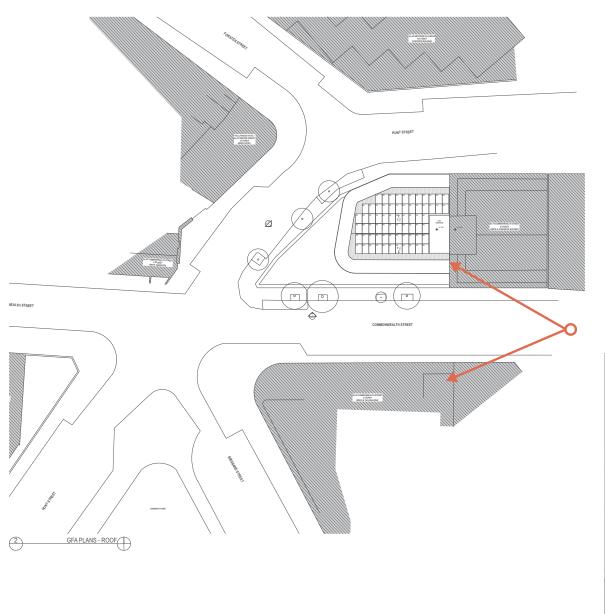
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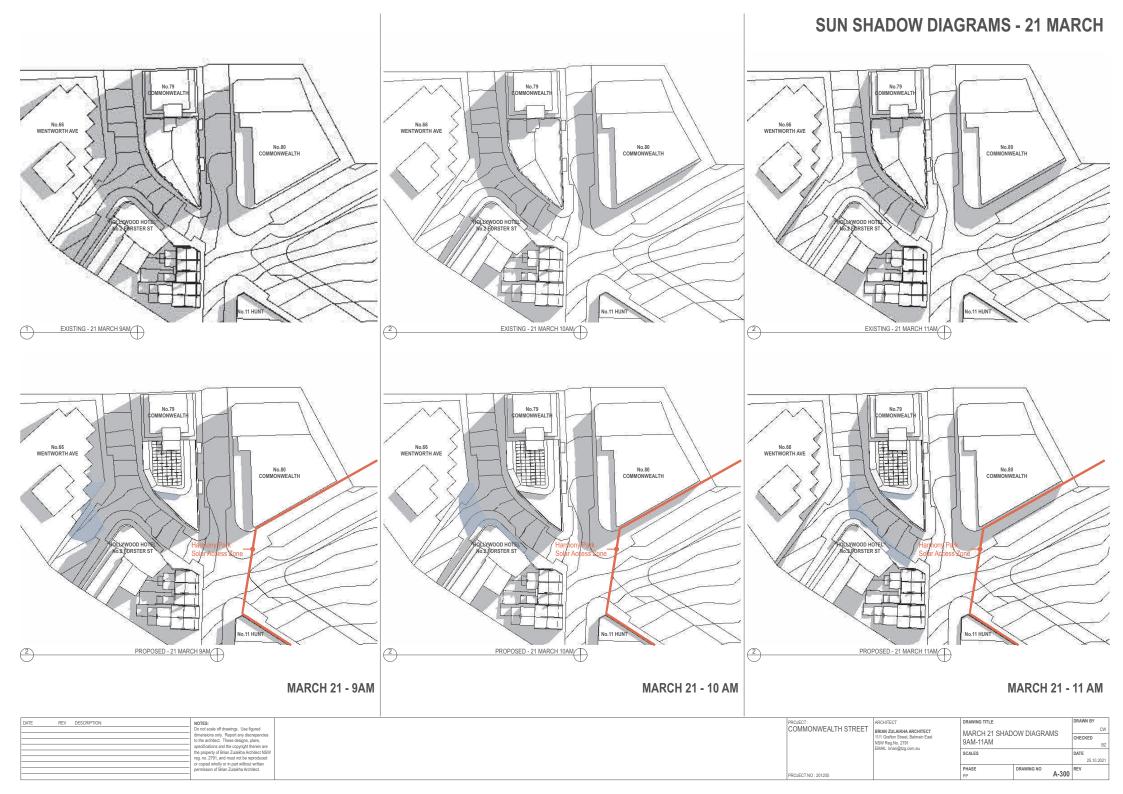


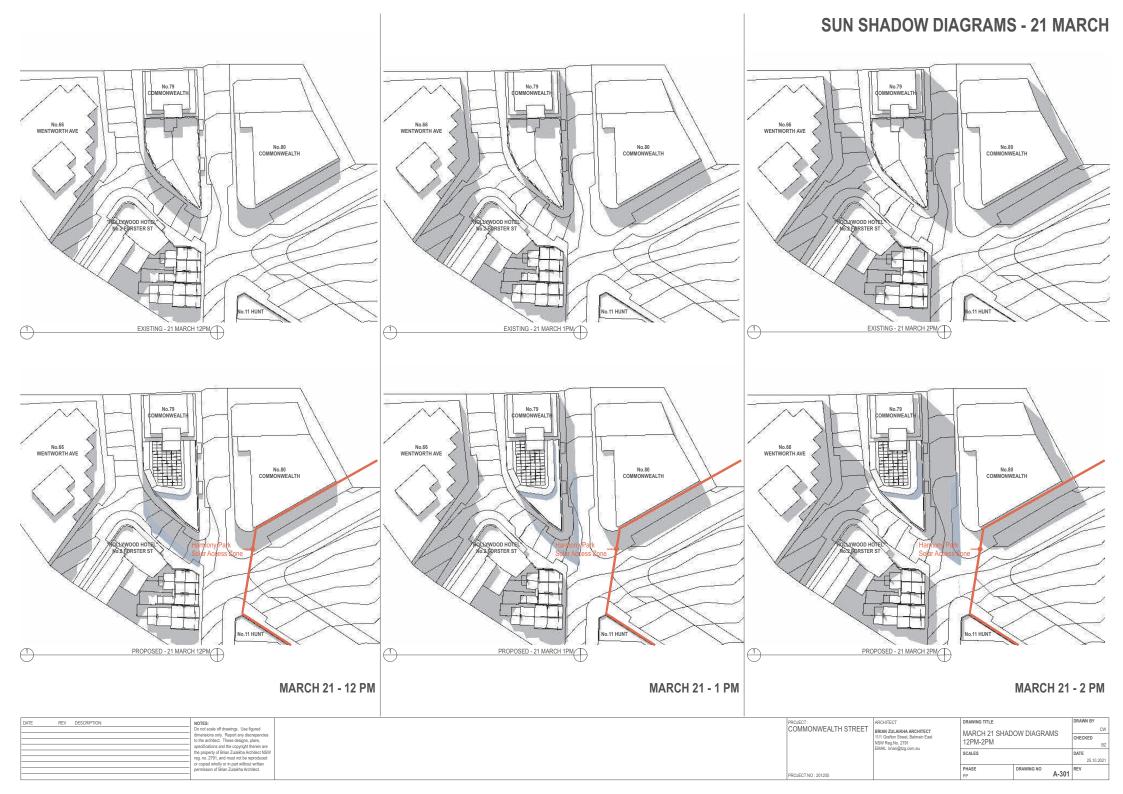
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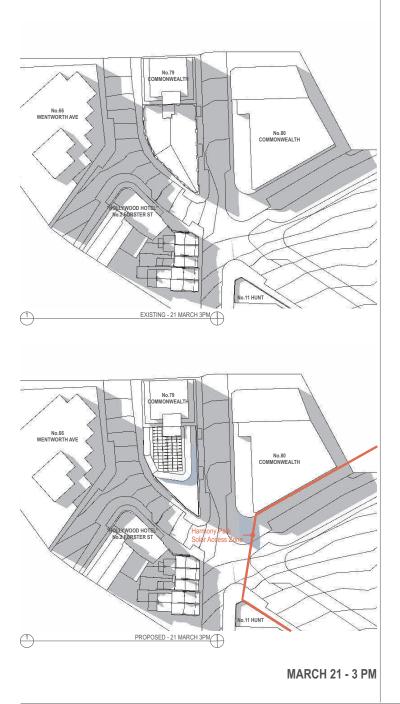
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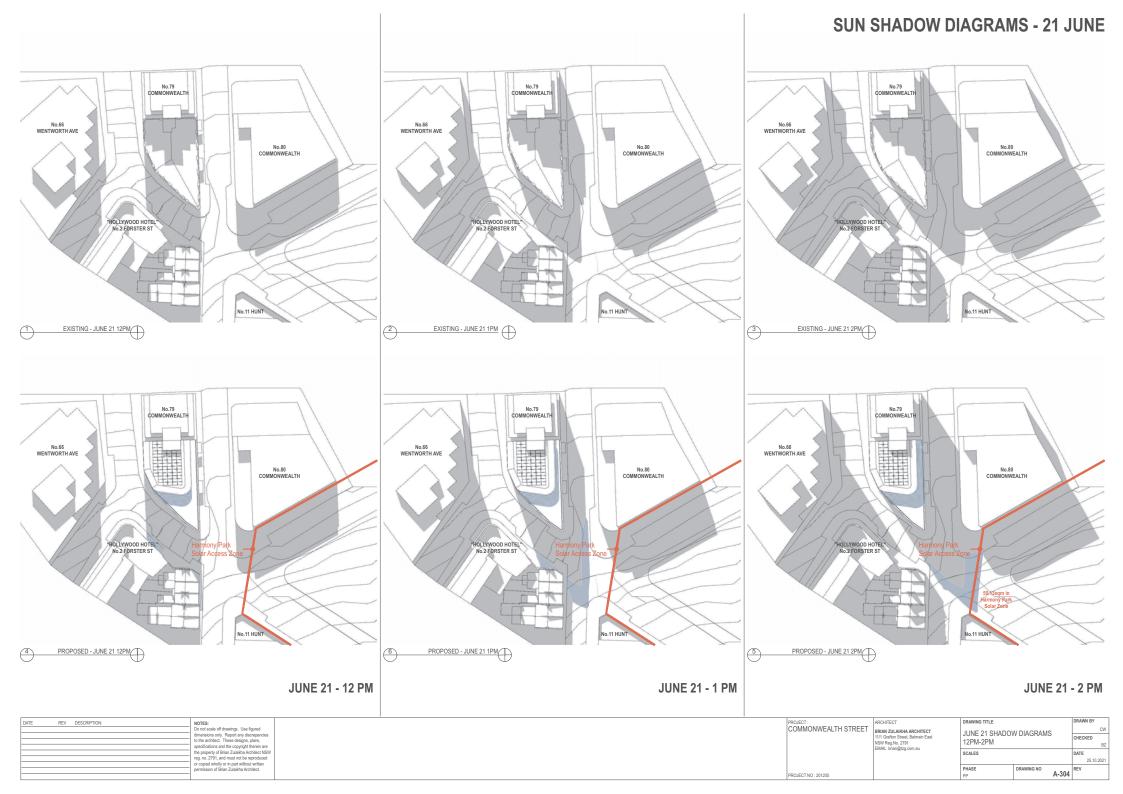
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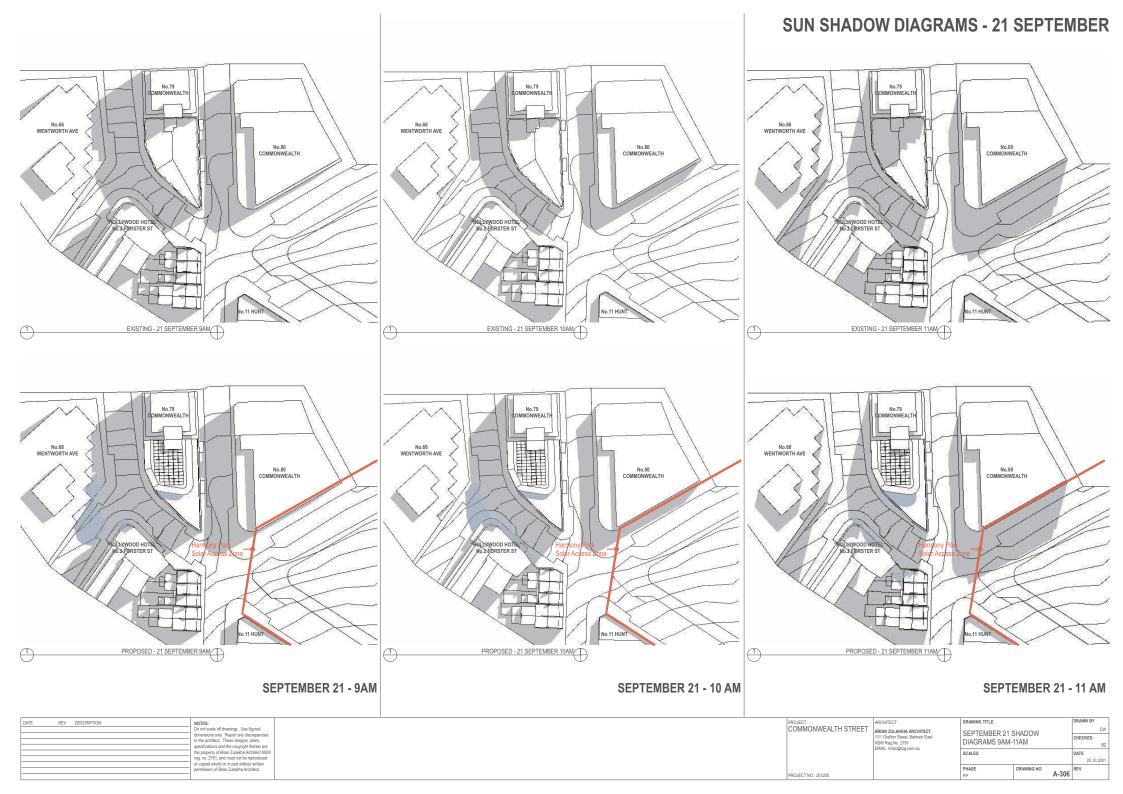




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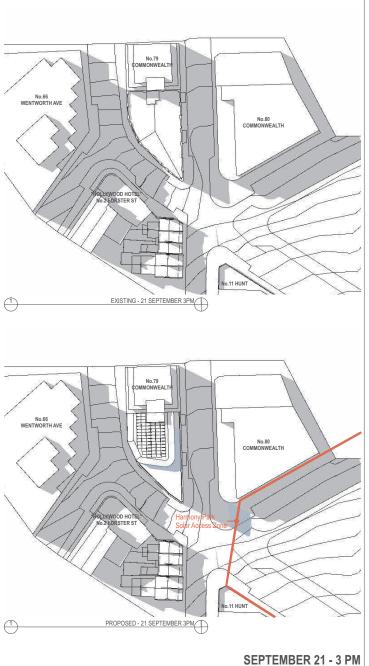


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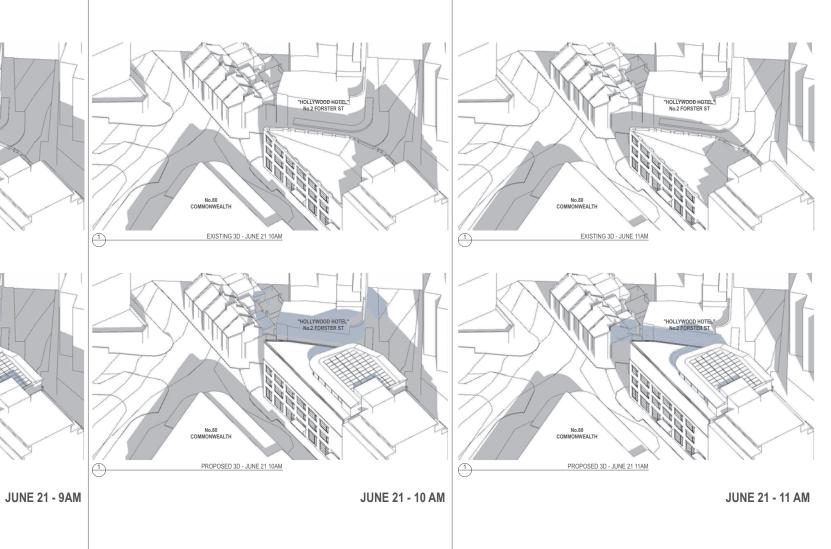
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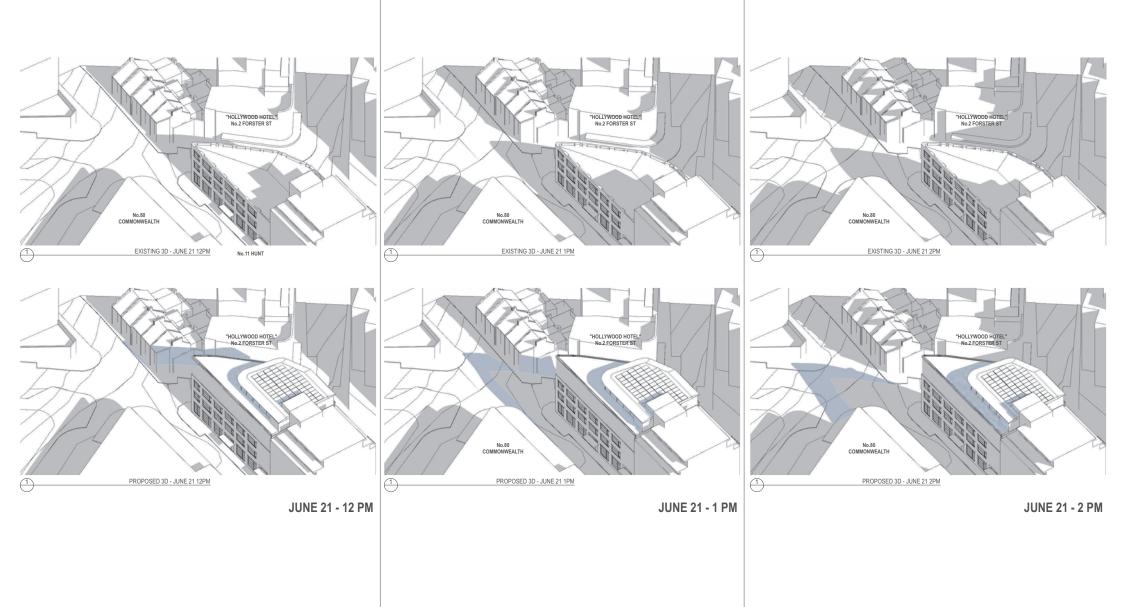
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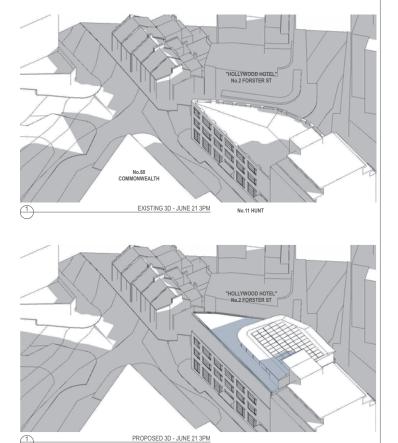
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