

**PROJECT SITE: 48 DEANE CROFT ROAD EASTCOTE PINNER, HA5 1SR**

**APPLICATION REFERENCE NO. 13438/APP/2024/2061**

**DESCRIPTION:** Erection of single storey side, front and rear extensions. Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include a rear dormer, roof lights and conversion of roof from hip to gable end with new gable end window. Amendments to fenestration, patio paving to rear and bin storage to front (Partially retrospective application) revised description 08/10/24

Dear Emilie Bateman

In response to the points raised, please find our detailed explanations below, expanded with further reasoning to demonstrate compliance with Hillingdon Council's latest planning policies and design standards.

### **Expanded Responses to Points Raised**

Below is the summary of the concerns raised:

1. Loss of light
2. Loss of privacy
3. Loss of outlook
4. Development not in accordance to approved plans
5. Overdevelopment
6. Party Wall Agreement issues
7. Construction disruption (including noise, dust, hours etc.)
8. Breaches front building line
9. Flooding concerns
10. Parking concerns / ambiguity

### **Volume Calculations and Light Analysis Summary**

The light study and volume calculations confirm that the proposed extension will not reduce light access for neighbouring properties or result in overdevelopment (Refer Appendix A below).

- **Volume and Massing Compliance:** Calculations show that the office extension volume (2A) remains at 30m<sup>3</sup>, identical to the existing structure, thus adhering to BRE light and massing standards. This approach ensures no adverse impact on neighbouring properties.
- **Light-Preserving Design:** Partial glazing has been incorporated to allow natural light flow while preserving privacy, which meets Hillingdon's principles for good design by balancing light access with visual discretion.

### **Point No. 04: Development Not in Accordance with Approved Plans**

The concern that the development deviates from approved plans is addressed by confirming that this current application transparently includes all proposed variations. This aligns with Hillingdon Council's planning policy, which permits minor design changes as long as they remain consistent with the approved design's intent and meet policy guidelines.

- **Design Consistency:** The proposal preserves the architectural character and scale of the initial design, ensuring visual harmony with the neighbourhood.
- **Promoting Good Design:** Hillingdon Council values adaptable design that respects existing character, and this proposal balances functional improvements with sensitivity to surrounding properties.

### **Design Justification for Angled Roof Profile**

The angled roof profile has been carefully designed to follow the existing approved roof profile, preserving continuity with the original scheme and adhering to Hillingdon Council's guidelines on massing and bulk. The empirical data presented in the supporting documentation confirms that the angled design results in a negligible impact, with a 6% reduction in outlook for adjacent properties and no measurable effect on sunlight access. This roof design was specifically developed to minimize visual bulk and massing at the boundary, a priority highlighted during extensive discussions with neighbouring residents. To address these concerns, the client agreed to this roof form as a measure to enhance neighbourly relations, resulting in a design where the internal ceiling height along the perimeter is limited to 2.1m. This decision directly reflects the commitment to reduce perceived massing and promote a harmonious relationship with the surrounding properties. The resulting structure is not only congruent with the previously approved scheme but also demonstrates sensitivity to neighbour feedback. Further, all roof heights have now been meticulously verified to align with Hillingdon's SPD guidelines, ensuring compliance with local planning standards.

**Point No. 07: Construction Disruption (Noise, Dust, Hours, etc.)**

The application includes measures to minimize construction disruption, addressing concerns around noise, dust, and hours of work. Hillingdon's planning policy emphasizes the importance of reducing disturbances, and this proposal adheres to these guidelines as follows:

- **Construction Hours Compliance:** Restricted working hours (Monday-Friday 8 am - 5 pm, Saturday 9 am - 1 pm) align with Hillingdon's noise control policies, prioritizing community comfort.
- **Noise and Dust Control:** The use of modern, well-maintained equipment and regular inspection reduces the likelihood of excessive noise or dust, meeting the council's standards for considerate construction practices.
- **Good Neighbour Practices:** The policy-compliant approach to noise minimization, including the avoidance of loud music and early-morning work, reflects a commitment to respecting neighbours' quality of life.

**Additional Points (06, 08, 09, 10): Party Wall, Building Line, Flooding, Parking**

- **Party Wall Compliance:** Party wall agreements were resolved before construction, and this matter lies outside the council's planning jurisdiction.
- **Building Line Compliance:** The development does not breach the front building line, consistent with Hillingdon's policy to maintain visual continuity in streetscapes.
- **Flooding and Drainage:** No changes to drainage systems are proposed, adhering to sustainable practices supported by Hillingdon Council's flood risk management guidelines.
- **Parking Provisions:** The driveway remains unchanged, ensuring no impact on parking availability or local infrastructure.

**Response to Case Officer:**

We would like to emphasize our ongoing engagement with the council since 2021, reflecting a commitment to transparency and collaboration. Below are key points from our interactions with council representatives, underscoring their understanding of the project as an infill of existing space:

1. **Katherine Mills (June 2021):** Katherine Mills initially reviewed the plans and expressed no concerns, understanding our proposal as an infill of existing space, aligned with standard development practices.
2. **Enforcement Officer Isaac (July 2024):** During an on-site visit, Enforcement Officer Isaac observed the project and confirmed that the works were limited to infilling and existing space usage, with no objections.
3. **Emilie Bateman (September 2024):** Emilie also visited the site, acknowledged that the project involved only infill within existing space, and confirmed there were no light restrictions affecting neighbouring properties. Both Emilie and Isaac noted that, while neighbour feedback is reviewed, it does not determine the council's final decision.

The supporting documentation effectively addresses and mitigates neighbour concerns related to light, privacy, and perceived overdevelopment. Each concern has been reviewed and addressed, ensuring minimal community impact.

In light of these points, we trust the council will consider our consistent communication and previous council representatives' lack of concerns. This history supports our position that the development respects neighbourhood context and meets council standards.

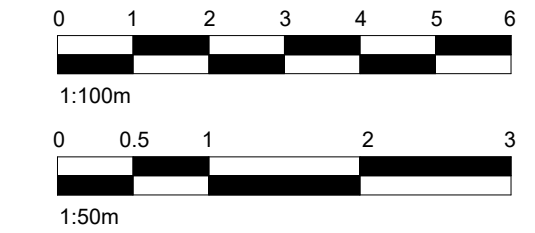
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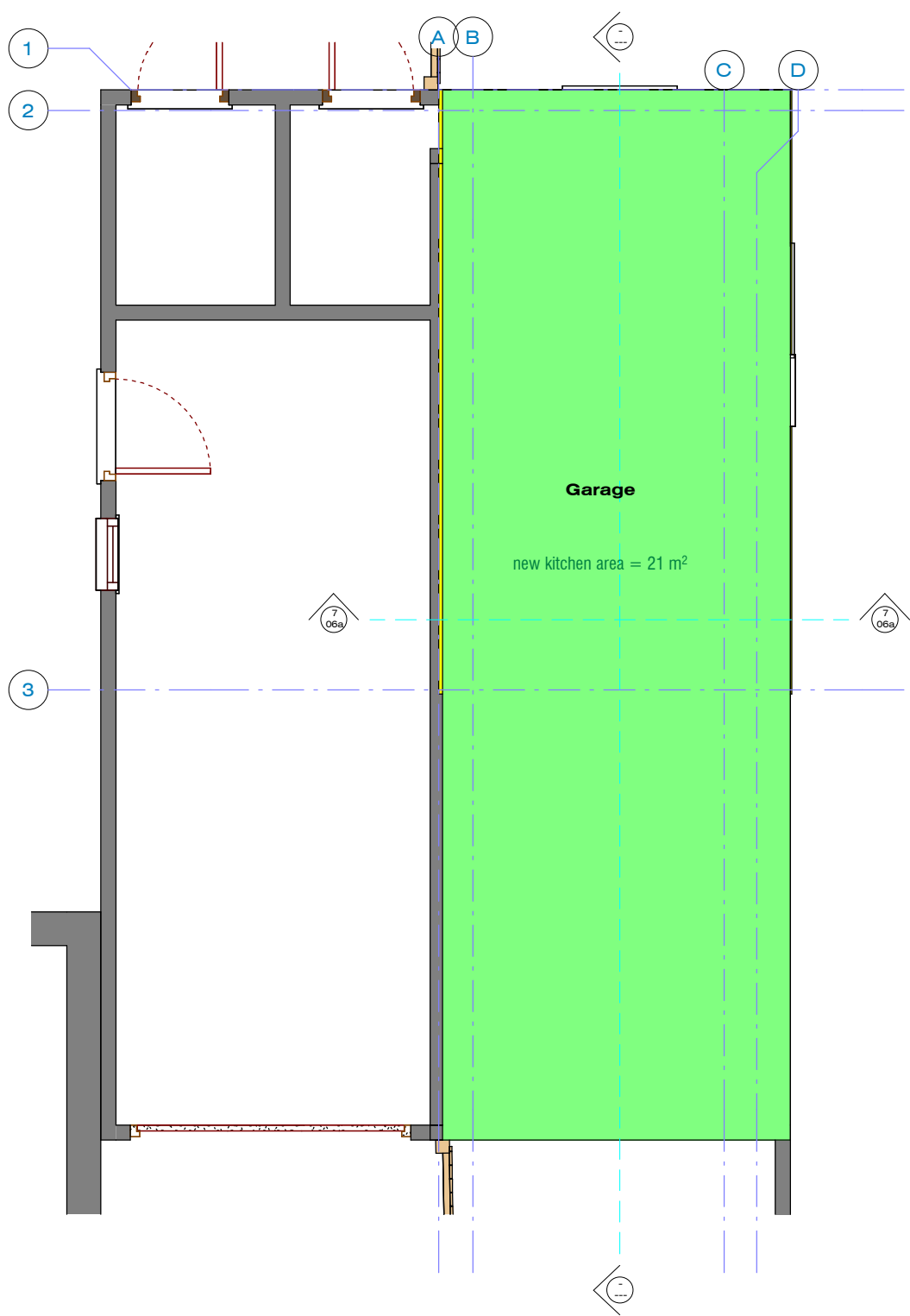
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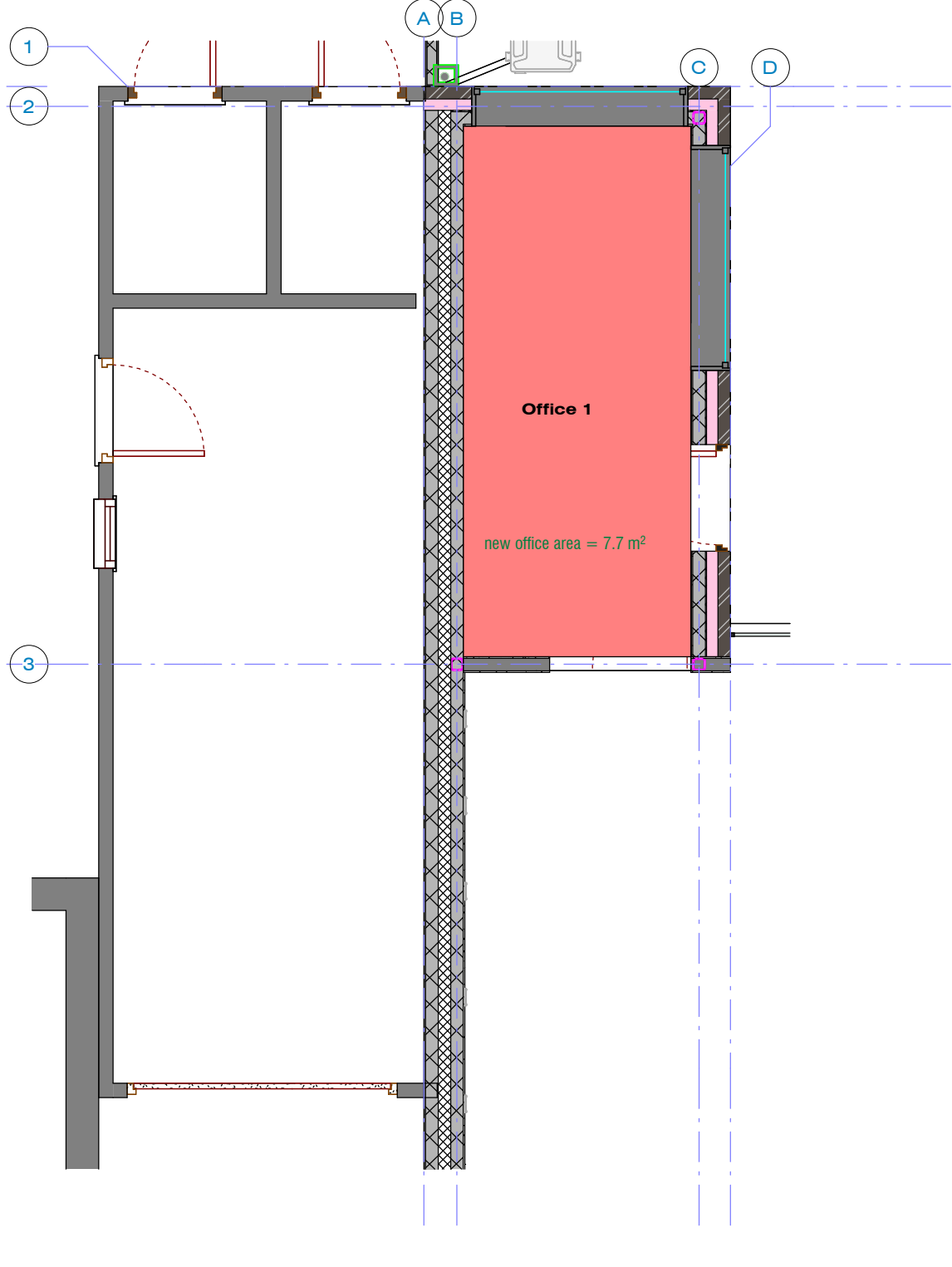
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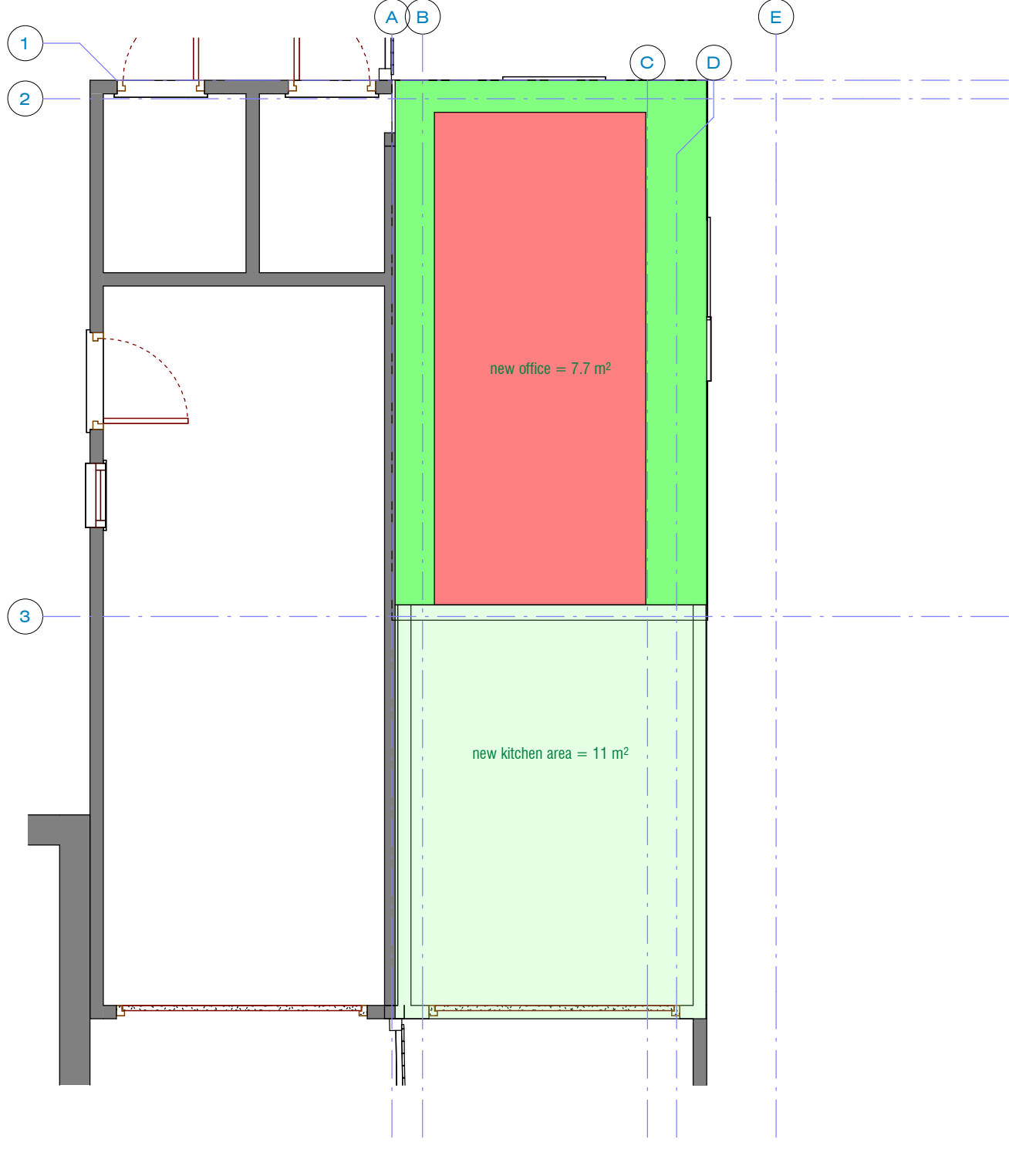
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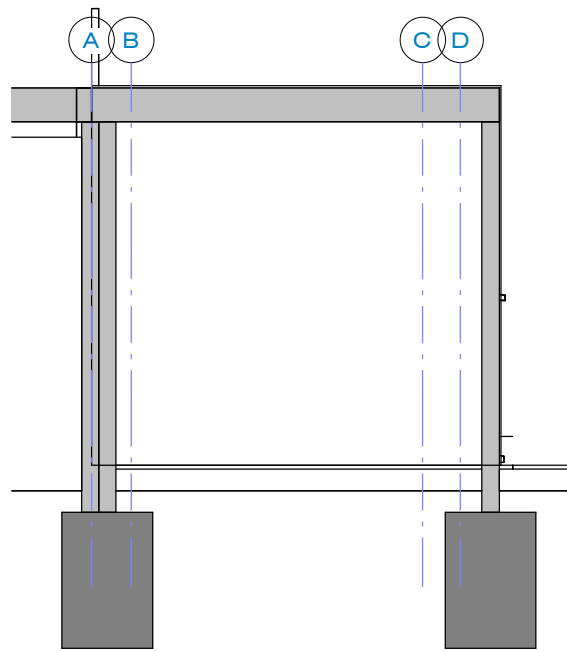
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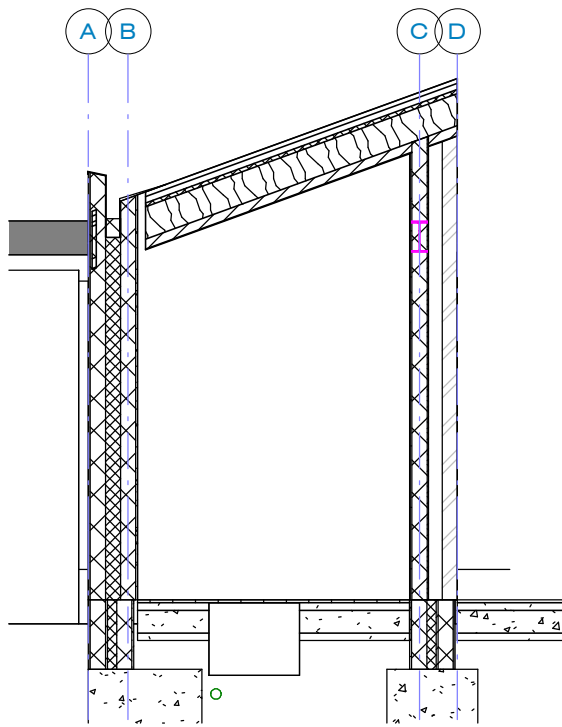
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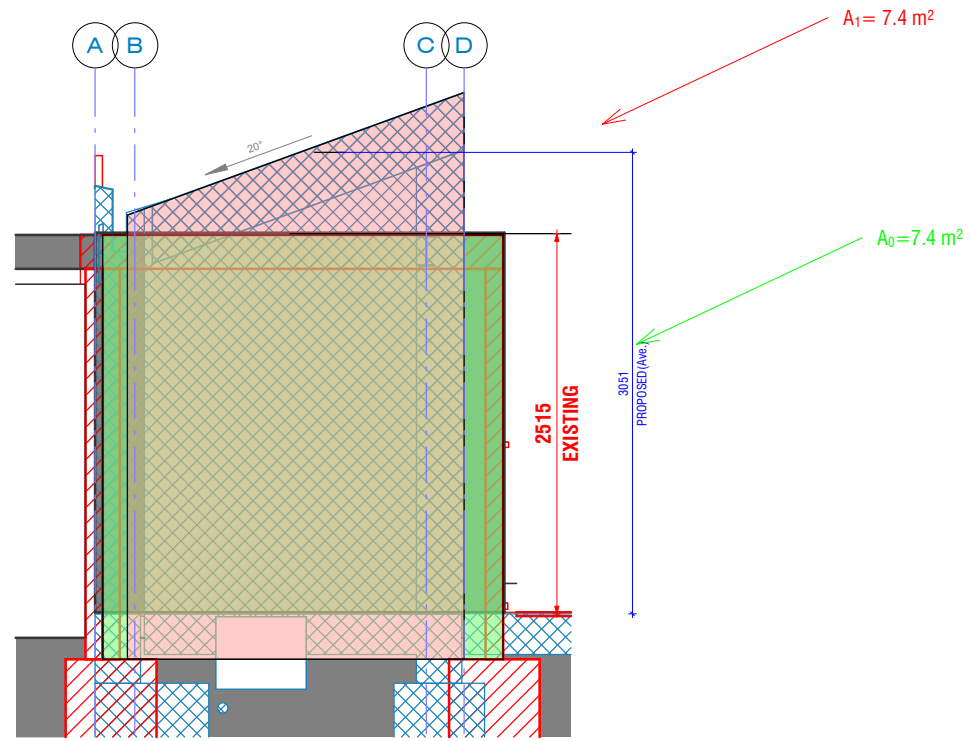
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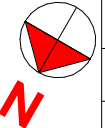
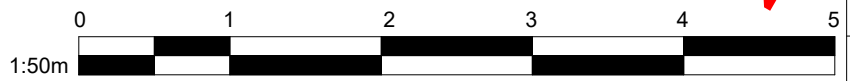
**7** Garage H Section  
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**8** Garage H Section.  
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**9** Garage H Section/Ex vs Pro  
1 : 50





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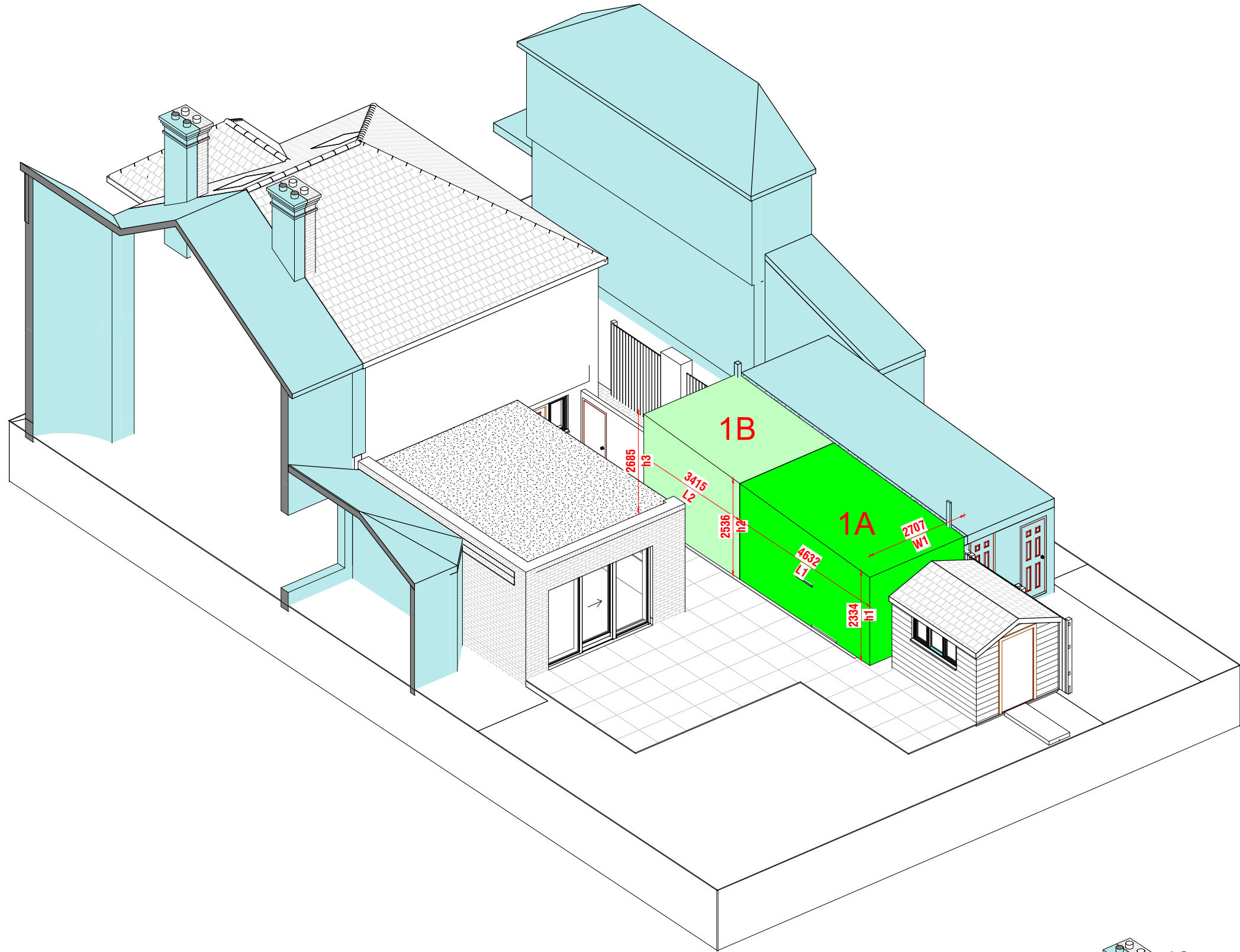
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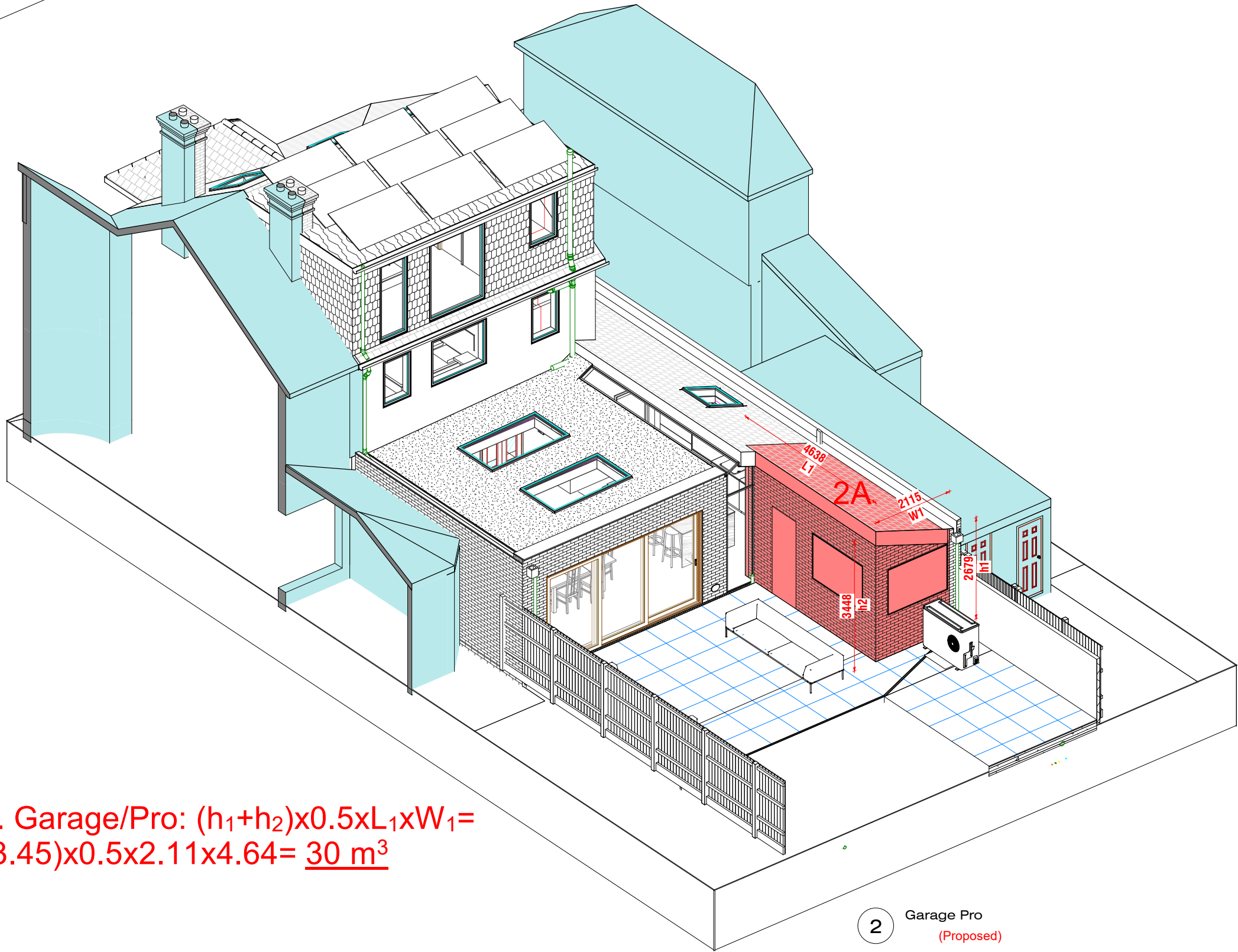
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(2.54+2.68)x0.5x3.41x2.71= 24.14 m<sup>3</sup>

Vol(1A). Replaced structure of Garage/Ex: (h<sub>1</sub>  
+h<sub>2</sub>)x0.5xL<sub>1</sub>xW<sub>1</sub>=  
(2.35+2.54)x0.5x4.63x2.71= 30.68 m<sup>3</sup>



2 Garage Pro  
(Proposed)

Vol(2A). Garage/Pro: (h<sub>1</sub>+h<sub>2</sub>)x0.5xL<sub>1</sub>xW<sub>1</sub>=  
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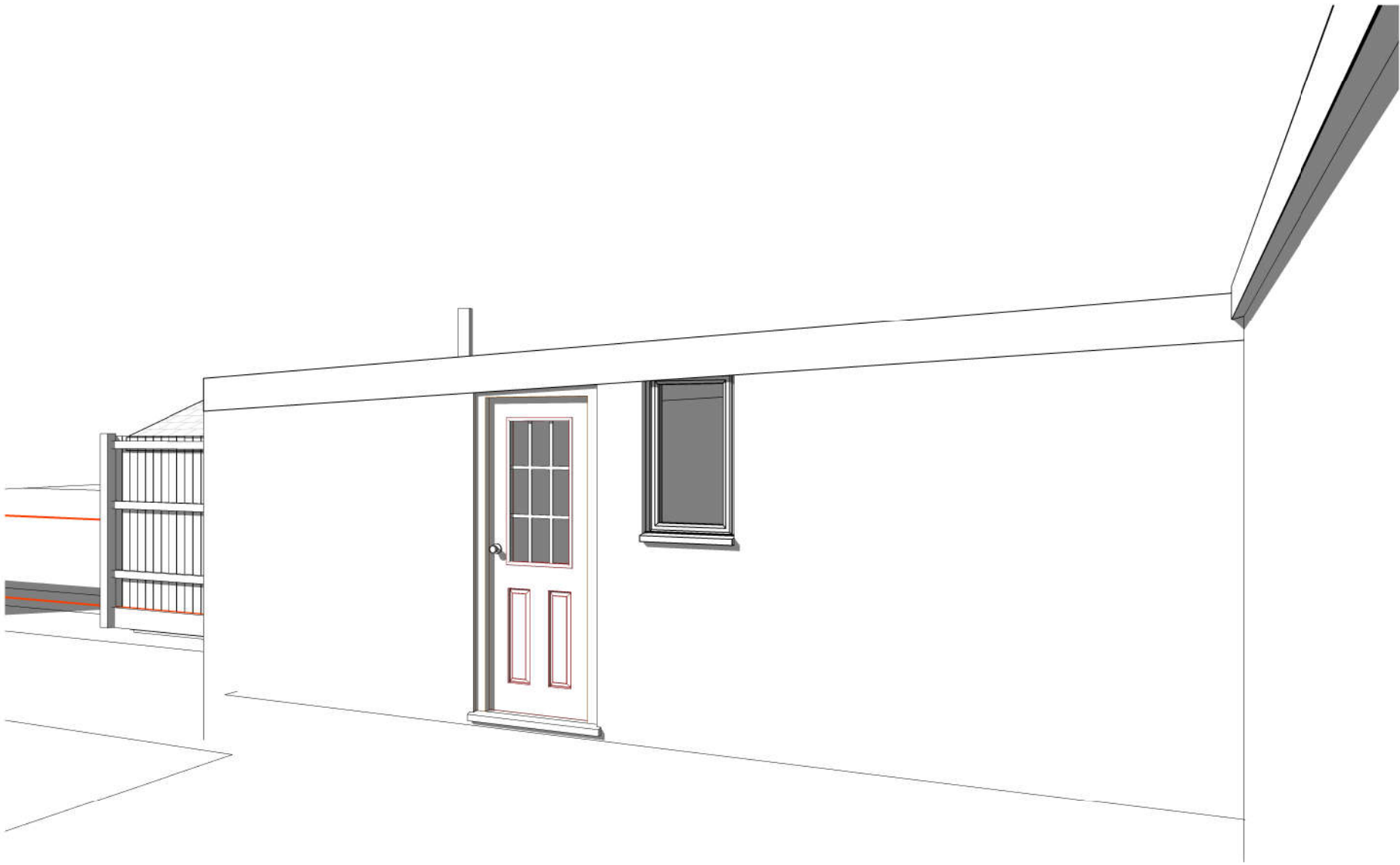
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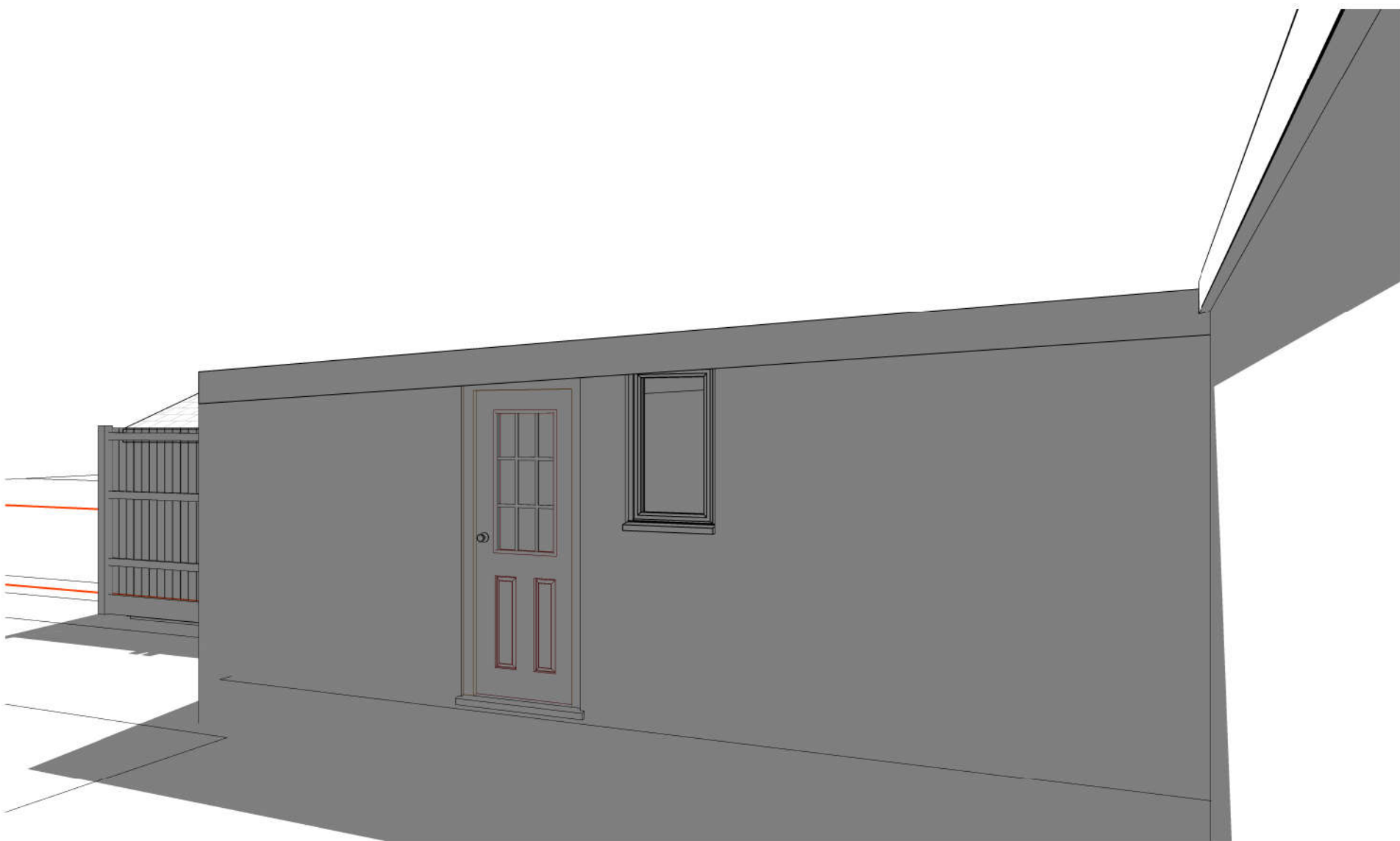
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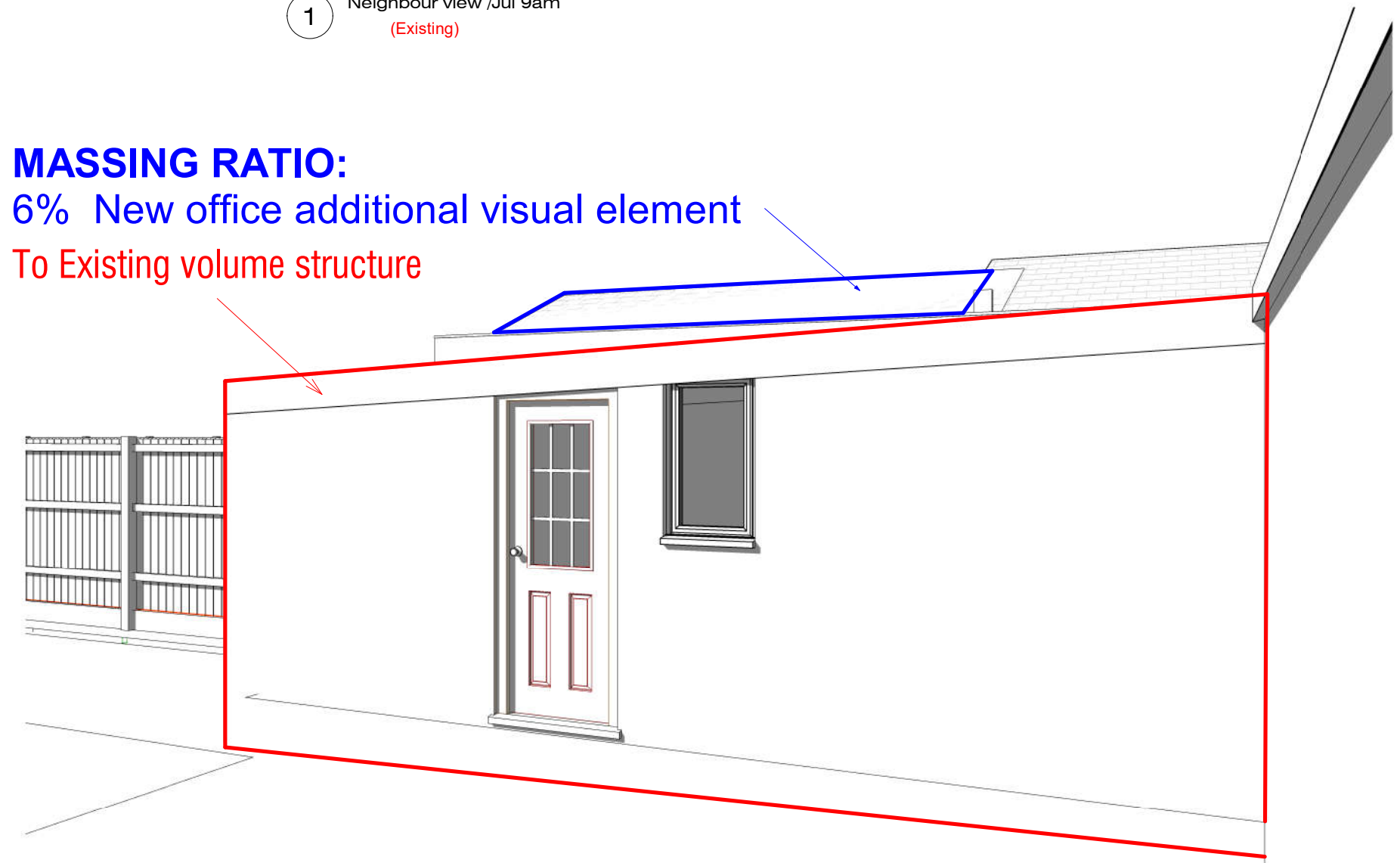


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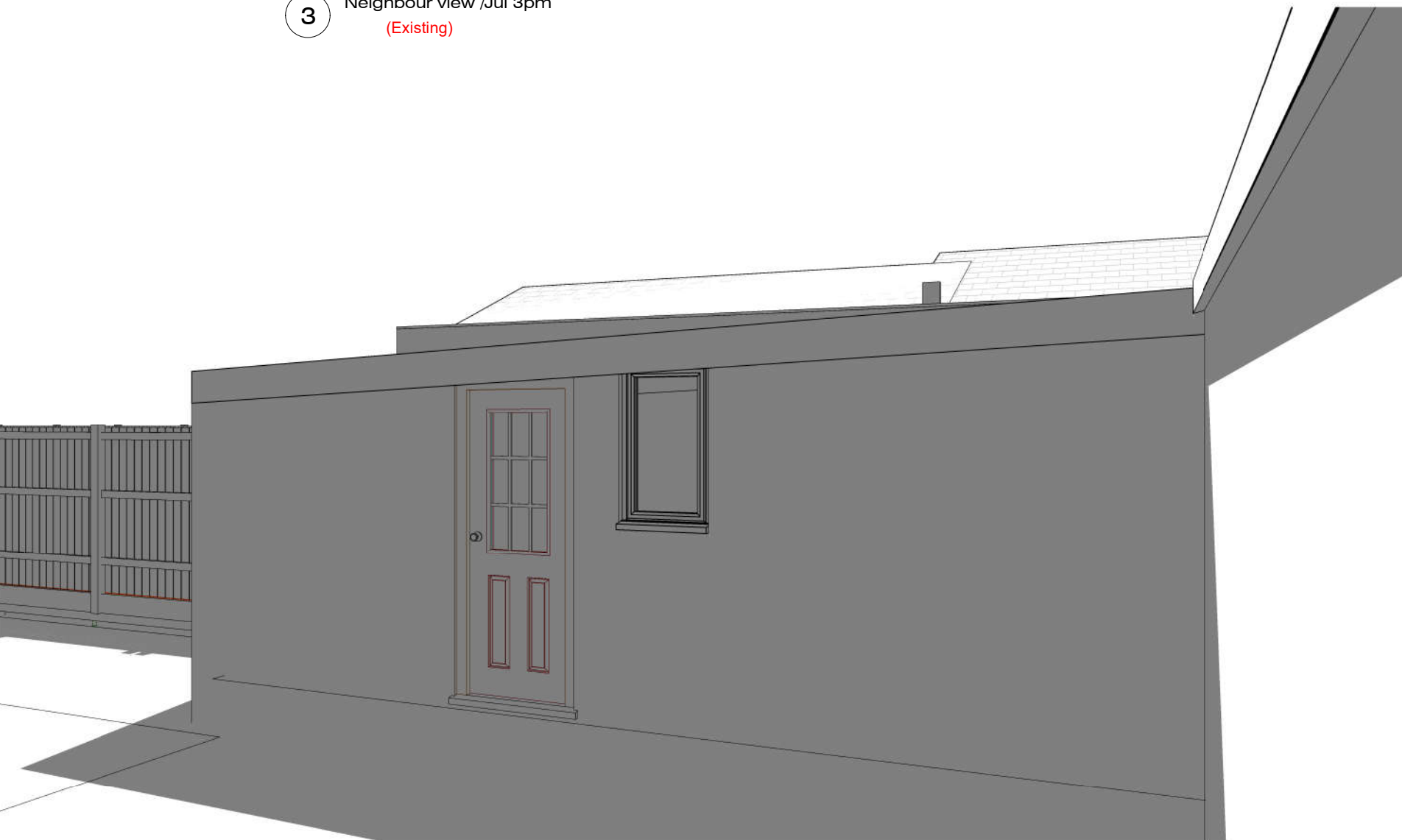


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**MASSING RATIO:**  
6% New office additional visual element  
To Existing volume structure



2 Neighbour view /Jul 9am.  
(Proposed)



4 Neighbour view /Jul 3pm.  
(Proposed)