

# **Memorandum to the City of Markham Committee of Adjustment**

January 25, 2019

**File:** A/03/19  
**Address:** 154 Ramona Blvd, Markham  
**Applicant:** Darya & Ardevan Bakhtari  
**Agent:** Markham High Tech Inc. Architects (Michael Forte)  
**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 06, 2019

The following comments are provided on behalf of the East Team:

The applicant is requesting relief from the following requirements of By-law 1229, R1, as amended:

**a) Infill By-law 99-90, Section 1.2 (vi):**

a maximum Net Floor Area Ratio of 53 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum Net Floor Area Ratio of 45 percent;

as it relates to a proposed addition at the rear of an existing residential dwelling.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Property Description**

The 615.27 m<sup>2</sup> (6,622.71 ft<sup>2</sup>) subject property is located on the north side of Ramona Boulevard, south of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and west of 9<sup>th</sup> line. The property is located within a residential neighbourhood comprised of a mix of one and two-storey detached dwellings built in the early 1970s. There is an existing back-split detached 280.2 m<sup>2</sup> (3,016 ft<sup>2</sup>) dwelling on the property, which according to assessment records was constructed in 1973. Mature vegetation exists on the property.

### **Proposal**

The applicant is proposing a 44.35 m<sup>2</sup> (477.38 ft<sup>2</sup>) second storey addition at the rear of the existing back-split dwelling.

### **Official Plan and Zoning**

Official Plan 2014 (partially approved on Nov 24/17, and further updated on April 9/18)

The subject property is designated "Residential – Low Rise", which provides for low rise housing forms including single detached dwellings. Infill development is required to meet the general intent of the 2014 Official Plan with respect to height, massing and setbacks to ensure that the development is appropriate for the site and also generally consistent with the zoning requirements for adjacent properties and properties along the same street. Regard must also be had for retention of existing trees and vegetation, as well as the width of proposed garages and driveways. Planning staff have had regard for the infill development criteria in the preparation of the comments provided below.

### Zoning By-Law 1229

The subject property is zoned 'R1' – Residential in By-law 1229, as amended, which permits a single detached dwelling.

### Residential Infill Zoning By-law 99-90

The subject property is also subject to the Residential Infill Zoning By-law 99-90. The intent of this By-law is to ensure the built form of new residential construction will maintain the character of existing neighbourhoods. It specifies development standards for building depth, garage projection, garage width, net floor area ratio, height, yard setbacks and number of storeys. The proposed development does not comply with the infill By-law requirements with respect to maximum Net Floor Area ratio.

### **Applicant's Stated Reason(s) for Not Complying with Zoning**

According to the information provided by the applicant, *"trying to add top up in line with building footprint"*.

### **Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) Not Undertaken**

The owner has confirmed that a Zoning Preliminary Review (ZPR) has not been conducted. However the applicant has received comments from the building department through their permit process to confirm the variances required for the proposed development.

### **COMMENTS**

The Planning Act states that four tests must be met in order for a variance to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment:

- a) The variance must be minor in nature;
- b) The variance must be desirable, in the opinion of the Committee of Adjustment, for the appropriate development or use of land, building or structure;
- c) The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- d) The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan must be maintained.

### **Increase in Maximum Floor Area Ratio**

The applicant is requesting relief to permit a floor area ratio of 53 percent, whereas the By-law permits a maximum floor area ratio of 45 percent. The variance will facilitate the construction of a 44.35 m<sup>2</sup> (477.38 ft<sup>2</sup>) second-storey addition at the rear of the existing back-split dwelling, resulting in a maximum floor area of 324.55 m<sup>2</sup> (3,493.43 ft<sup>2</sup>) whereas the By-law permits a dwelling with a maximum floor area of 276.39 m<sup>2</sup> (2,975.04 ft<sup>2</sup>). This represents an increase of approximately 48.16 m<sup>2</sup> (518.4 ft<sup>2</sup>).

The building layout meets all other zoning provisions (such as setbacks, height and lot coverage) that establish the prescribed building envelope, which ensures the proposed dwelling will be in keeping with the intended scale of residential infill developments for the neighbourhood. The increased mass of the dwelling, resulting from the increased floor space, will not extend the building beyond the front or rear yards of the two adjacent dwelling to the east and west. The proposed addition will also maintain existing side yards of 2.34 m (7.68 m) to the east and 4.3 m (14.1 ft) to the west which will minimize potential impacts resulting from the increased floor area.


The rear second storey addition will result in a net floor area ratio larger than neighbouring homes. There is one other property (184 Ramona Boulevard) in the immediate vicinity (between Wooten Way North and Woodside Court) that has received a minor variance for a maximum floor area ratio of 51.4 percent to permit an addition to an existing home. While the net floor area ratio is larger than neighbouring homes, the sloped design of the roof of the proposed addition reduces the massing of the overall dwelling and impacts on adjoining neighbours. Given that the addition is at

## **APPENDIX "A"**

### **CONDITIONS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY APPROVAL OF FILE A/03/19**

1. The variances apply only to the proposed one-storey addition at the rear of the existing dwelling as long as it remains;
2. That the variances apply only to the subject development, in substantial conformity with the plan(s) attached as 'Appendix B' to this Staff Report and received by the City of Markham on January 10, 2019, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from the Director of Planning and Urban Design or designate that this condition has been fulfilled to his or her satisfaction.
3. Submission of a Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, prepared by a qualified arborist in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009), as amended, to be reviewed and approved by the City, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation from Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations that this condition has been fulfilled to his/her satisfaction, and that any detailed Siting, Lot Grading and Servicing Plan required as a condition of approval reflects the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan.
4. That prior to the commencement of construction or demolition, tree protection be erected and maintained around all trees on site in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual, including street trees, in accordance with the City's Streetscape Manual (2009) as amended, and inspected by City Staff to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations.
5. That tree replacements be provided and/or tree replacement fees be paid to the City if required in accordance with the Tree Assessment and Preservation Plan, and that the Secretary-Treasurer receive written confirmation that this condition has been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Tree Preservation Technician or Director of Operations

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the rear above the one-storey portion of the existing home, and does not extend beyond the existing building footprint, Staff are of the opinion that the variance is appropriate.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY**

No written submissions were received as of January 11, 2019. It is noted that additional information may be received after the writing of the report, and the Secretary-Treasurer will provide information on this at the meeting.

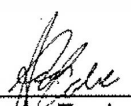
#### **CONCLUSION**

Planning Staff have reviewed the application with respect to Section 45(1) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, and are of the opinion that the variance request meets the four tests of the Planning Act. Staff recommend that the Committee consider public input in reaching a decision.

The onus is ultimately on the applicant to demonstrate why they should be granted relief from the requirements of the zoning by-law, and how they satisfy the tests of the Planning Act required for the granting of minor variances.

Please see Appendix "A" for conditions to be attached to any approval of this application.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
BUILDING LOCATION SURVEY ON  
LOT 92 PLAN OF 9143  
(GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM)  
CITY OF MARKHAM  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK  
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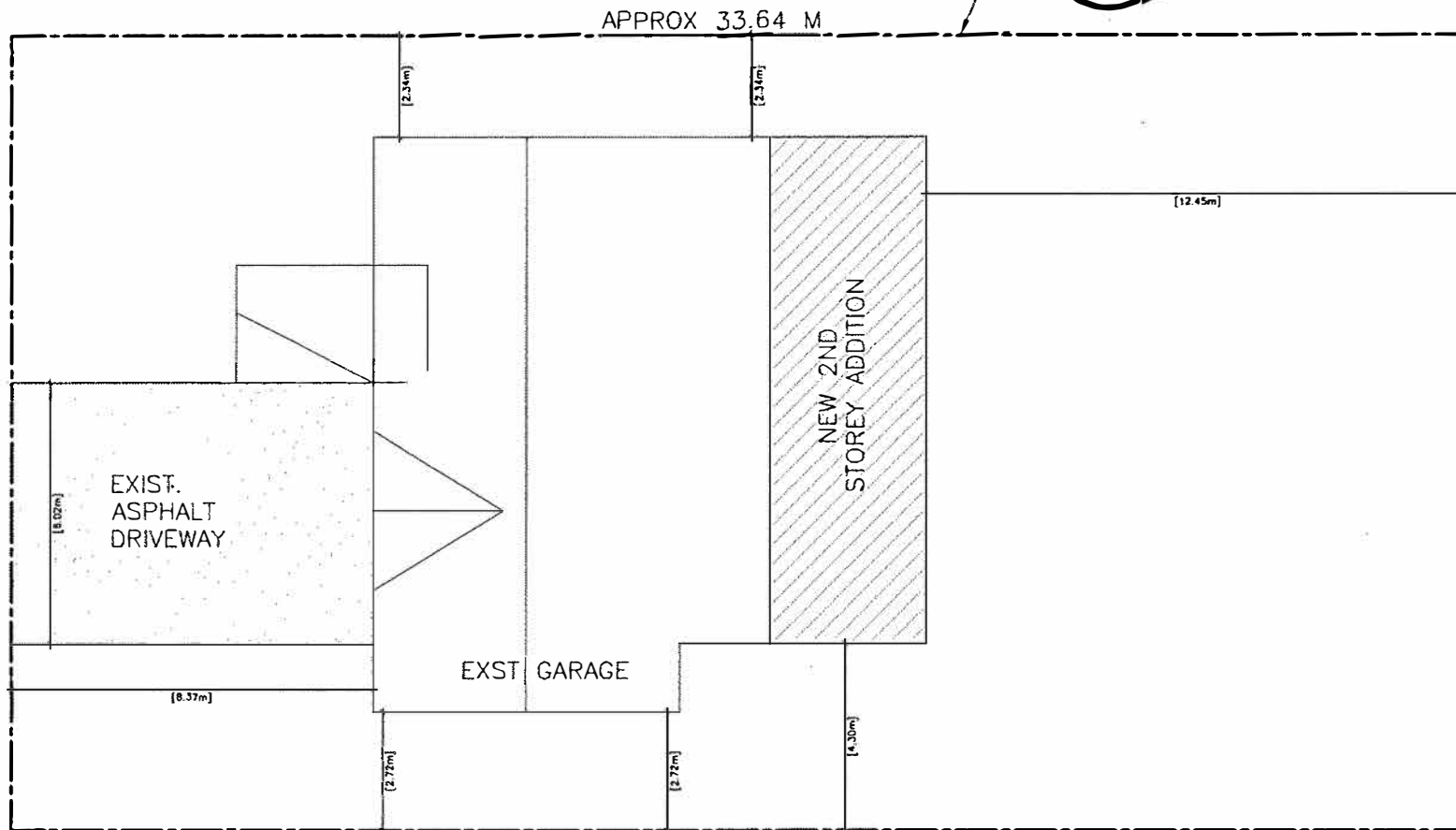
AREA OF LOT 615.27SM  
EXIST BLD AREA 158.215M  
NET LOT AREA 614.215M

NET GFA RATIO ALLOWED :45%  
276.39sm ALLOWED

PROPOSED NET GFA RATIO: 53%

SITE STATISTICS

EXIST GROUND FLOOR 153.7SM  
EXIST 2ND FLR 126.5SM  
PROP 2ND FLR 44.35SM  
GFA with GARAGE 324.55SM



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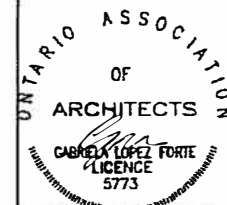
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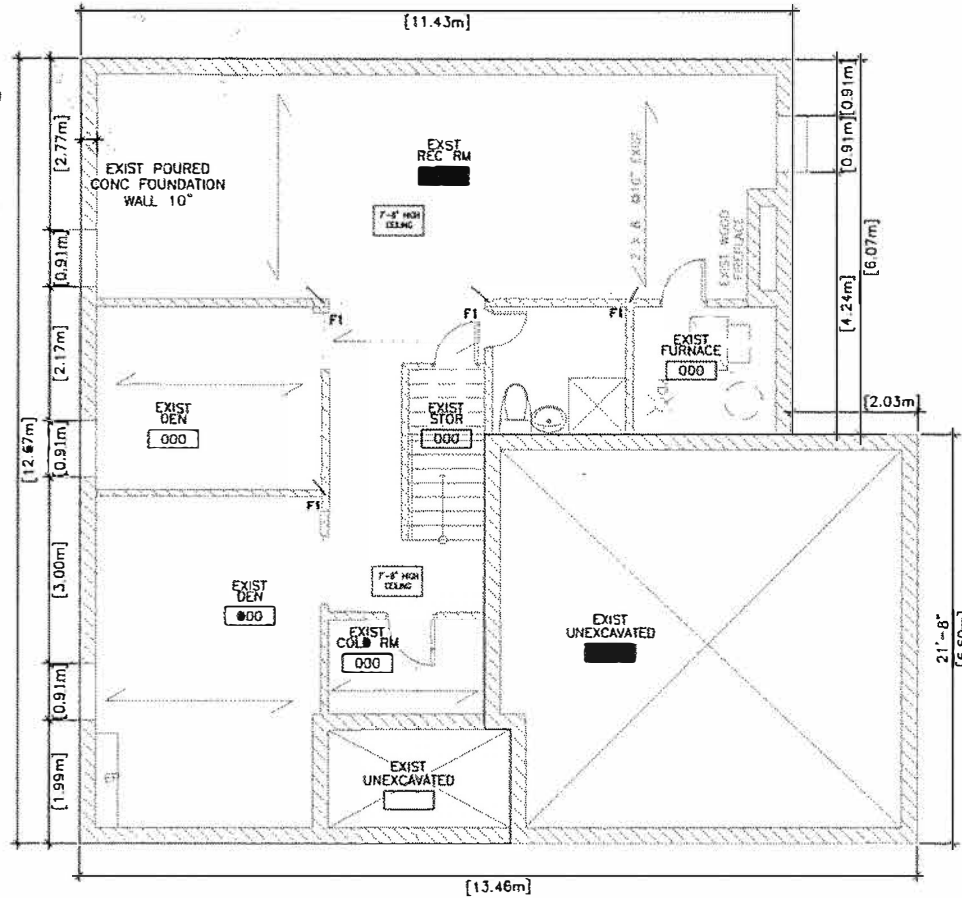
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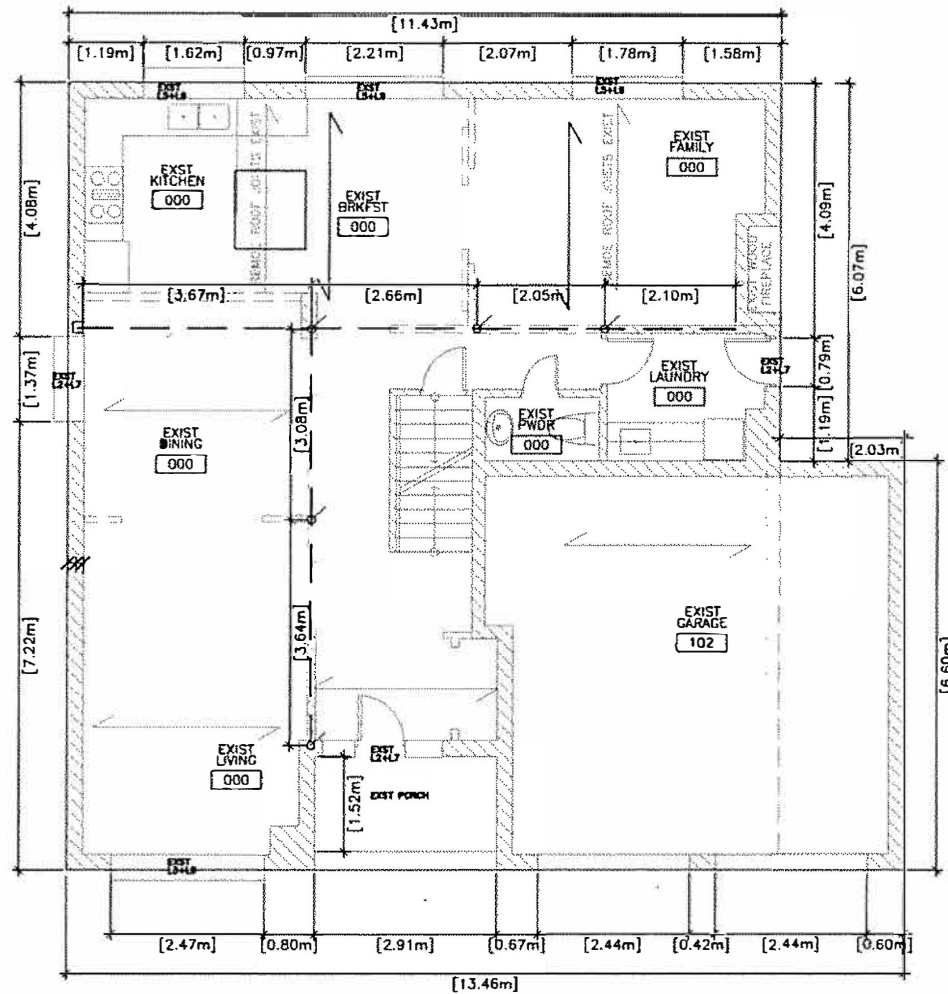
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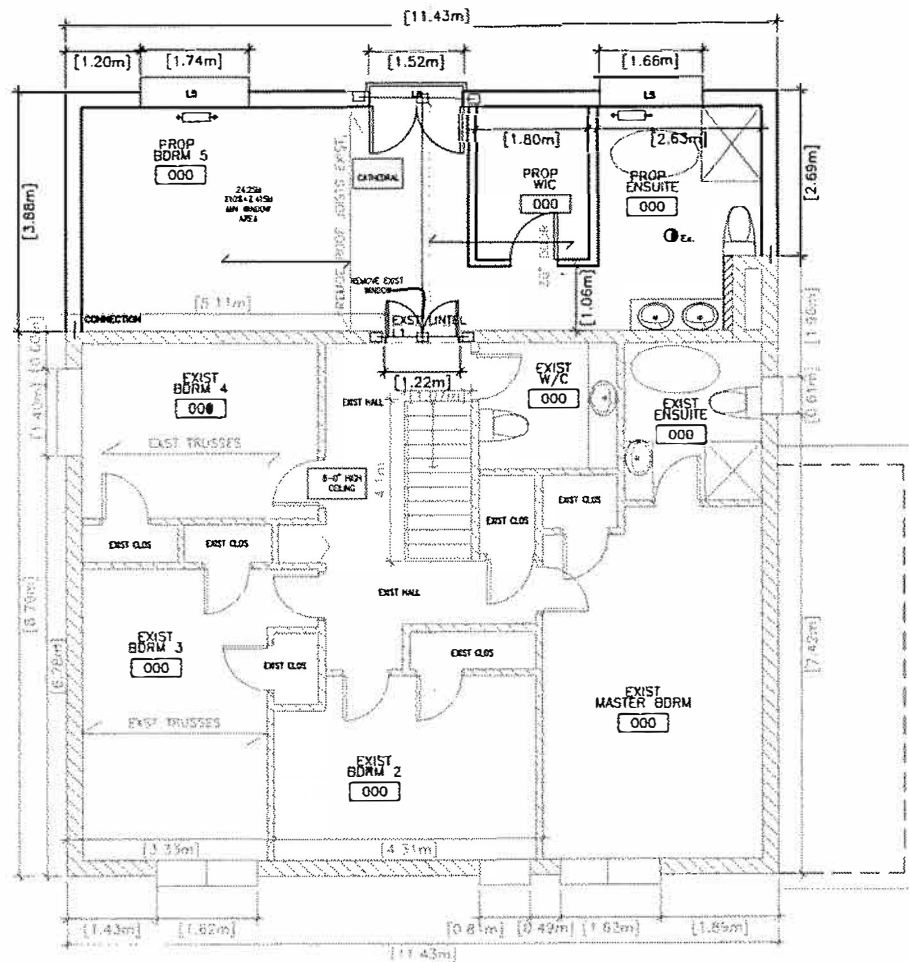
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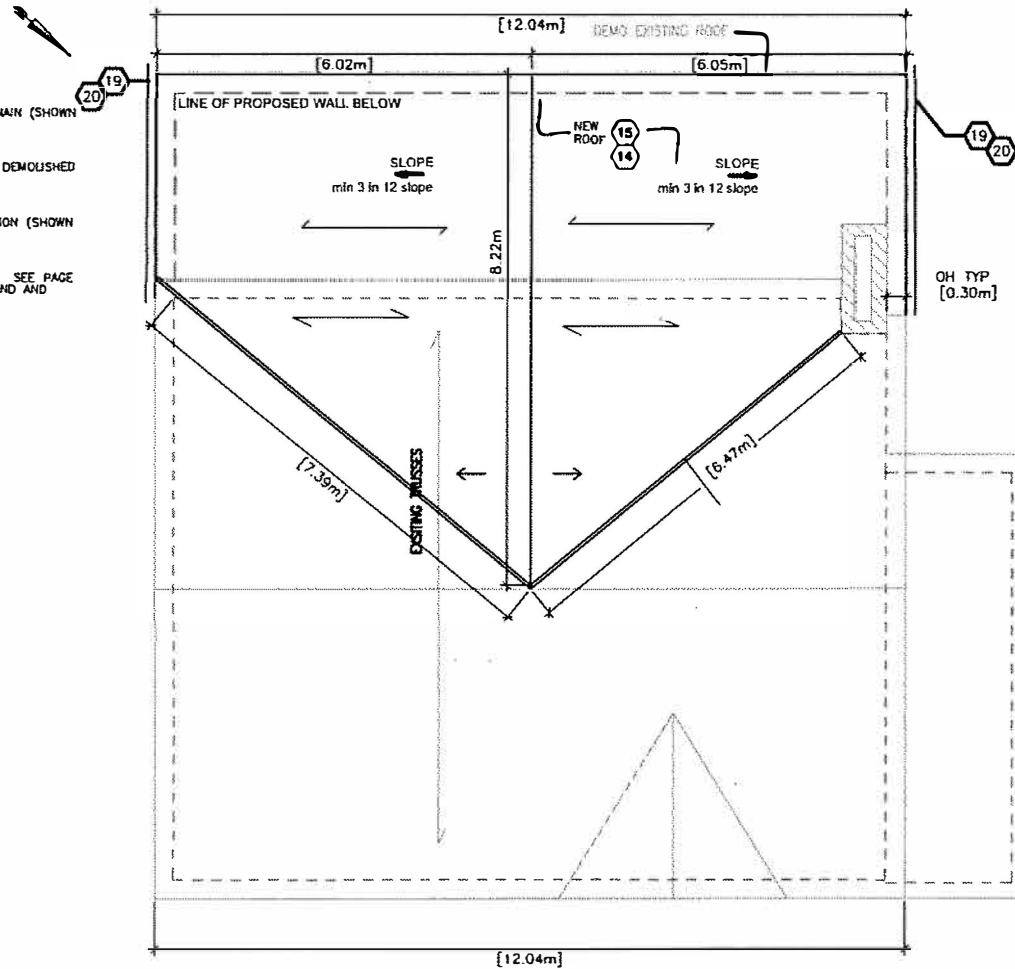
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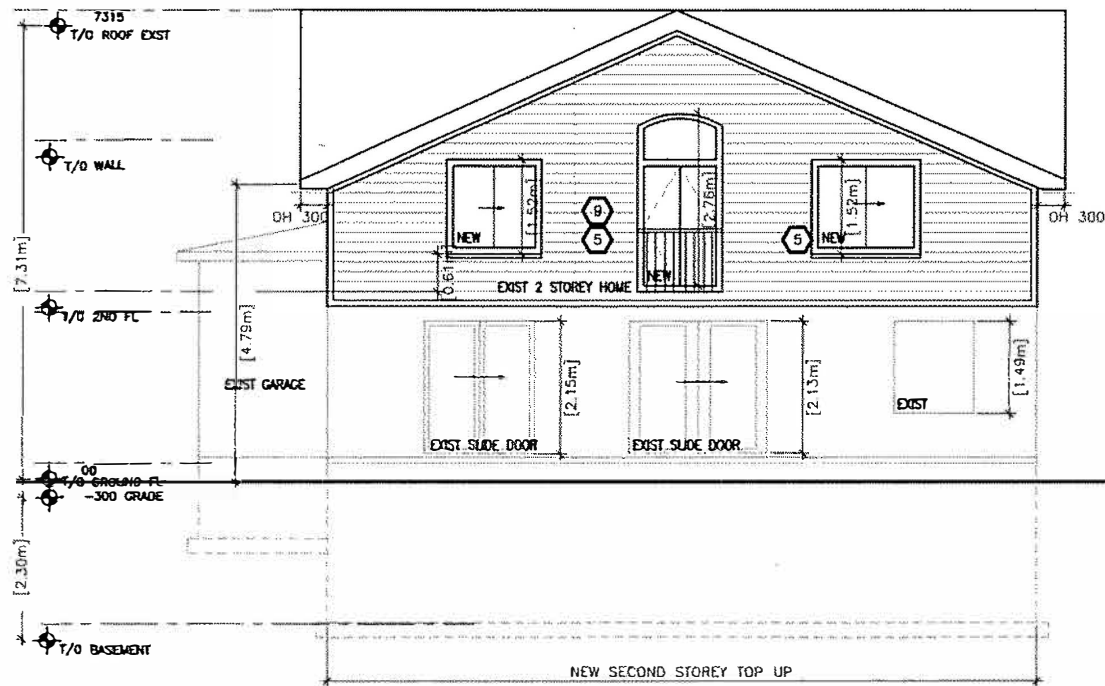
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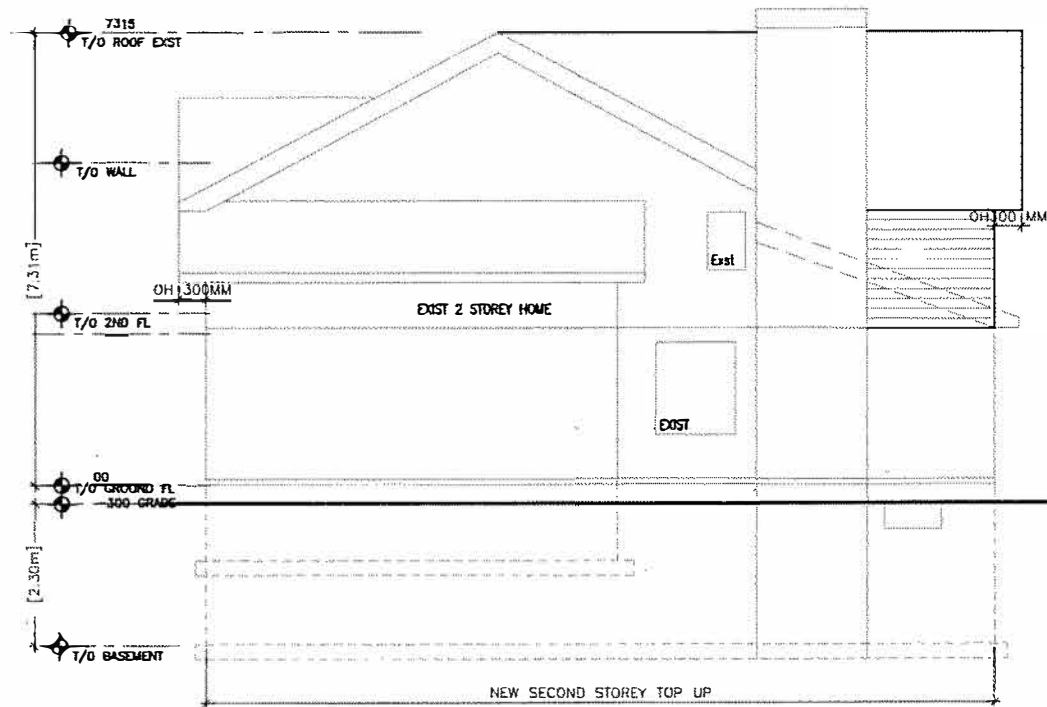
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