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Structural Assessment Report

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2. Introduction

i. Objective of the Project

Coyle Kennedy Consulting Engineers was appointed to undertake a survey of the existing bungalow within the Mount Clare House complex. This report has been prepared to assess the current condition of the structure and to evaluate its suitability and structural adequacy for retention.

ii. Site Visit

A representative from Coyle Kennedy attended the site on 25 November 2025. At the time of inspection, the contractor was present and engaged in clearing debris and deteriorated materials from the property.

The existing roof structure was found to be beyond repair, as was the timber subfloor. The roof structure has locally collapsed in certain areas, predominately in the centre of rooms with external areas of roof still intact close to external and internal walls. Both elements are currently in the process of being removed and will require the replacement of the original roof structure. All of the masonry walls were intact at the time of the visit.

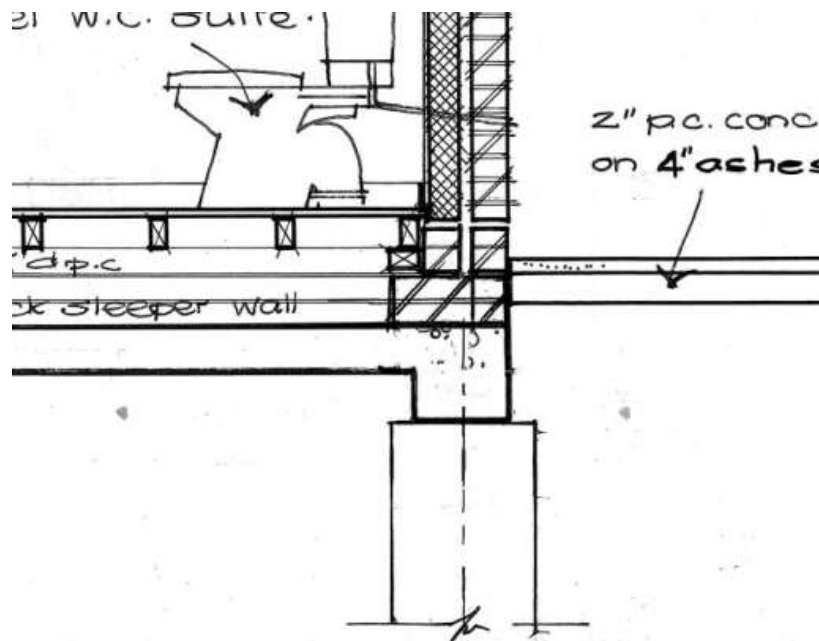
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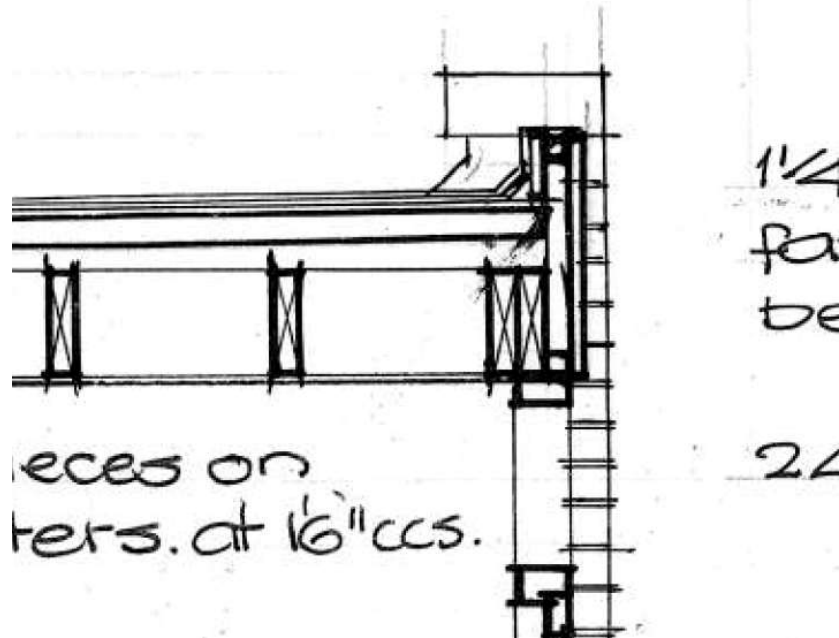
iii. Architectural Drawings

A set of architectural/structural drawings dated 1961 was made available at the time of inspection. These drawings are included in Appendix B of this report.

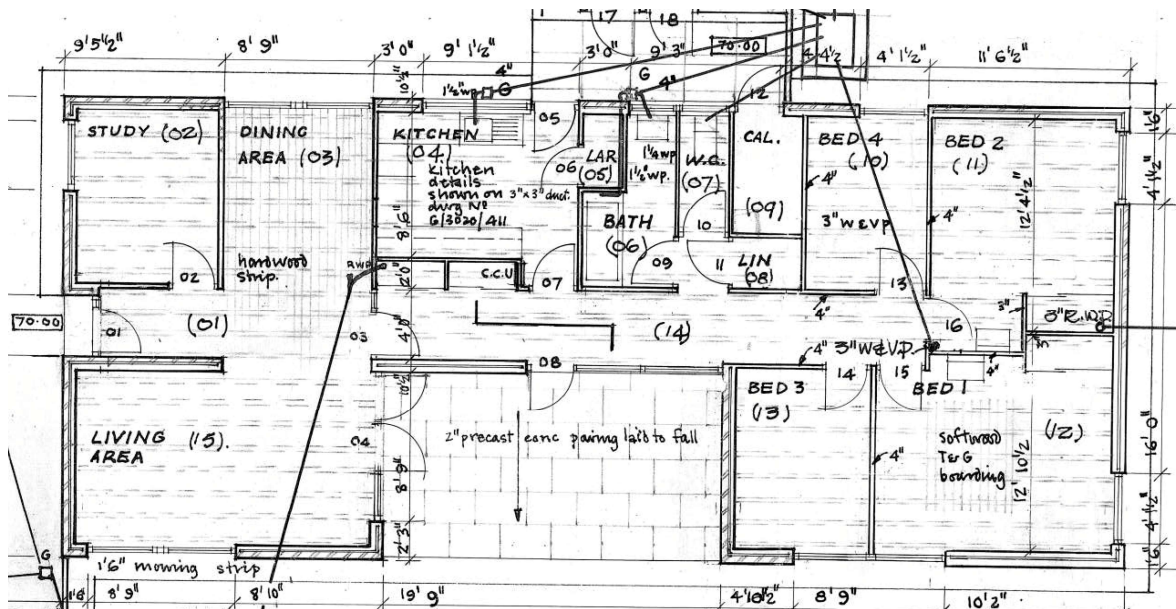
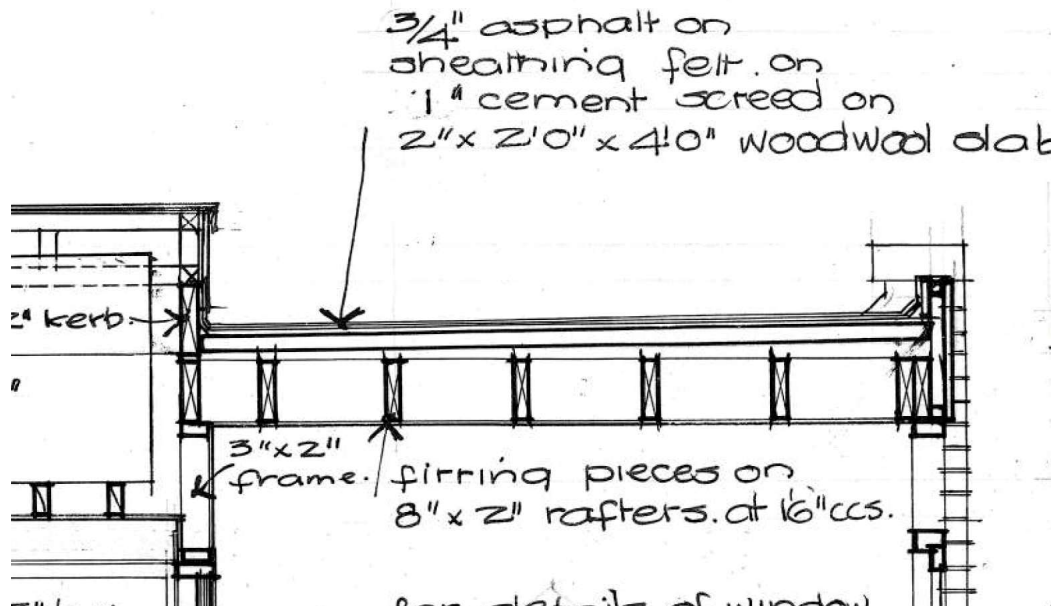
The drawings indicate that the property was constructed as follows:

1. A r concrete raft foundation bearing directly onto either deep trench foundations or piles.
2. A raised timber suspended floor supported off the raft slab via sleeper walls.
3. An external cavity wall comprising an internal block leaf and external brick leaf. Each wall panel between openings is constructed as an independent section, with panels tied together at roof level via a continuous timber lintel.





1. Internal walls in the property are blockwork and provide support to the roof structure.
2. The roof comprises of flat roof rafters (8 x 2) which span from the external loadbearing blockwork walls to internal loadbearing blockwork walls.
3. The roof falls centrally to an internal box gutter.



4. Evidence of Original Structure

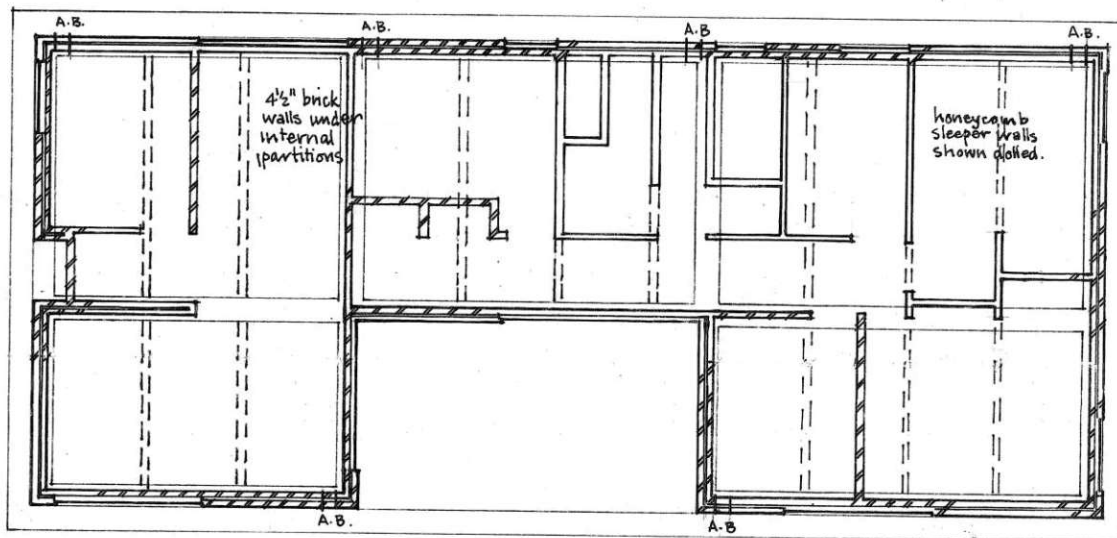
iv. Raft Slab

From walking through the property, particularly in areas where the suspended timber floor has been removed, it is obvious that there is a concrete slab below the suspended timber subfloor.



v. Suspended Timber Flooring

It is evident from the photographs below that the suspended timber floor was supported on sleeper walls, with bricks intentionally omitted within these walls to provide ventilation to the timber structure.



Architectural Layout of Subfloor – which matches what is currently on site.

Joist run from left to right.

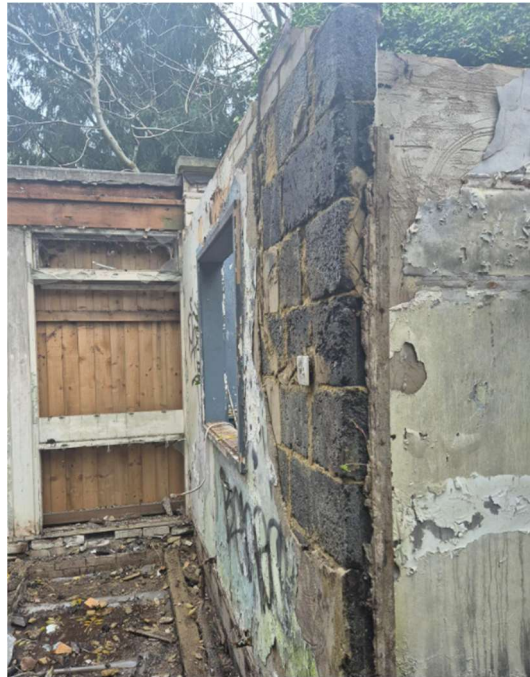
vi. Existing External Cavity Wall

The external cavity wall was inspected on site and the cavity width was found to be approximately 30–50 mm. The internal blockwork leaf typically extends up to the underside of the flat roof joists, above which it transitions to a solid brick parapet surrounding and covering the joists. The masonry elements were observed to be in good condition, as would be expected as these elements would not be impacted by exposure to the elements.



vii. Internal Load Bearing Walls

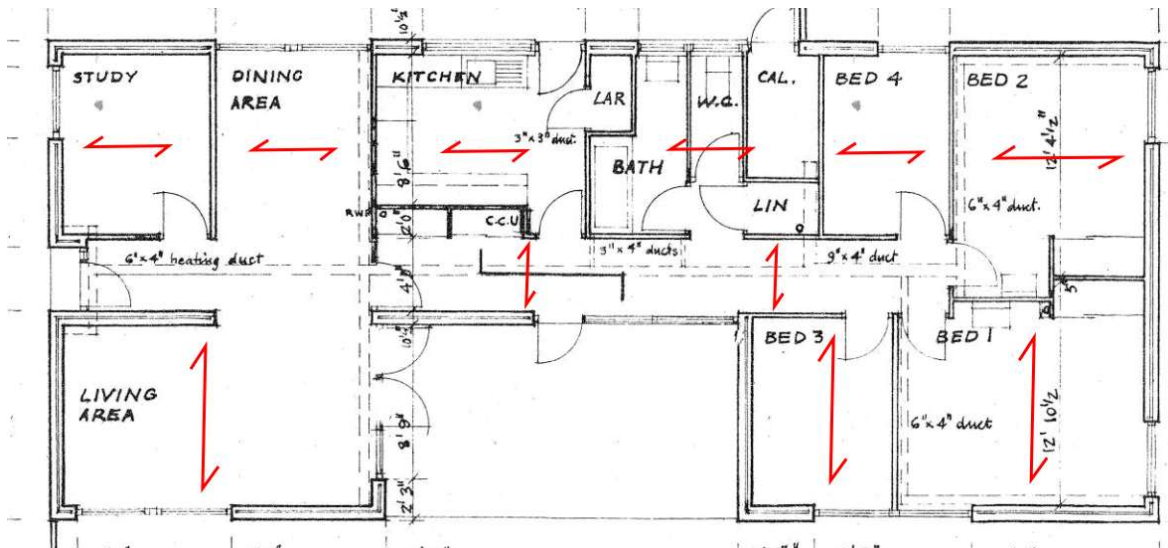
All internal walls on site are a mixture of blockwork and brick. There is a small section of wall which was the old boiler room that is constructed in brick. This is possibly due to the room only having access externally.



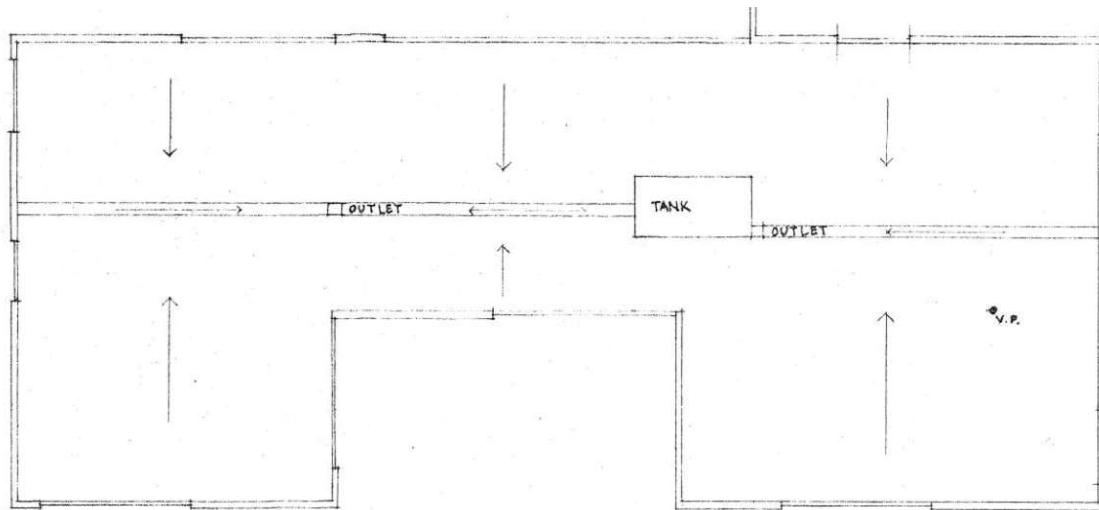
viii. Roof Structure

The existing roof structure has been confirmed as comprising 8" × 2" joists at 400 mm centres. Although the majority of the roof has now been removed, several sections remain in place and were inspected. The joists span between the external walls and the internal loadbearing walls, as illustrated in the markup below. The joists are overlapped and supported on the internal walls while at the external cavity walls they are pocketed into the masonry.





Span of Roof Joists



ROOF PLAN

Roof Fall

5. General Condition of Property

The roof and internal areas have been exposed to the elements, resulting in progressive structural deterioration of the timber elements. The timber suspended floor and roof timbers have decayed and as such will be required to be repaired and replaced.

6. Conclusion & Recommendations

The structural loadbearing elements of the property are in sound condition. Although the walls have been exposed for an extended period, they remain structurally robust throughout. No cracking or signs of settlement were observed, indicating that the existing raft slab continues to perform in accordance with its original design intent.

However, several areas of the masonry have been inspected and will require repair, particularly around the former roof-joist bearings and at window corners. The parapets to the external walls will also need to be carefully stripped back to facilitate the repair of the roof structure as per the original drawing.

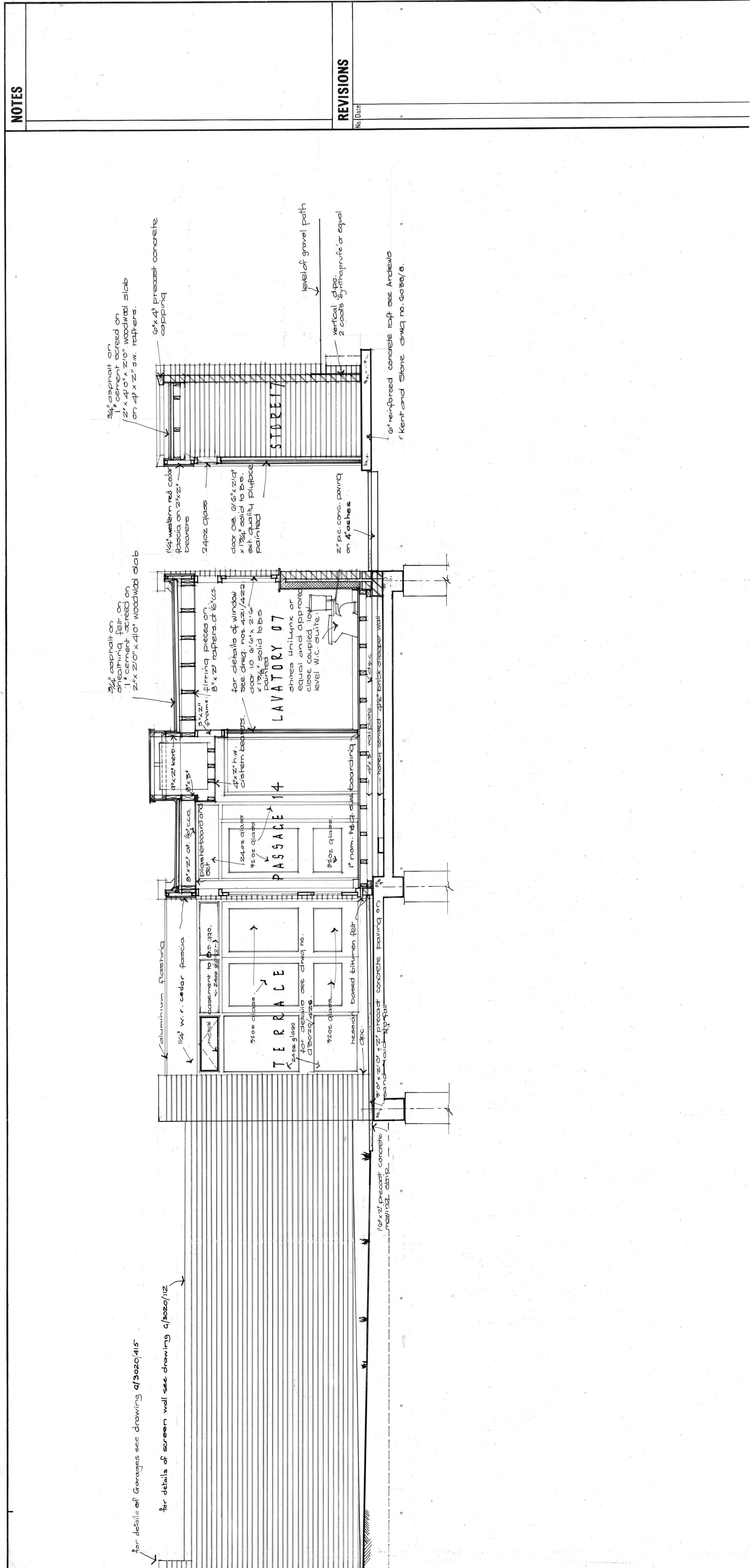
From a structural perspective, there is no reason why the existing standing structure cannot be retained. It remains in a condition capable of safely supporting both vertical and lateral loadings.

To eliminate combining new and old timbers, it is also recommended that the installation of the new subfloor and roof is done with new timbers members throughout.

From the site inspection, it appears that the structure was constructed substantially in accordance with the drawings provided in the attached Appendix.

7. Appendices

ix. Existing Drawings



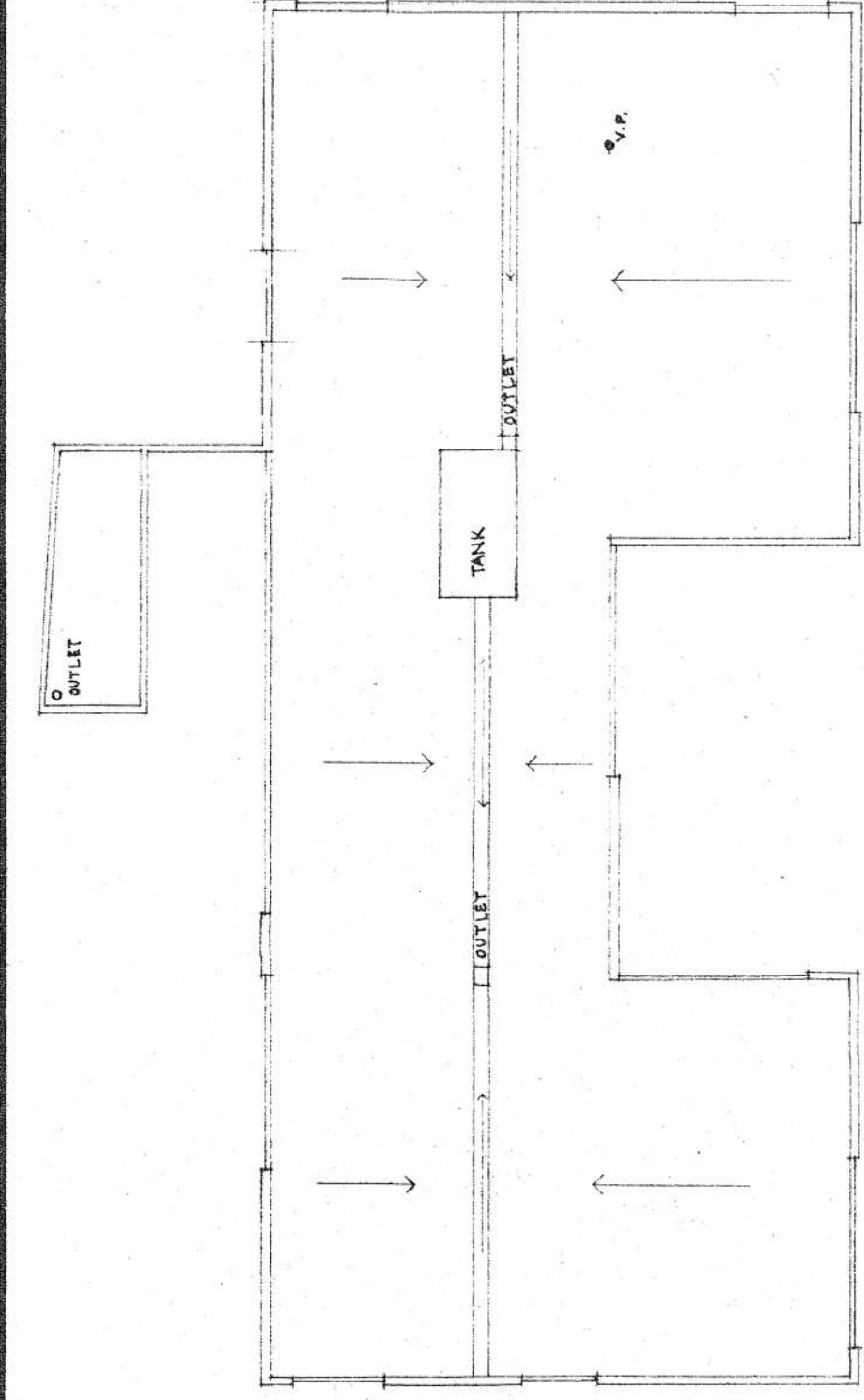
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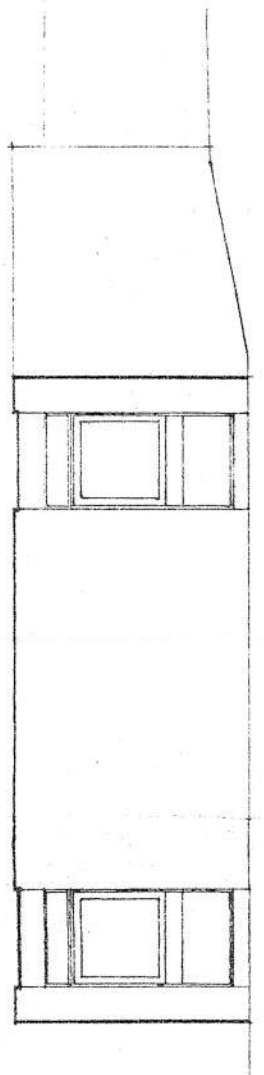
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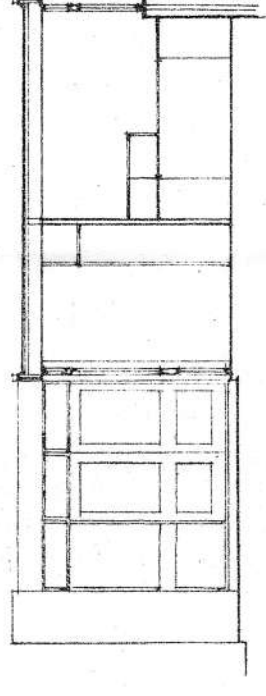
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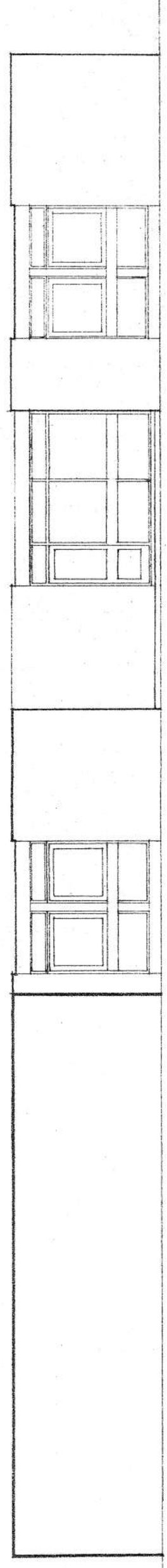
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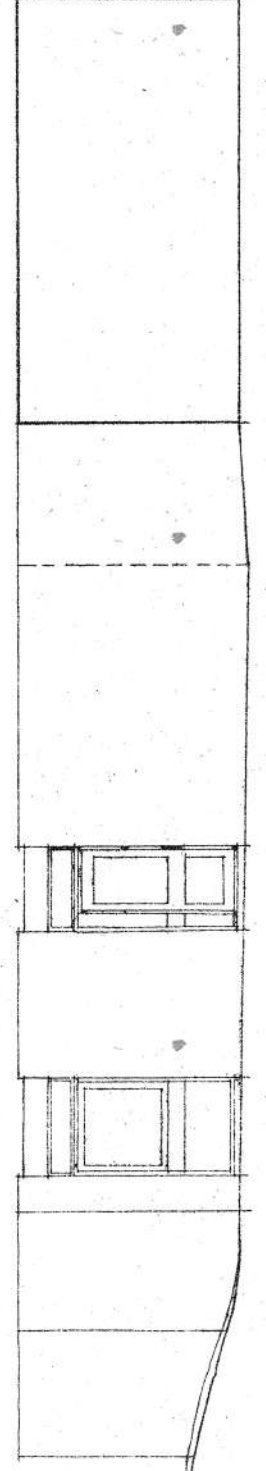
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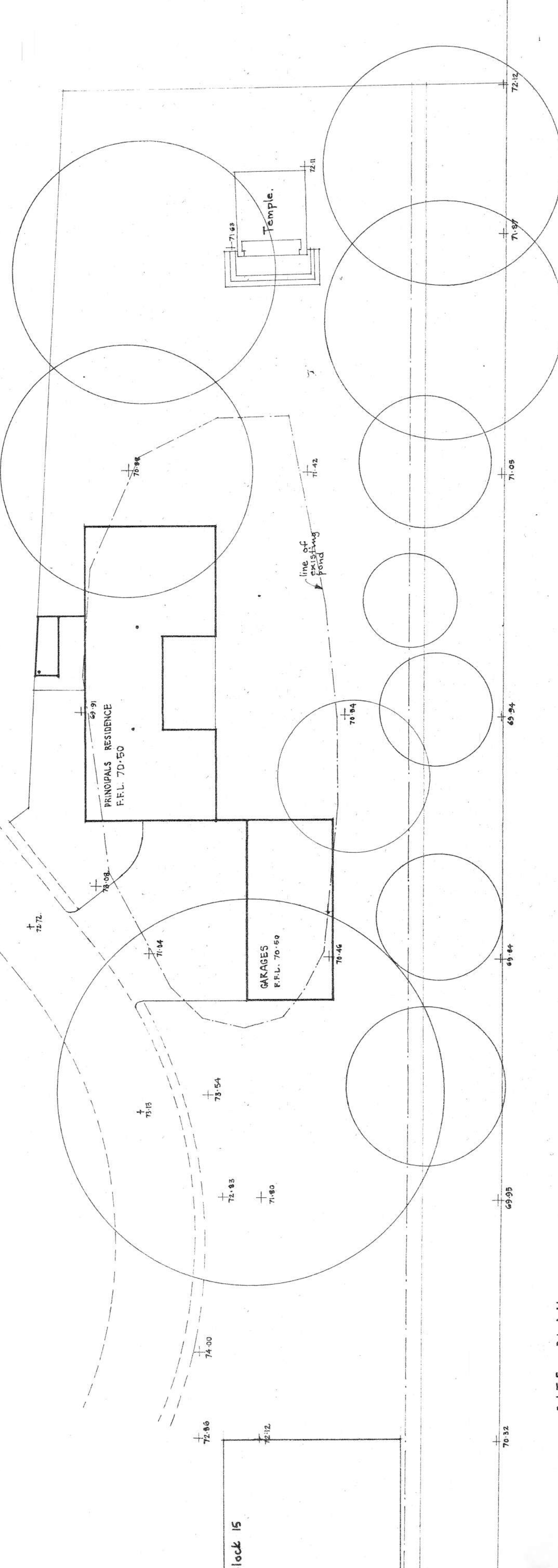
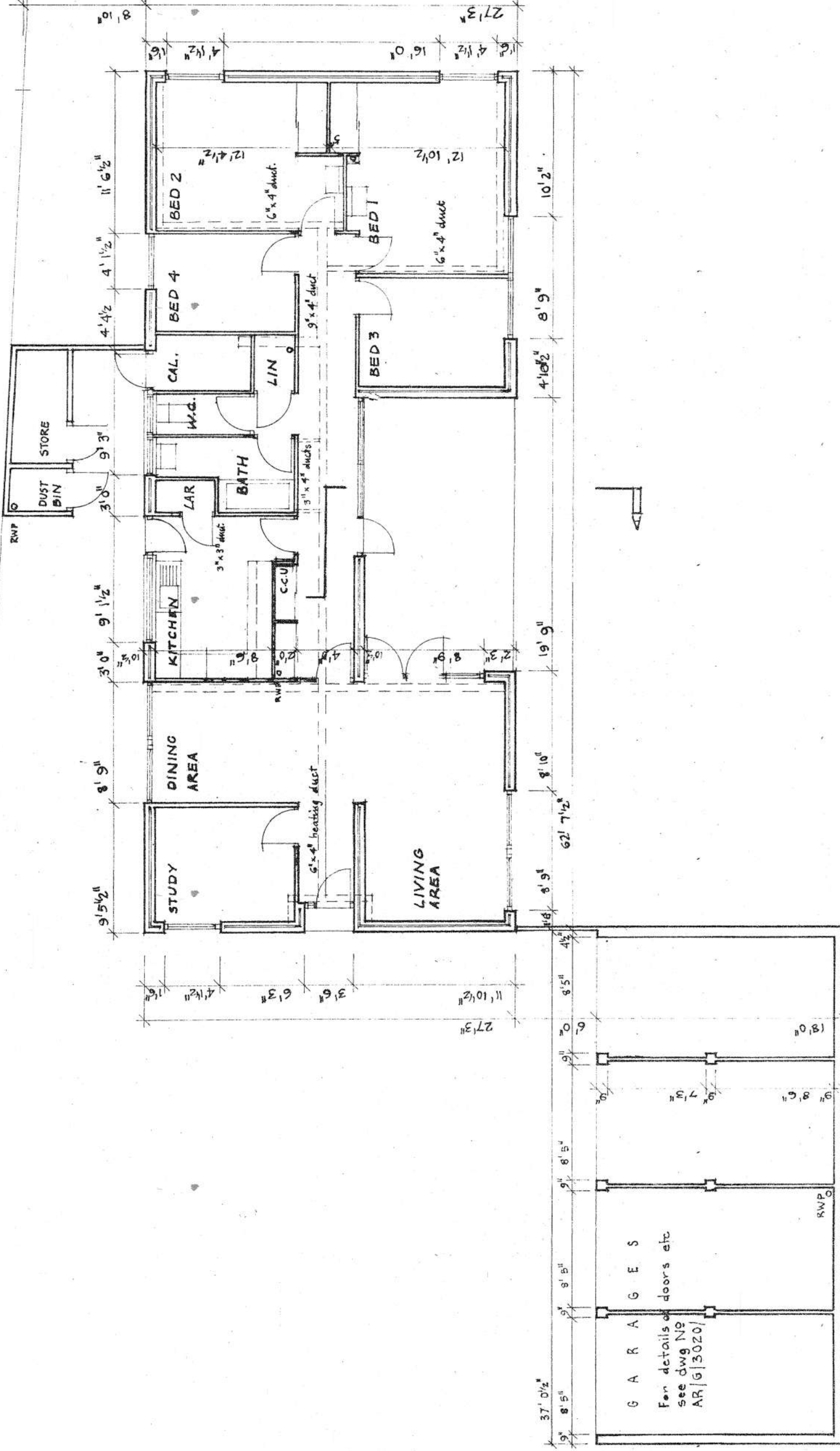
NORTH ELEVATION (stones removed)



SOUTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION



SITE PLAN

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- ↑ τ_{az} denotes existing levels.
- 10.88 denotes new levels.
- 6 denotes trapped quality windows:
 - ↳ Driving force (all as strictly better living area) $\rightarrow$ better
 - ↳ Beckmann - as strict driving force.
- 10⁶ external cavity walls
- 40⁶ some time back after 4' smaller inner stem.
- A.B. denotes Air Evac.

1/2 sections and 1/4
411 / 412 at 415
1/2 roof plan, 4302 / 44
porches, 41503 / 45
Hickory window, 4600
412 / 422 at 415
Entrance door, 4124
Hatch 4125
Living Rm. window, 4126
Window and doors to
porage 4127
Internal door frames, 4128

For details of mechanical notes
see structural engineers drawings

REVISIONS

2 in woodwool insulation
to tank house omitted. 5

to tank house omitted
from softwood board

49 x 2 keto omitted and
6" x 2" added to tank
balance.

27/4 position of E.W.P to stop.

27/4 Position of R.M.P. to east

added and extended over areas adjacent to

27/4	rafters at 16' centres
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- 11/5. Store and garage levels

omitted.	
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