



Viking Community Hub Consultation Suggestions

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- Facebook
- STC website
- The Evening News
- Two open consultation sessions at the Viking Centre (18th and 19th January 2022)

Number of responses: 18 (6 via email, 12 via consultation open sessions)

Responses:

1. Have looked at the Viking Centre Proposals. It's a pity that within the ground floor spaces that there is not room for a small room with space for say 4 people or 2 people plus a wheelchair. I quite understand why there can't be a lift to the first floor. But, as things stand, those who hire the Floor 1 rooms will have nowhere private they can meet with a wheelchair user. Which, in the 2020's seems against planning intentions.

Otherwise, a good use of space and money which should provide an excellent new facility for the west of Sprowston.

2. Dear Town Clerk,

Thank you for buying the Viking. We have missed it as a pub then Indian. It is an unusual building and it would have been very sad to see it knocked down.

A community café is a lovely idea, it would be lovely for youngsters could go for a hot chocolate or soft drink in a safe environment too. Or a club of some sort for them like the one at St Cuthbert's church. Also, there are a lot of older people in the area that can benefit from a social space. Well done and thanks.

3. You could use one the rooms to teach the children how to behave on the way to & from school Sprowston high & Blyth Jex and not to vandalize people's property

and the to respect the local residents of Sprowston and old Catton has a person who was born and lived all my life now 80 years old in Sprowston perhaps the head masters from both schools attend the police are a waste of time they can't attend for 4 days after reporting this problem.

4. I would really like to see a community café/coffee bar. There are so few in Sprowston especially in walking distance from Proctor Road. I would definitely use it as I can't walk too far. Thank you

5. Dear Sir,

I have read the proposals for the Viking Centre and would like to express an opinion.

When the recent School Lane development was completed it was opened for a preview day. I went full of expectations as it was described as having a gymnasium. To my disappointment I was shown a sports hall. Although that is good in itself it was not as described.

I took this up with Ian Moncur who agreed a gym would be an asset and would take it further. As you know, since then nothing! My belief is a community gym would be good for positive health for all ages. It is not just the young who use them. I am 84 years old and have not been to a gym following lockdown. I have not returned due to travel and very high fees.

The Viking development though not purpose built like other villages would provide a chance to enhance community benefits. A gym would not require a large area and a small number of basic equipment such as a cross trainer, rowing machine, treadmill and a multi gym is all that is needed. Cost could be offset by charging a nominal membership fee. The room for hire or storage area could be possibilities or another chosen space. It is a great thing being able to exercise indoors especially in winter. A shower would be nice but not essential.

I hope you consider my proposal. It is a good thing being able to exercise within our own limits. Your feedback would be appreciated.

6. Dear Guy

Suggestion from resident for the Viking Centre is a venue for social dancing which is not too expensive and has a suitable floor

7. I would like to see a community centre here for the people of Sprowston – Café area – Groups e.g. – weekly classes such as craft, keep fit etc

8. Youth/Community Café

Base for local provision – local services in one space

Training facilities/keep fit/community gym

Holiday provision for local young people

9. Suggestions – Whist card group

Dances

Recipes and traditions from abroad

10. Broadland Council Visits

Bar/Social events i.e., quiz nights

Lunch club/coffee mornings

Cuppa with a copper (visiting police person)

Mobile bank visits

Age UK visits

11. I do not think that toilets should open directly into halls/meeting rooms.

It isn't allowed in domestic properties of living rooms/bedrooms. It is a pity you don't want to keep open space which could be used by play groups.

12. Brilliant Idea was worried it would be a block of flats or a pub

13. Pensioner's coffee and bingo afternoon

Mother and Toddler/Pilates/Yoga

Youth Groups/Craft Groups

Room Hire for Birthday Parties

Drop in Coffee and Advise Mornings

Drop in Coffee and Advise Mental Health and Social

14. Sprowston needs affordable café/meeting areas especially for residents, I will spread the word to walking groups/dog walkers

15. With the loss of the garden to the new sports hall, some outside seating and maybe tables out front? There used to be a wall mural of a Viking Warrior in the pub worth finding and preserving if hidden behind plasterboard somewhere? Good luck with the project. From an old resident of 55 years ago in Tills Road.

16. We really like the whole idea of everything and are glad you saved it. Something for older people especially somewhere people that are on their own can come somewhere safe for teenagers. Somewhere people can just come for a coffee as no coffee shop nearby seats outside too.

17. Looks and sounds great especially SYEP Involvement

Would like to know how costs and what is the 410K being spent on

Be good to see which environmental improvements can be done and an EV policy

Solar Panels on extension?

Be nice to have bike sheds and storage

Less parking spots to promote people to not take their car

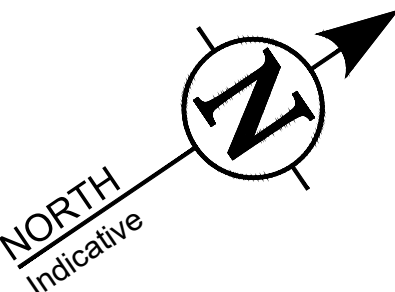
Maybe an electric power point for electric cars

18. Dog time activities for seniors and under 5's
- Evening activities for youth
- Badminton
- Short Mat Bowls
- Table Tennis
- Yoga
- Keep Fit
- Snooker

Word Cloud of Results

Depicts most common words from all responses. (Frequency of words shown in brackets).





KEY TO DRAINAGE LINE STYLES

----- Existing Combined Sewer

----- Proposed Foul Water Connection

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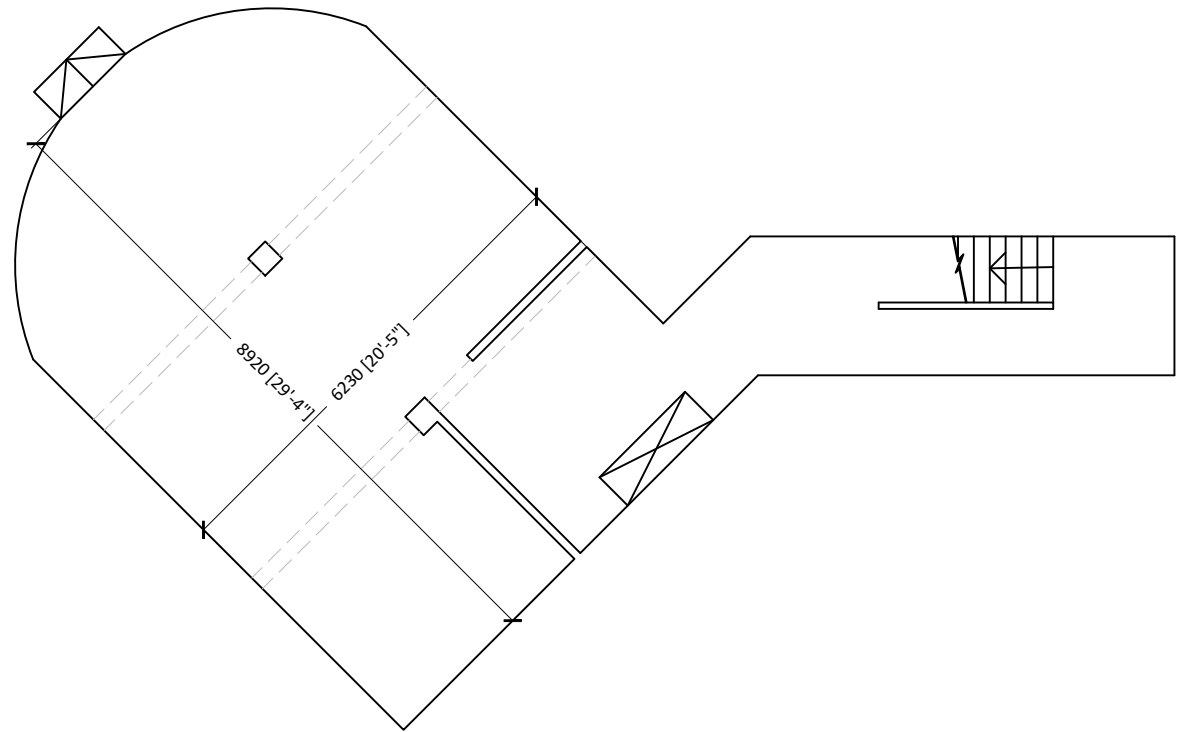
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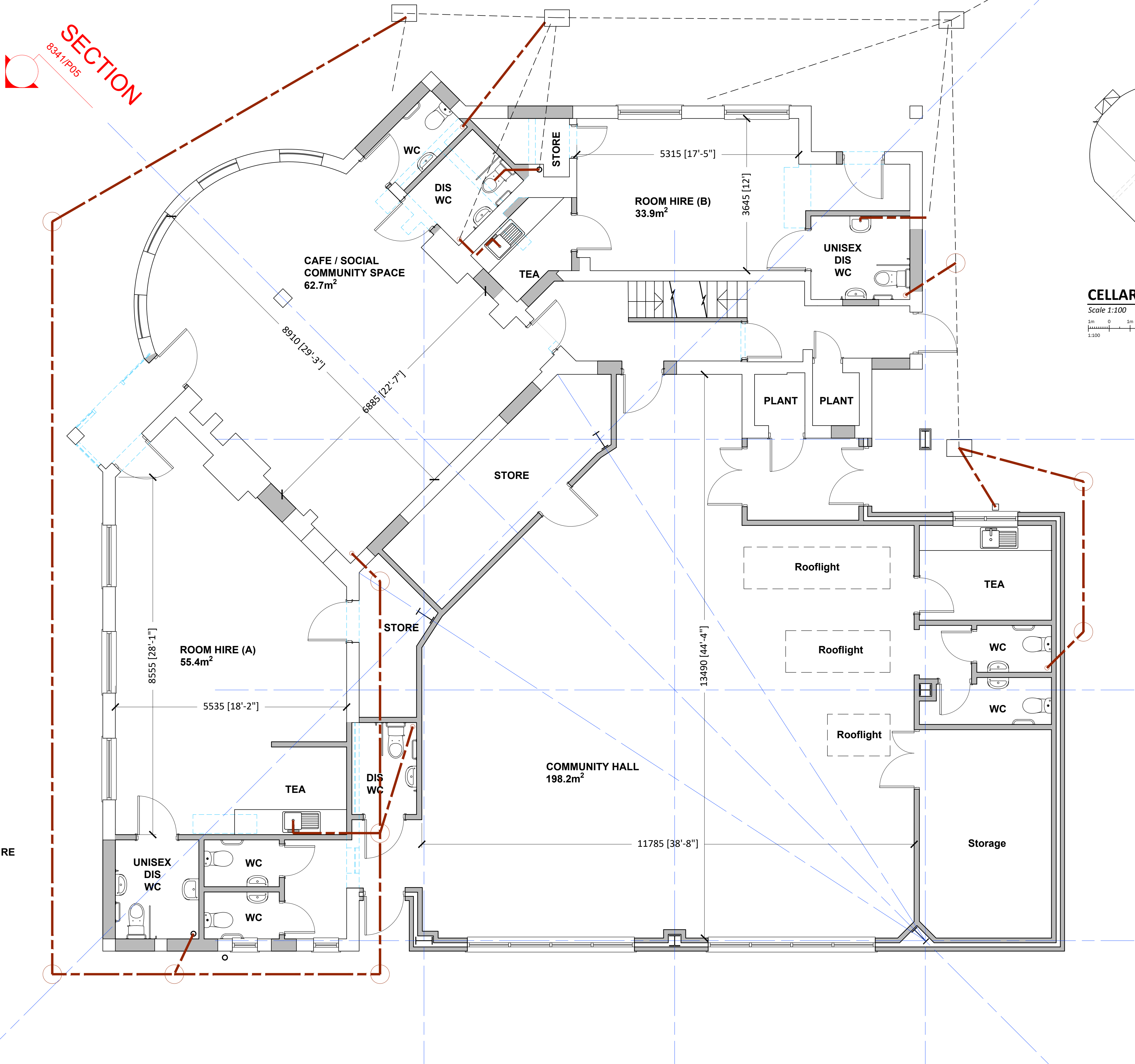
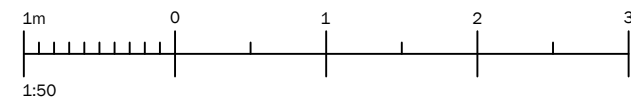


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- EXISTING STRUCTURE
- DEMOLISHED
- NEW-BUILD

GROUND FLOOR

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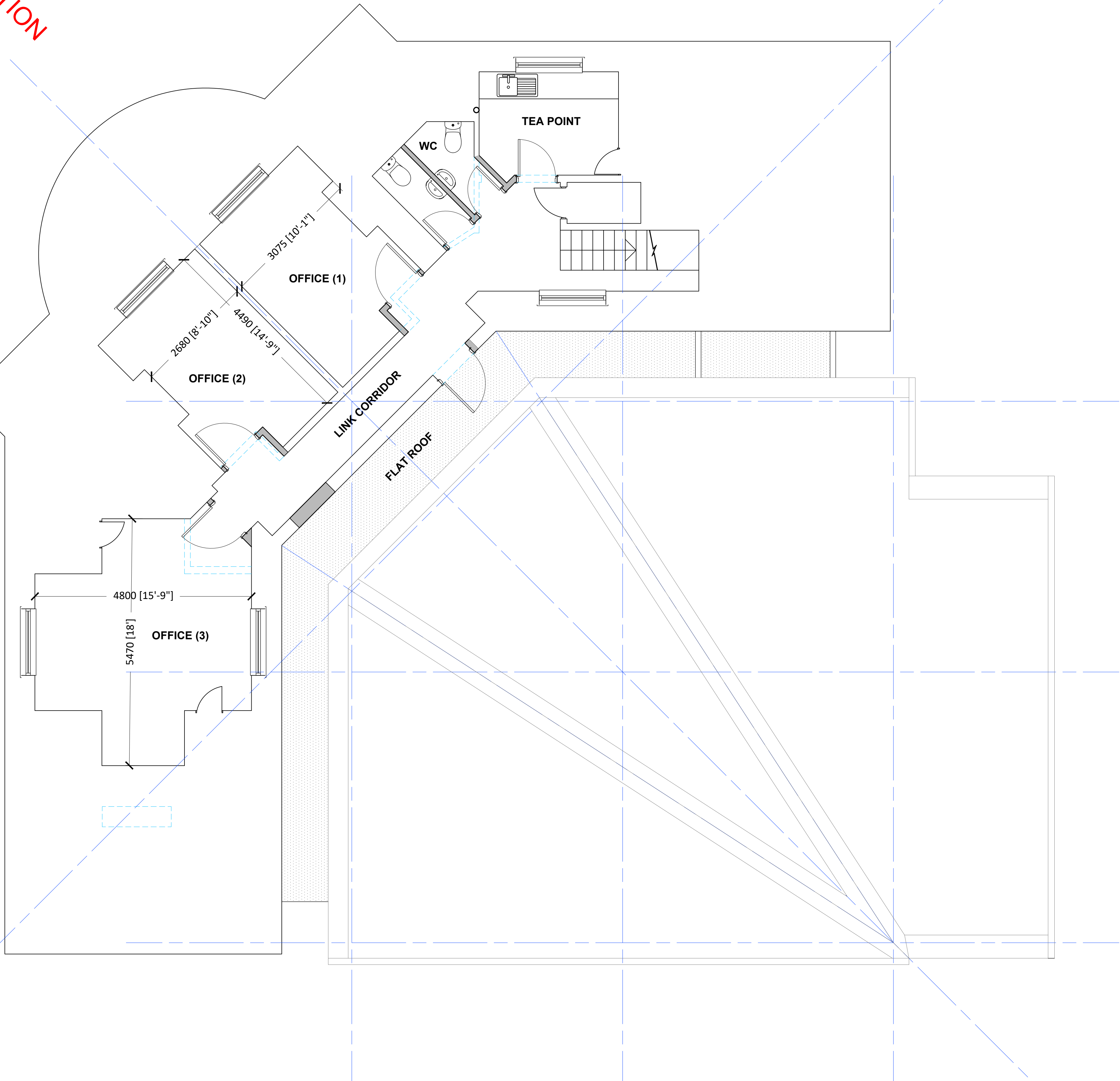
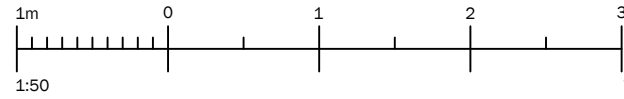
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FIRST FLOOR
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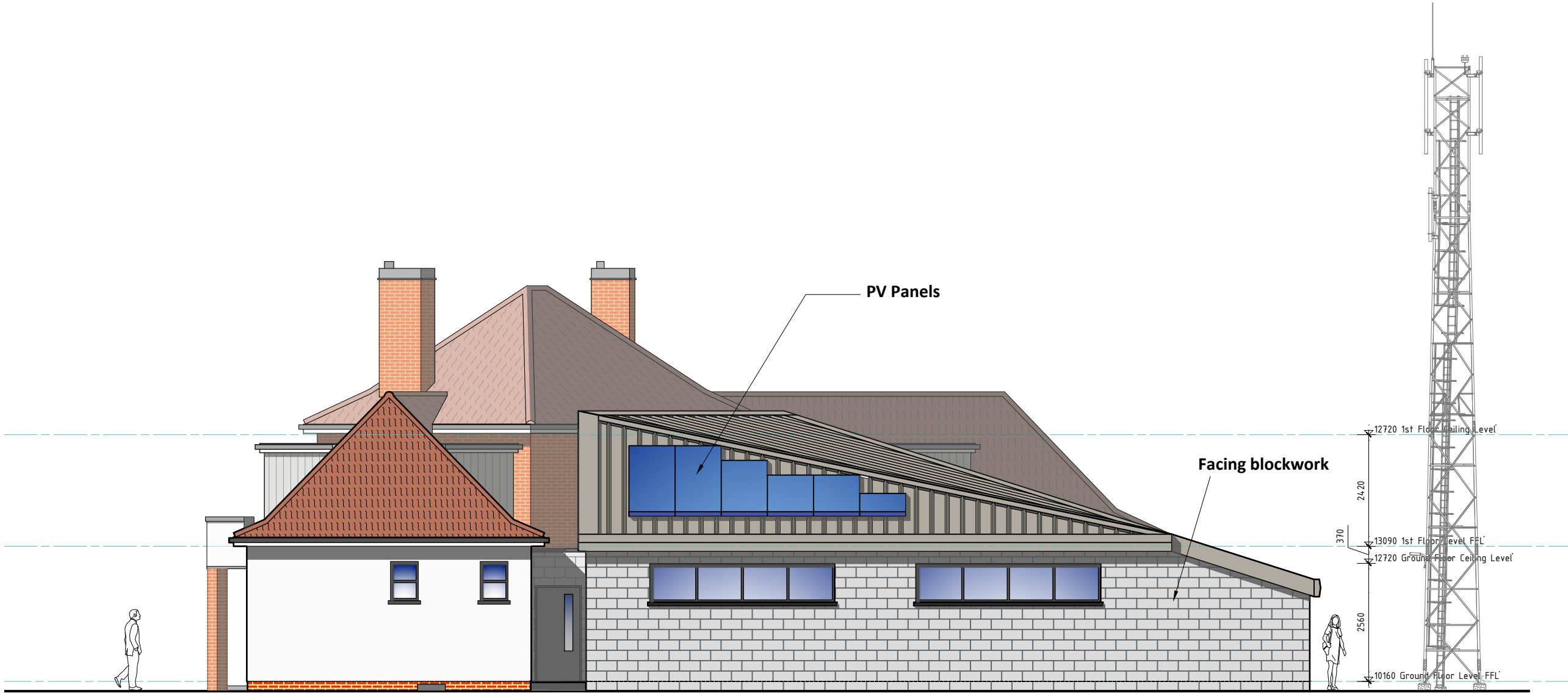
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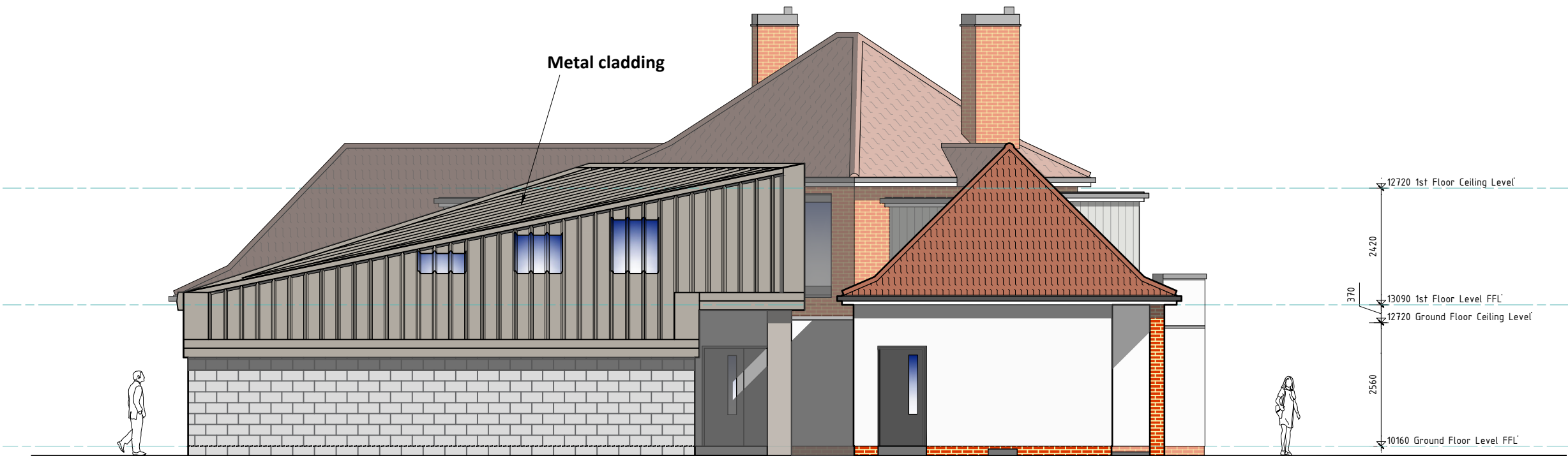
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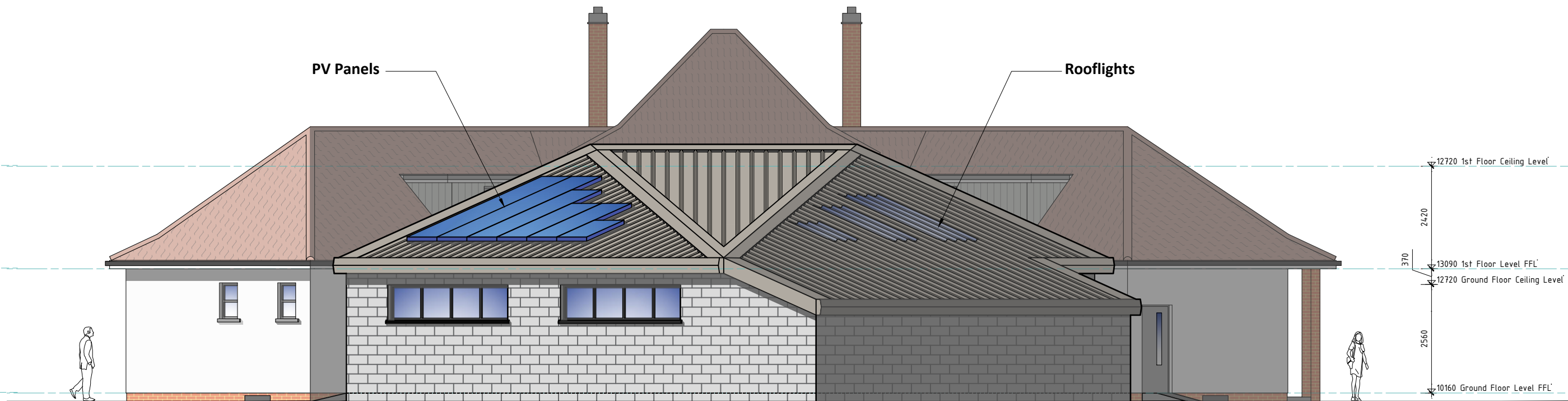
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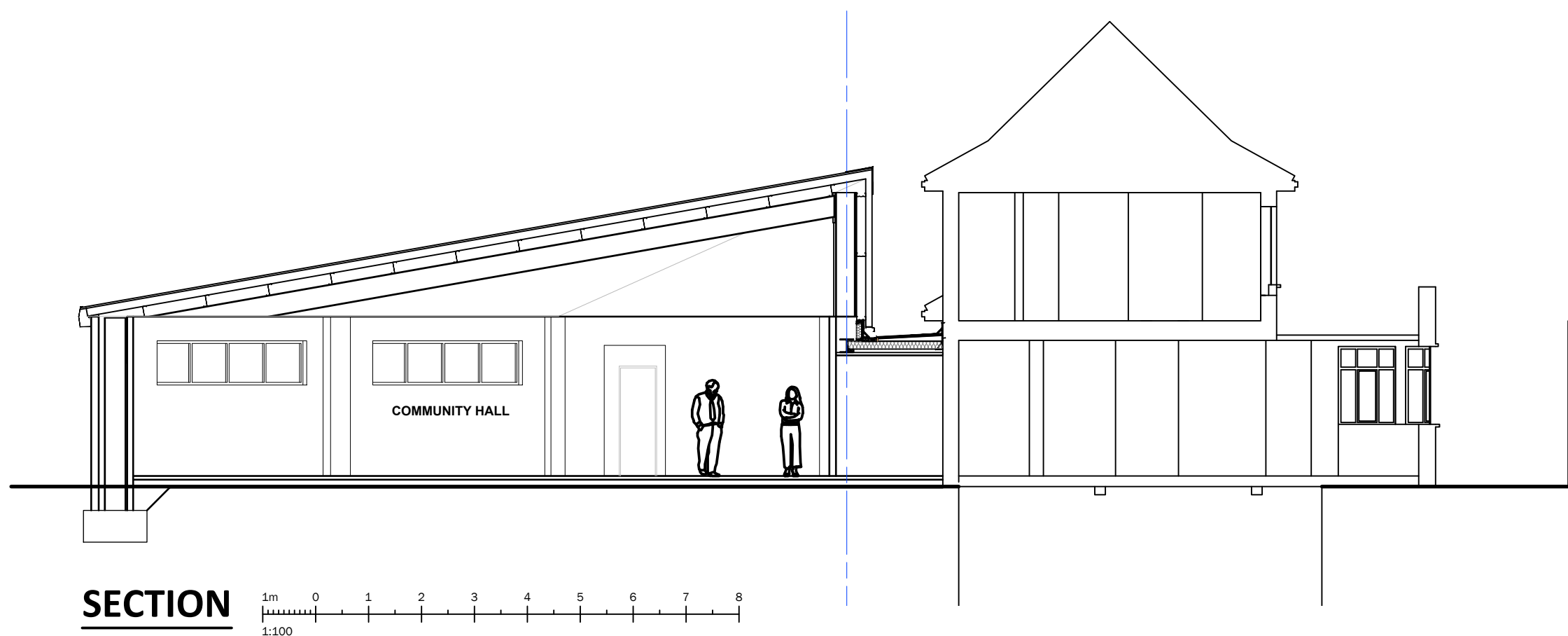
WEST ELEVATION



NORTH-EAST ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION



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SCHEDULE OF MATERIALS

NEW-BUILD EXTENSION

Roof: Trapezoidal, metal cladding - colour: Goosewing Grey
Walls: Facing, concrete blockwork - colour Light Grey
Fenestration: UPVC: Dark Grey

EXISTING BUILDING

Roof: Tiles to match existing
Dormer cheeks: Vertical timber cladding
Walls: White render to ground floor storey
Fenestration: UPVC: Dark Grey

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