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Local Planning Panel

11 June 2025

Application details

Address: 290-294 Botany Road, Alexandria

Application: D/2024/709

Applicant: GSA Planning

Owner: Angreb PTY LTD & Sentra Investments

Architect: Antoniades Architects

Proposal

- demolition of all structures
- concept development envelope for a mixed-use development with:
  - maximum height of 31.73m (9.4% noncompliance of LEP height control)
  - indicative future retail, commercial and build-to-rent housing land uses
- vehicular access from Wyndham Street
- voluntary planning agreement

Recommendation

- deferred commencement

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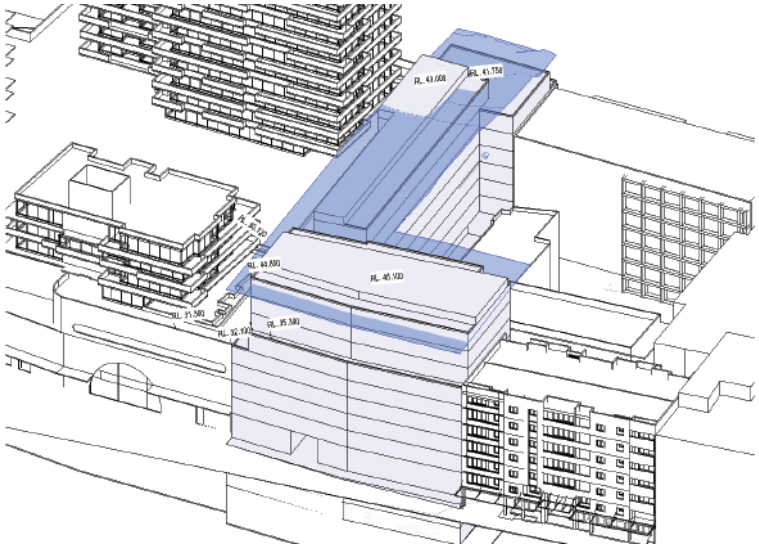

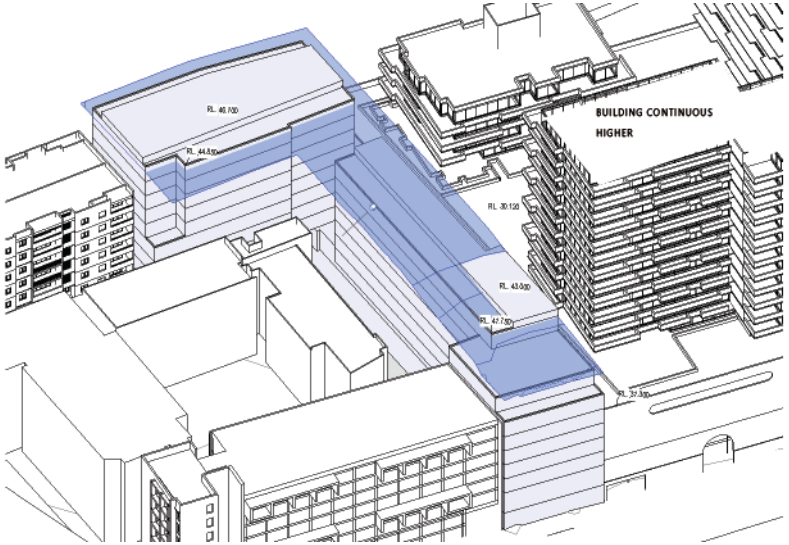

envelope from Botany Road (left) and Wyndham Street (right)

Reason reported to LPP

the application is reported to the LPP for determination as:

- it is development to which Chapter 4 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 applies and it is 4 or more storeys in height; and
- the application includes an offer to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with the City.

Notification

- exhibition period:
  - 10 September 2024 to 9 October 2024; and
  - 3 April to 18 April 2025.
- 431 owners and occupiers notified
- 13 submissions received

Submissions

- bulk and scale
- neighbourhood character impacts
- construction impacts
- amenity impacts (noise, privacy, outlook, overshadowing, view loss)
- landscaping (deep soil)

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Submissions

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subject site

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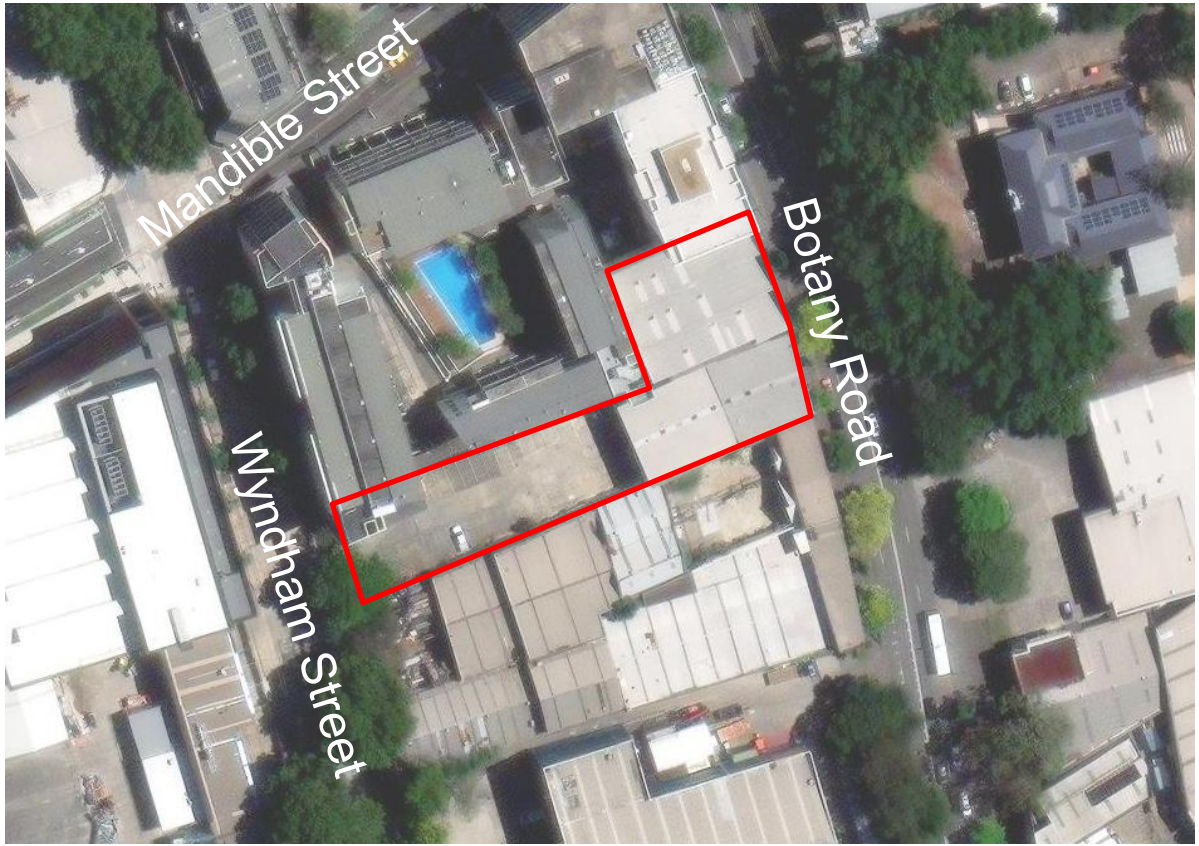

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Site

site viewed from Botany Road

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296-298 Botany Road

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282-288 Botany Road

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site viewed from Wyndham Street

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site viewed from existing carpark facing east

Site

neighbouring properties viewed facing north

Site

296-298 Botany Road (future Gazcorp site) viewed facing south

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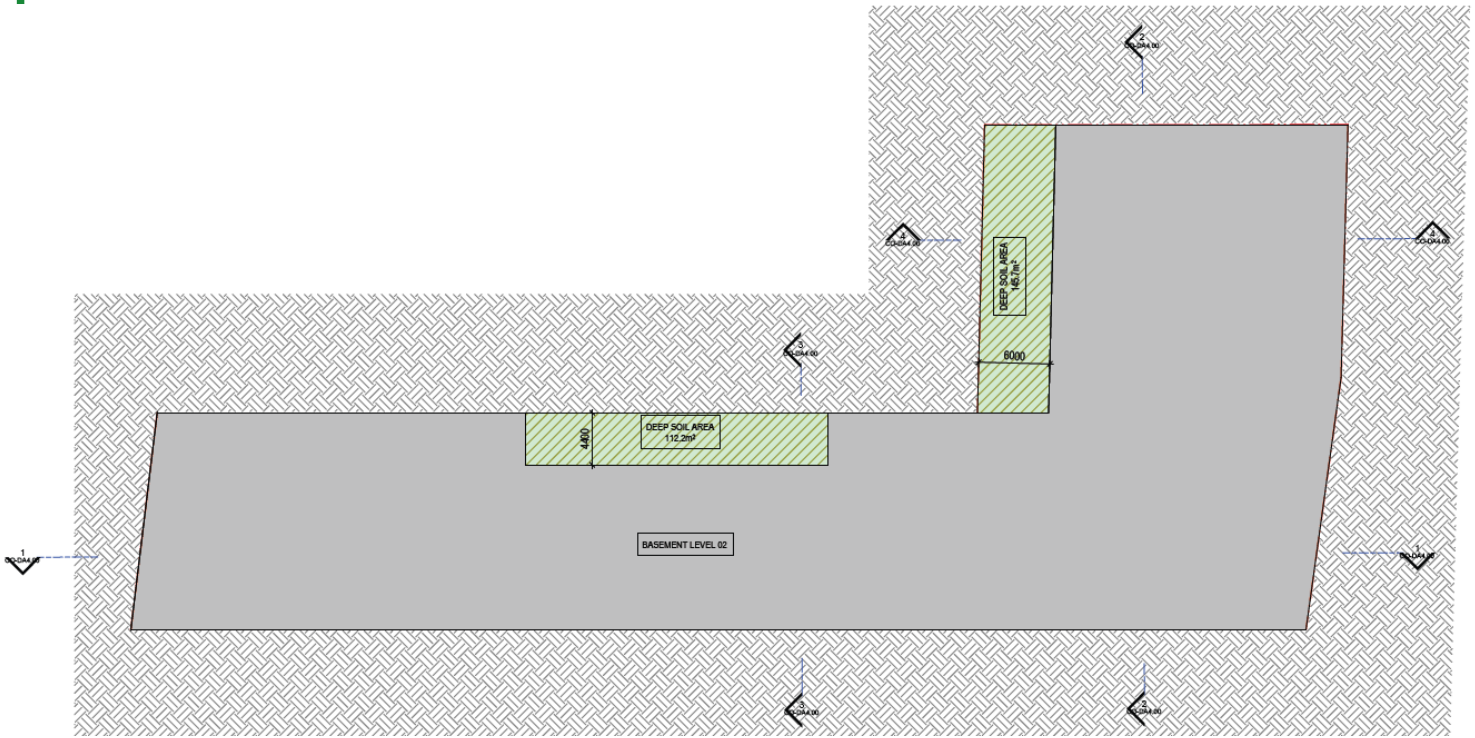

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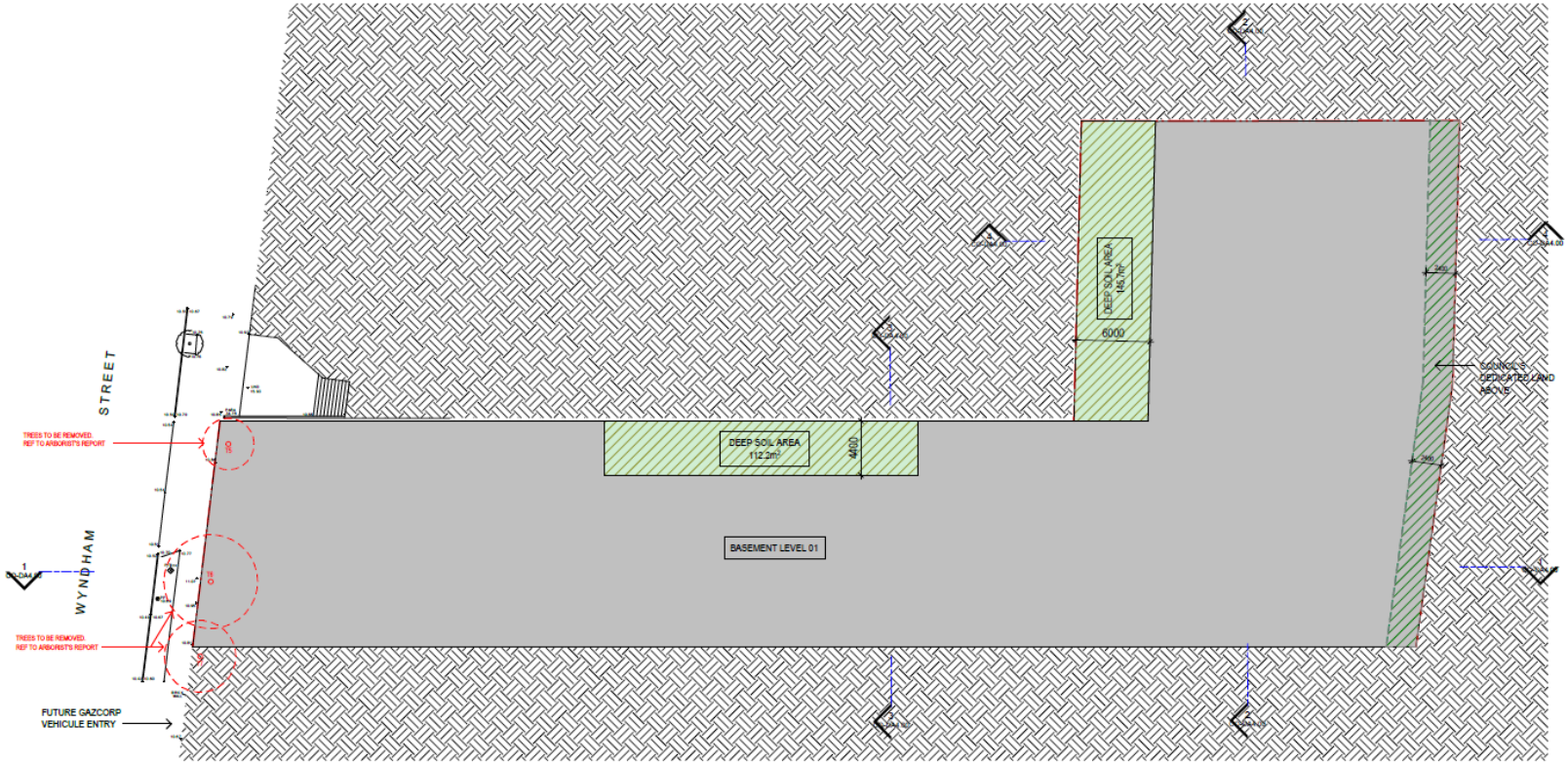

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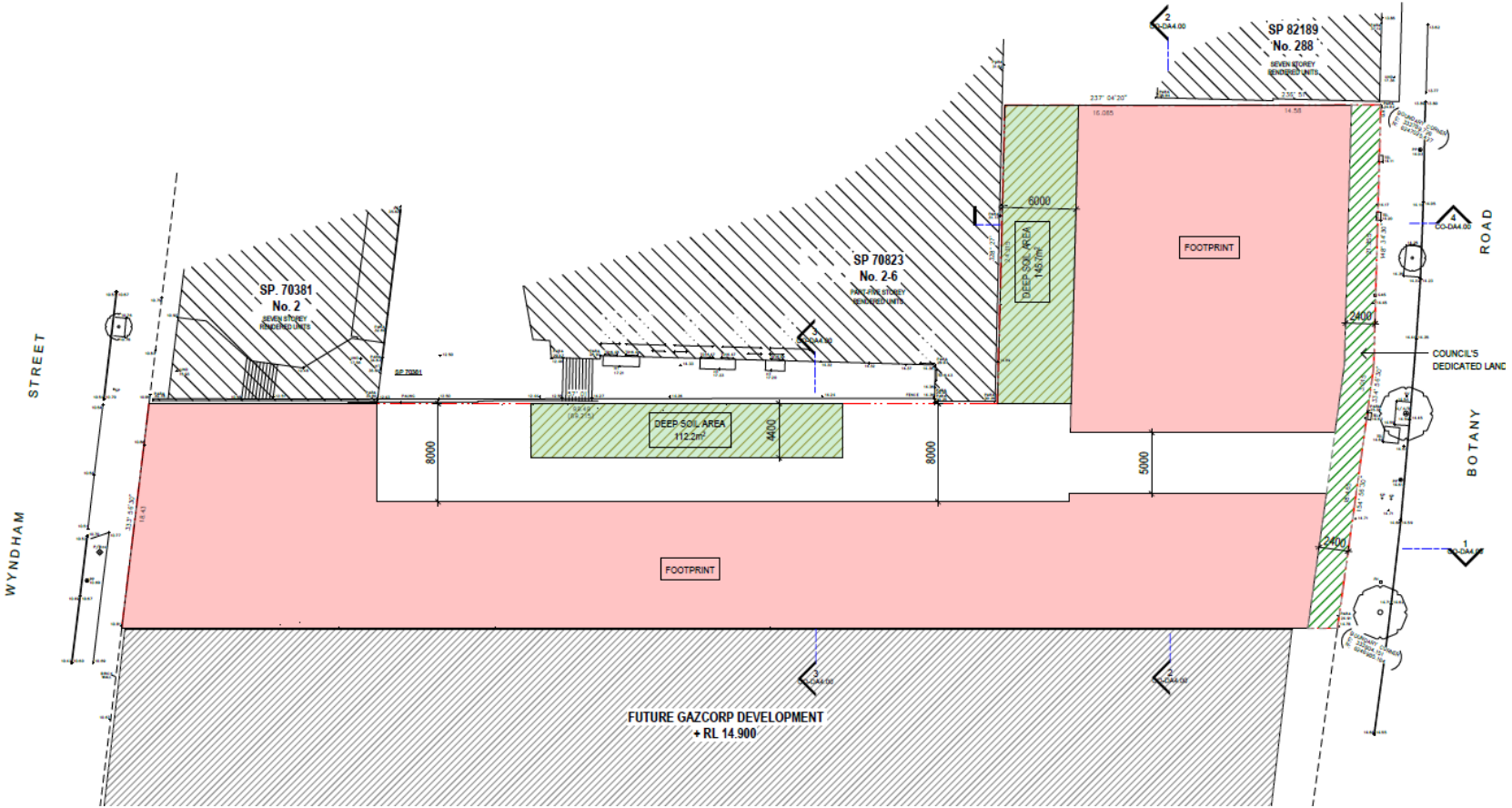

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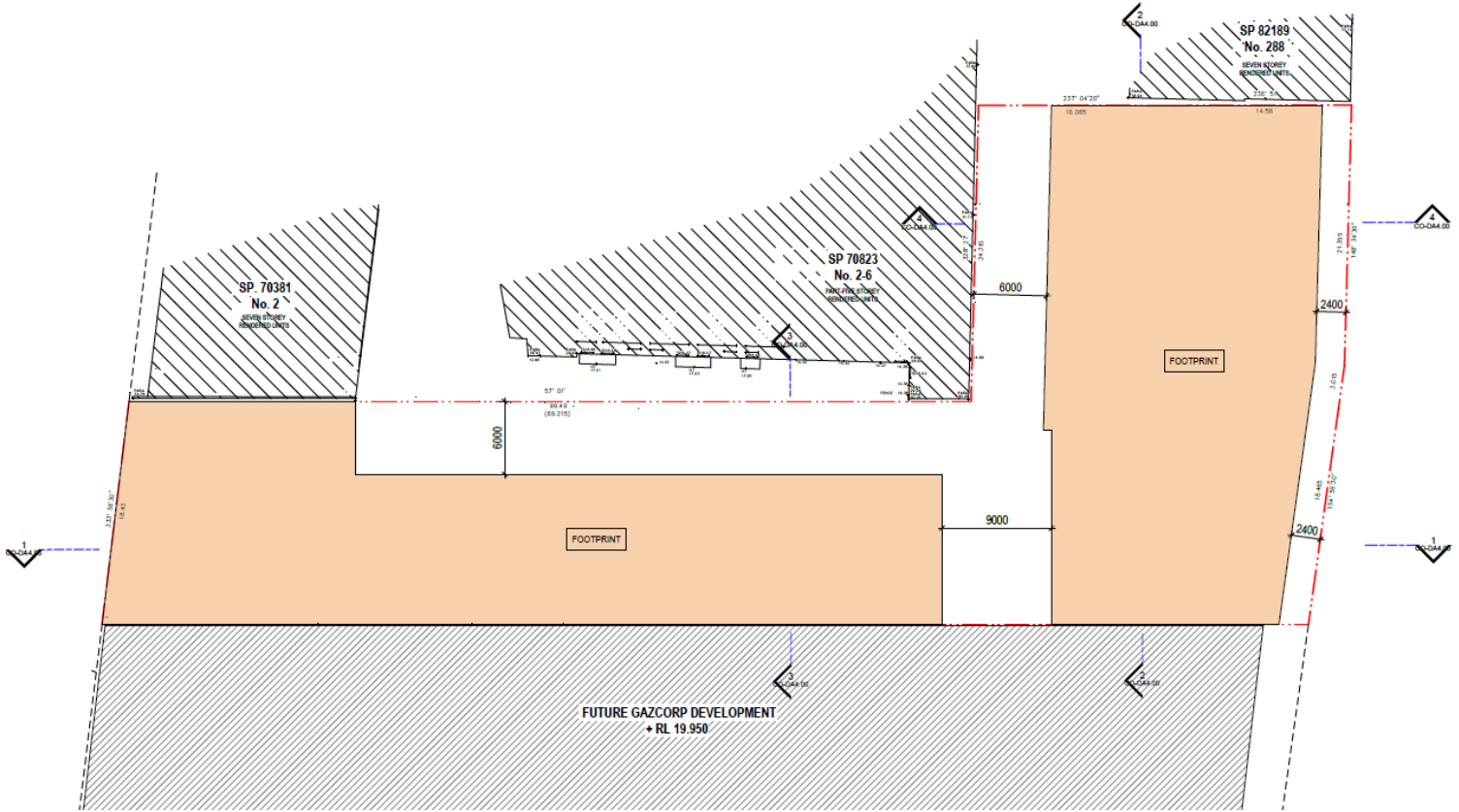
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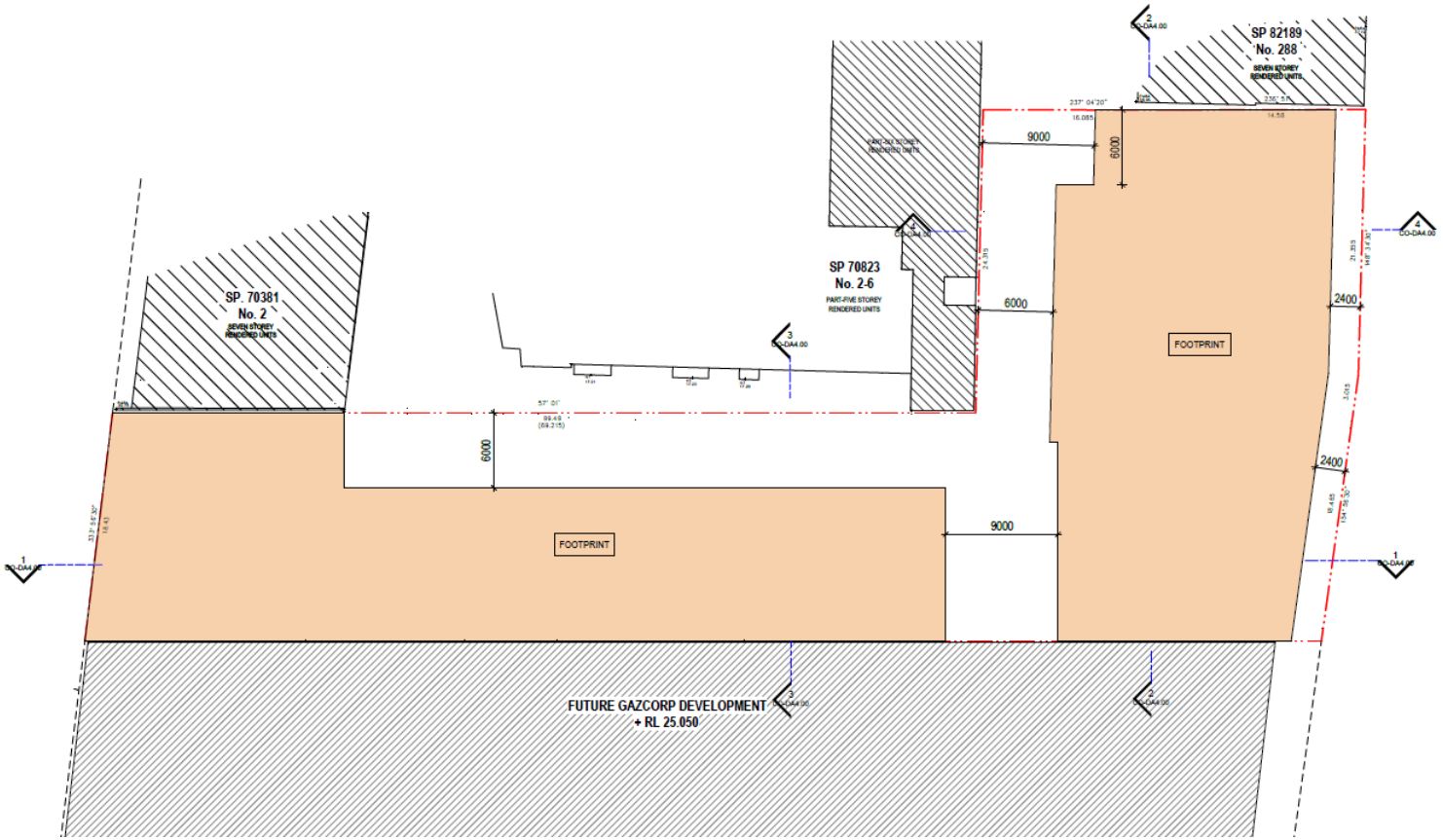

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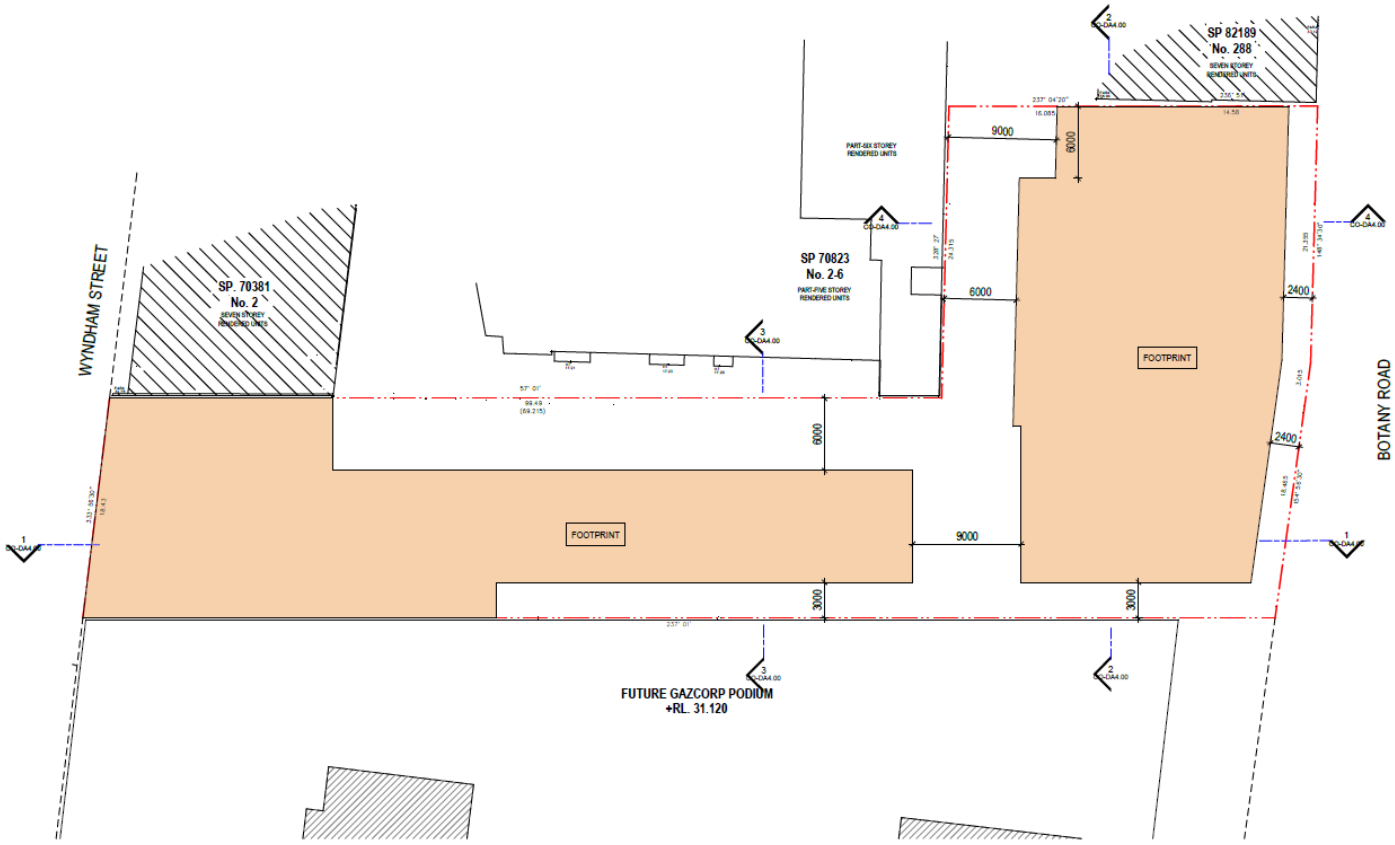
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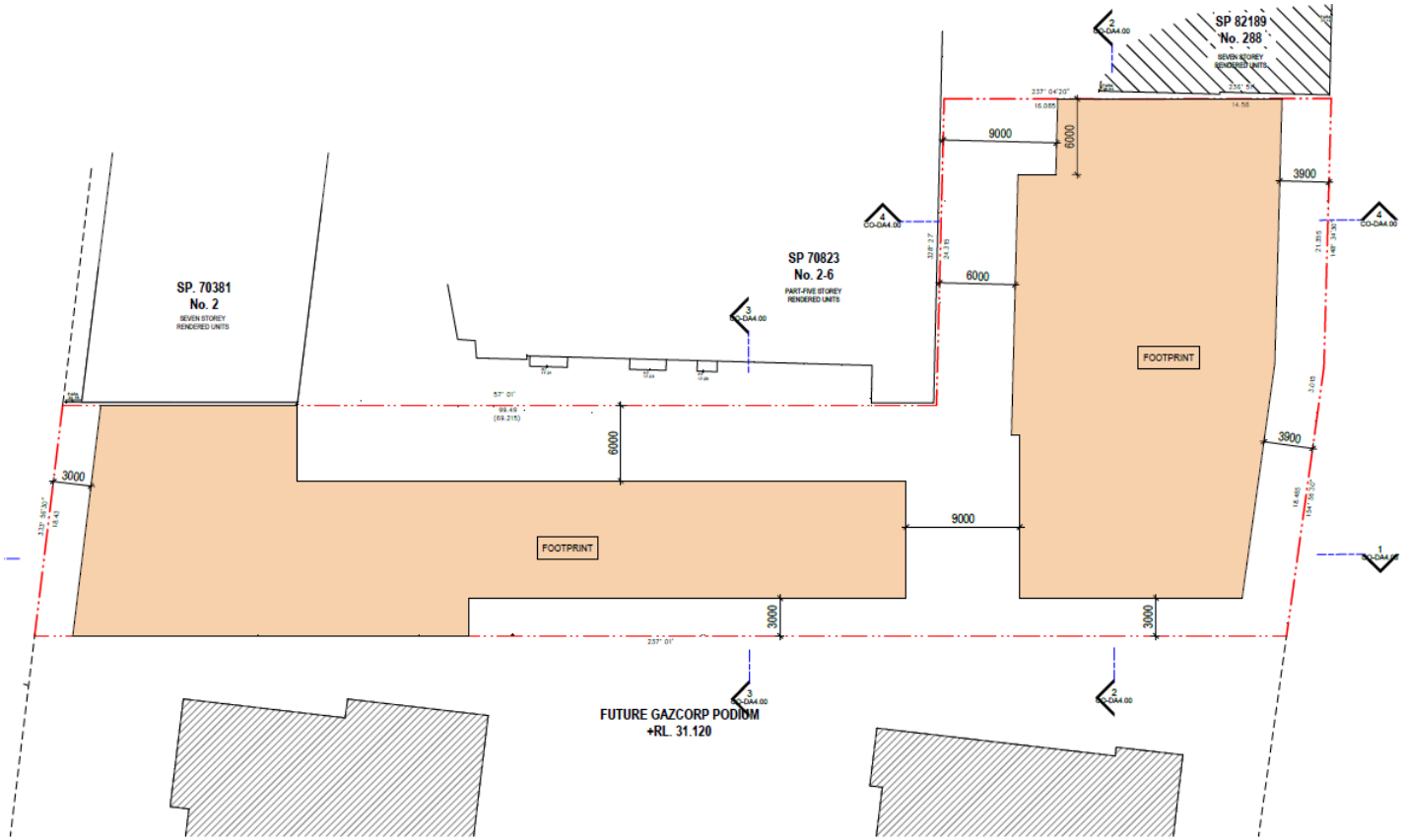
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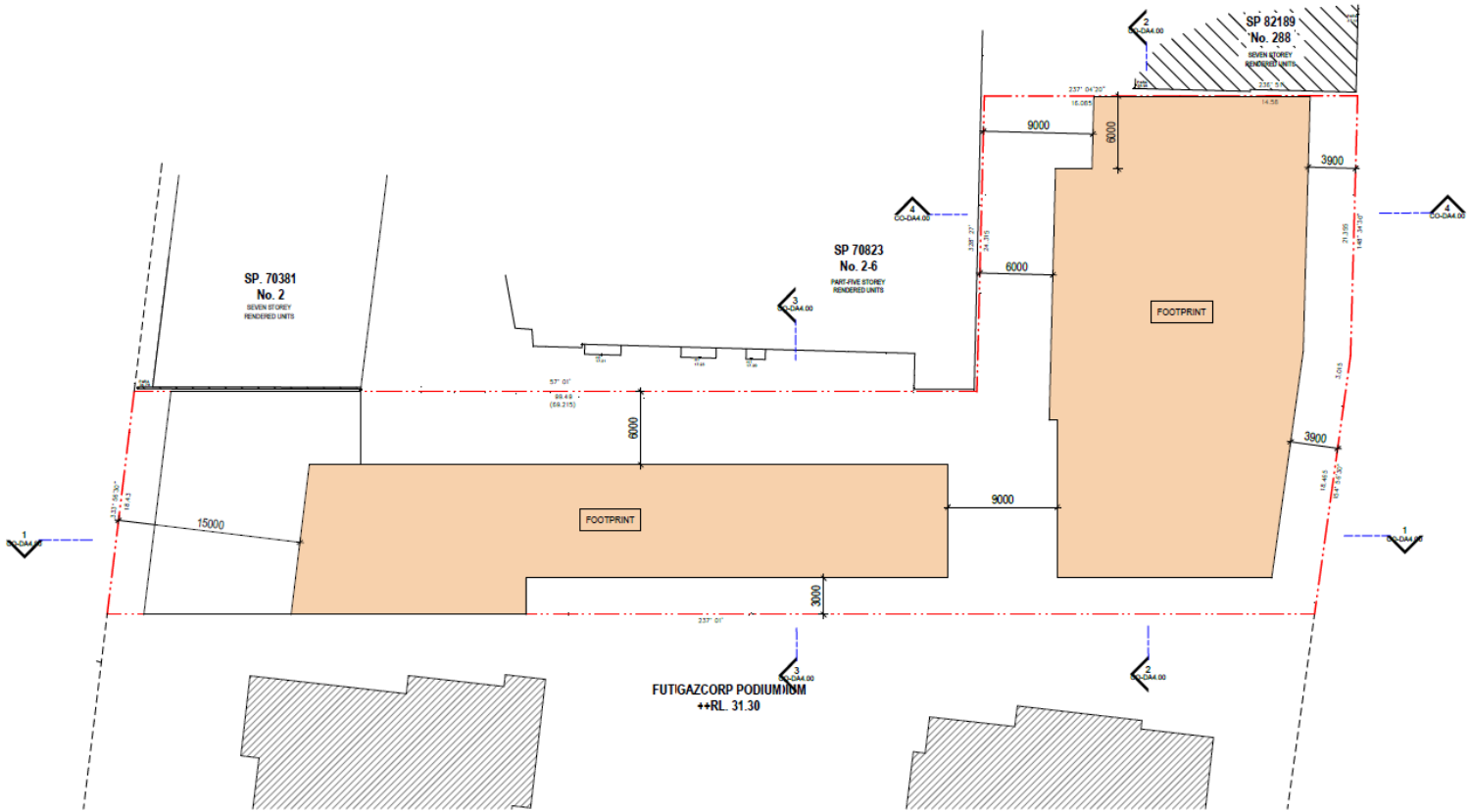
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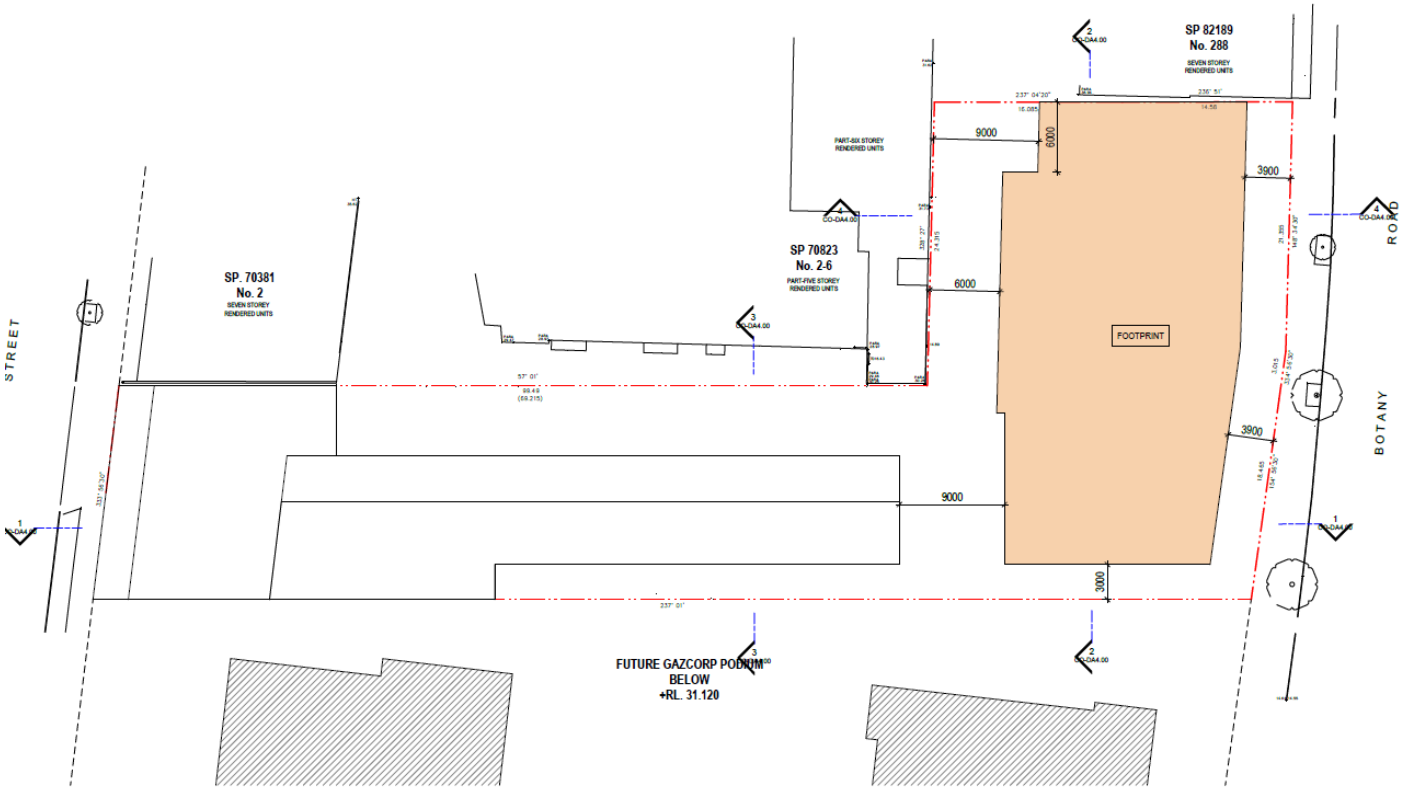
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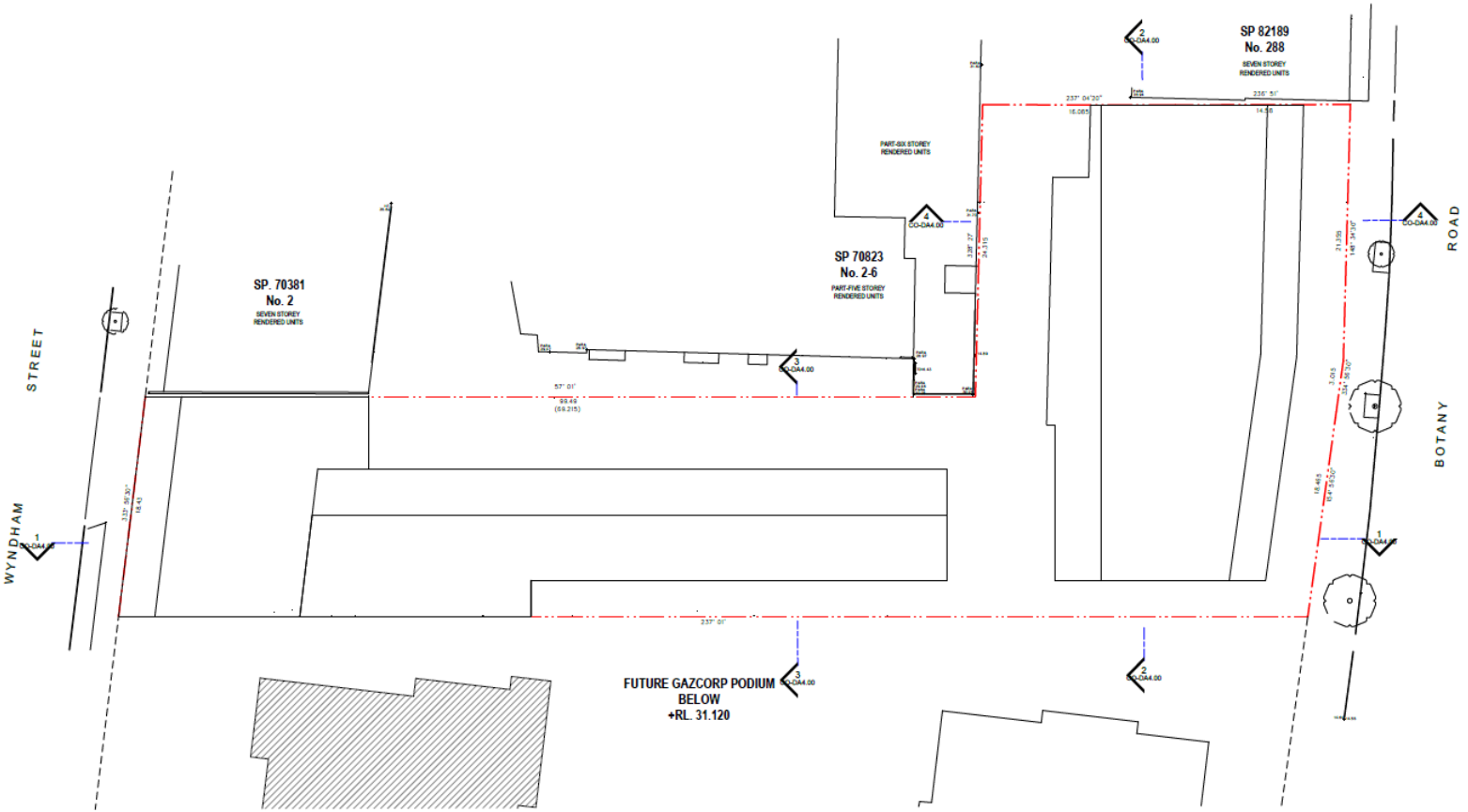
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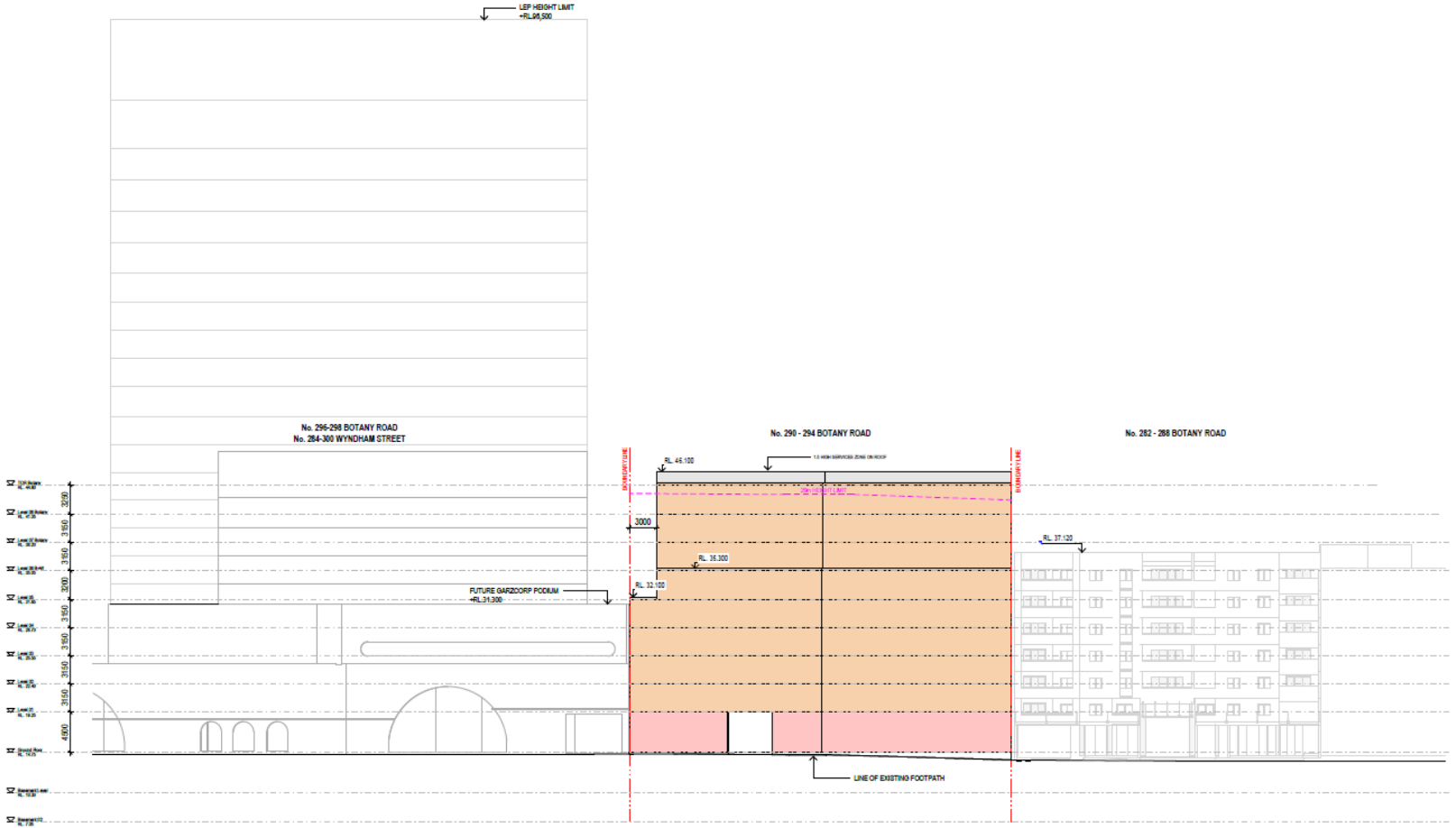

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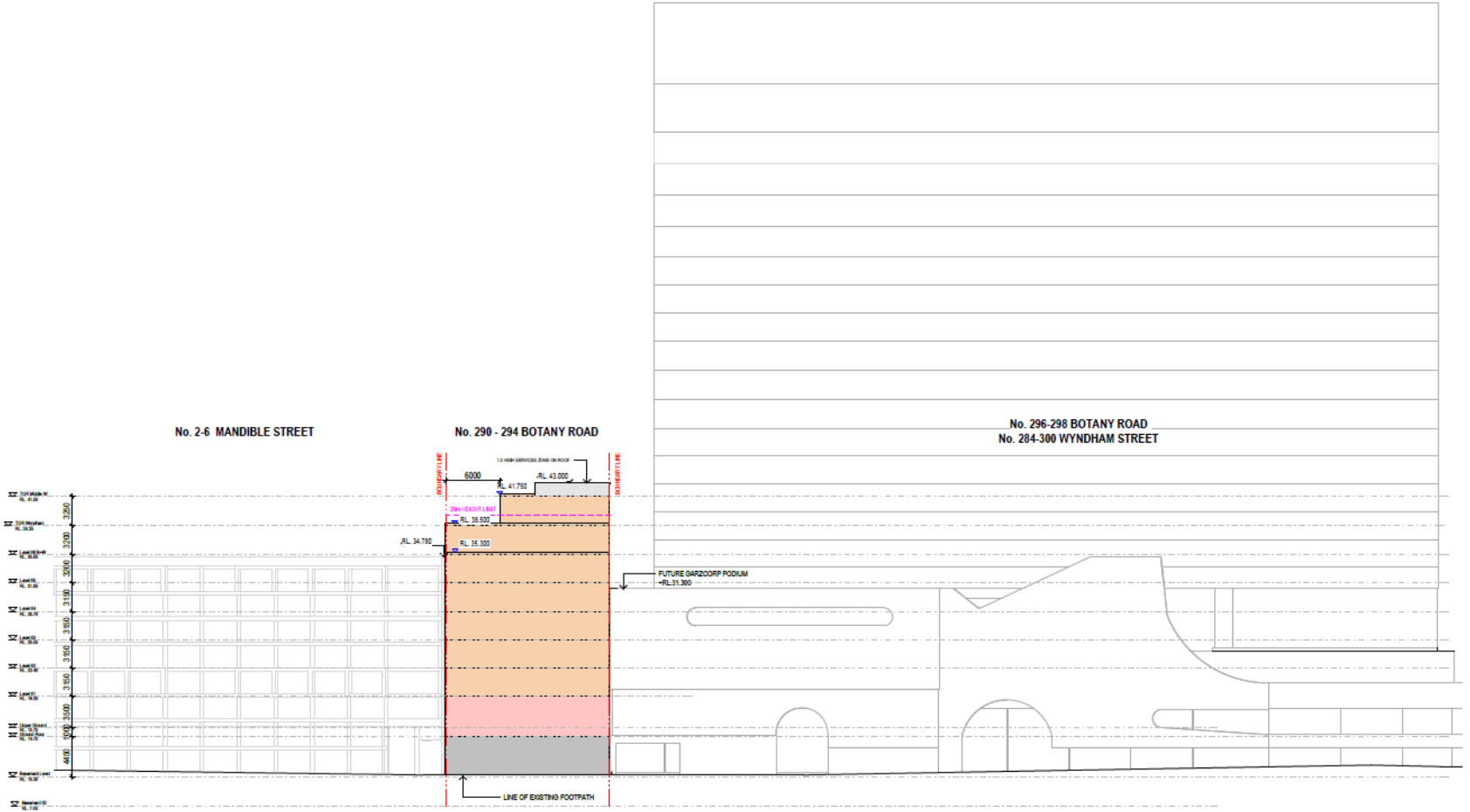

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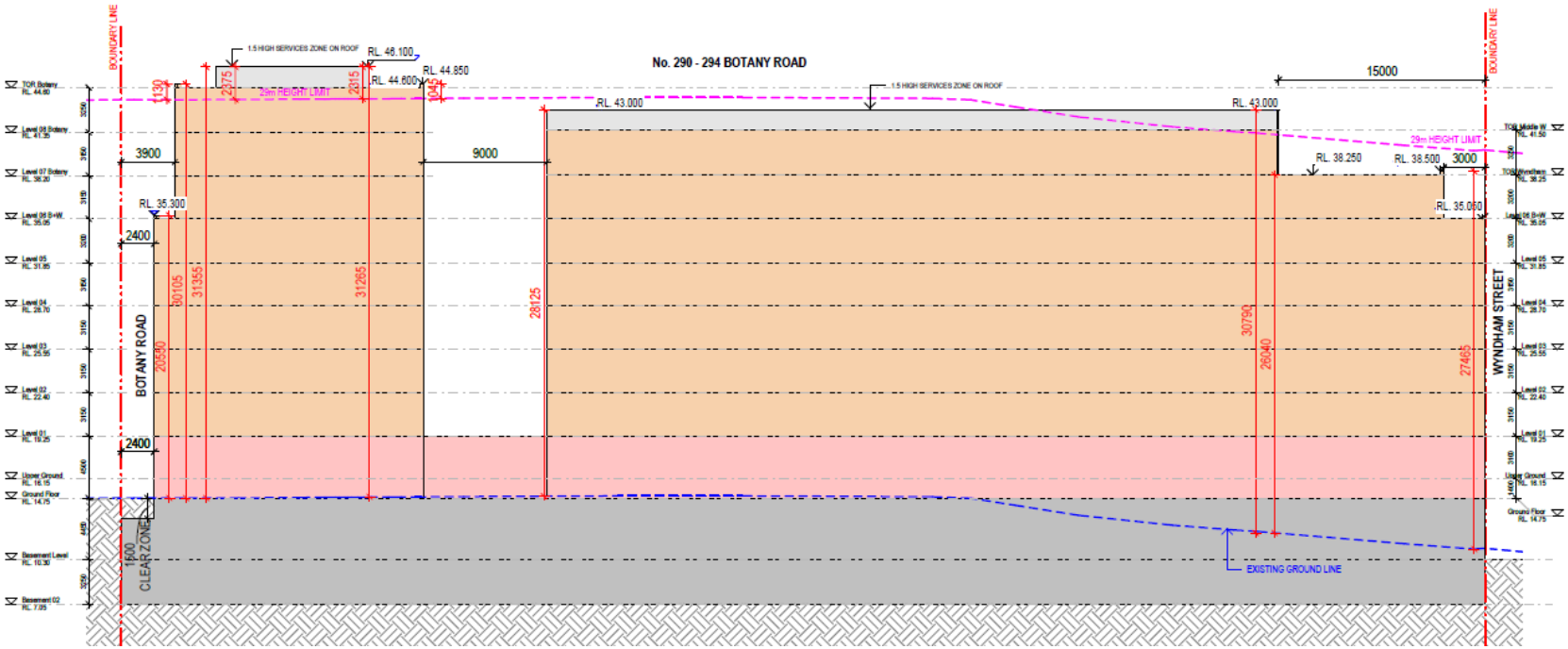

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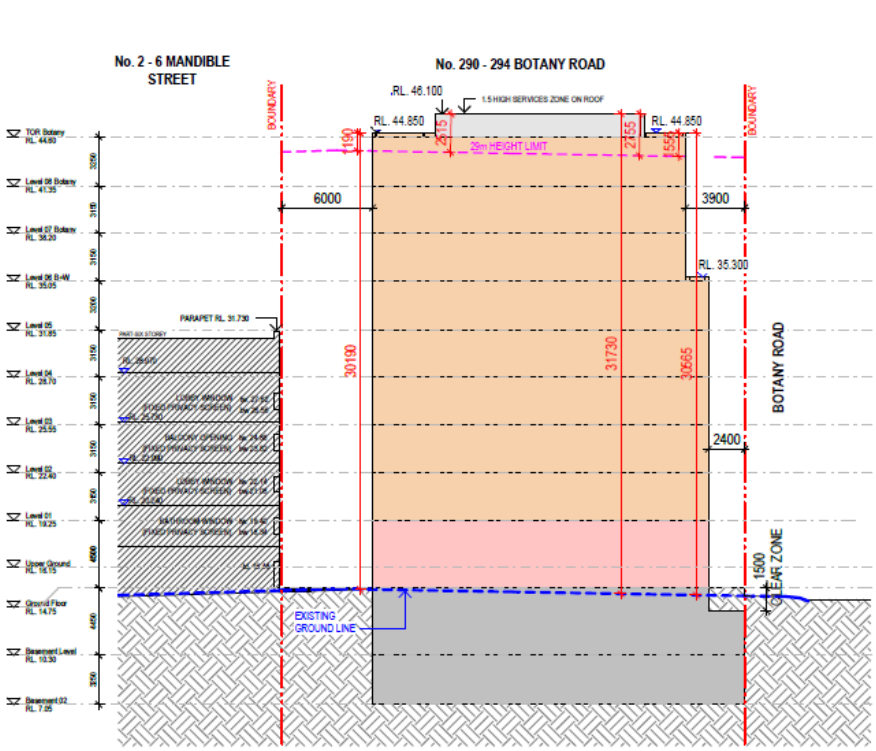

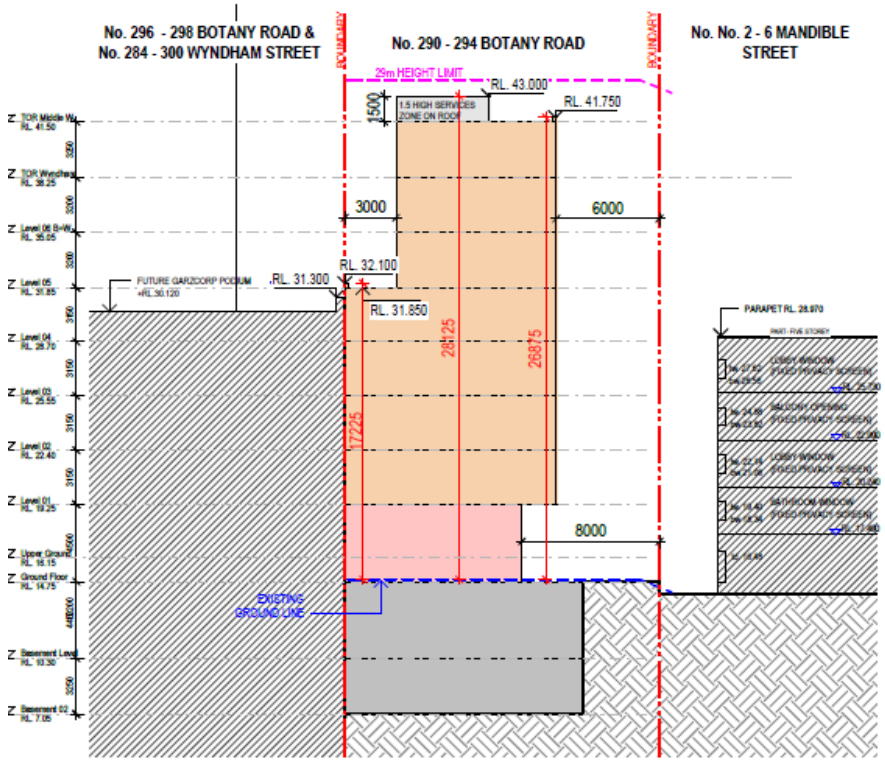

short sections

Background

- site has previous consent for a 29m, 7 storey mixed use commercial development with a through-site link, carparking and landscaping works (stage 2 DA approved 11 November 2020)
- in May 2023 pre-lodgement advice was sought to change the use from commercial to residential.
- Council advised that new development consent required as development not substantially the same.

Compliance with key LEP standards

	control	proposed	compliance
height	29m	31.73m	no – Clause 4.6 request submitted
floor space ratio	2:1 +Clause 6.14 Community Infrastructure – area 9 (additional 1.5:1) +Clause 6.21D competition design process (additional 10% / 0.35:1) Total = 3.85:1	3.82:1m	yes

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Compliance with DCP controls

	control	proposed	compliance
height in storeys	9	8	yes
public domain setback	2.4m Botany Road	2.4m	yes
deep soil	7%	10%	yes

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Compliance with DCP controls

	control	proposed	compliance
dwelling mix	Studio – 5 - 10% 1 bed – 10 - 40% 2 bed – 40 - 75% 3 bed – 10 – 100%	Studio – 5% 1 bed – 6% 2 bed – 72% 3 bed – 18%	partial

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Consistency with ADG

	control	proposed	consistent
building separation/ visual privacy (measured to site boundaries) apartment size	6m to 4 storeys	north: 2-6 Mandible – 6m, blank wall 0m	yes
		south: Gazcorp site 0 – 3m – (blank wall)	yes
		west: 2-6 Mandible 6m-9m	yes
		between buildings: 9m	yes

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Consistency with ADG

	control	proposed	consistent
building separation/ visual privacy (measured to site boundaries) apartment size	9m to 8 storeys	north: 2-6 Mandible st roof - 6m, blank wall 0m	yes
		south: Gazcorp site 0m – 3m (blank walls)	yes
		west: 2-6 Mandible roof: 6m-9m	yes
		between buildings: 9m	yes

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Consistency with ADG

	control	proposed	consistent
solar	70%	70%	yes
cross vent	60%	67.9%	yes
deep soil	7% min 6m	10% min 4.4m	partial
overshadowing	neighboring apts to receive 2hrs midwinter	2 hours	yes

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Consistency with ADG

	control	proposed	consistent
communal open space	25%	25%	partial
private open space	Studio 4m² 1 bed 8m² 2 bed 10m² 3 bed 12m²	Studio 4m² 1 bed 8m² 2 bed 10m² 3 bed 12m²	yes
apartment size	Studio 35m² 1 bed 50m² 2 bed 70m² 3 bed 95m²	Studio 35m² 1 bed 50m² 2 bed 70m² 3 bed 95m²	yes

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Design Advisory Panel Residential Subcommittee

- the Panel reviewed the application on 3 December 2024 and raised the following concerns with the proposal:
    - noncompliance with ADG and DCP targets including building separation, height, dwelling mix, cross ventilation, deep soil or common open space
    - residential apartments require greater separation distances and slimmer cross sections
    - unless additional height achieved on both frontages, a reduction of yield to be considered
- issues have been addressed in amended concept plans by increasing the building height, providing slimmer cross sections and reducing yield

Issues

- height
- building separation
- cross ventilation
- communal open space
- through site link
- deep soil
- voluntary planning agreement

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Height

- clause 4.6 variation request
  - ‘service zone’ to allow space for lift overrun and services
  - additional room to provide adequate ceiling height
  - lower in height than approved future adjoining buildings
  - does not have significant adverse (solar, bulk, amenity) impacts
- condition recommended to ensure ‘service zone’ limited to that use only
- request supported

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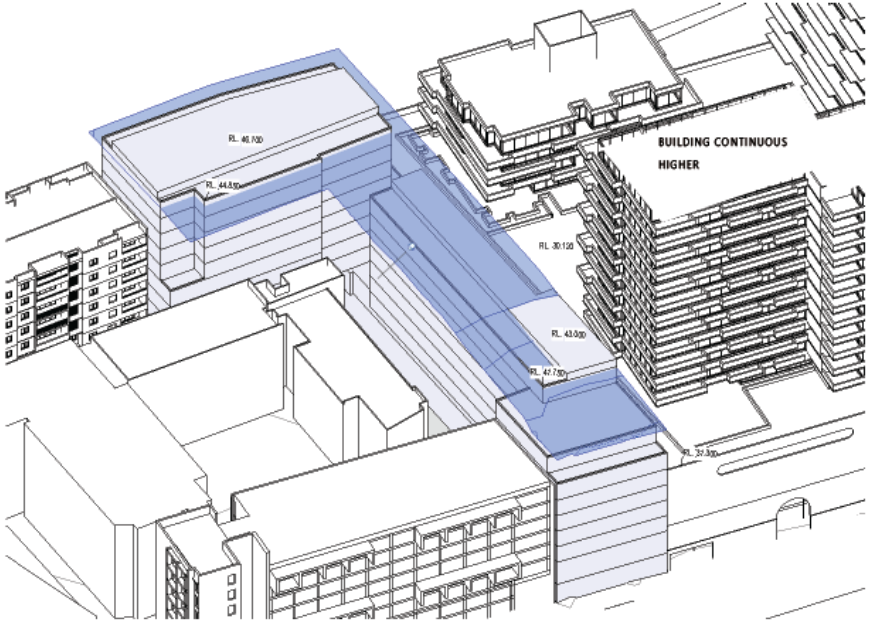
Height



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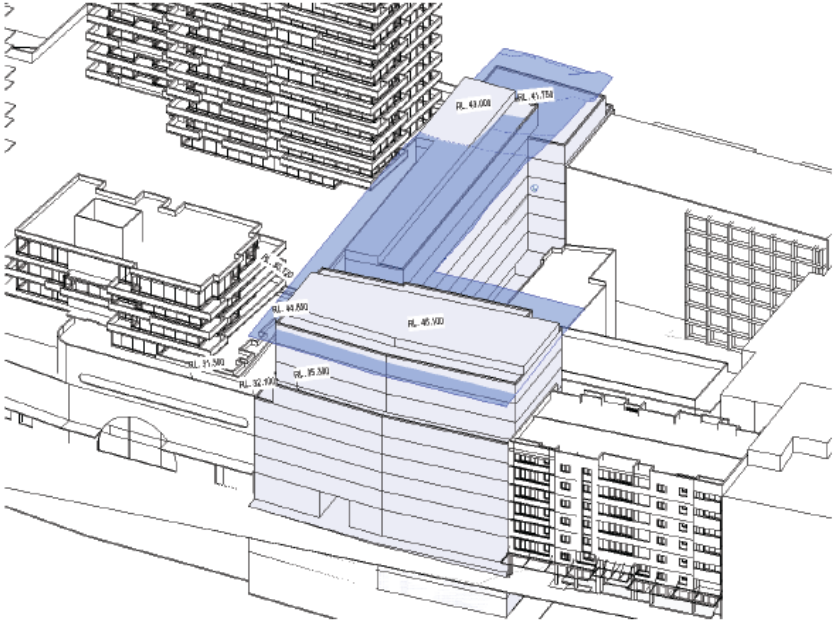

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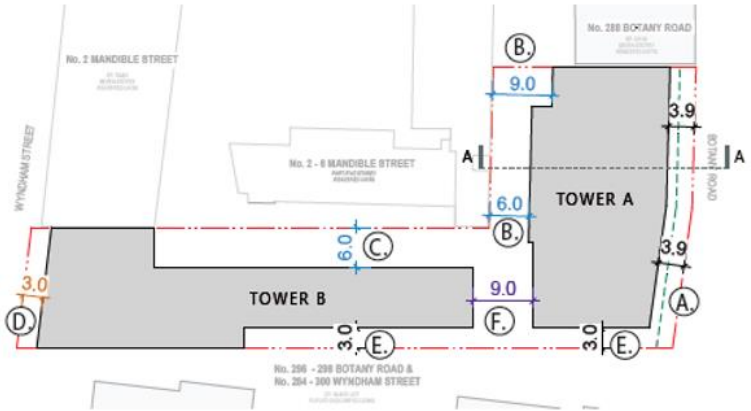
Building separation

- site is between 0m and 3m from southern boundary
- levels 4 and above align with approved future habitable uses (units)



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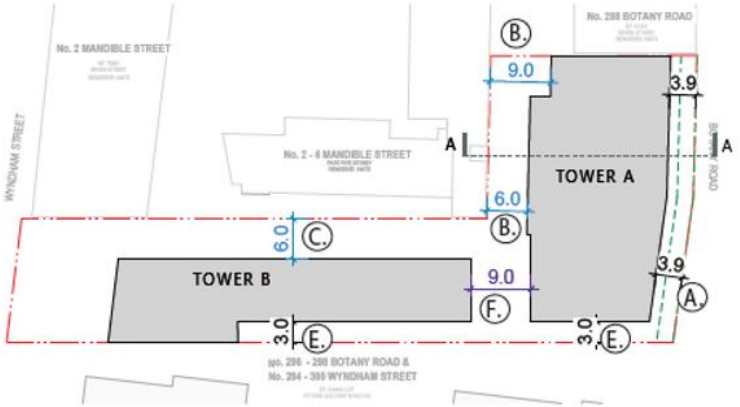

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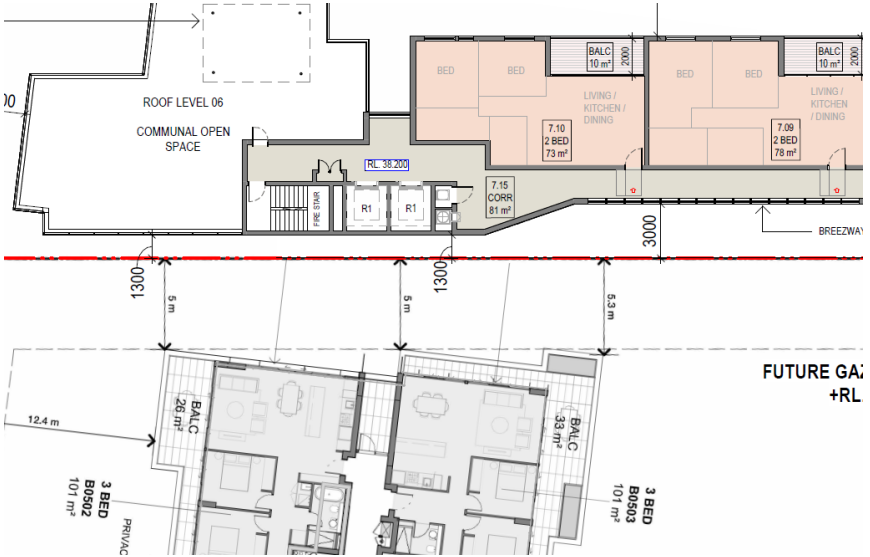
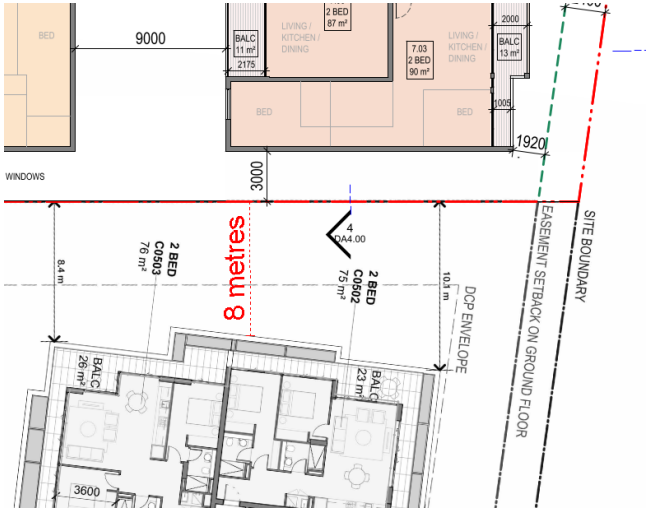
Building separation

- blank wall provided between subject site and western building on Gazcorp site
- wall setback between 1.3 and 3m from boundary
- condition recommended requiring that blank walls to boundary be architecturally treated



Building separation

- a 3m setback is provided between building A and eastern building on Gazcorp site, which is setback 8m from boundary
- a blank wall provided on southern boundary
- a total of 11m provided between the two buildings



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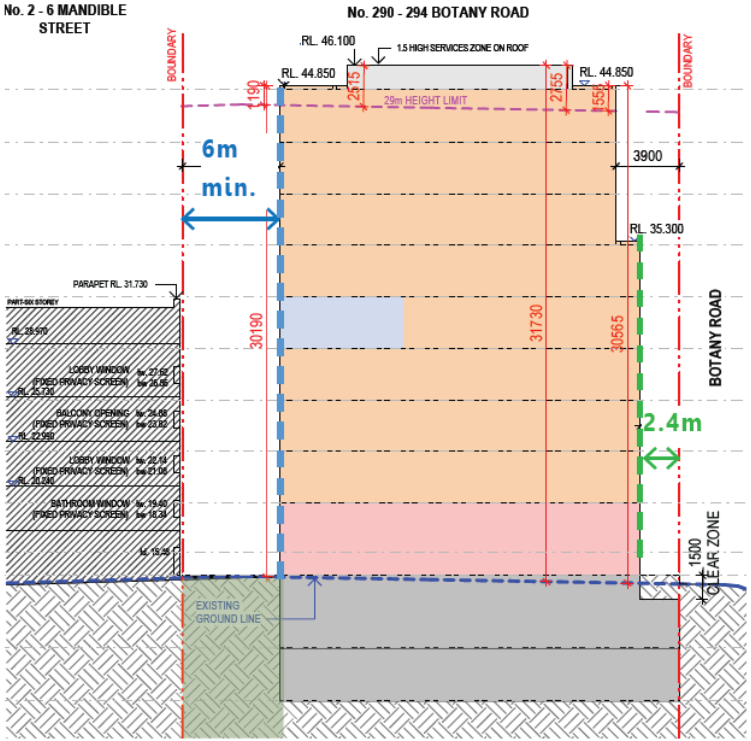
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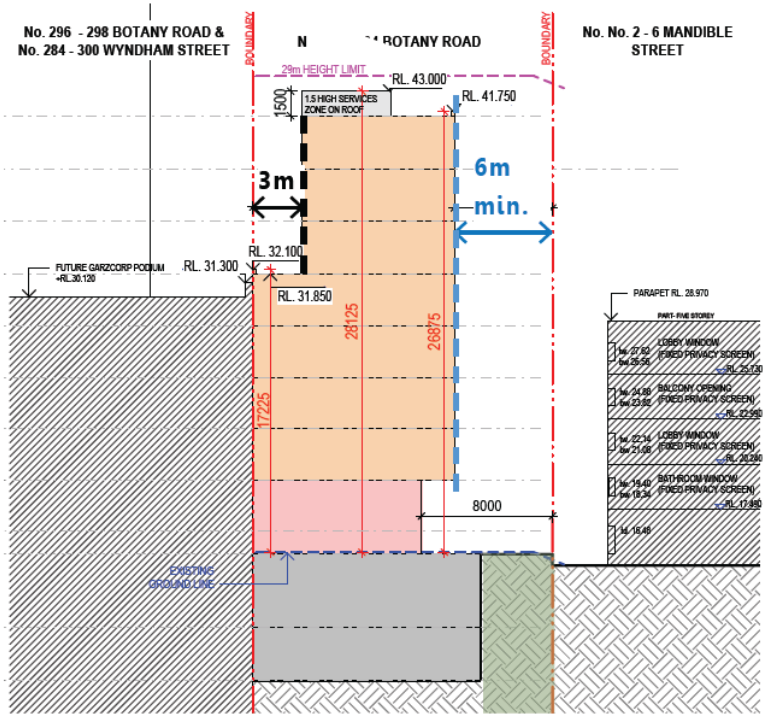
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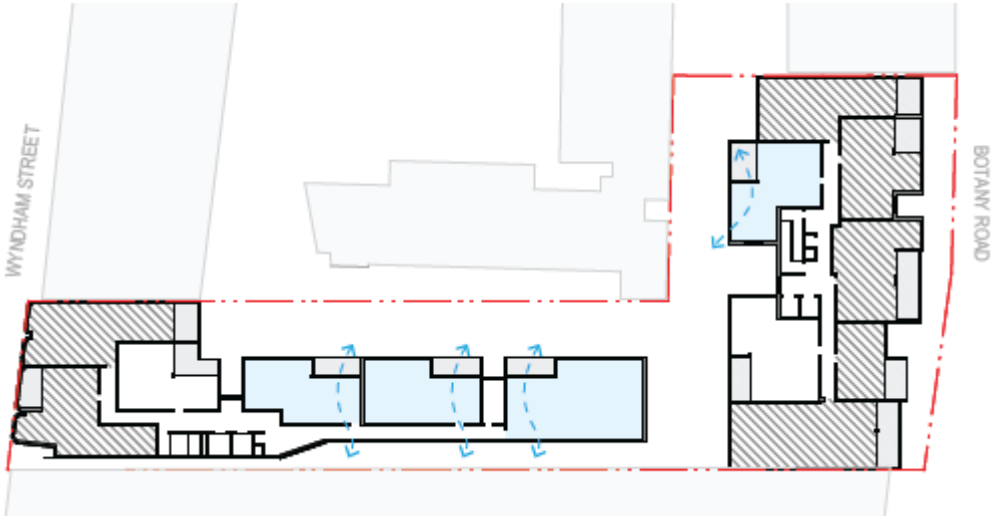
EXISTING GROUND LINE

Overshadowing

- height consistent with previous approved commercial building, except for services zone for lift over run
- location of lift over run to be determined at detailed stage 2 DA
- condition recommended to restrict development within services zone to mitigate overshadowing

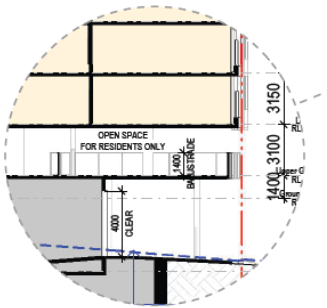
Cross ventilation

- units facing Botany Road and Wyndham Street noise affected
- site constrained by narrow east-west lot
- design strategies required to provide cross ventilation may include plenum zones, the use of highlight windows to corridor or an additional lift core



Communal open space

- calculations include areas:
  - partially included in deep soil zone
  - covered for an outdoor gym



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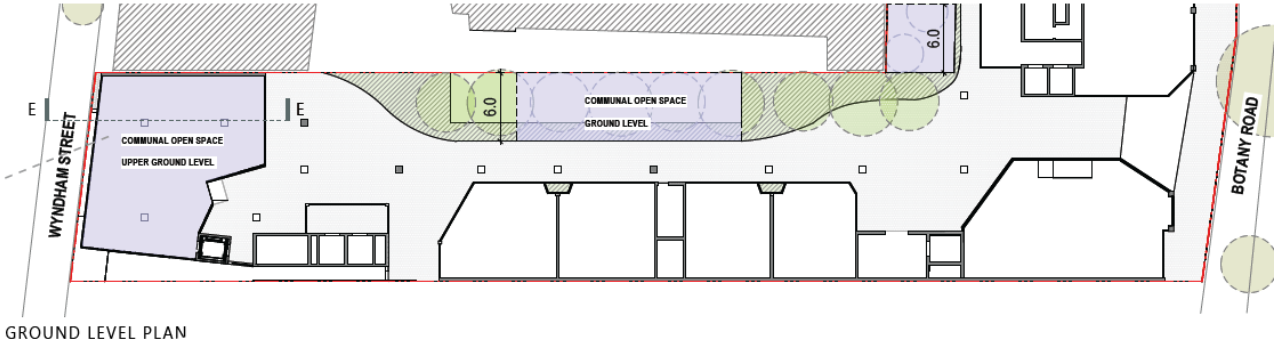


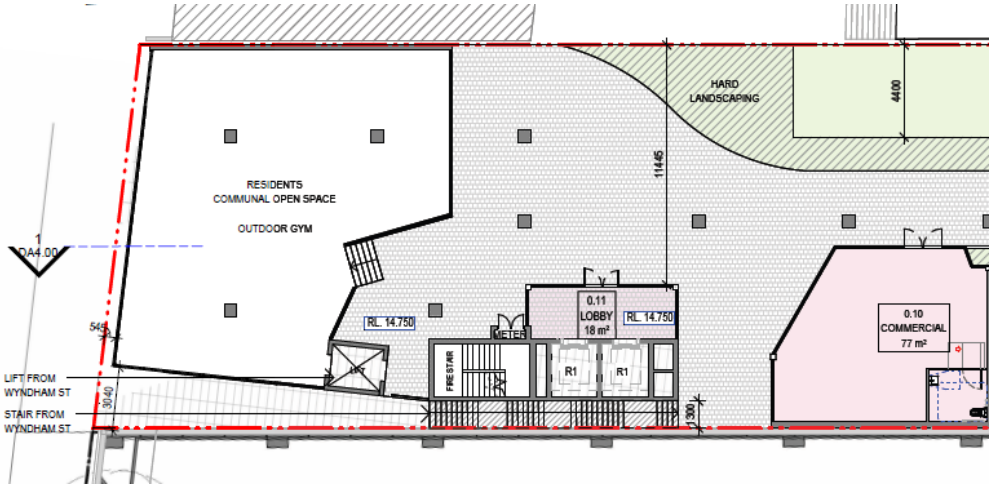
GROUND LEVEL PLAN

Communal open space

- communal space requires further consideration
- condition recommended that this requirement be included in design brief for the competitive design process and as part of any future detailed DA

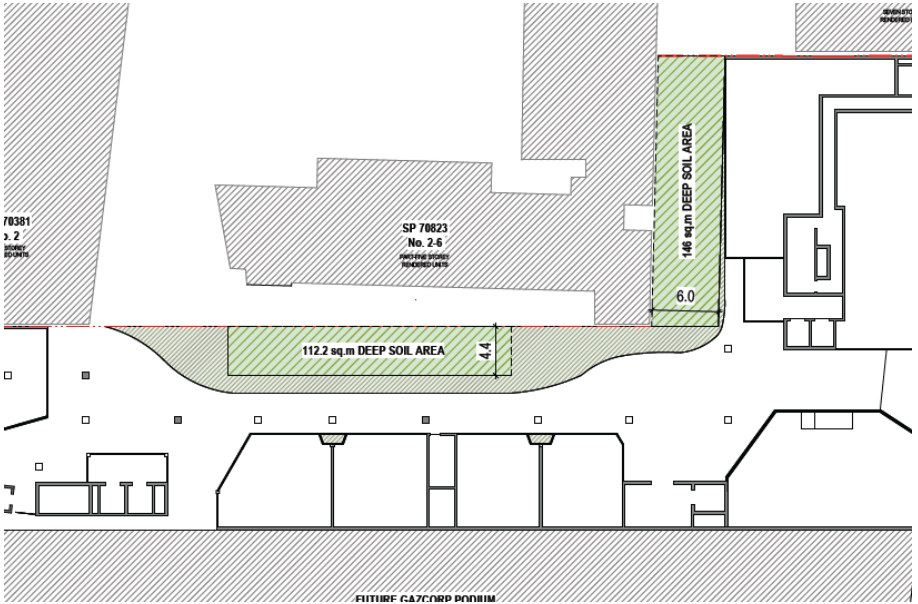
Through-site link

- not required under DCP
- supported to ensure viability of commercial tenancies
- CPTED issues with proposed area
- conditions recommended for these matters to be addressed in detailed DA



Deep soil

- minimum dimension of 6m required
- proposed areas vary between 4.4m and 6m
- minimum total area of 7% of site required, and proposed development provides 10%
- noncompliance supported



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Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)

- VPA agreement includes:
  - dedication of 102.804m² land along the Botany Road frontage of the development site to allow for a 2.4m widened footpath
  - construction of the widened footpath
  - a monetary contribution of $1,648,540 towards community infrastructure at Green Square

Recommendation

- deferred commencement approval subject to:
  - condition to require the owner to notify, execute the planning agreement and register on title prior to the activation of consent

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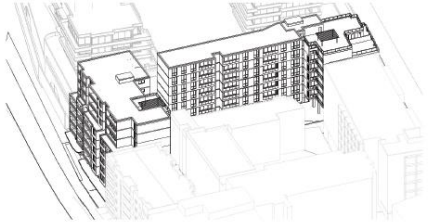

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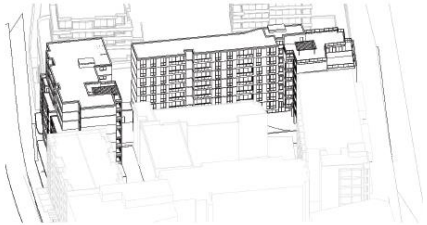

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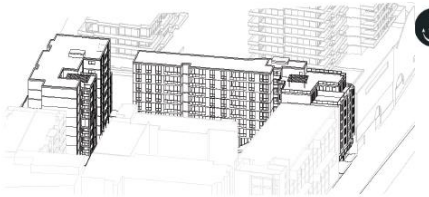

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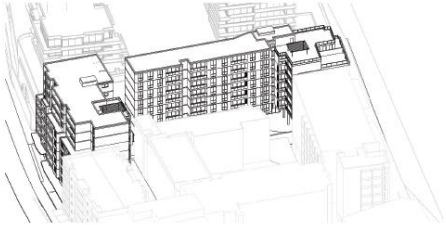

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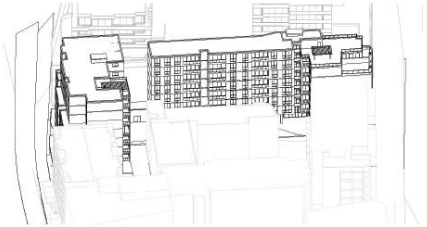

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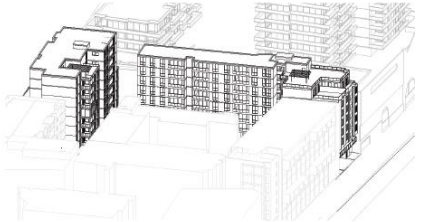

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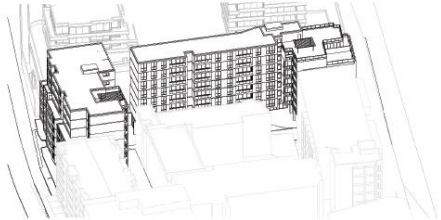

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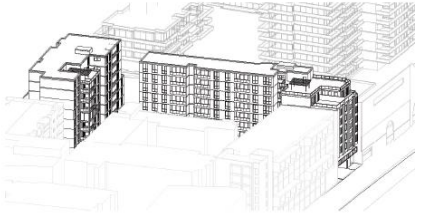

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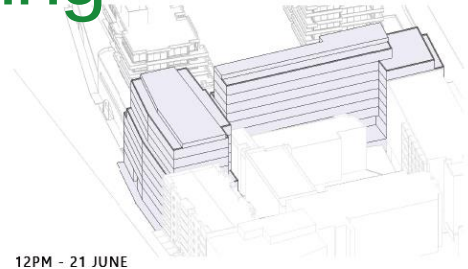

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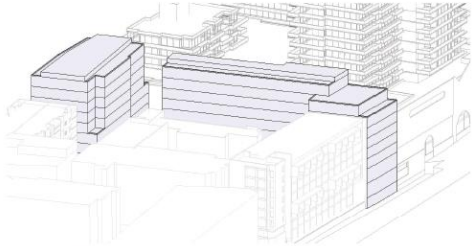

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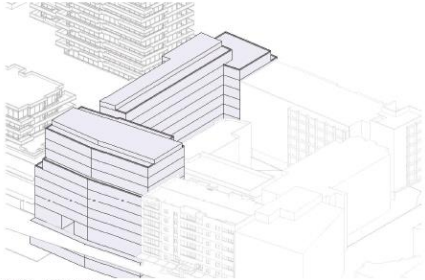

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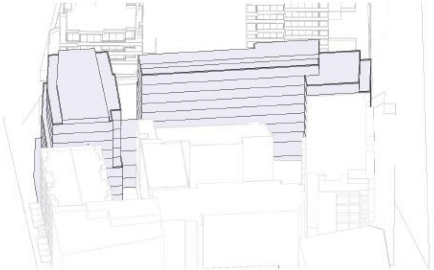

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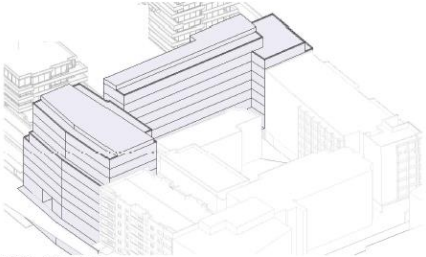

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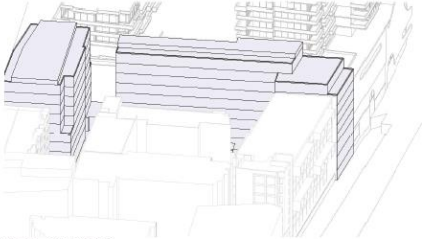

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