

# Report to Planning Committee

**25 October 2023**

<b>Application Reference</b>	DC/23/68367
<b>Application Received</b>	20 June 2023
<b>Application Description</b>	Proposed two storey side and single storey front/side/rear extensions.
<b>Application Address</b>	57 Valentine Road Oldbury B68 9AH
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Waqar Ahmed
<b>Ward</b>	Bristnall
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Beth Astley-Serougi <a href="mailto:Beth_AstleySerougi@sandwell.gov.uk">Beth_AstleySerougi@sandwell.gov.uk</a>

## 1 Recommendations

1.1 That planning permission is granted subject to conditions relating to:


- i) External Materials to match the existing property
- ii) The bathroom window on the rear elevation of the single storey rear extension is to be obscurely glazed and retained as such.
- iii) The window located on the first-floor side extensions is to be obscurely glazed and retained as such.



## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The proposed development would be of satisfactory design and would not significantly impact on the private amenity of neighbouring properties, in terms of loss of light, outlook and privacy.

## 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods
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## 4 Context

- 4.1 The application is being reported to your committee because it has received three objections.
- 4.2 To assist members with site context, a link to Google Maps is provided below:

[57 Valentine Road, Oldbury - Aerial View](#)

[57 Valentine Road, Oldbury - Street View](#)

## 5 Key Considerations

- 5.1 The site is not allocated within the Development Plan.
- 5.2 The material planning considerations which are relevant to this application are:-

Amenity concerns – Overlooking/loss of privacy, loss of light and outlook and overshadowing

Design concerns - appearance and materials, layout and density of building, wider visual amenity and overdevelopment



## 6. The Application Site

- 6.1 The application site relates to a three bedroom semi-detached property on the northern side of Valentine Road, Oldbury.

## 7. Planning History

- 7.1 There is no planning history for this property.

## 8. Application Details

- 8.1 The applicant seeks to construct a two-storey side and single storey front/side/rear extensions. After discussion the applicant has withdrawn plans for a roof extension and dormer. The number of bedrooms is to be increased to five.
- 8.2 The two-storey side (including single storey side) extension would measure as follows: Ground Floor: 7.2m in length at maximum and 2.4m in width at maximum. First Floor: 6.7m in length at maximum and 2.4m maximum in width.
- 8.3 The single storey front extension would measure as follows: 3.2m in height at maximum, 1m in depth and 2.4m maximum in width.
- 8.4 The single storey rear extension would measure as follows: 2.9m in height, 5m in length and 5.5m in width at maximum.

## 9. Publicity

- 9.1 The application has been publicised by neighbour notification letters with three objections received from residents.



## 9.2 Objections

Objections have been received on the following grounds:

- i) Loss of privacy to adjacent properties;
- ii) Loss of light to adjacent properties;
- iii) Loss of outlook to adjacent properties.

Non-material objections have been raised regarding loss of view and negative impact upon mental and physical health.

These objections will be addressed in section 13 (Material considerations).

## 10. Consultee responses

### 10.1 Canal and River Trust

No objections to the proposed development.

## 11. National Planning Policy

11.1 National Planning Policy Framework promotes sustainable development but states that local circumstances should be taken into account to reflect the character, needs and opportunities for each area.

11.2 The framework refers to development adding to the overall quality of the area by achieving high quality design, achieving good architecture and layouts.

11.3 Given the above, I believe the proposal accords with the provisions of the NPPF.



## 12. Local Planning Policy

12.1 The following policies of the council's Development Plan are relevant:

ENV3: Design Quality

SAD EOS9: Urban Design Principles

12.2 ENV3 and SAD EOS9 refers to well-designed schemes that provide quality living environments. The proposed layout and design are considered to be broadly acceptable. Although the first floor extension is flush to the original dwelling house, it is considered that due to the orientation of the property and its relationship with adjacent properties that the set down is sufficient enough to create a subservient design whilst ensuring usable space for the applicant.

## 13. Material Considerations

13.1 National and local planning policy considerations have been referred to above in Sections 11 and 12. With regards to the other material considerations, these are highlighted below:

### 13.2 Amenity concerns

With regards to the neighbouring property to the left of the applicants property, it is considered that the floor plans demonstrate that the ground floor and first floor side extensions would not significantly impact any loss of light for habitable windows to an extent that would warrant a refusal. The single storey rear extension is comprised of a flat roof with roof lantern and therefore has been designed sympathetically to limit any possible negative impact on neighbouring properties regarding loss of light or outlook. Therefore, it is my view that the ground floor side and rear extensions would not result in any significant loss of light to the adjoining semi-detached property nor other adjacent properties.



There is one window on the side elevation of the proposed first floor development and one toilet window on the ground floor rear extension both of which are recommended to be conditioned to be obscurely glazed and retained as such. It is therefore considered the privacy of the adjacent properties will be maintained.

The first-floor side extension is sympathetic to any possible impact upon neighbouring properties and does not project further than the existing rear elevation of the property. It is therefore considered that there will not be a significant impact upon loss of outlook or light for neighbouring properties.

### 13.3 Design concerns

In my opinion, the design of the extensions proposed is broadly satisfactory and I do not consider this would result in any undue harm to the character of the area. The side extension has been set down from the highest point of the roof. This results in a subordinate design to the original dwelling house. Due to the orientation of the applicant's property and its' relationship with neighbouring properties I do not consider the need for the set back of the first floor to be essential in achieving a subordinate design.

Amended plans have been received in which the applicant has omitted plans for a roof extension and loft conversion. This has ensured that the amended plans would not be overly dominant, erode legibility of the street scene nor result in an imposing design upon the neighbouring properties.

The front extension I do not consider to erode the original character of the dwelling house, nor will it impact the visual amenity of the surrounding area. The window proposed will assimilate with the original character of the dwelling house.



Furthermore, I do not consider the proposed development to constitute overdevelopment of the plot considering the level or remaining space to the front and rear of the property.

## 14. Conclusion

On balance the proposal accords with the provisions of relevant development plan policies and there are no significant material considerations which warrant refusal that could not be controlled by conditions.

## 15 Alternative Options

15.1 Refusal of the application is an option if there are material planning reasons for doing so. In my opinion the proposal is compliant with relevant polices and there are no material considerations that would justify refusal.

## 16 Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	When a planning application is refused the applicant has a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, and they can make a claim for costs against the Council.
<b>Legal and Governance:</b>	This application is submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
<b>Risk:</b>	None.
<b>Equality:</b>	There are no equality issues arising from this proposal and therefore an equality impact assessment has not been carried out.
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	None.
<b>Social Value</b>	None.
<b>Climate Change</b>	Sandwell Council supports the transition to a low carbon future, in a way that takes full account of the need to adapt to and mitigate climate change. Proposals that help to shape places in ways that



contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including the conversion of existing buildings; and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure, will be welcomed.

## 17. Appendices

Location Plan - 1

Amended Proposed Floor Plans - **WA223-02 REV C**

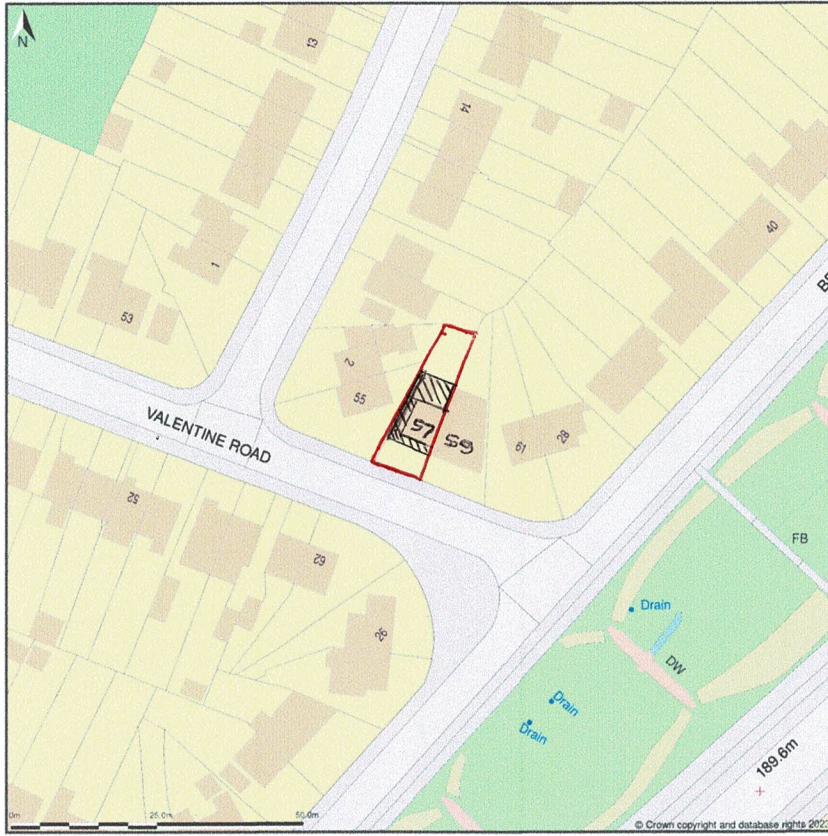
Amended Proposed Elevation Plans - **WA223-03 REV C**

Existing Floor and Elevation Plans - **WA223-01**





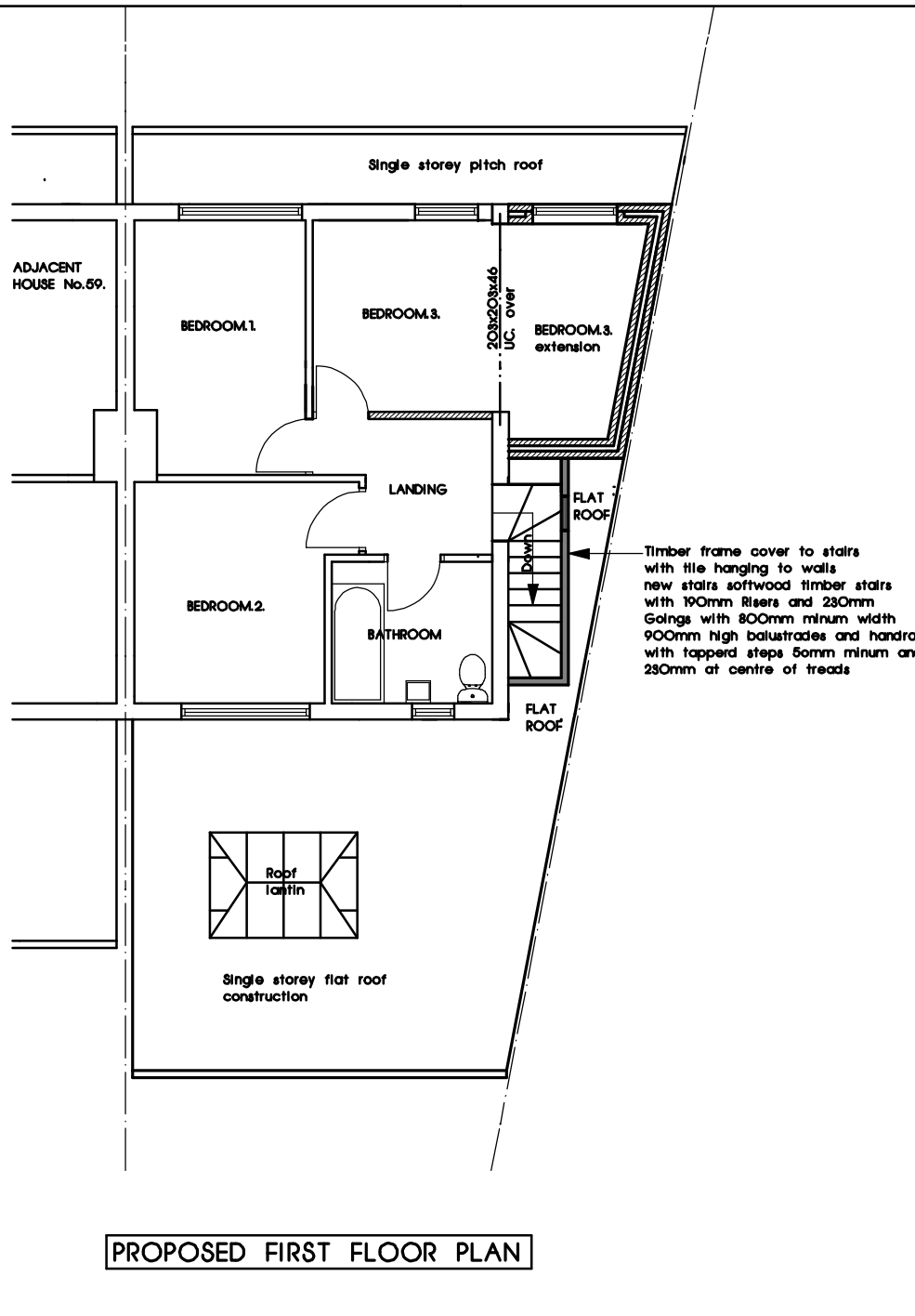
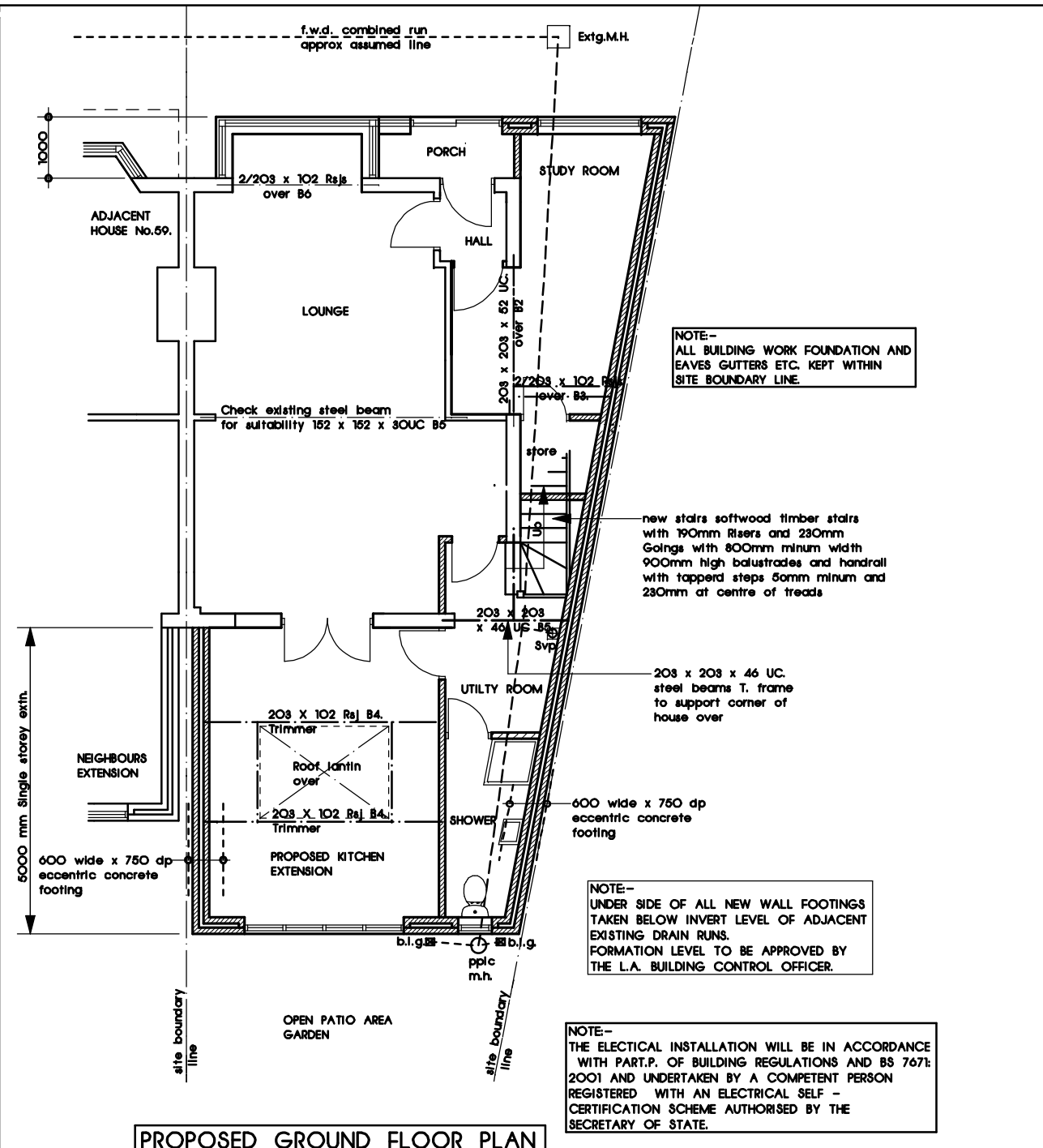
57, Valentine Road, Oldbury, Sandwell, B68 9AH



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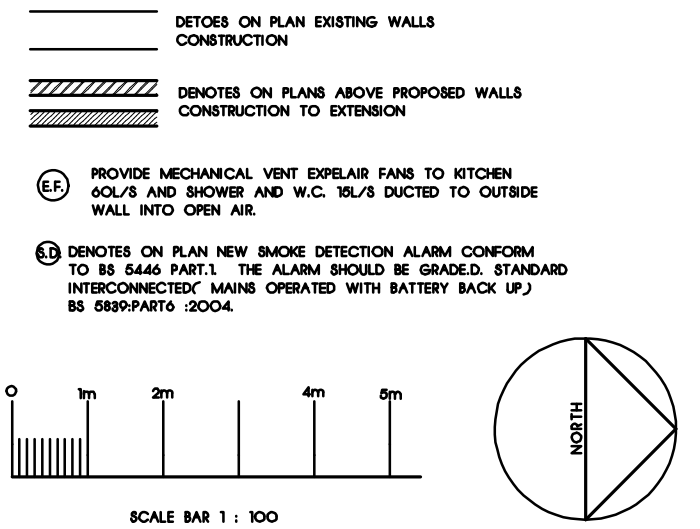
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**NOTE:-**  
 1) ALL STRUCTURAL STEELWORK TO BE ENCASED IN 15mm THICK GYPSUM FIRE LINE FIXED TO TIMBER CRADLES AND SKIMMED TO GIVE HALF AN HOUR FIRE PROTECTION.  
 2) UNDERSIDE OF STAIRS LINED WITH 13mm THICK GYPSUM FIRELINE AND SKIMMED.  
 3) TIMBER STUD PARTITION 75 X 50 TIMBER STUDS PLUS NOGGINGS AT 600 CENTRES WITH 50mm GYPROC SOUND INSULATION FIXED BETWEEN JOISTS BOTH SIDES LINED WITH 13mm THICK PLASTERBOARD + SKIMMED.

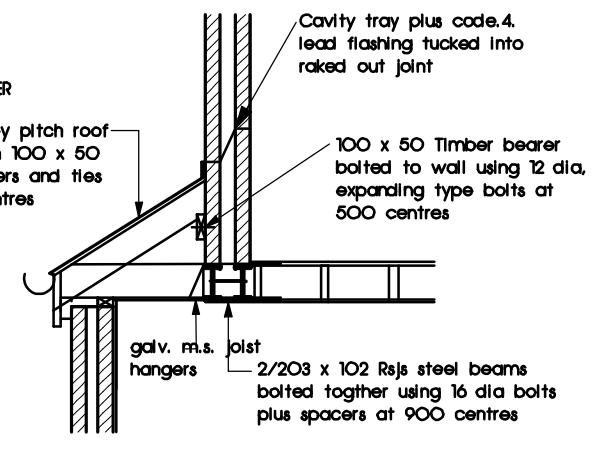
**HEATING**  
 CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE EXISTING BOILER HAS ADEQUATE CAPACITY FOR ADDITIONAL RADIATOR IN LIVINGROOM EXTENSION.  
 EXISTING BOILER MIN.SEDBUK OF 96% FOR MAINS NATURAL GAS BOILER.



- NOTES :-**
- 1) PROVIDE IN NEW CAVITY WALL CONSTRUCTION EXPANSION JOINTS AT 12m MAXIMUM IN BRICKWORK EXTERNAL LEAF AND 6m CENTRES IN INTERNAL BLOCKWORK LEAF.
  - 2) PROVIDE CAVITY TRAY AT SINGLE STOREY ROOF ABUTMENTS WITH NEW CAVITY WALL AT LEAD FLASHING LEVEL.
  - 3) EXISTING SOLID CONCRETE FLOOR SLAB CONSTRUCTION TO ALL GROUND FLOOR LEVEL.
  - 4) ALL INTERNAL WET ROOMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH EXPELRAIR MECHANICAL VENTILATION FAN 15L/S. WITH A 15 MINTUES TIMED OVER - RUN AND DUCTED TO THE OUTSIDE AIR.
  - 5) ALL DOORS TO KITCHEN , UTILITY ROOM , WET ROOM AND BATHROOMS SHOULD HAVE UNDERCUT OF 10mm ABOVE THE FLOOR FINISH FOR A STANDARD 760mm WIDE DOORS TO ENSURE A GOOD TRANSFER OF AIR THROUGHOUT THE DWELLING.
  - 6) A PERMANENT VENTILATION - OPENING EQUAL TO 1/20 th. OF THE COMBINED FLOOR AREA SHOULD BE PROVIDED BETWEEN DINING ROOM AND LOUNGE.
  - 7) ALTERNATIVE TO ABOVE PURGE VENTILATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE LOUNGE EQUAL TO 1/20th. OF FLOOR AREA I.E. BAY WINDOW OPENING TO EQUATE 1/20th. OF THE FLOOR AREA OR ALTERNATIVELY BY MECHANICAL MEANS E.G. EXPELRAIR FAN EQUAL TO 4 ACH.

- 8) WINDOWS AND ROOF LIGHTS SHOULD ACHIEVE A WINDOW ENERGY RATING ( WER ) BAND C. OR BETTER OR A U. VALUE OF 1.6W/m<sup>2</sup> K. OR BETTER. CONFIRMATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPROVED DOCUMENT L1B 2010 I.E. THIS MAY BE IN FORM OF WINDOW ENERGY RATING ( WER ) DECLARATION FROM CERTIFICATION SCHEME THAT PROVIDES A QUALITY - ASSURED PROCESS AND SUPPORTING ADUIT TRAIL FROM CALCULATING PERFORMANCE OF WINDOW THROUGH TO THE INSTALLATION AS EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE.
- 9) EXTERNAL DOORS SHOULD ACHIEVE A U. VALUE OF 1.80 W/m<sup>2</sup> K OR BETTER. PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH APPROVED DOCUMENT L1B 201.

**FIRST FLOOR CONSTRUCTION**  
 19mm THICK T & G TIMBER BOARDS FIXED TO 200 X 50 TIMBER FLOOR JOISTS AT 400 CENTRES  
 INSULATION TO FLOOR OVER GARAGE AND UNDESIDE LINED WITHALL NEW FIRST FLOOR AND PARTITIONS TO HAVE 100mm GYPROC SOUND INSULATION SUSPENDED BETWEEN JOISTS WITH CHICKEN WIRE MESH FIXED TO JOISTS  
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**SINGLE STOREY ROOF ABUTMENT TO WALL**

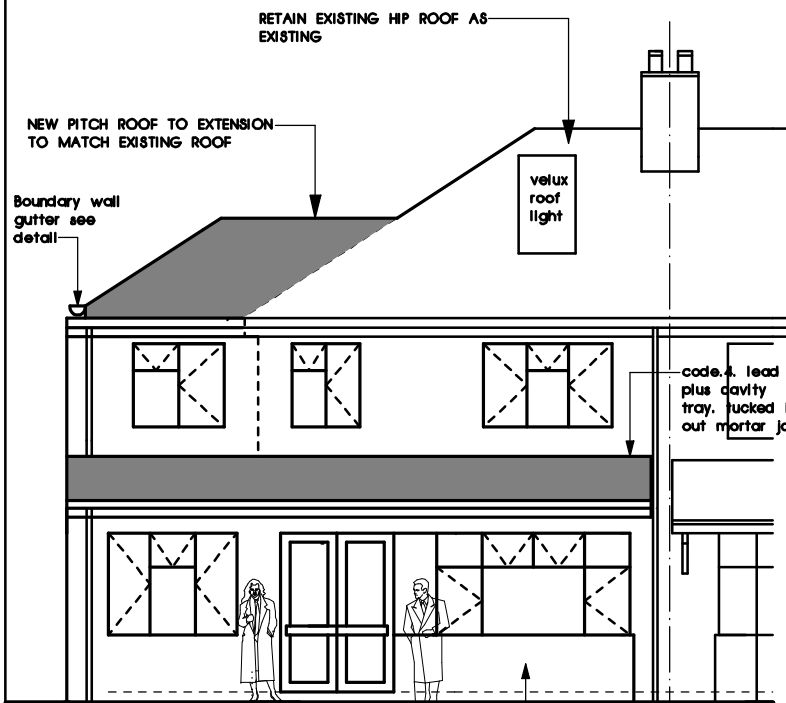
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**PROPOSED TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND SINLE STOREY EXTENSIONS AT 57 VALENTINE ROAD OLDBURY WEST MIDLANDS B68 9AH**

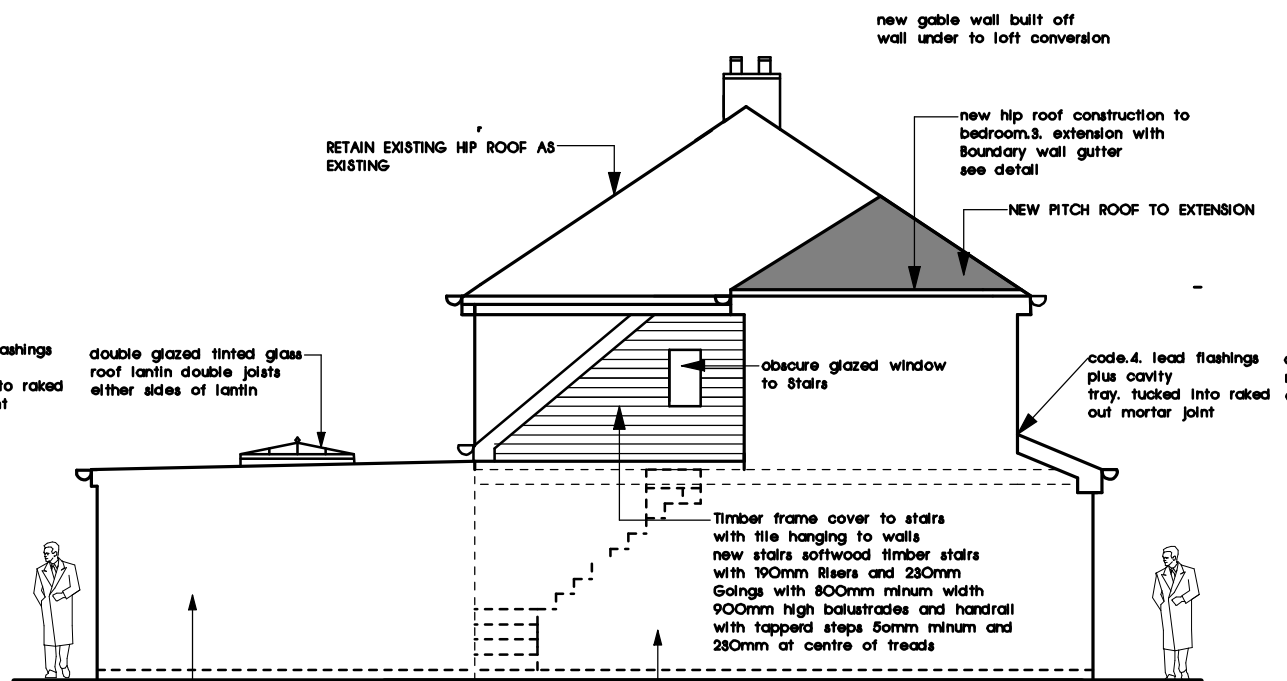
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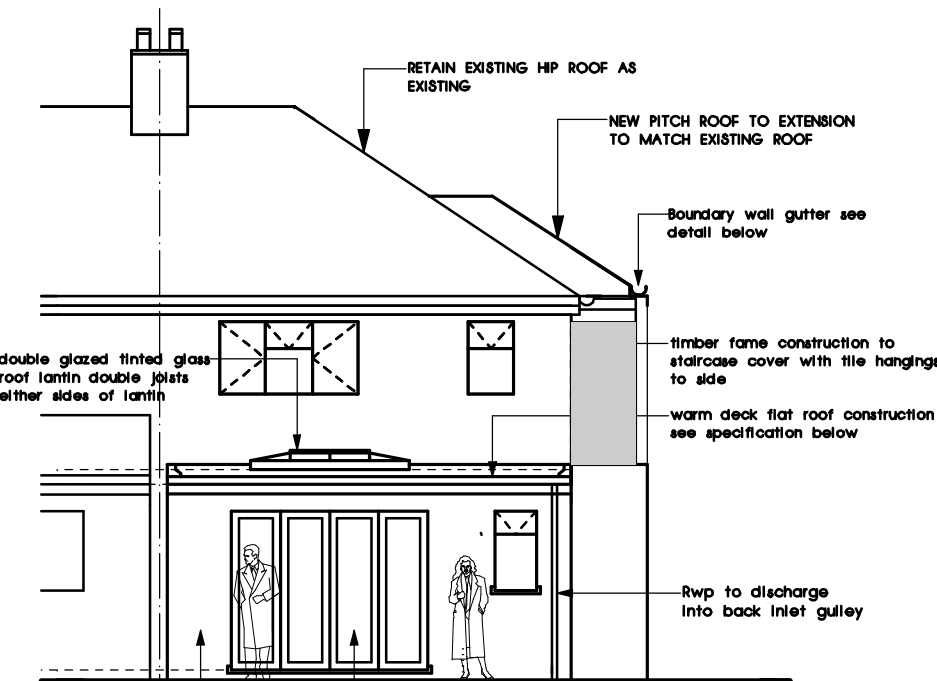


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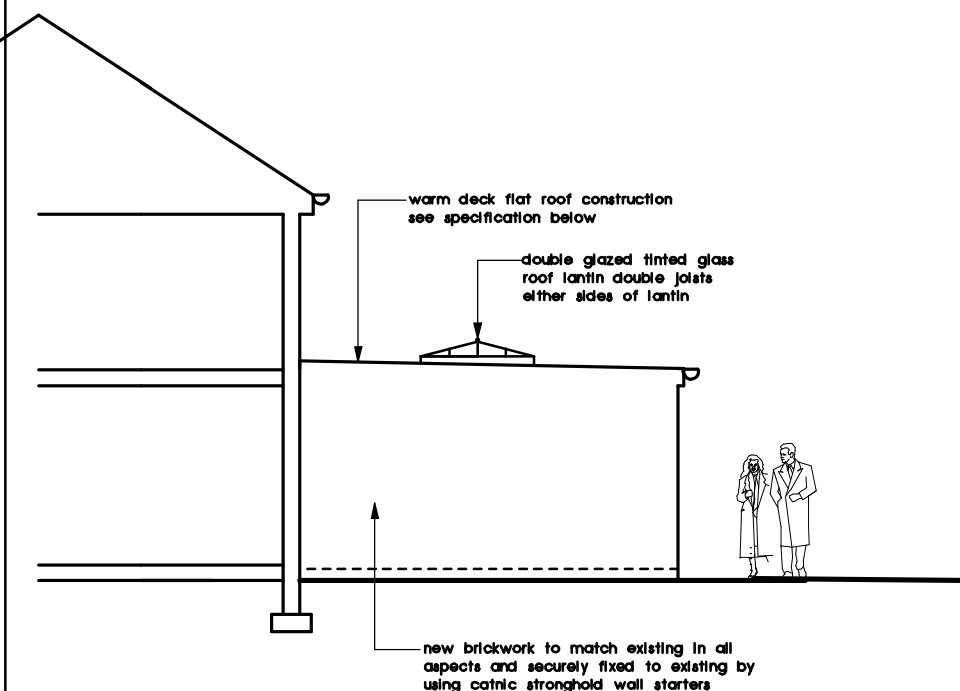


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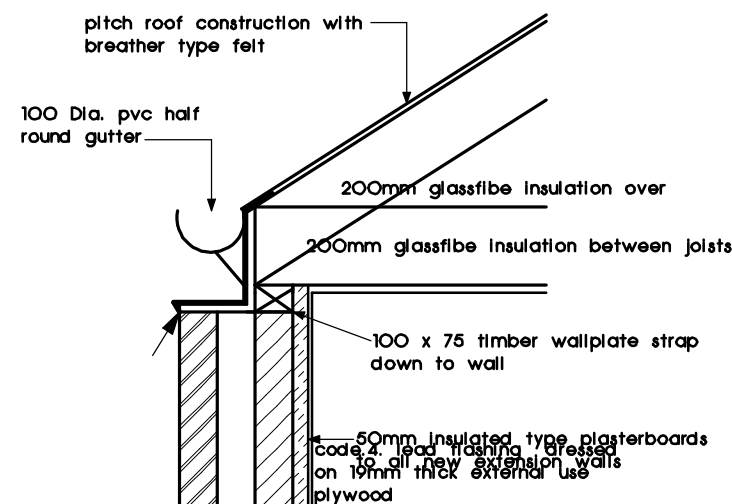


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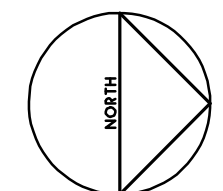
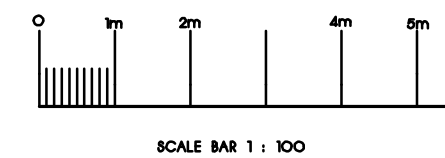
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BOUNDARY WALL GUTTER DETAIL

NOTE:-  
PROVIDE EMMERGANCY EGRESS OPENINGS TO ALL FIRST FLOOR HABITABLE ROOMS WITH MINIMUM CLEAR OPENING OF 750 X450 CLEAR UNOBSTRUCTED OPENING.



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