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1 Vision

Aims of the Proposal

The proposals are for minor alterations to Newton House are as follows:

Brief:

- To incorporate an ensuite bathroom within bedroom one in the first floor of the dwelling.
- To ensure that any alterations to the existing fabric are sympathetic and of no detrimental effect on the historic character of the dwelling.
- At this bedroom floor level there is no direct level access to the existing bathroom in the annex. The intention is to overcome this problem by providing an ensuite shower room within the master bedroom area.



Site Context

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2 Background

Site Location

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Heritage Assets

The CA includes virtually all of the village of Newton-in-Bowland which is a small community made up in the main of a narrow range of property styles. The vast majority are of similar construction with limestone walling material, sandstone window and door frames and corner stones and blue slate roofing. There are a very few buildings with original stone flag roofs.

Newton House falls within the main vernacular, however, the limestone walls have had the 'slobbering' mentioned in the original listing (see Appendix ONE) removed revealing bare stone. This follows the present appearance of virtually every other building in the village. An unusual feature of this building is that the sandstone features are of a red sandstone rather than the more usual buff/yellow material.

The building is identified on the Ribble Valley Borough Council Conservation Area Map3 but merely as being listed. It is not identified as a Focal Building nor is it prominent in any marked 'Important Views'.

The Conservation Area Appraisal mentions a number of factors important in defining the character of the village. Relevant to this report are:

- The historic appearance of the village, in which most of the buildings are at least 150 years old;
- The homogeneity of local stone used for most of the buildings and boundary walls;

In summary, the external appearance of the building is important in the role it plays defining the general character of the village. However, in itself it is not identified as having individual value other than its listing.

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Significance of the Assets

The Ribble Valley contains numerous small village communities, each with its own special distinctiveness. That of Newton is highly dependent upon its groups of similar buildings and an overall homogeneity. This building is important within that context but not necessarily in its individual style.

Within the village the building, which is located with its rear elevation to the main Dunsop Bridge to Slaidburn Road and on the corner of the main one of a group of smaller roads which split off from the Clitheroe Road, is more important as a feature from the front. This elevation is by far the more significant and is visible when approaching from the Clitheroe direction. From this point the full three stories are visible with well proportioned and detailed windows (see Fig. 1 above). This elevation is not affected by this application.



3 Assessment

Development Impact/ Considerations

Key opportunities & constraints:

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INTERNAL

The building, while still retaining some of its original internal features, has been much altered over a long period of time. However, it is still important that new works are carried out sympathetically. The insertion of an en-suite bathroom into bedroom one on the first floor of this property should be carried out in a reversible manner.

'The fixings to the exposed stone wall should be carried out with minimal damage to the stonework.' By fixing into the mortar joints.

If, for reasons of design or Building Regulations, the placing of the partition wall necessarily coincides with the purlin the fixing method should be such as to cause as little damage as possible to the purlin and be reversible in the future. It is deemed that using a sealant will provide the control and limit damage to the timber.



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It is my understanding that, at the time of my inspection, the precise arrangement of the new bathroom had not been finalised. However, consideration should be given when making this decision as to where the services will be routed. This should be carried out so as to cause as little intrusion into the building fabric as possible and using existing void spaces where available.

Design Response: -

Purlin: - Due to the client's desired position of the bathroom fittings and existing wardrobes, it is proposed that the partition wall is positioned under the purlin with the plasterboard being sealed to the purlin (not fixed) in a manner which is entirely reversible.

The positioning of the services has been carefully considered in order to have minimal impact on the historic fabric of the building. Pipes are to be boxed in neatly, and incorporated within the building where ever possible (for instance pipes are proposed to be fitted with in the lower floor utility ceiling).

EXTERNAL

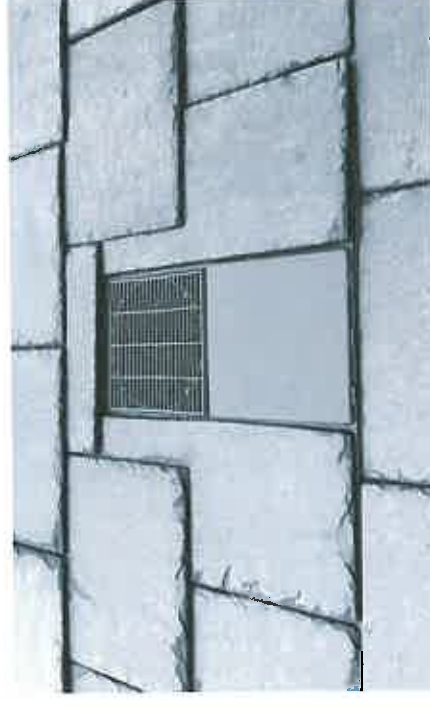
The proposal to place a soil vent pipe (svp) on the rear elevation would not, in my view, detrimentally affect the appearance of either this building or the village in general. An existing svp is already in existence on this elevation (see Figs. 5 & 6) and these are entirely consistent with many other buildings in the village that have had internal bathrooms fitted over a long period of time. So long as this is fixed and has an appearance and material consistent with the village character I can see no issues arising.

If it is decided, on further inspection, to route the services in an alternative manner I would suggest that, if possible, the front elevation be avoided. However, it is fair to point out that a soil pipe currently exists at the eastern end of this elevation thus a precedent does exist.

Design Response: -

Drainage:- Having considered a number of options for the drainage route the client has opted for an SVP to be located on the rear SVP, as discussed above this replicates the existing SVP serving the neighbouring dwelling.
(See front Cover).

Ventilation- Bathroom Extractor Fan to be flush with slates,
(Glidevale) hence this has minimal impact. See image on right.



4 Design

Concept

To provide a sympathetic/ modest addition respecting the existing character of the dwelling.

4 Design

Character & Appearance

The character of the existing room is largely derived from it's exposed rubble stone, plaster walls, and purlins. The proposed internal alterations aims to respect these features.

Proposed Materials



Plasterboard wall (to match existing)



Bespoke Glass Shower Fittings

New Shower to be tiled



Dwelling

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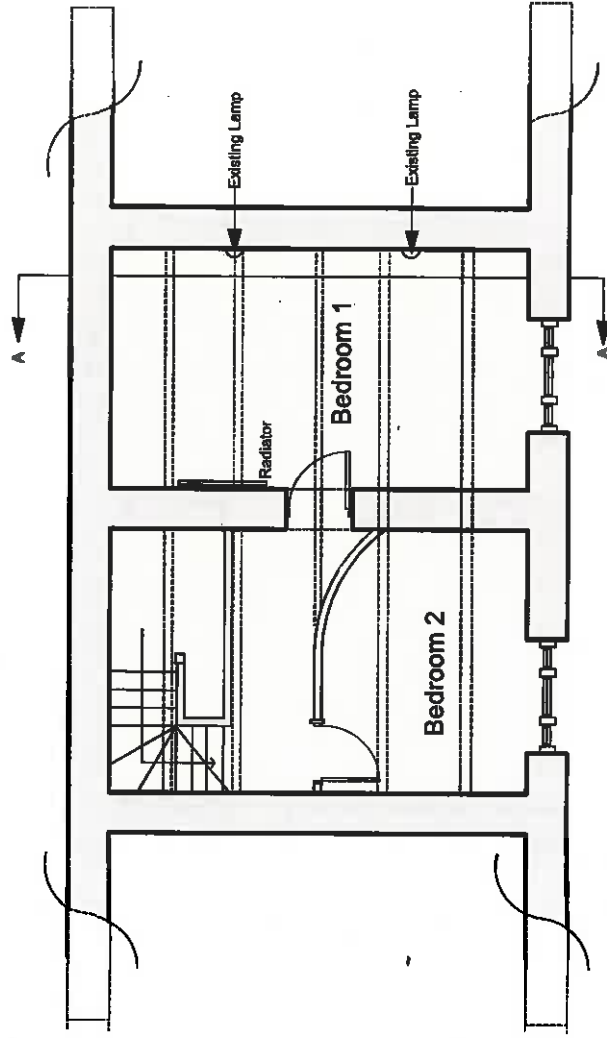
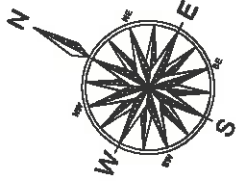
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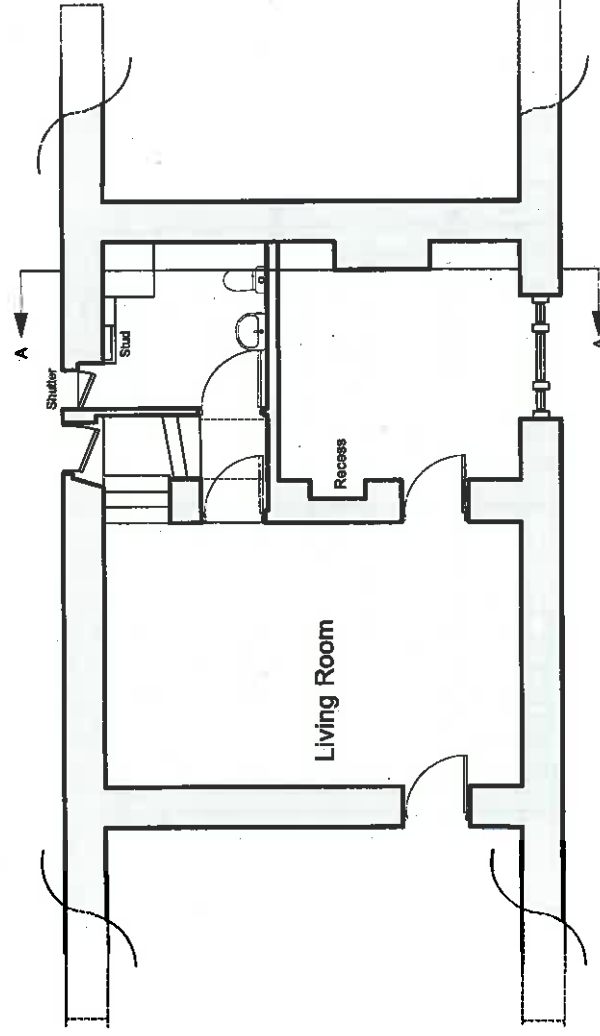
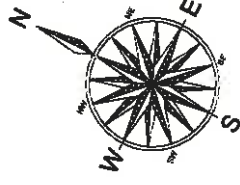
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Existing FF Plan



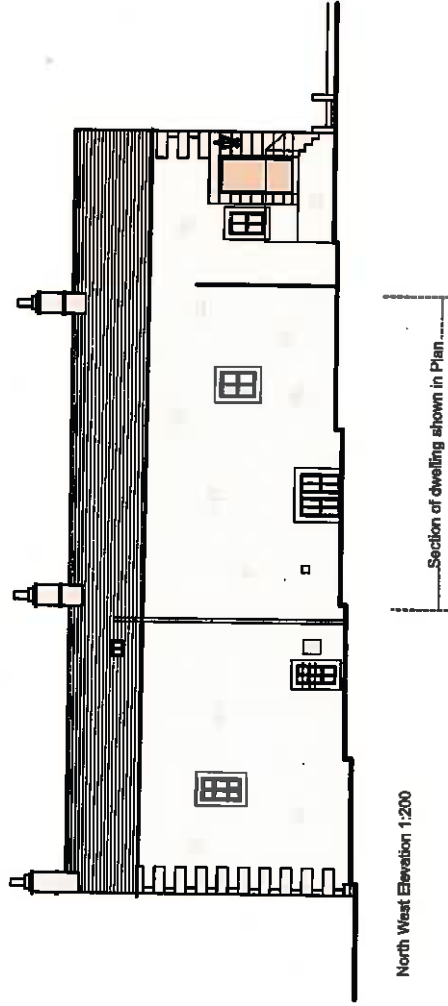
First Floor Plan 1:100

4 Design
Existing Lower GF Plan



Lower Ground Plan 1:100

4 Design
Existing North West (Rear) Elevation



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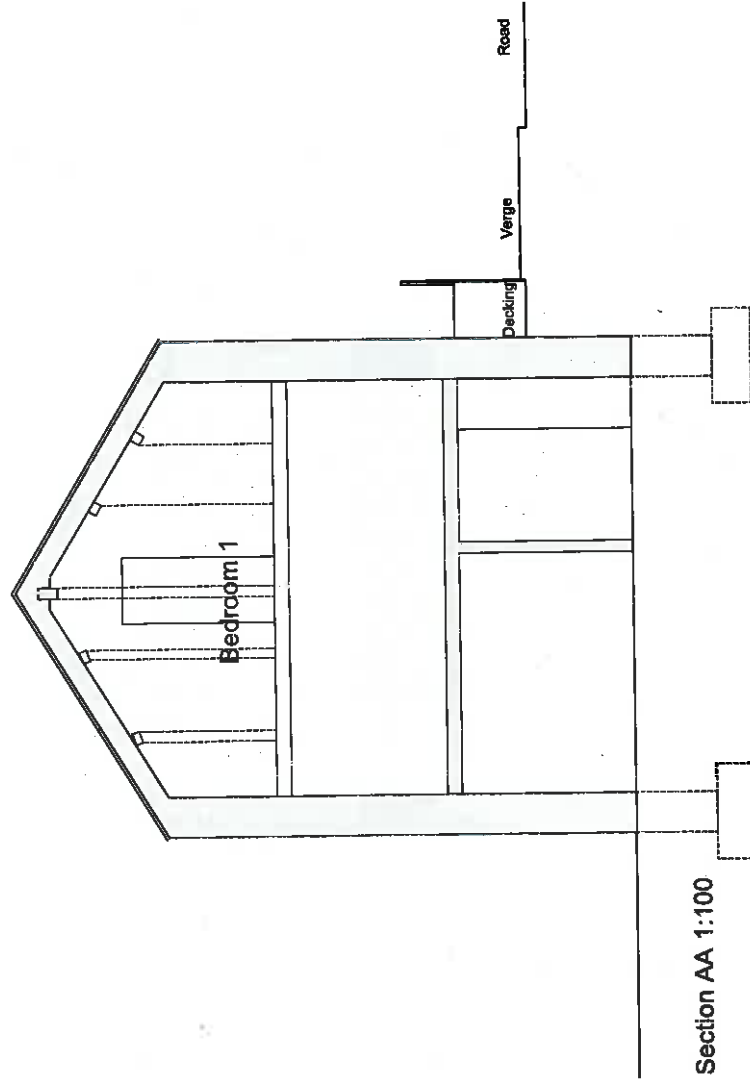
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Existing Section AA



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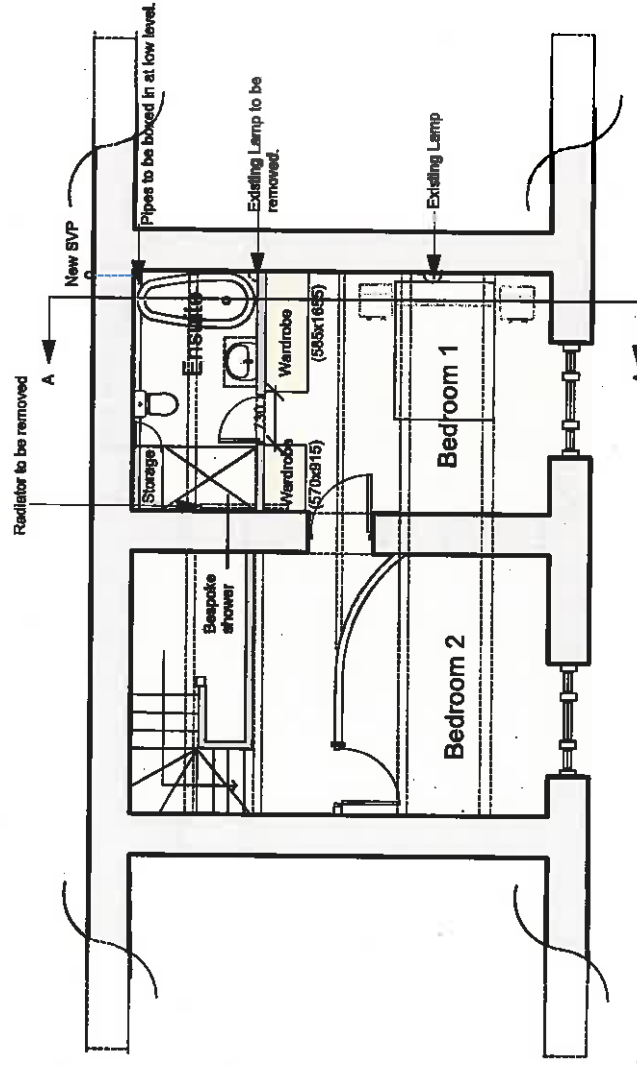
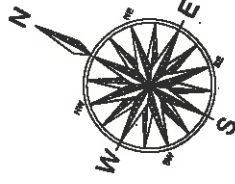
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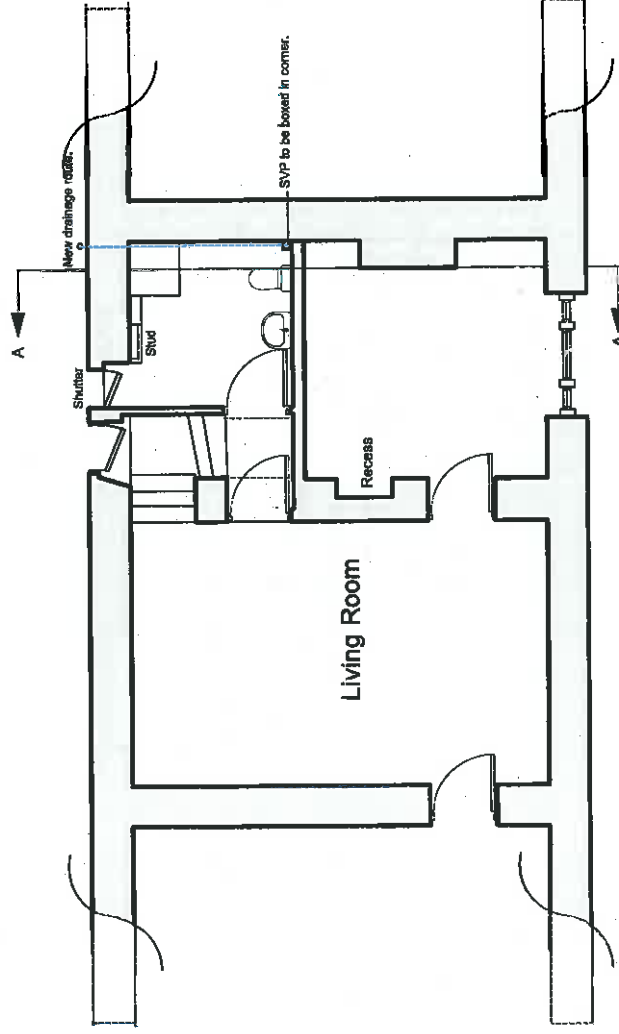
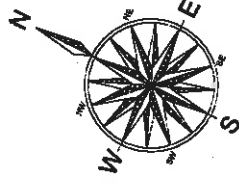
4 Design Proposed FF Plan



First Floor Plan 1:100

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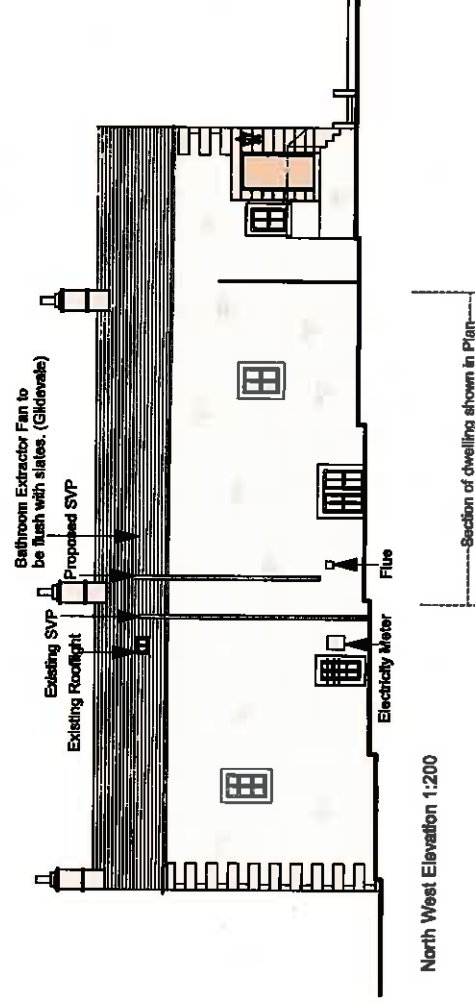
Proposed Lower Ground Floor Plan



Lower Ground Plan 1:100

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Proposed North West Rear Elevation



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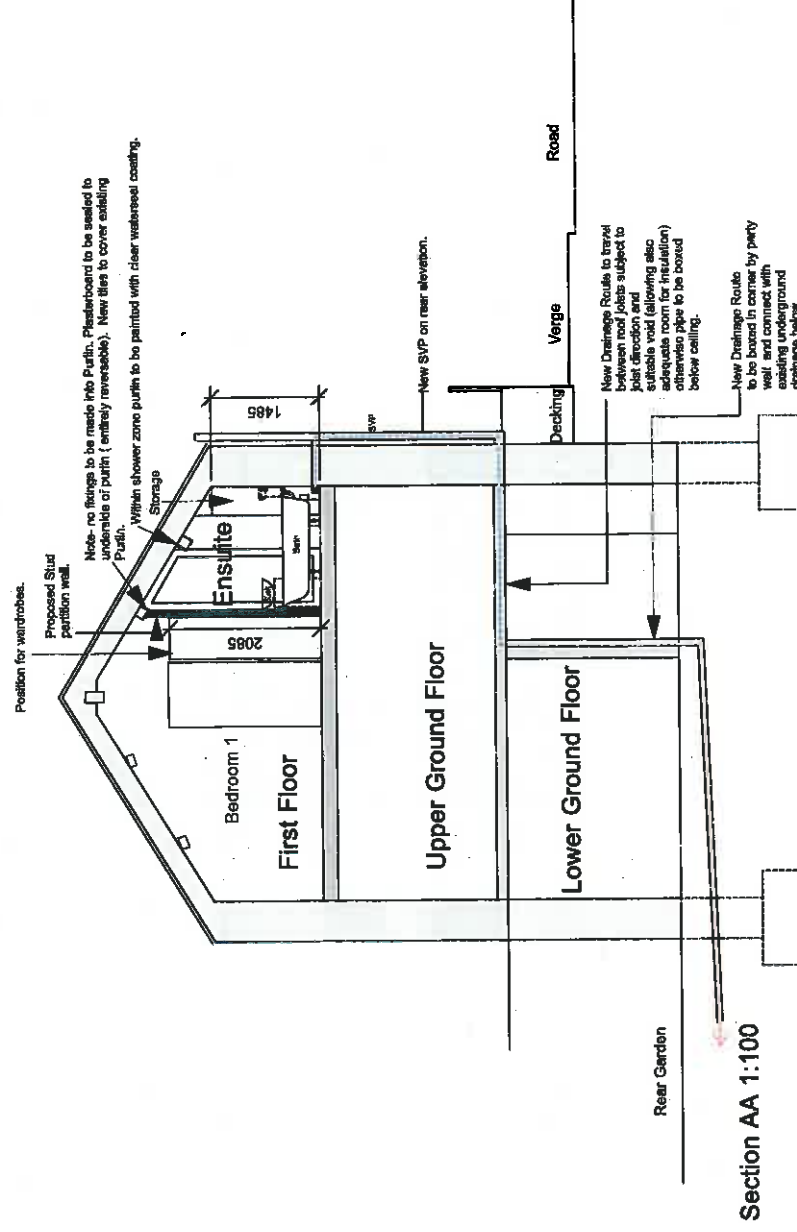
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Proposed Elevation and Section A



5 Evaluation

Usage & Amount

The proposals provide additional ensuite bathroom accommodation within the first floor of the dwelling. The total floor area where the alterations are proposed is 5.65 sqm.

Layout & Scale

The proposed bathroom is one of modest proportions with bespoke fittings to subtly merge with the existing low roof heights and exposed purlins.

