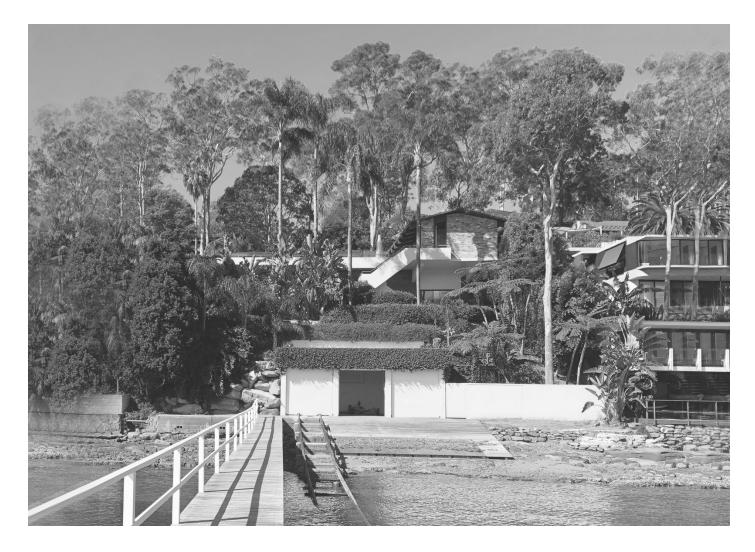
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Statement of Environmental Effects – S4.55 3 Riverview Road, Avalon



#### A Introduction

The property address is 3 Riverview Road, Avalon NSW 2107 (Lot 6, DP 3632)

The property was designed by Australian architect and furniture designer Douglas Snelling and built in 1965 in the Sydney School Architectural style. The residence consists of a series of split-level living spaces under low-lying timber shingle skillion roofs with exposed timber structural beams which follow the sloping waterfront site.

These elements are contrasted with asymmetrical brick massing cantilevered out and across the site. Landscape elements such as ponds and planter boxes surround the roofs linking external to internal spaces. The residence is centered around a raised North-Western facing pool terrace with views over Pittwater to nearby Ku-Ring-Gai National Park.

Two development applications have been granted by the Northern Beaches Council for the internal and external alterations to update the residence. Development consent for application DA2018/1616 was granted 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 ("DA1"), with a further modification development application Mod2019/0485 granted 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 ("DA2").

Prior to the lodgment of this application, the applicants met with a number of representatives from Council to discuss this application for modification. A pre-lodgment meeting was held on 14.01.20 with Council's heritage planner and external heritage consultant. It was attended by Brendan Gavin (Heritage Planner), Robert Moore (External Heritage Consultant), Jure Domazet (Applicant), Zoltan Kovacs (Heritage Consultant), William Smart (Architect) & Tom Bunting (Designer). A further prelodgment meeting with Council's Planning Department was held on 18.02.20. It was attended by Matthew Edmonds (Planning Assessment Manager), David Auster (Principal Planner), Jure Domazet (Property Owner), William Smart (Architect) & Tom Bunting (Designer).

As a result of our two pre-lodgment meetings, this modification application seeks the following amendments to the current consent:

Removal of B. New Condition 2A 'Amendments to the Modification Approved Plans' of DA Determination Mod2019/0485 dated 09.12.19:

- The proposed widening of the entrance foyer is to be removed from all plans **Reason:** Condition 2A raised potential heritage concerns with the proposed widening of the entrance foyer. It was clarified at the pre-lodgment meetings that the proposed alignments to the entrance foyer are considered suitable and acceptable by both Council's Heritage and Planning Departments.

- The proposed widening of the western edge of the pool apron is to be removed from all plans **Reason:** Condition 2A raised potential heritage concerns with the proposed widening of the western edge of the pool apron. It was agreed at the pre-lodgment meetings that the proposed extension of the existing pool coping is considered acceptable by both Council's Heritage and Planning Departments. Further to this, details and compliance of the frameless glass pool balustrade were clarified and deemed appropriate.

# - The proposed internal dividing wall within the ground floor of the boatshed is to be removed from all plans

**Reason:** Condition 2A raised concerns about the potential non-authorised use of the room created by the dividing wall of the boatshed, requiring it to be removed from all plans. It was agreed at the prelodgment meetings that the modified proposed internal dividing walls within the ground floor of the boatshed were acceptable. The drawings presented showed the raised floor level and wall isolating it from the wet area of the boat shed and a new wall and door more clearly separating it from the habitable use above. Council advised that if the plans clearly marked that the area was to be used as storage only, it would be acceptable by Council's Heritage and Planning Departments.

- The proposed replacement of the doors to the western facade of the ground floor of the boatshed is to be removed from all plans

**Reason:** It was clarified that the two garage doors and the third opening are proposed to have a consistent aesthetic language and are therefore considered acceptable by Council's Heritage and Planning Departments. It is of note that the approved works on crown land will be sought through the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

- The proposed retention and cladding of the existing wall / fence along the southern side of the western boundary, adjacent to Tree 20, is to be removed from all the plans and replaced with an open style fence constructed of timber or finished in black, with a height not exceeding 1.8m above existing or proposed ground levels

**Reason:** DA1 had sought to demolish the wall and replace it with a new wall, on the basis that the adjacent tree (Tree 20) would be removed. The DA decision did not authorise the removal of Tree 20, so the demolition of the wall was not possible. DA2 proposed that the wall remain intact to ensure the survival of Tree 20 but the Notice of Decision required its demolition. It was clarified at the prelodgment meetings that the proposal to retain the existing wall is considered acceptable by both Council's heritage and planning departments and that the existing wall will be re-painted and planting grown over. The retention of the existing wall aids to maintain the Tree Protection Zone surrounding Tree 20. The proposed retention was therefore deemed to be appropriate by both Council's Heritage and Planning Departments.

- The proposed bathroom on Level 1 of the boatshed is to be removed from all plans **Reason:** It was clarified at the pre-lodgment meetings that the property had a pre-existing bathroom in the boathouse and relocation of said bathroom was also consented to in the development determination DA2018/1616 dated 22.03.19. It was also clarified that the new location will provide increased amenity, ventilation and natural light. It will also remain within the existing building footprint. As such it was deemed appropriate by the both Council's Heritage and Planning Departments.

<u>Removal of C. New Condition 2B 'Clarification of Approved Modifications and Use of Structures' of DA</u> Determination Mod2019/0485 dated 09.12.19:

#### - The painting of external brickwork in any form or colour

**Reason:** It was proposed at the pre-lodgment meetings by Council's Heritage Department that a lime bagged finish in a natural sand tone to the external brickwork would be a consented finish, but that a paint finish as applied for in DA1 and DA2 was not acceptable. This wall treatment will protect the original brickwork and is fully reversible. Please refer to Appendix A: Extent of External Proposed Finishes and to Appendix B: Lime Bagged Brickwork for reference images.

- The painting of the external soffits in any colour other than an exact match with the existing colour **Reason:** It was clarified that a white paint finish to the external soffits was consented in the development determination DA2018/1616 dated 22.03.19. Council's Heritage Department agreed that a continuous finish to the external soffits is appropriate.

### Modification of the Level 4 Guesthouse to a Garage:

As well as the aforementioned amendments to the previous consent, this application includes the modification of the existing Level 4 Guesthouse. This proposal seeks to reconfigure the existing accommodation to a triple car garage. This would provide parking for three cars in a secure, lockable garage and is accessed from the driveway and carport. The existing carport would remain in place with the northern wall of the new garage in the same line as the existing northern wall of the Level 4 Guesthouse. The existing roof to the rear wall would provide internal access to the house for its residents.

### B Site Suitability

The proposed amendments to the consent will not be visible from the street. The site will continue to be occupied as a private residential dwelling consistent with the low density, leafy character of the surrounding properties.

# C Present and previous uses

There is no proposed change to the current approved use of the site.

# D Town planning controls

The site is located in Avalon within Northern Beaches Council with an E4 Zoning (Environmental Living) The building is an item of local heritage (SHI: 2270480) The building is not located within a conservation area. The height limit is 8.5 metres.

Conservation Area	N/A
Pittwater LEP 2014	https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2014/320/full
Pittwater 21 DCP 2014	https://eservices.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ePlanning/live/pages/plan/
	book.aspx?exhibit=PDCP

	Approved	Proposed	Control	Permissible	Compliance
Zoning/use	Environmental Living E4	Environmental Living E4	LEP	Residential	Yes
Site area	4236m <sup>2</sup>	Unchanged	-	-	-
Floor Space Ratio (FSR)	0.17:1	0.19:1	-	-	Yes* Refer to table below
Gross Floor Area (GFA)	753.7m <sup>2</sup>	790.1m <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-
Max Building Height					
GF Boatshed	3.6m	Unchanged	LEP	8.5m	Yes
L01 Boathouse	3.71m	Unchanged	LEP	8.5m	Yes
L02–L03 House	7.9m	Unchanged	LEP	8.5m	Yes
L03 Guest	3.9m	Unchanged	LEP	8.5m	Yes
Max Storey Height	2 storeys	Unchanged	-	-	Yes
Private Open Space					
GF Boatshed	3m²	Unchanged		Min 80m <sup>2</sup> at	
L01 Boathouse	99m²	Unchanged		ground level (min principal area	
L02 Gym	252m²	Unchanged		16m <sup>2</sup> with min	
L03 House	454m²	Unchanged		4m dimension). Grade no steeper	
TOTAL	808m²	Unchanged	DCP	than 1 in 20 (5%)	Yes
Foreshore Development	- Sub-ground passageway + lift to connect existing dwelling	Unchanged	LEP	No further development on land in foreshore area permitted *With exemptions	Yes – Please see attached 'Appendix 1: Clause 4.6
	Landscape in line with DCP/LEP				

	Approved	Proposed	Control	Permissible	Compliance
Riverview Rd Front (East)	97m from ex guest house	Unchanged	DCP	6.5m or ex building line (whichever greater)	Yes
Foreshore Rear (West)					
-GF Boatshed	0m to boundary	Unchanged	LEP	Within foreshore building line	Yes
- L01 Boathouse	3.4m to 6.9m to rear boundary	Unchanged	LEP	Within foreshore building line	Yes
- L02 Gym	15.2m to 18.7m to rear boundary	Unchanged	LEP	Within foreshore building line	Yes
- L03 House	10.5m to 14.1m to rear boundary	Unchanged	LEP	Within foreshore building line	Yes
Side (North)	L02: 0m L03: 2m	Unchanged	DCP	2.5m to at least one side, 1.0m to the other	Yes
Side (South)	0.241m to 0.317m	Unchanged	DCP	2.5m to at least one side, 1.0m to the other	No: Non- compliance to ensure alignment to non-complying setback of existing heritage house and architectural massing

# E Mass, Height and Density

Site Area =  $4236m^2$ .

Private Open Space Area = 808m<sup>2</sup> remains unchanged from the approved therefore complies with the intent of the controls.

SCHEDULE OF GROSS FLOOR AREAS: APPROVED					
Ground: Boatshed	Level 1: Boathouse Level 2: Gym & Studio Level 3: House & Guest				
60.1m <sup>2</sup>	86.2m <sup>2</sup>	190.2m <sup>2</sup>	417.2m <sup>2</sup>		
Total GFA 753.7m <sup>2</sup>					
SCHEDULE OF GROSS FLOOR AREAS: PROPOSED					
Ground: Ex Boatshed Level 1: Ex Boathouse Level 2: Ex Gym Level 3: House & Guest					
60.1m <sup>2</sup>	86.2m <sup>2</sup>	190.2m <sup>2</sup>	453.6m <sup>2</sup>		
Total GFA 790.1m <sup>2</sup>					

### F Access and traffic

Access and traffic conditions remain unchanged from the approved development therefore the proposed complies with the controls.

### G Privacy and views

The proposed modification of the Level 4 guesthouse to a garage will not be perceptible to the neighbouring properties with the existing ridge height maintained. There are no neighbouring houses adjacent to the garage. The land beside is used as a thoroughfare. Therefore the privacy of neighbours remains unchanged and the proposed complies with the controls.

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# H Overshadowing

The proposed modification of the Level 4 guesthouse to a garage is within the limit of the permissible building height and is adjacent to a walkway therefore will not have any impact on the neighbour's solar amenity.

# I Streetscape and Materials

There is no change to street front therefore the proposed amendments comply with the controls in this regard. The proposed finishes to the garage are consistent with the material palette of the approved DA therefore are also consistent with the consent and complies with the intent of the controls.

# J Soil and Stormwater

The proposed amendments to the approved scheme have minimal impact to the soil conditions of the site and by reverting to the existing natural land conditions for the majority of the site, it will improve the overall site drainage. The proposed in this regard is consistent with the approved and complies with the controls.

# K Landscape

Consistent with the Pittwater 21 DCP (Clause D1.4) the proposal ensures that the bushland landscape remains the predominant feature of the site with the built form being the secondary component of the visual catchment. The approved new landscape works revert to the existing natural conditions of the site minimising the impacts.

# L Energy/ ESD

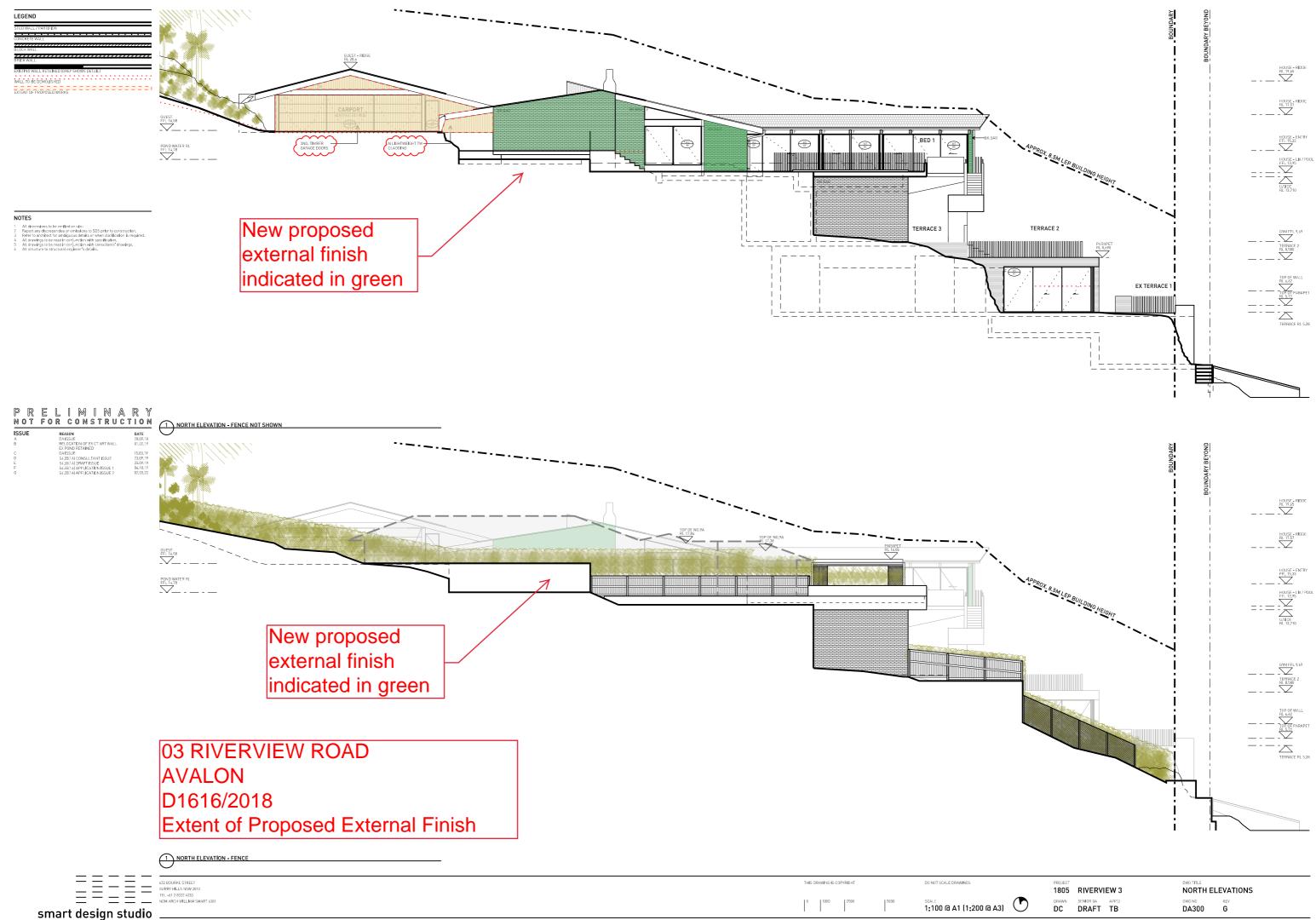
The proposed submission has been designed considering energy conservation and has been assessed using the Nathers star rating system to achieve the minimum 3.5 star rating. Please refer to the previously approved BASIX Certificate.

# M Heritage

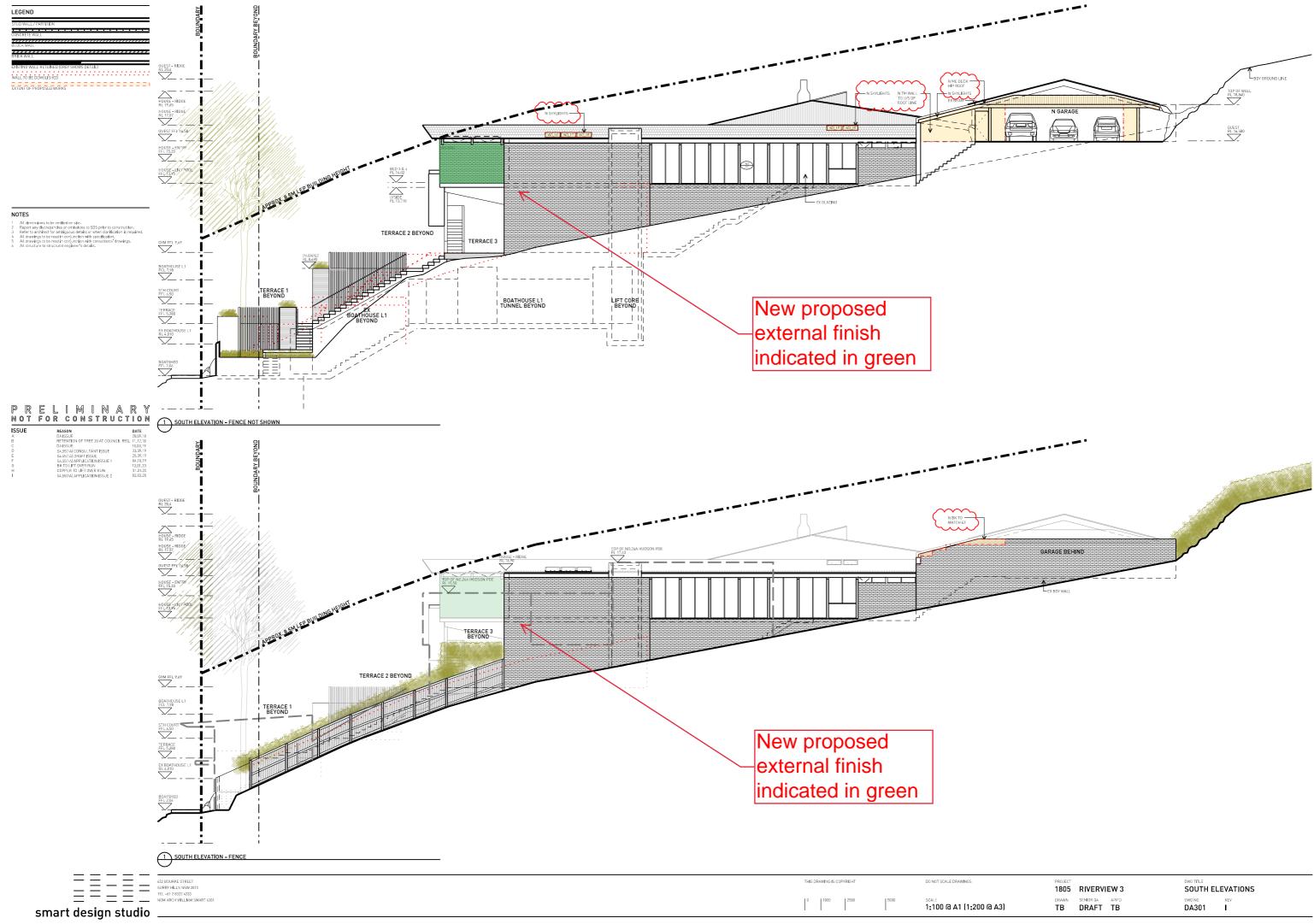
The heritage components of this application were discussed at the pre-lodgement meeting with Heritage and were deemed to be appropriate for the property. The meeting was held on the 14.01.20 and was attended by Brendan Gavin (Heritage Planner), Robert Moore (External Heritage Consultant), Jure Domazet (Applicant), Zoltan Kovacs (Heritage Consultant), William Smart (Architect) & Tom Bunting (Designer).

# N Conclusion

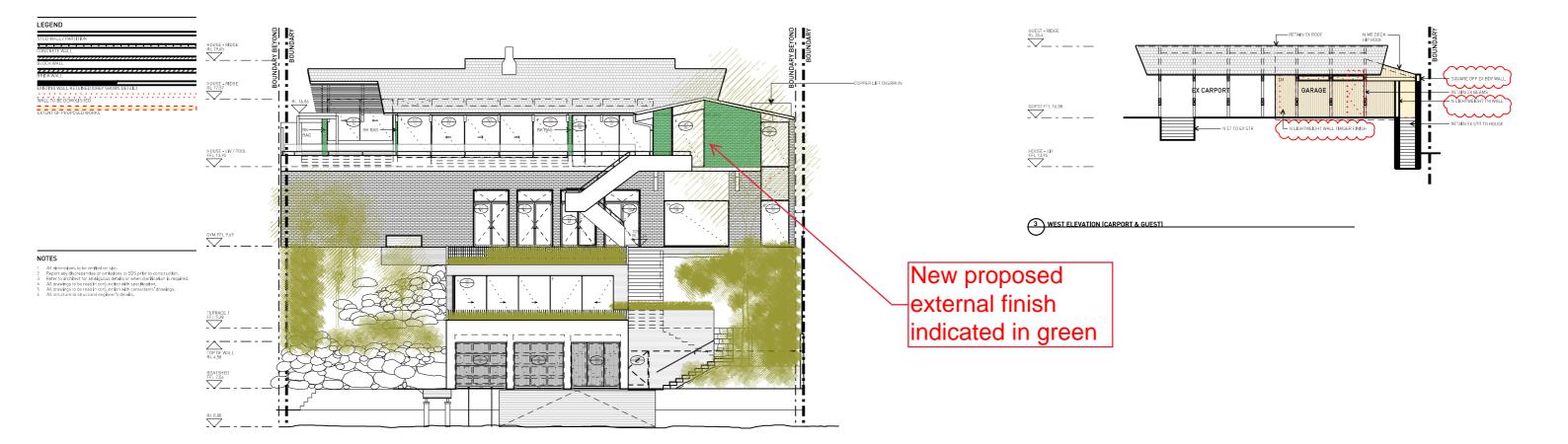
The proposed modifications to the approved development will provide minor alterations and additions of quality and architectural merit to the existing building at 3 Riverview Road, while providing accommodation of the highest standard and amenity for the occupants.

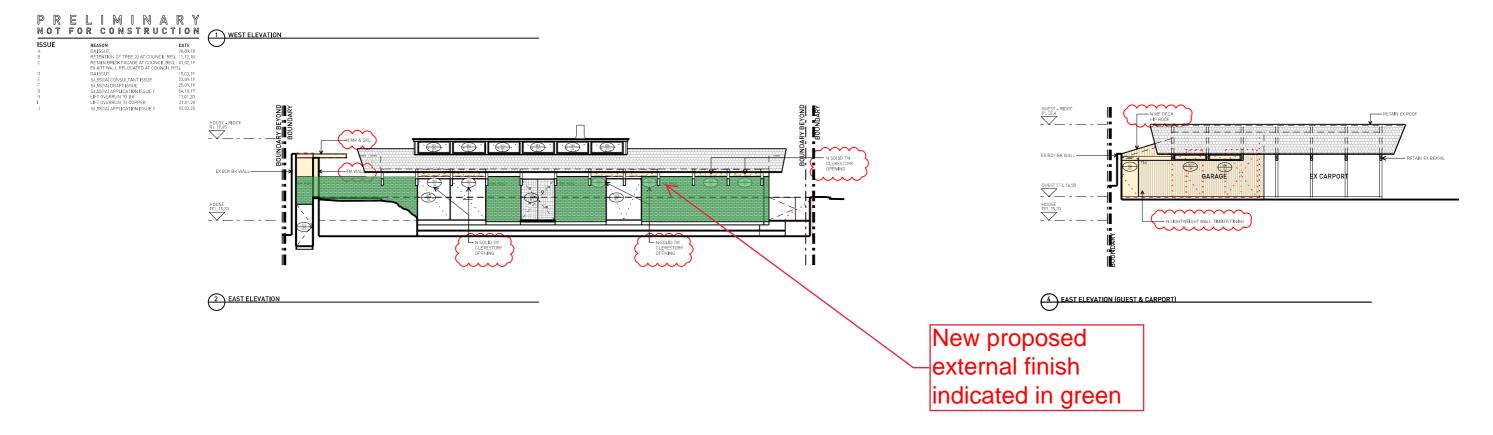


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