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Acanthus Limited c/- Civix PO Box 5204 Victoria Street Auckland 1141

Attention: Nick Mattison

Dear Nick

1 Selfs Road, Papatoetoe

Preliminary geotechnical assessment in support of fast-track consenting

1 Introduction

Acanthus Limited has engaged Tonkin & Taylor Ltd (T+T) to provide a preliminary (desktop) assessment of its proposal to construct some 115 dwelling units and lots at 1 Selfs Road, Papatoetoe (the site).

This assessment was prepared in accordance with our proposal dated 19 February 2021¹ and approval provided on 7 April 2021².

2 Development proposal

We understand that Acanthus Limited is seeking approval via the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 to construct some 115 dwelling units and lots on the site. Preliminary development plans are provided in Appendix A. The proposal will involve benching into the existing slope to form level generally northeast-southwest oriented building platforms stepping up from Selfs Road. The building platforms will be supported by a combination of low retaining walls and batters. Cut depths and retained heights will be subject to detailed design but are currently anticipated to be less than approximately 3 m, and typically less than 2 m.

3 Scope of work

T+T undertook the following to provide a preliminary assessment of geotechnical conditions at the site:

1 Reviewed published geological maps for the site;

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¹ 1 Selfs Road, Papatoetoe. Geological, geotechnical and contamination assessments in support of fast-track consenting. Letter to Andrew Fawcet at Myland Partners, dated 19 February 2021.

² Email from Andrew Fawcet at Myland Partners to Shane Moore at Tonkin & Taylor Ltd, dated 7 April 2021.

- 2 Reviewed T+T's records and the New Zealand Geotechnical Database³ of geotechnical data from nearby sites;
- Obtained and reviewed Council property files for relevant geotechnical information; 3
- 4 A Senior Geotechnical Engineer reviewed site photographs taken by other T+T personnel; and
- 5 Preparation of this report.

4 Site description

The site location is shown in Figure 4.1. The site layout including contour information and nearby geotechnical investigation locations are shown in Figure B1 provided in Appendix B. The following section provides a summary of the site setting, with particular focus on features of geotechnical relevance, further information is provided in the geological assessment prepared concurrently by $T+T^4$.

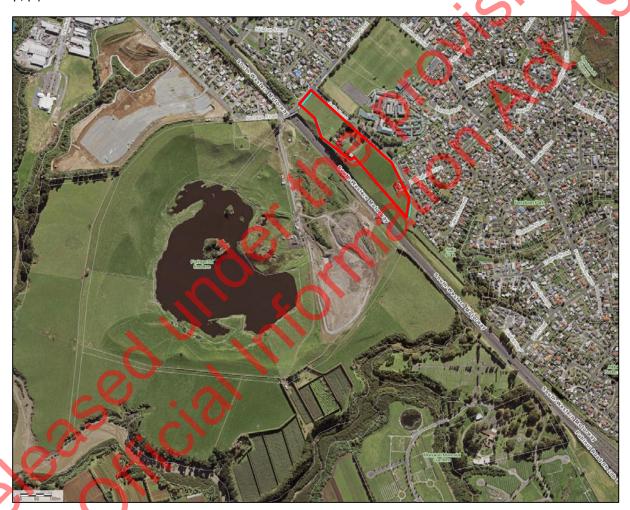


Figure 4.1: Site location (source: Auckland Council GeoMaps)

The site is located on the north-eastern flank of the tuff ring derived from the Crater Hill/Ngā Kapua Kohuora volcanic centre. The geological setting is summarised (from Edbrooke 2001⁵) in Figure 4.2.

³ www.nzqd.orq.nz, accessed on 8 April 2021.

⁴ 1 Selfs Road, Papatoetoe. Geological assessment in support of fast-track consenting application. Report prepared for Acanthus Limited by Tonkin & Taylor Ltd, dated 10 September 2021.

⁵ Edbrooke, S.W. (compiler) 2001: Geology of the Auckland area: scale 1:250,000. Lower Hutt: Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences Limited. Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences 1:250,000 geological map 3, 74 p. + 1 folded map

A steep slope is present beyond the south-western boundary of the site, formed by a combination of cutting undertaken to create the South Western Motorway (State Highway 20) and the original inner slope of the tuff ring/explosion crater. The site itself generally slopes at a moderate gradient to the north-east towards Selfs Road.

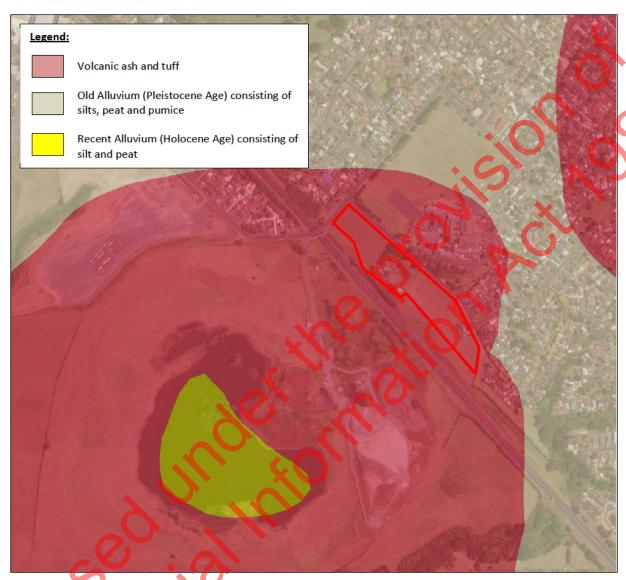


Figure 4.2; Mapped geology (after Edbrooke⁵) showing approximate site location (red outline)

The site is bordered by Portage and Selfs roads, to the north and east respectively, with existing residential properties beyond, except where Aorere College is located opposite the site along Selfs Road. Vacant lands, owned by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, border the site to its south and west, with the South Western Motorway beyond. A former quarry, now being filled, is located opposite the South Western Motorway from the site, within the Crater Hill/Ngā Kapua Kohuora volcanic centre. The remainder of the volcano is predominantly under pastoral and horticultural uses.

5 Geotechnical considerations

5.1 Subsurface conditions

Based upon geotechnical investigations undertaken on adjacent sites, including Portage Road overbridge ≈ 30metres to the west and Aorere College ≈ 20metres to the north, the site is likely to be underlain by very stiff to hard ash and tuff originating from the Crater Hill/Ngā Kapua Kohuora volcanic centre. The ash and tuff generally consist of silt sized clasts with occasional lenses of sand and gravel. Insitu shear strength tests are generally in excess of 100 kPa, increasing in strength with depth with SPT N values greater than 50 at depths of less than 4 metres. The groundwater level is uncertain, but is anticipated to be at least 5 metres below the surface, possibly controlled by excavation of the South Western Motorway (which is formed at approximately RL 25m).

5.2 Foundations

The proposed development consists of single level units. Based upon available subsurface information, shallow foundations are likely to be suitable to support the proposed structures. For preliminary design a maximum ULS bearing capacity of 250 kPa may be utilised.

5.3 Stability

Beyond the south western boundary of the development, a steep cut has been formed to create the south western motorway. The maximum height of this slope is approximately 13 metres, with the maximum slope of approximately 1:1. Arcuate features beyond the northern and southern end of the development, forming towards the south western motorway, indicate the possibility of historic ground movement, although these features may be remnants of the volcanic activity that formed the site. The crests of both these slopes are beyond the south-western boundary of the site. Both these arcuate features will need to be investigated during detailed design of the development. In the event that they indicate potential instability that extends to the proposed development, the following options may be considered to create stable building platforms:

- Set back units further from the crest of the slope. The current proposed development suggests the units are at least 10 to 15 metres beyond the crest of the slope.
- Lower the units. Removing soil from the top of the slope unloads the slope and improves stability. Current perspective views of the development suggest the proposed units near the crest of the slope will be up to 2 metres below the existing ground level.
- 3 Construct a palisade wall between the proposed units and the crest of any unstable slope.

In summary, there is a slight risk that the stability of slope beyond the south-western boundary is less than commonly acceptable (factor of safety <1.5). If this is identified during detailed investigation for the development, stable building platforms can readily be formed with careful earthworks.

6 Applicability

This report has been prepared for the exclusive use of our client, Acanthus Limited, with respect to the particular brief given to us and it may not be relied upon in other contexts or for any other purpose, or by any person other than our client, without our prior written agreement.

We understand and agree that our client will submit this report as part of an application for resource consent and that the consenting authority will use this report for the purpose of assessing that application.

Recommendations and opinions in this report are based on our desktop review of previous investigations. The nature and continuity of stratigraphy away from the previous investigation locations is inferred but it must be appreciated that actual conditions may vary from the assumed model.

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Environmental and Engineering Consultants

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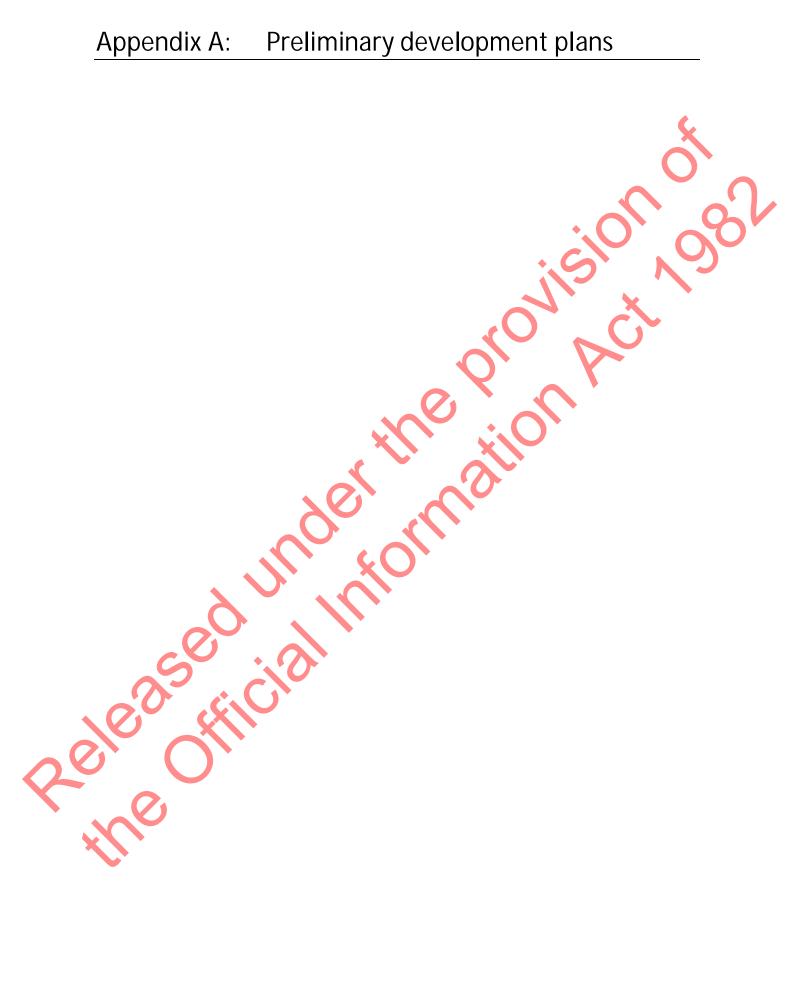
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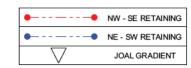




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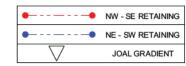




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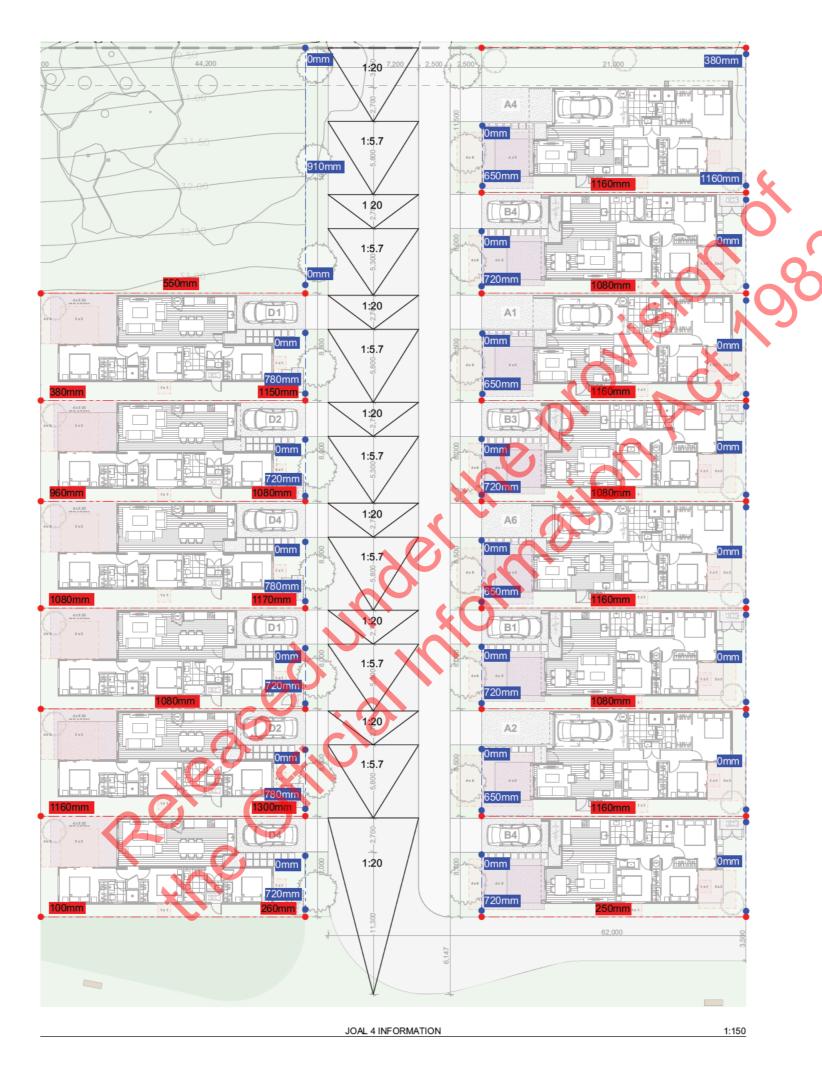
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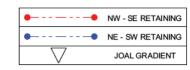




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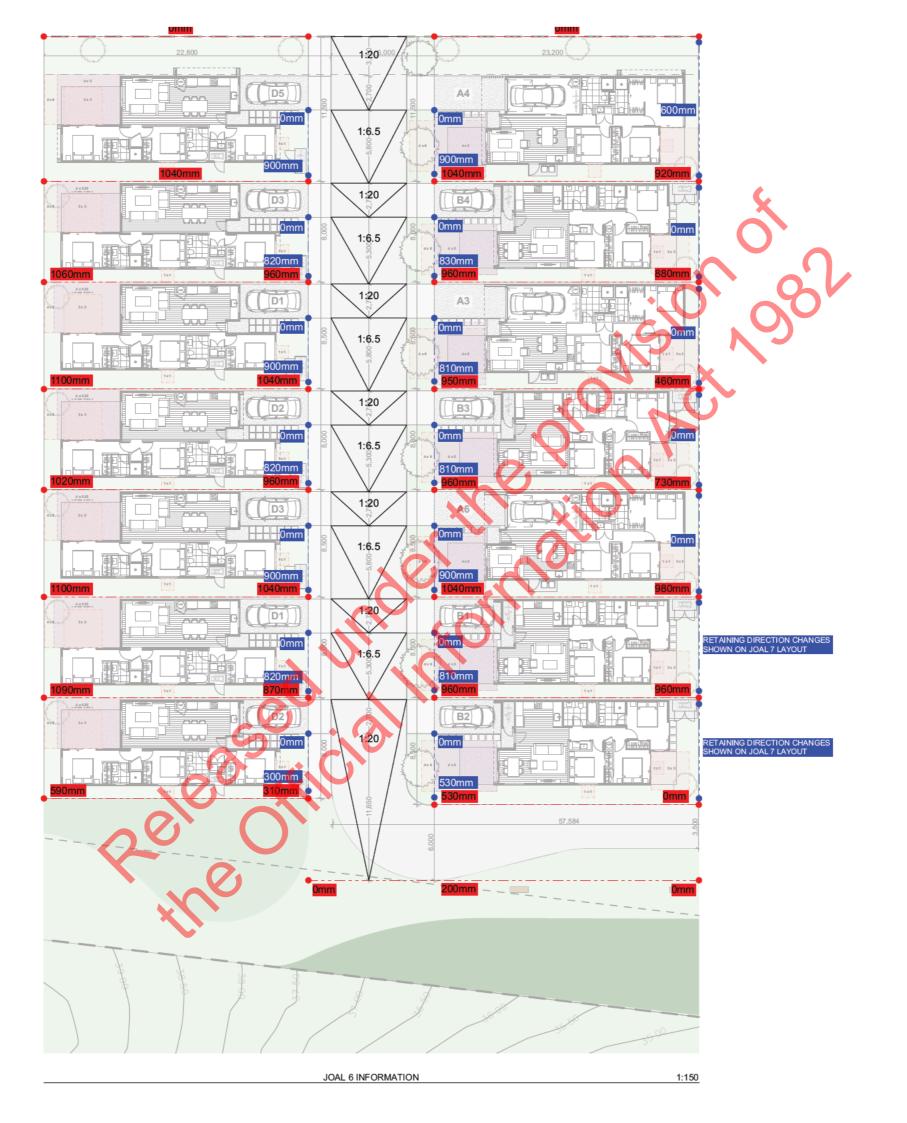
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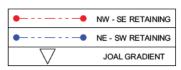
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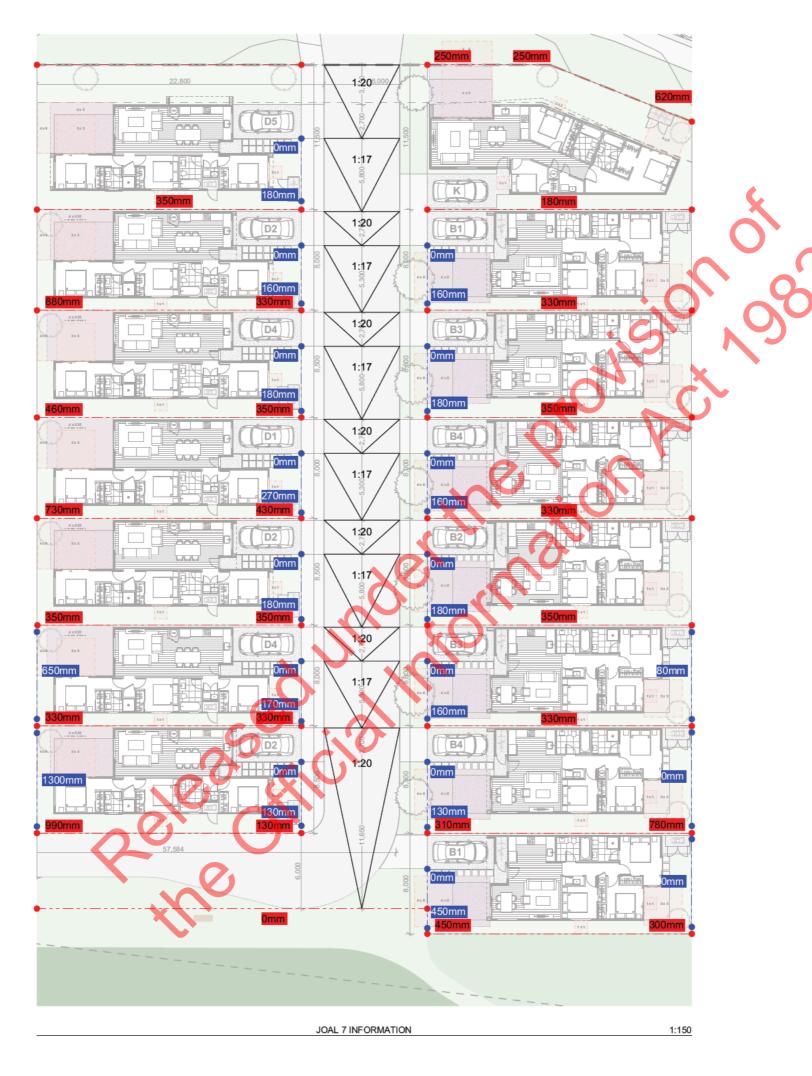
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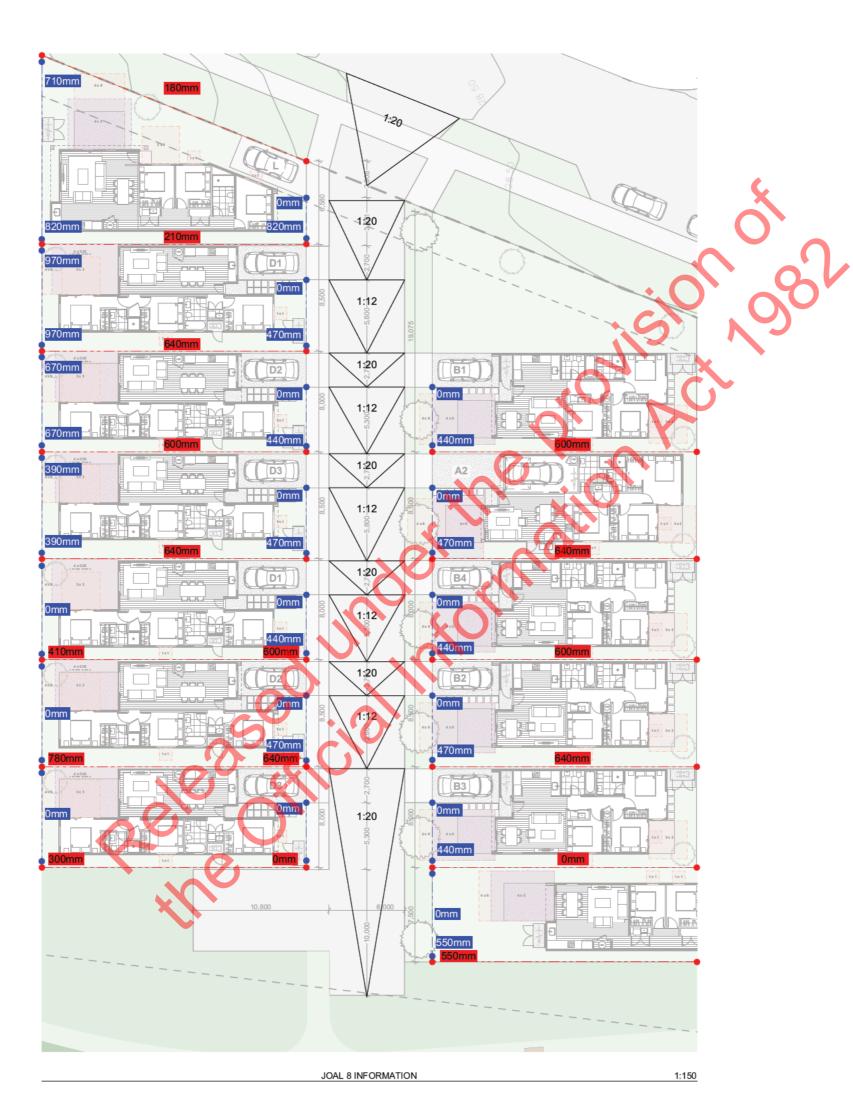
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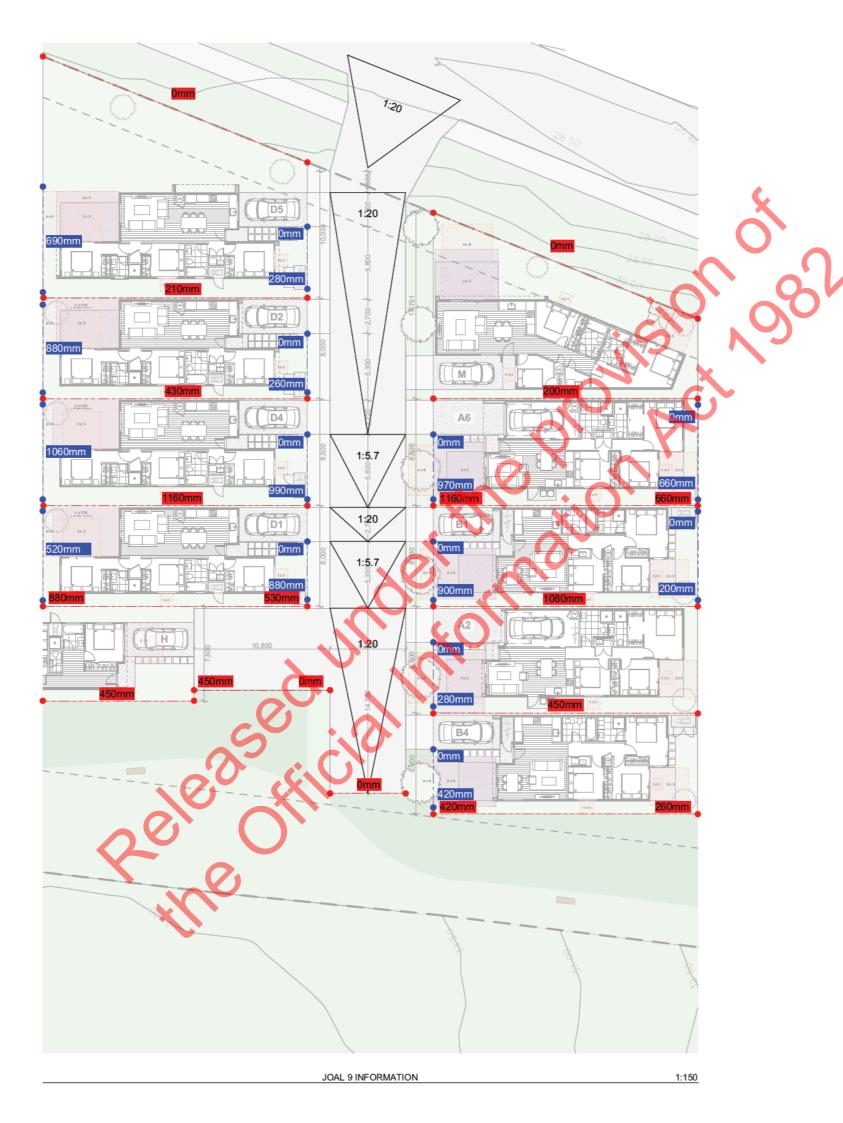
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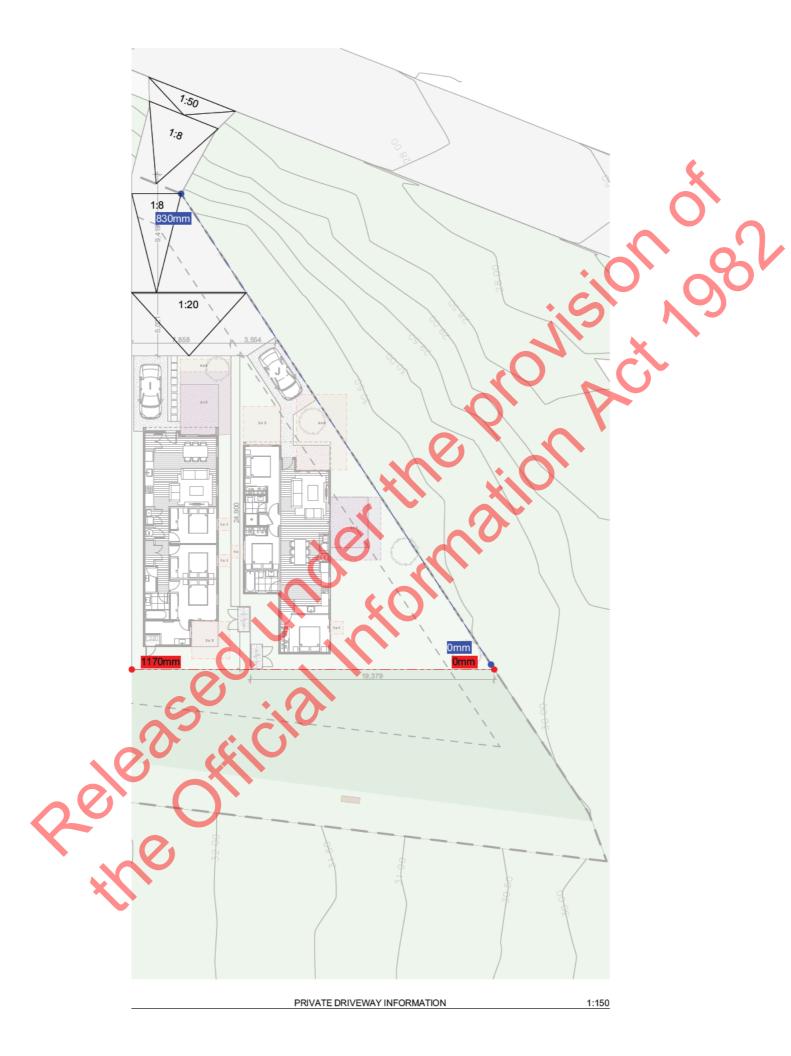
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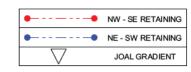




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