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cc.. Eoin & Nora Hickey

#### RE: APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

for

Eoin and Nora Hickey

at

"Rathinree", Esker Lane, Lucan, Co. Dublin K78 X2C4

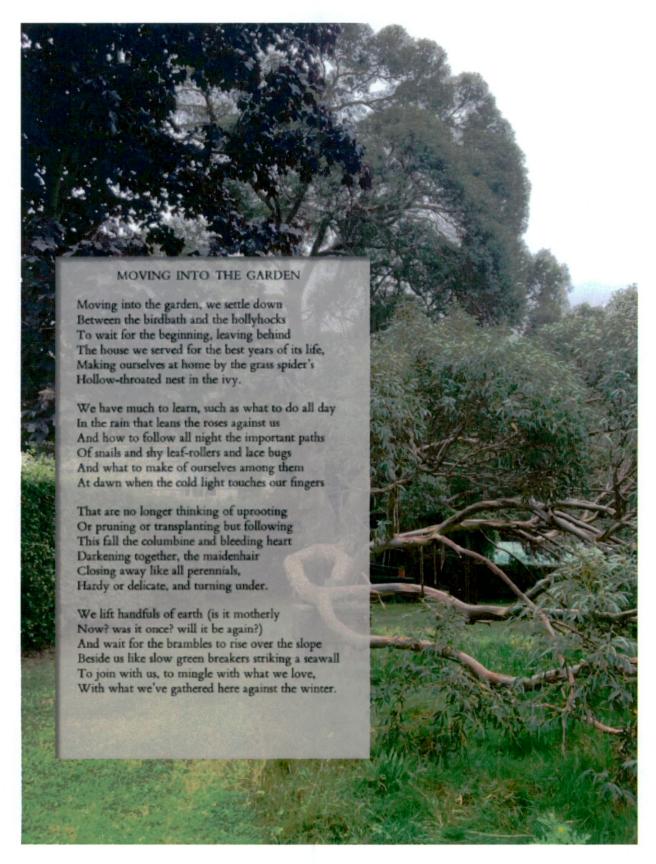
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A Chara Uasail,

On behalf of applicants Eoin and Nora Hickey we wish to apply for permission for a small two-storey ancillary house in the lush and abundant garden of their family home on Esker Lane in Lucan. We enclose herewith six copies of planning drawings, documents and reports to assist the planning officer to make their decision on this application.









"Rathinree", Esker Lane, has been family home to Eoin and Nora Hickey and their four children for more than 40 years. The Hickey children are now adult with 10 grandchildren, most of whom continue to live close by in Lucan. Rathinree sits on 1.23 acres of mature landscape adjacent to a Christian Brothers' playing pitch (North),

the M4 motorway (South), and mixed residential development "Esker Pines" (West).

The grounds are lush, open and generously planted with a mature botanical arboretum. The residence is a charming, rambling single-storey cottage, modified organically over decades, with distinctive dormer and hipped tiled roofs. It is a rambling, bucolic, arts-and-crafts inspired dwelling, typical of its generation. This

sylvan domain lies at the end of Esker Lane, a quiet meandering cul-de-sac accessed off the Lucan Road, a little south-east of Lucan Village.

The dwelling was formerly home to Richard "Dick" Shackleton and his wife Mary prior to their moving to the Anna Liffey (Shackleton) flour mills in Lucan. The Shackletons planted many of the trees and shrubbery that still form part of the picturesque gardens today.

The core characteristics of the Arts and Crafts movement, the era in which both site and house evolved, are (a) a belief in craftsmanship stressing the inherent beauty of fabric and material, (b) the essence and sacred importance of nature as inspiration, and (c) the value of simplicity, utility, and beauty. This distinctive philosophy continues to imbue



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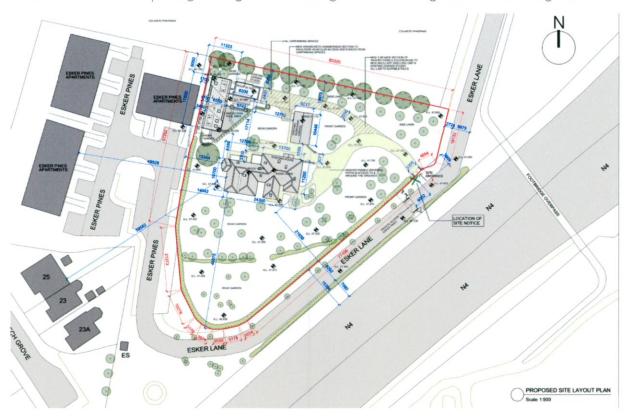






#### The Proposal – How the Concept Evolved

As with the pattern of its time, the existing bungalow is rather massive in scale and formal presence and has been modified to keep up with energy standards over the years with modern insulation, enhanced glazing, and other interventions. The substantial building covers a lot of ground requiring considerable upkeep, housekeeping and maintenance. The proposal for an ancillary dwelling unit is made with a view to passing the original house along with its historic gardens to the next generation.



#### References & Inspiration

The project was visualised as a self-contained granny flat but this was decided to be ungainly given the already sprawling footprint of the house. The concept developed through reference to a number of excellent and inspirational historic, international and architecturally innovative examples: from old dower houses, hunting lodges, gate lodges, shell cottages, to traditional cottage orné, to Australian contemporary "granny pods". Inspiration was drawn from quaint and quirky treehouses and garden rooms, wendy houses and potting sheds, artists' retreats and studios.

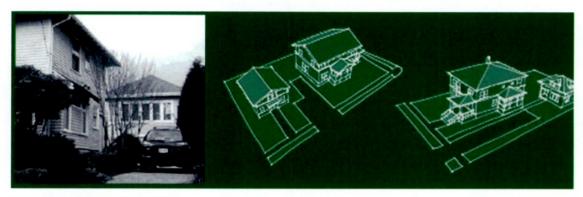






#### The Ancillary / Accessory Dwelling Unit - a Valuable Prototype

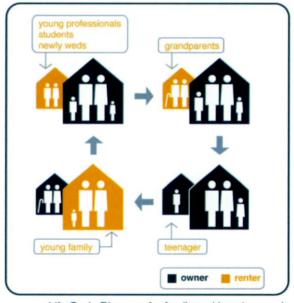
We attach extracts in the appendix to this document which illustrate the various detailed discussions undertaken by the designers on behalf of the Hickey family. The emergence of the "ADU" or ancillary / accessory dwelling unit as a prototype became attractive, a typology that is gaining rapid and positive traction and attention worldwide. The ADU concept is an urban design idea that promotes life-long living, inter-generational consolidation, flexible lifestyle support and – perhaps most critically for the Irish national context – a controlled, sophisticated and rapidly progressive solution to housing shortages and density challenges in the suburbs of cities and towns.



#### **Examples of detached ADU's**

The common features of all accessory units are that they are self-contained and subordinate to the existing dwelling. The approach used by most municipalities for accessory units is a zoning bylaw that permits the additional, but accessory unit, allowing certain improvements to be made to the existing dwelling. Restrictions that may be considered include whether the dwelling existed as of a certain date, the maximum allowed building and site modifications, the options for choosing inhabitants, whether the owner must occupy the main unit, and minimum lot sizes. However, the greater the number of restrictions, the fewer options there are available to homeowners and the lower the number homes capable of adding units.

With this in mind the first generation of Hickeys are herein applying for permission for an ADU, rather than a Granny Flat. The ADU is based on a popular and hugely successful planning model that is highly effective in easing pressure on housing supply in urban and particularly outlying suburban areas. The model encourages aging generations on large garden sites to sensitively develop dwellings within their curtilage, and to encourage families to stay together as their parents get older and dependencies shift across generations.



Life Cycle Diagram: for family and housing needs





#### Life Long Living - a Practical, Affordable and Prudent Design Construct

Designed for "life-long living" this model permits younger generations to get a firm foothold on independent living while remaining sufficiently close to older relatives. The ADU and original family

residence are likely to switch ownership as the needs of the family progress, with the ADU suiting a tidier, less cluttered lifestyle and modern conveniences and accessible facilities that are equally suited to early-start families and elderly people with reduced mobility.

This prototype is a practical, social and utilitarian design marvel. It means that all persons involved benefit from the extensive richness, care, education, culture and support advantages that close intergenerational proximity brings. It leans in to the privilege of interpersonal and social cohesion between parents, partners and peers. It further permits, by designing for optimum accessibility, the older generation to avail of more adapted living

patterns and layouts should their mobility become

Bathroom planned to give side access to WC and bath 
Provision for a future star lift

Sockets, controls, etc. at a convenient height 
for future platform lift 
to bedroom

Low window sits

Walts able to take adaptations

Width of doors and half 
allow wheelchair access 
for family room at the 
entrance level bed

Living or family room at the 
entrance level 

Distance from the car parking 
space kept to a minimum

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Lifetime Homes Diagram

more compromised or should they want a simpler lifestyle with less upkeep demands.

#### The proposal in summary

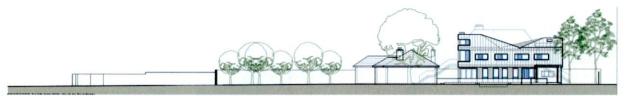
The dwelling in this instance is envisaged as a two-storey house designed from scratch to be fully accessible for mobility-impaired users and sensitively designed to support any candidate resident with compromised abilities. The house is two-storey to be harmoniously balanced against the very large bungalow, but is furnished with a domestic scale lift capable of carrying a wheelchair user plus care assistant. The importance of location is threefold. The dwelling is tucked to the northeast corner of the site adjacent to the blank and bulky, looming three-storey gable of 1990s development Esker Pines. This new dwelling firstly mitigates the considerable difference in scale between properties. Secondly, it addresses the visually unappealing blank wall that looms over Rathinree at the edge of the Esker Pines development. Thirdly, as the site is so well planted and lush with vegetation the location screens the new building from any third party, and creates a synergy and dynamic relationship of style and scale with the existing family home. Volumetrically the ADU manages the transition of scales very well, but in its position, orientation, architectural expression and choice of sustainable, renewable and natural materials, the dwelling adds a further empathetic response to the surrounding context.







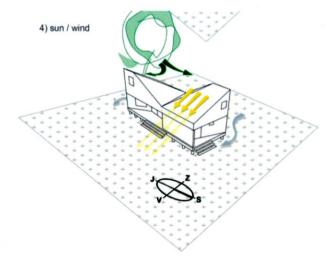
Aligning the new building along the boundary wall at the site selected allows the residence its own private and ample gardens, which are designed to maximise ecological and environmental growth and dovetail seamlessly and openly with the gardens of the original residence. Although the concept is to allow the houses to share spaces, the positioning of the building also allows low hedging or other established boundaries should this become necessary over time.



#### **Building Form**

The building form is profiled and sculpted to maximise solar gain: with benefits for internal thermal performance, sunny amenity for residents, and expansive solar panelling on sophisticated profiled roofs providing water heating and electricity. The Hickeys utilise a powerful solar array on their large shed roof and are no strangers to sustainability, nourishing their gardens from soils and water they

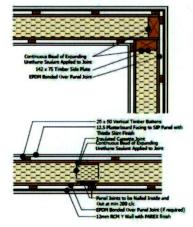
collect on site via composting and barrel butts. The building's low carbon footprint extends to methods of construction proposed, materials specified, and anticipated NZEB performance over time. It has smaller than average windows and hefty thermal mass on colder façades to allow for heat retention, but where the sun hits the façade larger glazed areas make full use of solar gain. Windows have retractable leaves, opening up to the garden, allowing residents live in hybrid indoor/outdoor style, weather permitting. Renewable nergy source will be airto-water heat pump or wood pellet burner.



#### Construction

The building frame will consist of structural insulated panels (SIPS) – rigid, high-performance insulation

core sandwiched between two layers. The outer layer of OSB (oriented strand board) or plywood is bonded autohesively, capable of achieving a whole wall U-value of 0.20W/m2K or better, as factory-engineered jointing system ensures high levels of airtightness. SIPs achieve air-leakage significantly lower than the maximum level limit of 10m3/hr/m2 required by Building Regulations. SIP comp osites provide stiffness, strength and predictable responses to loads, and are assembled off site, delivered ready for installation, minimising on-site waste and defects. Less material is required to meet energy performance standards, meaning fewer deliveries, transport emissions, noise and pollution.







A three man team can erect 150sqm of two-storey SIP panelling in one day: in this case, the entire dwelling house envelope. A weathertight envelope in such a short and predictable timeframe allows trades to set up earlier, meaning a massively accelerated building programme at a time when labour and material resources are in short supply and snarled up in supply chain tangles.

#### Façade materials

To finish the envelope, we propose rainscreen sheeted material with a preference for charred timber cladding, either Accoya, Larch or Cedar known as Shou Sugi Ban. Also known as yakisugi, this ancient Japanese art involves charring timber boards, burnishing the burnt wood with wire brushes, then

sealing with natural oils. The preserved wood is highly fire resistant, durable and long-lasting with a life expectancy of more than 80 years. It is resistant to water, mould and insects. While its aesthetic attractiveness is a key benefit, this wholly natural installation is a sustainable, ecofriendly, renewable solution to rain-screening framed structures. No chemicals are required for finishing. The construction phase is fully dry, eliminating wet trades such as block- and brick-



laying which are messy and inefficient with a high environmental load, while being difficult trades to source currently due to skills shortages. The SIP panels are secured to timber frame or in themselves form the structural walls, a non-tenting breathable membrane is fixed to them and the external clad ding is installed over this membrane.

Windows are specified as bespoke crafted timber or powder coated alu-clad with similar system doors and composite treated decking. The roof is comple in profile and therefore a sheeted solution is more appropriate than tiles. Zinc standing seam is proposed, in a darker anthracite finish and all

aluminium, lead or handworked zinc gutters, downpipes and other rainwater goods are concealed within the roof itself or behind the wall buildup on facades. There are a few rooflights to standard Velux sizes and the roofs have extensive solar arrays aligned on the south-west and east slopes targeting most prominent solar sources where there is no shadow or overlooking by adjacent building structures.



The house has an unusual folded shape to

change the roof direction in order to maximise the benefit from solar panels and also allow most spectacular views over the gardens and create a mezzanine clerestory over the master bedroom, flooding the room with light. The dwelling will avail of all the latest cutting-edge sustainability and energy conservation technologies and includes ecological design habitats to enhance existing wild and tailored gardens, including water features, ponds, herb / kitchen garden and deck/ terraces.





#### Layout and Description

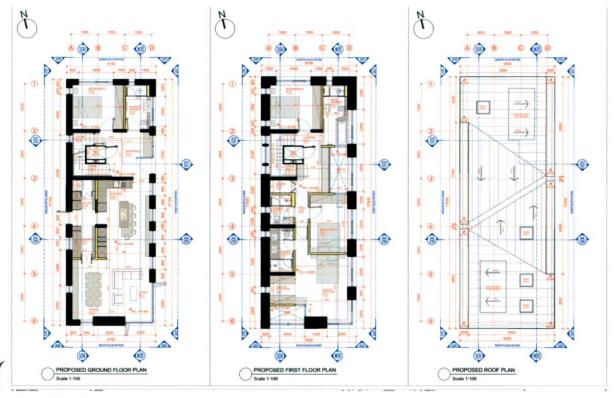
The permission being sought is for a two storey, south facing ADU (Accessory/ Ancillary Dwelling Unit) with provision for a wheelchair-plus-carer lift, located in the West part of the vegetable garden. The

building is located adjacent to an existing timber eco-lodge, which makes the two buildings work together with the timber studio setting a pathway to the entrance lobby which is double height and contains the stairs and lift, which are lit by a large stained glass window to the rear.

North of the staircore is the guest bedroom suite, which has its own dedicated Zen garden and to the South is a linear open array of living spaces from kitchen through to living and dining which avail of the best south light overlooking a timber composite deck that wraps around the house. All utilities and sanitary facilities are aligned along the west façade, this allows this kind of accommodation to be stacked for services-installation efficiency but also provides an acoustic and thermal buffer along this façade, with only very small translucent windows, shielding the dwelling from the adjacent residences.

The compact size of the 150sqm house packs a lot of punch with two generous bedrooms and a home office/ entertainment suite and four bathrooms. Voids in the floor at the master bedroom and stair core allow for easy communication between family members, without compromising visual and sensory privacy.









Folding screens in the façade's south-east comer allow the garden to push into the corner of the house, making for airy, sunny or refreshing hybrid living. The interaction of the sunlight with the folded roof dramatically changes the shape of the house and expressing the roofs internally add to their quirky dynamic and enhance the overall contemporary feel of the residence.

PROPOSED EXISTING	ANCILLARY DWELLING UNIT  RATHNAREE  ESKER LANE, LUCAN, Co. DUBLIN	153 sqm TBA sqm K78 X2C4			
			No.	ROOM ▼	AREA sqm
			LEVEL 00		
RG-01	ENTRANCE HALLWAY	9.8			
RG-02	STAIRWAY	5.3			
RG-03	WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE LIFT	1.:			
RG-04	UNDER-STAIRS STORAGE	2.			
RG-05	STUDY/ GUEST BEDROOM	11.0			
RG-06	ACCESSIBLE WC/ SHOWER ROOM	5.:			
RG-07	KITCHEN & BREAKFAST ROOM	20.0			
RG-08	UTILITY ROOM WITH AIR-TO-WATER HEAT PUMP	5.0			
RG-09	PANTRY/ STORE ROOM	3.			
RG10	DINING ROOM / LIBRARY	10.0			
RG-11	LIVING ROOM / SUN ROOM	13.0			
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RF-01	LANDING/ GALLERY	9.0			
RG-02	STAIRWAY	MEASUREI			
RG-03	WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE LIFT	MEASUREI			
RF-02	BEDROOM 02	11.0			
RF-03	BATHROOM / SHOWER SUITE	7.			
RF-04	LINEN STORE/ PRESS	1.			
	VOID	*4.			
RF-05	CORRIDOR/ HALLWAY	2.0			
RF-06	SHOWER ROOM	3.			
RF-07	HOME OFFICE / GAMES/ ENTERTAINMENT SUITE	10.0			
RF-08	SHOWER ROOM ENSUITE	5.0			
RF-09	MASTER BEDROOM 01	14.0			
RF-10	WALK-IN WARDROBE	3.			
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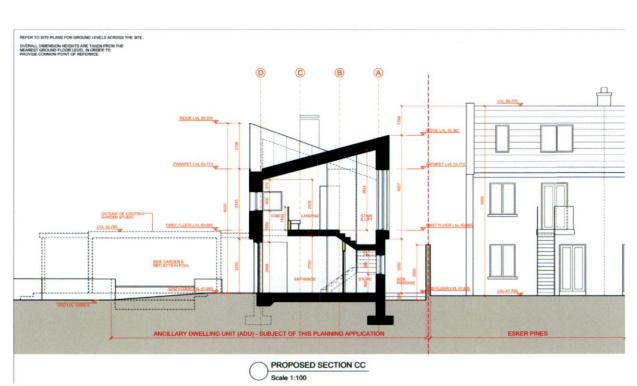




#### Materials:

The fabric of the façade is expressed vertically to counterpoint and emphasise the intriguing roof profile. Key materials on the elevations are as follows.

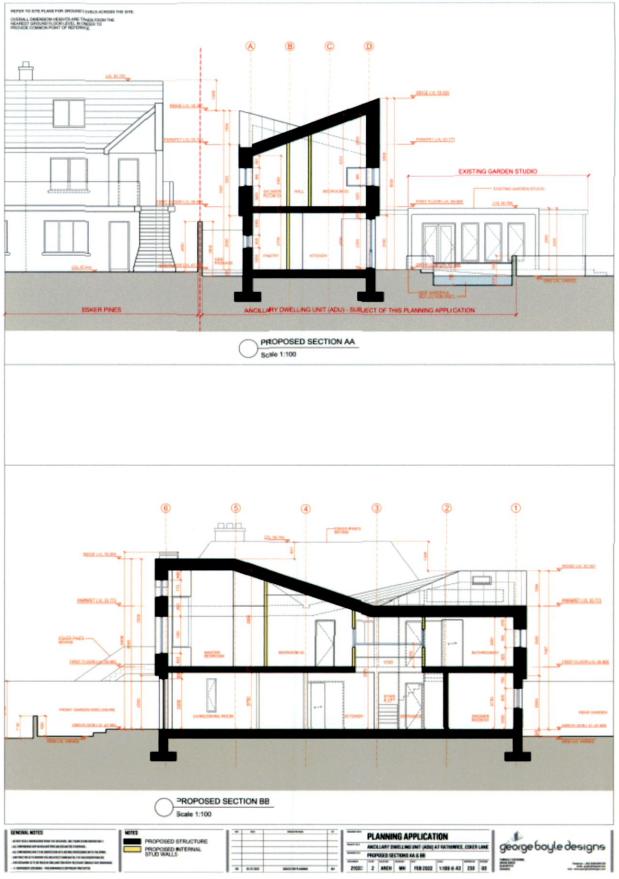
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- 3. ROUGH CAST RENDER WALLS
- 4. BESPOKE HANDMADE HARDWOOD OR POWDER-COATED ALUCLAD DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS WITH RIBBED OR SHEETED FIXED OR SLIDING PANEL AS SHOWN WITH PRESSED SLIMLINE ALUMINIUM CILLS
- 5. OPALESCENT FINISHED GLASS AS SHOWN
- 6. BESPOKE HANDMADE HARDWOOD DOUBLE GLAZED PANEL DOORS
- 7. PITCHED SEAMLOCK OR SIMILAR STANDING SEAM ROLLED ZINC SHEETED ROOF IN ANTHRACITE FINISH
- 8. ALUMINIUM OR ZINC CONCEALED GUTTERS, TRIMS,
  FLASHINGS AND RAINWATER GOODS WITHIN ROOF STRUCTURE AND BEHIND WALL BUILDUP
- 9. SOLAR PANELS TO ROOF
- 10. VELUX OR SIMILAR ROOF LIGHT





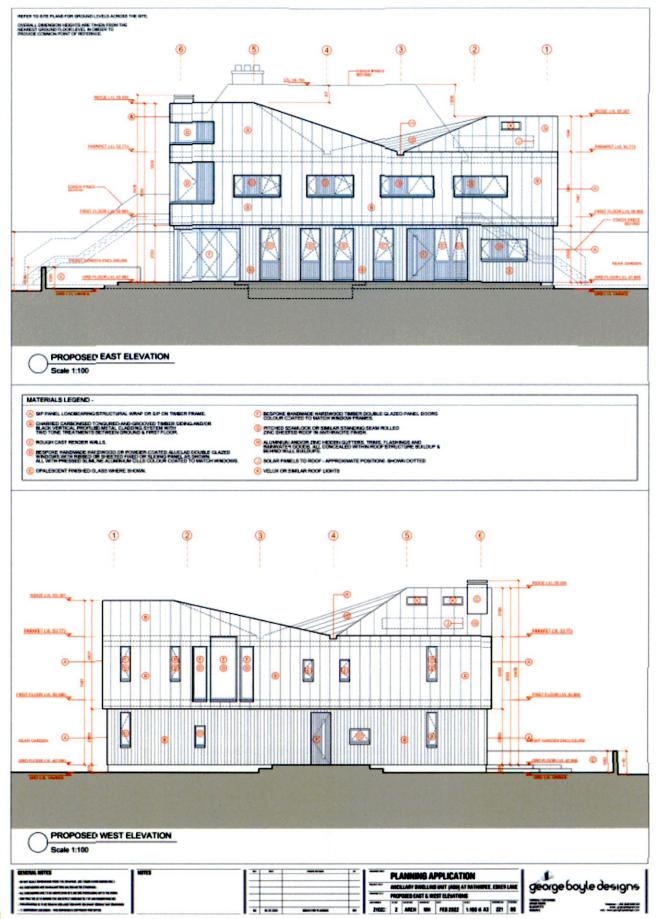




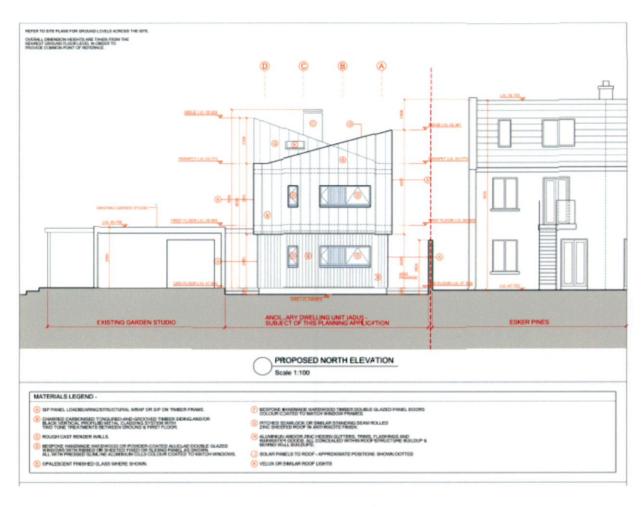


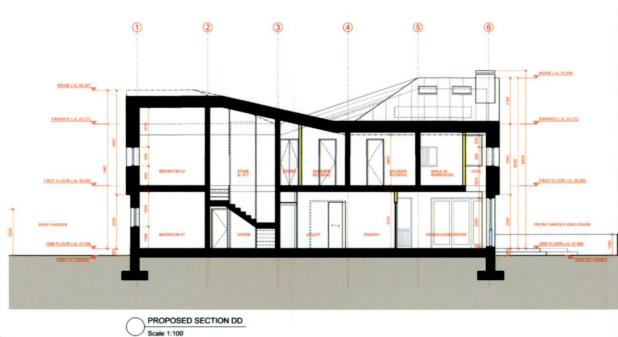




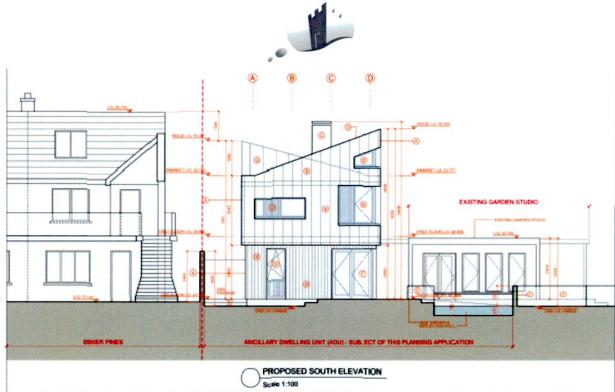








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We respectfully consider this dwelling to be a modest, beneficial urban and socially appropriate design intervention that is sensitively sited, scaled and presented for this property, subsidiary to the main residence. We believe it will not only enhance the site's functional yield, but will ensure the preservation of the sylvan ecology and charming stylistic features of the existing house and grounds. We believe, furthermore, that the design is unique and has an architectural significance of its own that will contribute to the neighbourhood dynamic and the local area's demographic matrix.

In support of this application, and in accordance with the requirements of Article 22 (4)(b) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended we submit the following documentation:

- 1 No. copies of Newspaper Notice
- 1 No. copies of Site Notice
- 1 No. copy completed application form and checklist
- 1 No. copy appropriate fee (€65)
- 1 No. copy receipt OSI mapping pack and Reference Number
- 1 No. copy of drawing register
- 6 No. copies of architectural cover letter/ design statement
- 6 No. copies of Engineer's report
- 6 No. copies of Engineer's drawings
- 6 No. copies of Architectural Drawings:
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  - 21022\_230\_Proposed\_Sections AA & BB.pdf
  - 21022\_231\_Proposed\_Sections CC & DD.pdf





We hope the accompanying information is helpful in making a decision on this application and we hope to hear positive news in due course. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly should there be any requirement for clarification or additional information, detail or queries.

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# SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL SITE NOTICE

We, Eoin & Nora Hickey

intend to apply for (tick as appropriate)

Permission
Retention permission
Outline permission
Permission consequent on the grant of outline permission (Reg. Ref.)

for development at this site:

Rathinree, Esker Lane, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 X2C4

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The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm and may also be viewed on the council's website – <a href="https://www.sdcc.ie">www.sdcc.ie</a>.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of €20, within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

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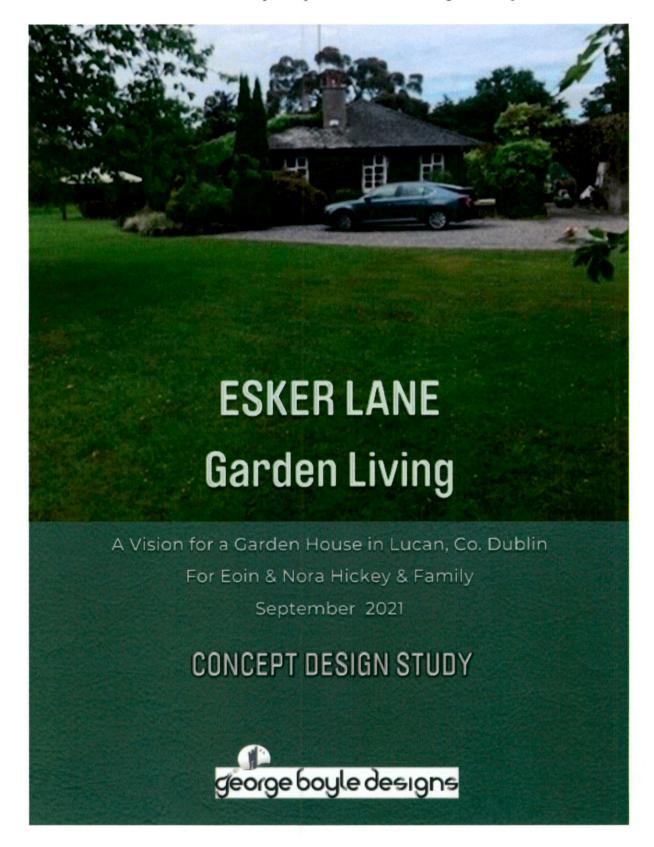
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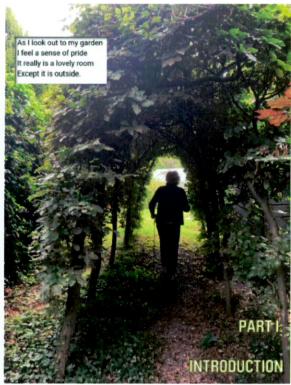
APPENDIX B: Feasibility Study - Extracts from Design Journey











# 1. This proposal is a small suspiementary family residence that sits in the Northwest corner of the Hickey homestead "Rathinree", within about an acre of garden lands. 2. Roth on RI, the Irish translation, means "Fort of the king" or "Triumph of the King" (depending on the fada), it may have been named after a townland in Co. Meath. 3. The site is identified as "St Anne's" on 20th C maps and appears to date from c. 1930s. 4. Rathinree is located Southeast of Lucan village, in the hinterland of a peculiar 19th C, highly granular allotment of residential plots along the south side of the Lucan Road 5. The site is located at the end of Esker Lane. In the 1990s, grounds were sub-divided isolating a parcel of lands for development as a residential estate of townhouses/ duplexes, now "Esker Pines", wrapping south & west of the retained Hickey lands. 6. The N4 motorway carees along the southern boundary edge running north-east. 7. To the north of the site are the sports grounds of Colaiste Phadraig, a secondary school for boys run by the Christian Brothers Order.

PART I Introduction - The Site - "Rathinree"



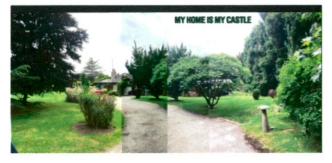




#### PART I Introduction - The Existing Residence

- Rathinree's principal residence is a single-storey cottage that has grown organically
  over the decades with distinctive yet complementary extensions. It is a gently
  rambling, bucolic, example of arts and-crafts inspired architecture, quite typical of its
  generation. The arts and-crafts style, tiled roof sylvan setting lies just north of the
  N4 motorway and generally south-east of Lucan Village, at the end of Esker Lane.
- 2. The unusual focus in this report on the Arts & Crafts movement arises as this is the era in which site and house evolved, they were born in this authenticity and importantly this singular philosophy continues to imbue every nook, cranny, avenue, pathway, form and blade of the residence, inside and out, its attractive meandering grounds, a thriving, enchanting and ecologically sophisticated micro-system.

This retired couple thought, stuff it, just because we're getting older doesn't mean we're not cool. So they built themselves this hip tropical retireal fuciled into a comer of the family property. This modern home designed by Beachouse + Beastudio is not your average granny fat - the two-bedroom home is specious and light-filled and opens generously onto specious doels. It's the perfect spot to enjoy retirement close to family.



#### PART I Introduction - Arts & Crafts Style in Ireland

- 1. Early Irish 20th C suburban/rural design reflects a late 19th C UK movement known as "Arts & Crafts". This was a real reformation in approach to residential design, with an emphasis on simplicity, performance, autonomy and utility. It evolved from increased automation in working land, the rise of town-based, commuter employment, and the demise of domestic service, including servants' quarters in the new free state, service wages were high. Homeowners became independent to economise, and to secure a more private, self-sufficient lifestyle ethos.
- Humble rural living focussed on the simplest of vernacular structures built using traditional crafts and proven native materials - often set in flamboyant, romantic landscapes. The mechanisation of farming left time for more gentle pursuits, the outdoor environs became a source of pleasure and leisure, in fleu of toil and tears.
- 3. The evocative picture of the times was a countryside filled with quaint cottages, lush flower borders, and beautiful children. This nostalgic view of life devoid of hardships and negative effects of industrialisation was reflected in legions of artists', poets', and writers' celebrations of virtuous country living as opposed to grim realities of city life.

## Celebrating the rural and humble

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- The back-to-the-land enthusiasm for Arts & Crafts in Ireland sparked a reverence for unspoiled natural settings, self-contained kitchen gardens and traditions as escape from city turnoil with its underlying current of deep moral and social concerns.
- The movement's origins, ideals, and manifestations are subject of many studies, but basic tenets are a disdain for the fakery of High Victorian artifice, rejoicing in nature, simplicity, craft, tradition the notion that manual work is, in itself personally fulfilling.
- The movement unifies house, furnishing, interior decor, and surrounding garden as a holistic expression of one whole ecosystem. Designers not only saw to every detail of the house and interiors, but routinely also laid out modest. functional gardens.
- 4. Cardens, contained within neatly clipped hedges and restrained indigenous flower borders, contrast starkly with the stiff self-conscious 19th C gardens, formally laid out geometrics planted with brightly coloured annuals, exotic imports, and jarring foliage
- Arts and Crafts landscapes were intimate in scale, with soothing colours and textures.
   Harmonising perfectly with the house, often distinguished by specific zones, features of components, such as garden houses, playgrounds, dovecotes, pergolas, walks, sensory or visual deligible. All constructed using the local materials of the corino.



#### PART | Introduction - The Ask

- The commission is for GBD to explore options for a supplementary intimate family residence within the existing family homestead grounds at Rathinree, Esker Lane.
- The Hickey family is expanding, while, in the national and local context, dwelling homes for young adults are difficult to find, and even more difficult to afford.
- Eoin and Nora-Hickey, with extensive experience in the construction, hospitality and property sectors, are acutely aware of risks and potential negative impacts of uncontrolled overblown intensification on rural/suburban lands and infrastructure.
- 4. However, controlled design of small-scale, considered sharing of family lands allows for minimal environmental impact, optimises social cohesion, limits urban sprawl, is ecologically sustainable and eases pressure on housing demand.
- Humble interventions such as these permit young adults to acquire and develop their own homes, establish patterns of independent living, residential responsibility, and modest freedom - all in close proximity to extended family members.
- 6. In the context of national and local development objectives, this strongly underwrites inter-generational dynamic engagement, forges strong bonds within communities, allows life-long living at home for elders close to loved ones, and, critically, eases pressure on the nagging and exhausting bousing crisis.







#### PART I Introduction - The TASK



- This study seeks to establish whether the proposal to informally partition the lands at Rathinree, by adding a supplementary family residence within the gardens, is a viable and acceptable typology/ model for development, compatible with policies and objectives of international, EU, national, regional and local prevailing frameworks.
- The Task involves site visits, photographic survey/preliminary appraisal of existing site context, desktop/ phone based research /discovery, high-level consultation with the relevant authority, and, eventually lodging an application for planning permission.
- 3. The study seeks to identify and mitigate relevant contextual risks, and establish limits and directive relevant to, constraining or supporting interventions of this nature. This involves a delve into appropriate geographical, historical, social, planning, legislative, architectural, heritage, technical, cultural, scientific or artistic features or attributes, interpreting local authority policy and objectives or other significant factors.
- The study proposes three/four optional concepts for the idea outlined in sketch forma sufficient to allow the Hickeys select one, or to allow a preferred solution evolve from, consolidated and/or informed by any or all options presented.
- The study selects and showcases comparative and/or inspirational case studies in the wider context: the prototype/ precedent across place/ time, locally/ globally, and any other suitable references, in similar circumstances, sites, interest or styles.
- 6. Finally the study sets a code of tenets to guide future development, prevailing project principles to keep the iterative process /detail design in step at all times with the Hickey family vision and values.

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#### PART II Location - Overview - Parish of Esker

#### Parish of Esker

(i.e., Eiscir, or the sandy ridge)

This Parish is returned in the seventeenth century as containing the Townlands of Ballydowd, Ballyowen, Coldest, Finnstown, Kishogo, and Rowlands

It now contains the Townlands of Ballydowd (i.e., O'Dowd's town), Ballyowen (i.e., the town of Owen), Coldout, Esker North and Sour Franctions (or the town of Fyan, a family name), Glebe, Hermitage, Kisbage (i.e., the little wicker causeway), Rowlagh (i.e., the red land),

The objects of antiquarian interest are the ruined clouch and the castle of Ballyowen.

#### Esker, with Hermitage and its Neighbourhood.

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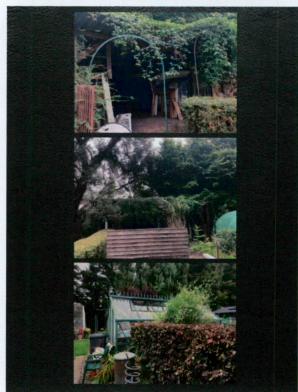


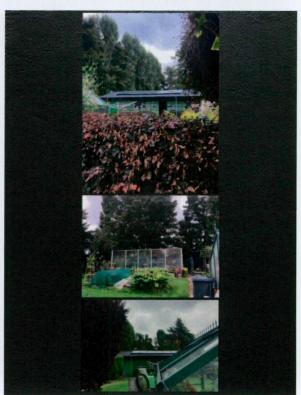








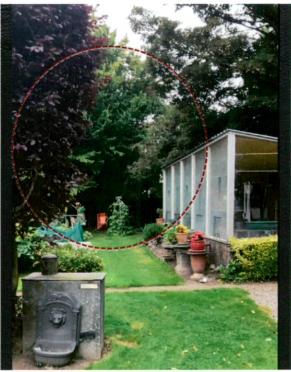










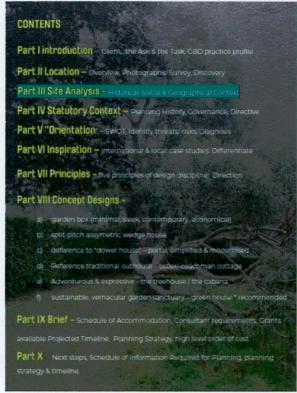




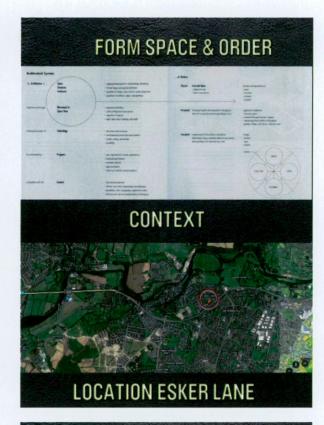








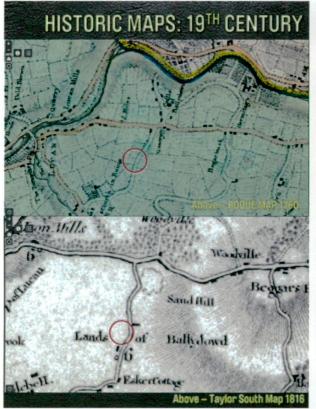


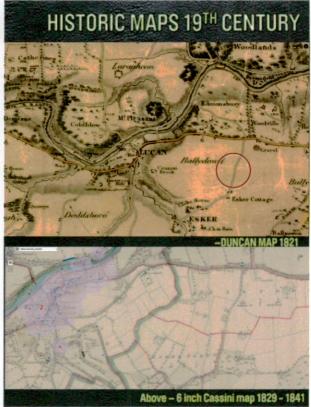


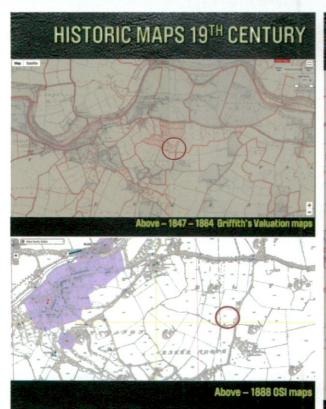


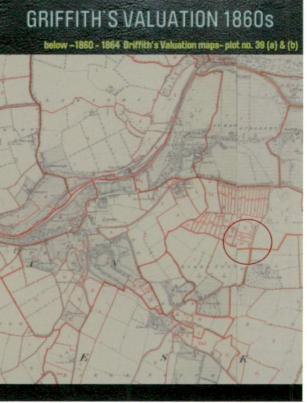






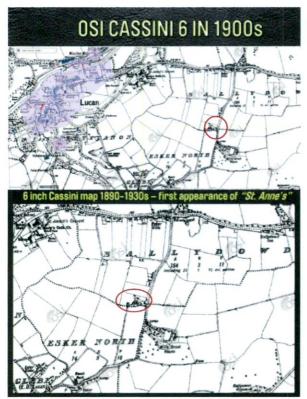


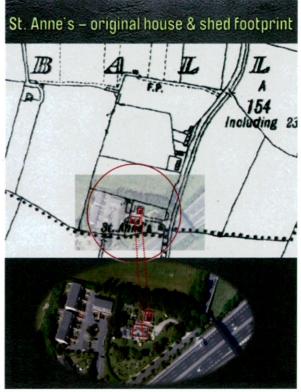


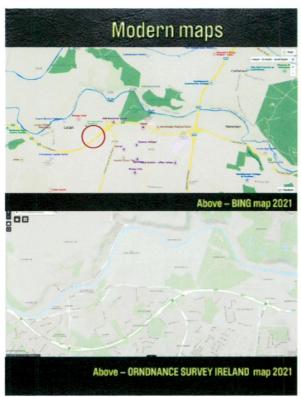


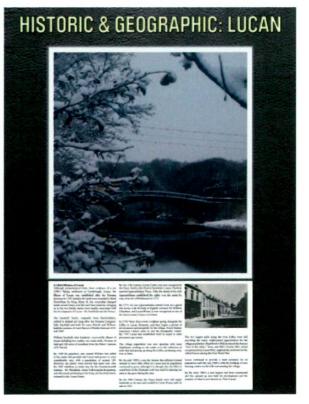








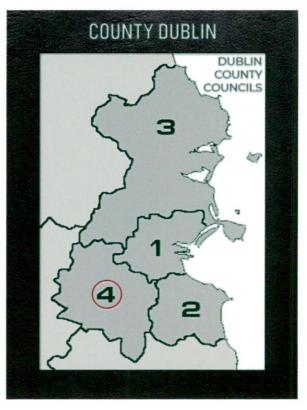


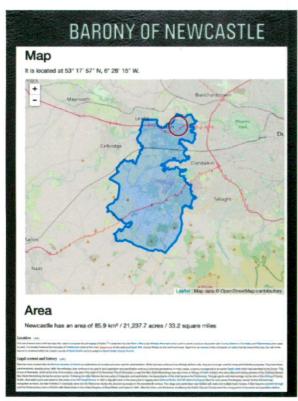


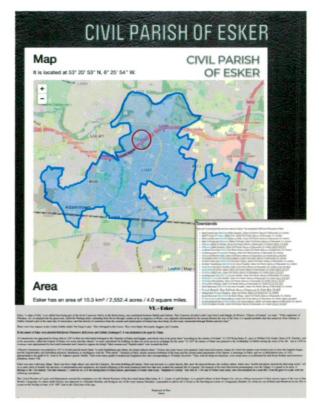






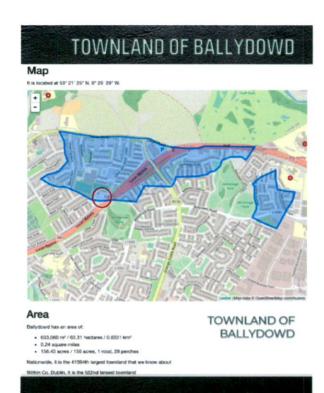






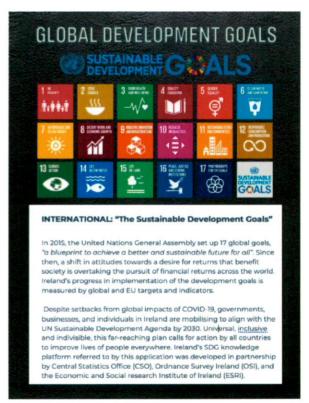










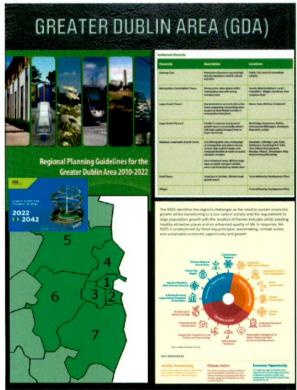


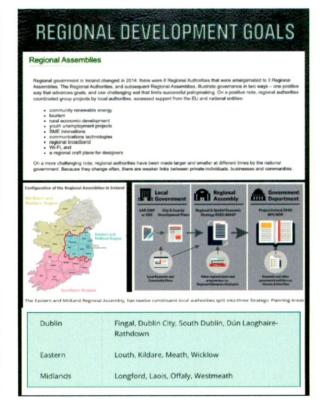






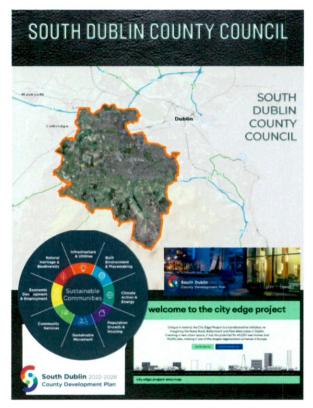
















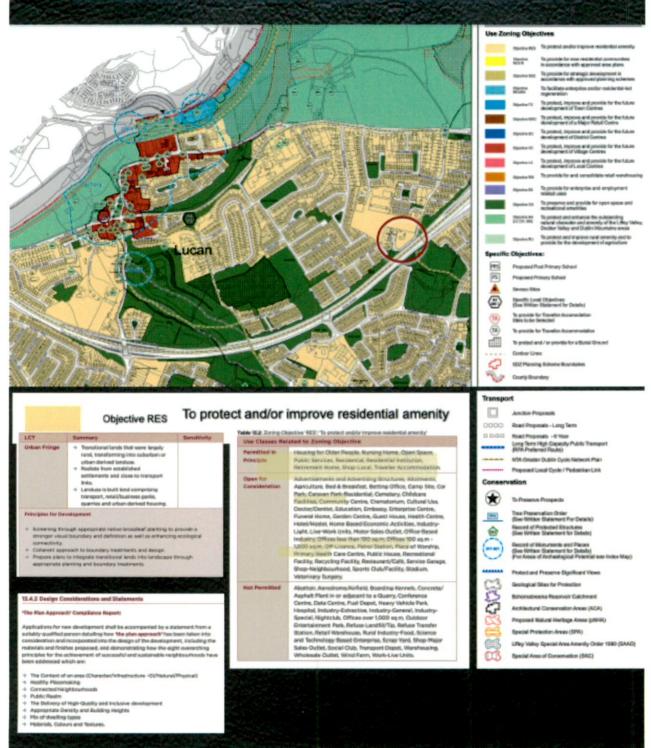






# SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 2028 LAND USE ZONING MAPS







## THE "DOWER HOUSE" CONCEPT

- The Summer 2020 journal 'Cenerations' (the American Society on Demographic & Aging, vol. 44 no.
- 2. The article describes an already-widespread, positive phenomenon, the provision of additional homes within the grounds of larger family residences whether independent homes for adult, children, aging parents, or a combination/ crossover hybrid of both. The bourique homes make a significant contribution to relieving pressure on residential land use / housing shortages in the absolute of the provision of
- The "Granny Flat" a place for aging parents attached directly to an adult child's own home.
   has tucked into communities for centuries, from earliest times a valuable asset easing many diverse challenges such as howing financial case and interconnectional accounts.
- 4. An interesting reference point was in medieval times, when estates generally passed from the
- 5 The wife, if any, of a deceased Lord was not part of the succession chain. Widowed Ladies were called "dowages", and traditionally, the dowager would move to a smaller residence, purpose built within the scrate concern known as the "house known" for a committee the local.



# THE "NUCLEAR HOUSE" CONCEPT

- Cving communally—with multiple families/ households on a single property, sharing utilities
  facilities and amenities—whether on grand manor estates or the diverse housing stock of
  increasing the unbesided quarter—continued account to until and trained into the 2015.
- From the 1960s in Ireland, extensive housing projects were completed on an unprecedented scale, almost exclusively focussed on the "nuclear" family model - mother, father, two or three children, pet. This boom in residential development by nature (being often terraced, semidetached or micro-detached homes) excluded the more dynamic, flexible life-long-adaptable household compositions, house brees and future continueration potions.
- 3. The apartment prototype of 1990s onwerd exacerbates isolationism/ alienation of generations from each other, the predominant mix being 1-bed, 2-bed and 3-bed homes. Although part of complexes with shared amenities, these multi-unit places can be lonely, challenging or difficult to live in as a lone person, single parent, aging couple, physically impaired individual or family.
- 4. Many communities, as a kind of response, were designed to cater directly to certain generational segments retirement villages, supported care, student accommodation. Clustering "types" of people together especially by age profile segregates them from the "rest" of a community via distance, gates, barriers –a troubling perception of ghetto-like places, a deterioration in familiarity that breeds hostility, intolerance and againty racism behaviours.



## THE "FAMILY FLAT" CONCEPT

- t. In later decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> C<sub>i</sub> generational integration returned as a goal in societal pattern and in urban planning. Adaptable, flexible homes designed for life-long occupancy offer low-cost, high-impact solutions tailored to specific stages of adult living. The "granny flat" an attached mini-residence for a semi-dependent relative. has evolved with many variant home types and the benefits of mining older generations back into the fators of family life is now fully socared.
- 2. As the insert demonstrates, there are many ways that these additional hornes can be used, even at differing stages of family flux and flow over time. This has led to an abandonment of the term "granny flat" South Dublin County uses the term "family flat" [semi-independent living development] In other jurisdictions, the prototype recognises the full opportunity of diversity, and applies the term "gooescory dwelling unit" which is appropriate for this project's proposal.

By the turn of the 21st century, increasing demands on caregivers led to the creation of the 'granny pod,' a granny flat outfitted with remote monitoring capabilities and other caregiving support technologies. Alternatively, it was proposed that the older adult could remain in the main house with a caregiver living in the granny flat, but the focus continued to be on the needs (e.g., convenience, proximity) of the caregiver, not necessarily on the needs of the older adult. While there was much discussion among designers, planners, and senior housing advocates about the many imagined possibilities of a granny flat renaissance, the proposition was largely speculative, as few places in America had zoning laws that allowed granny flats, or as they are referred to in zoning language, accessory dwelling units (ADU).

Over the past two decades, concerns surrounding the granny flat have begun to converge with other, initially unrelated movements in the United States, changing the appeal and the legality of these units, and serving to accelerate the construction of ADUs of all types. Thus, the dower house, or granny flat, with its ancient roots, holds promise and challenges for today's older adults.

## THE "ADU" CONCEPT

- The benefits, as can be clearly seen, of providing "ADU" (accessory dwelling units) in certain sites subject to specific criteria - are multifold:
  - The ADU provides a solution that partly provides for "the missing middle" a range of domestic living prototypical styles that are neither "Big Box" nor single-family dwellings



- The ADU can at times complement or form a supplementary income similar to the "room to rent" scheme.
- An ADU may be utilised in lieu of a murn & dad suite, a multi-family unit, a "fledge" unit for transitioning adults starting out on the property / rental market, a live/work unit (highly relevant since the 2020 pandemic) and many other configurations.
- This relieves demand for clustered prototypes e.g. student accommodation, retirement homes, etc. that typically engender urban community dismay, being transitory uses that often lead to poor social cohesion and fragmented neighbourhood identity.

Building on recent success, the future offers an opportunity to return to the ADU type and ask how it might be further tailored to older adults' needs. The most significant opportunity would be to look at the 'A' in ADU. Codes define 'accessory' as a subsidiary building, diminutive to and usually tucked behind the primary structure. This deference does not always reflect the economic standing or social needs of older adults. With increasing demand for smaller units in more urbanized environments, the granny flat may be better deployed as one or more buildings lined along the property frontage, this arrangement could help to shape, activate, and passively supervise street life much more effectively than a deep front and



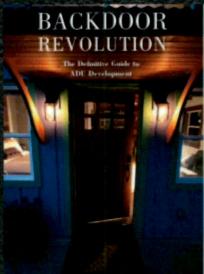


# THE "ADU" CONCEPT at work

# ADU DEVELOPMENT GUIDEBOOK

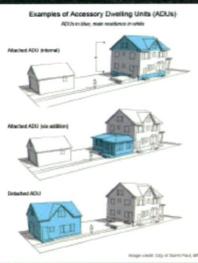
Your step-by-step manual for developing a granny flat/in-law suite/guest house







Kol Peterson





- 1. Creating more affordable housing options as secondary suites are typically small, easy to construct, increase
- 2. Enabling sentions to "age-in-place" by creating smaller more allocable units where sention can desentiate in their own neighborhood. [12] 12] Some of the recent popularity of secondary suites in the United States can be afficiated to the activism of the American Association of Related Persons (AARP) and other organizations that support sentions. [14]
- 3. Supporting diverse and multi-generational households as seniors, young exhits, or other relatives can like on the same property as their families but still maintain some indep a response to the personner of the perso
- Creating energy-efficient housing as the small and often attached units require fewer resources. PRI[13]
- ADUs can be integrated into the scale and character of single-family neighborhoods while also promoting workforce housing in these neighborhoods (INIZE)
   Municipal budgets may benefit from new location housing that does not require new or significant utility upgrades, road maintenance, etc. [M

on one unit is sold off to a third party, or is rented out, it can be difficult to attain a sale of a unit or of the whole building as one party may be reluctorit to move out or self-



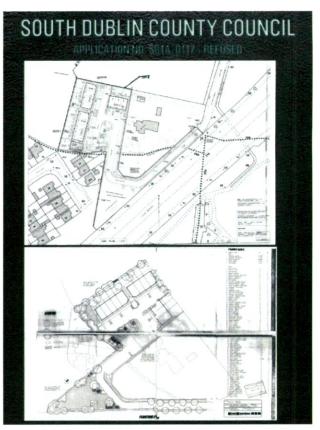


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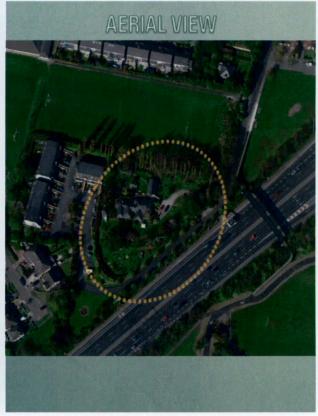






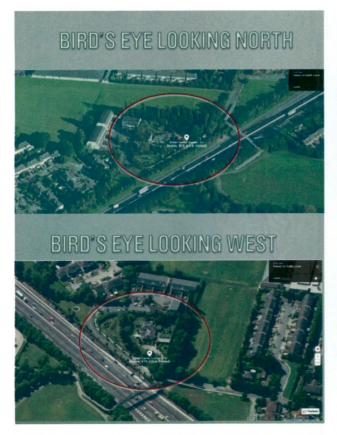






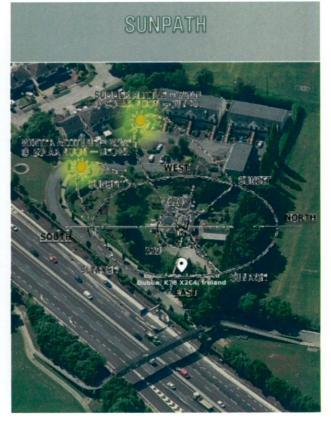
















# THINGS TO CONSIDER: ENERGY

SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY CONSERVATION: PART CAMENDMENT 2017 REQUIRES ALL NEW DWELLINGS TO BE NEAR ZERO ENERGY DWELLINGS (NZEB) BY 31 DEC 2020.

#### ZERO ENERGY: NEW DWELLINGS CONSIDERATIONS:

- W PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMPTION & RELATED CO<sup>2</sup> EMISSIONS
- BI RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, SOLAR, WIND, GROUNDWATER, AIR-TO-WATER
- FABRIC INSULATION THROUGHOUT WALLS, FLOORS, ROOFS
- d AIR TICHTNESS & PASSIVE VENTILATION
- W BOILER HEAT GENERATOR EFFICIENC
- 1 INSULATION OF PIPES, DUCTS AND VESSEL
- RADON PROTECTION, DELETERIOUS MATERIALS PROTECTION
- N MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEMS
- I ENSURING BUILDING IS APPROPRIATELY DESIGNED TO LIMIT NEED FOR COOLING
- SMART TECHNOLOGY & CONTROLS
- M PERFORMANCE OF COMPLETED / EXISTING DWELLINGS (C, D, E, FAS ABOVE )



# THINGS TO CONSIDER: ECOLOGY

#### ENVIRONMENT: CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDE

- DESIGN DESIGN HOUSE THAT FULLY INTEGRATES WITH UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE AREA, ENHANCE RATHER THAN DESTROY ANY SPECIAL CHARACTER
- W SITE WORKS: PRESERVE ALL ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES ON SITE AS MUCH AS DOSSIRIES TORES, HEDICEDOWS, WATER COURSES EVEN DITCHES
- MAKE THE MOST OF SITE TOPOGRAPHY, ECOLOGY & LANDSCAPING FEATURES: WEAVE TO BECOME PRIMARY PART OF DESIGN, PROTECT FLORA & FAUNA
- d) ENSURE ANY SERVICES PROVIDED TO SITE ARE SENSITIVELY LOCATED AND ALL IMPACTS CADELITLY STUDIED, DEVICEMENT, AND WHERE NECESSARY MITICATED.
- USE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE WHERE POSSIBLE E.G. WATER, ELECTRICITY DATA DODGED THAT SHEED INST CADACITY IS AVAILABLE.
- 6 ENSURE RUN-OFF OR WASTE DISPOSAL FROM SITE IS DEALT WITH IN A SYSTEMIC AND SELF-CONTAINED WAY WHETHER WASTEWATER, FOUL DRAINAGE, ETC.



Home / General / Storing Water in the Landscape: A Swales and Ponds Primer

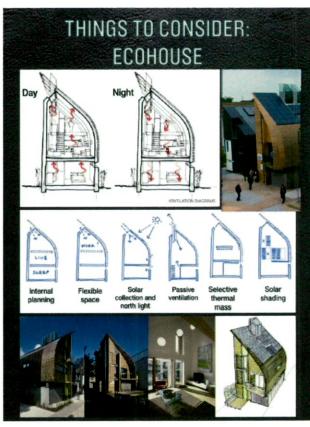










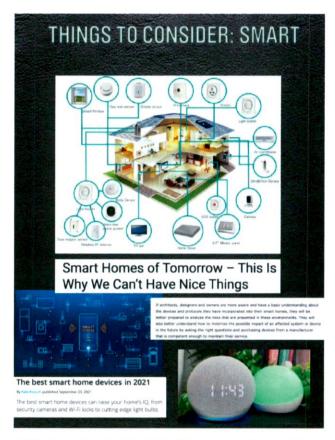


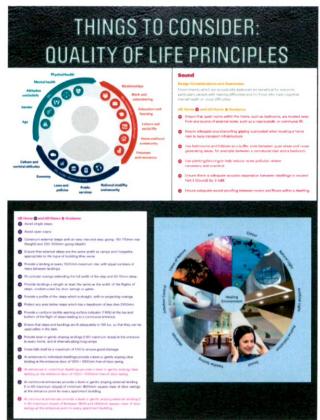


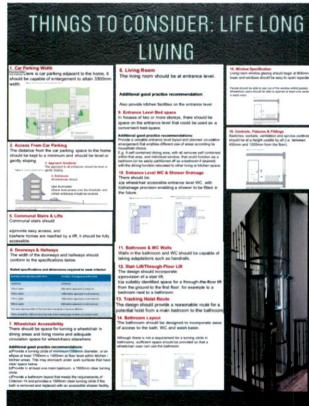


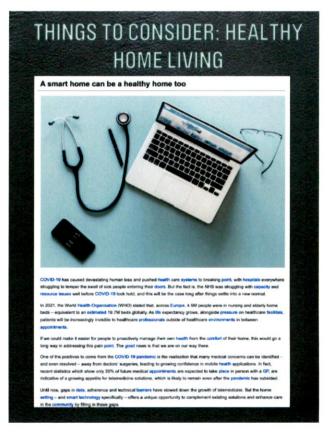






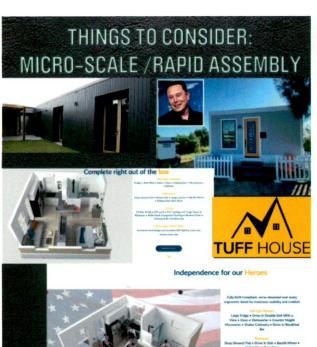














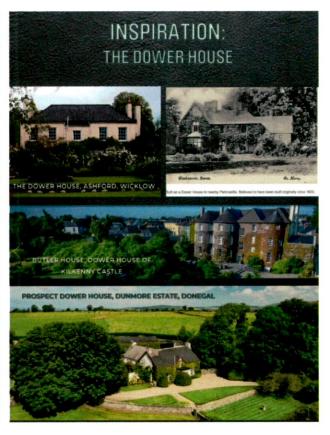
### INSPIRATION: THE COTTAGE ORNE

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In Ireland, cottage orné style was often evident on landed estates, either as pleasant retreats for residents of the manor, guest house short-term tenure hornes for relatives or friends or as demonstrative embellahments for demense. As such, they were rarely used ac cottages in the more traditions issens, as a small develling for the rural poor. The cottage orné is the archetypal chocolate box

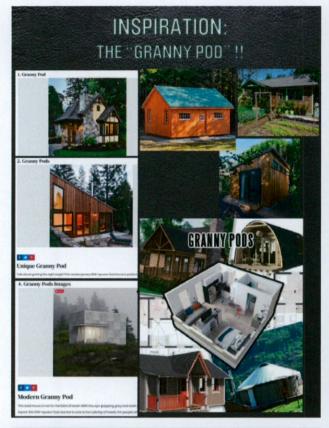


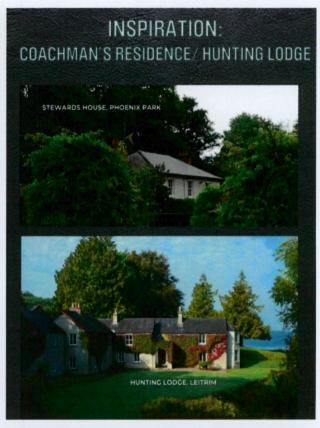




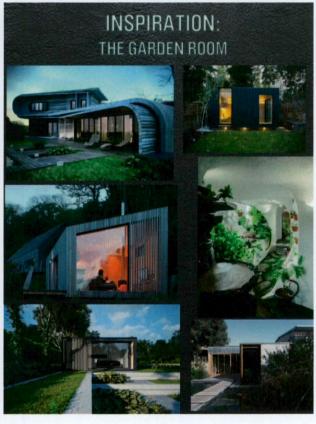










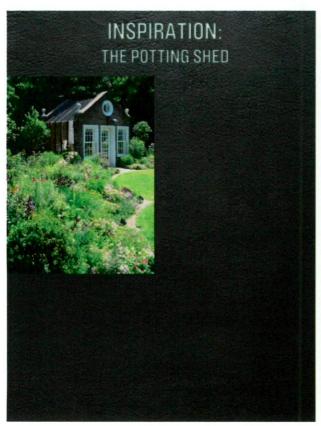


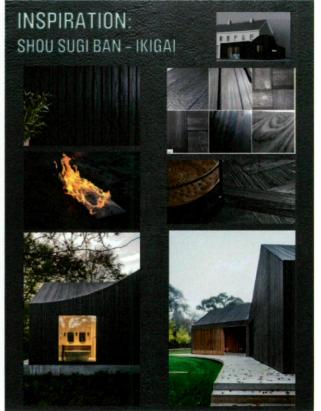








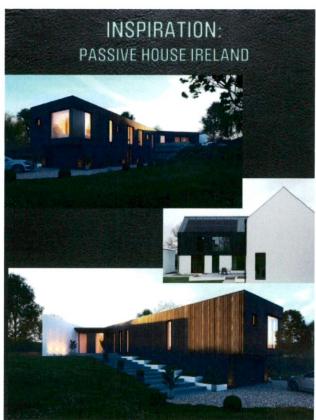




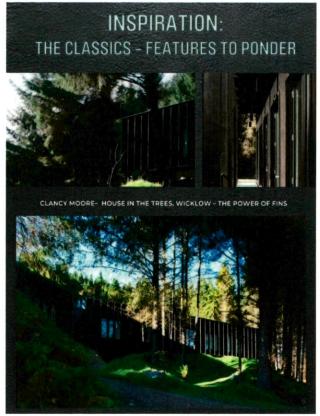










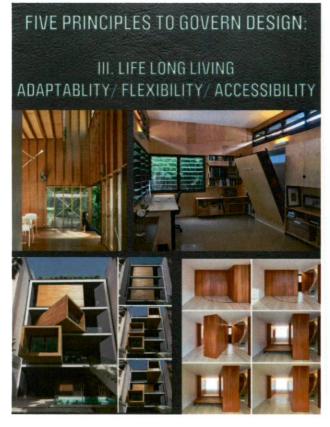








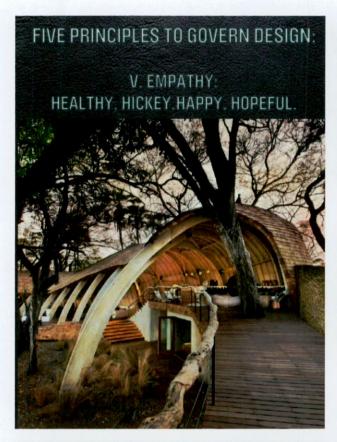






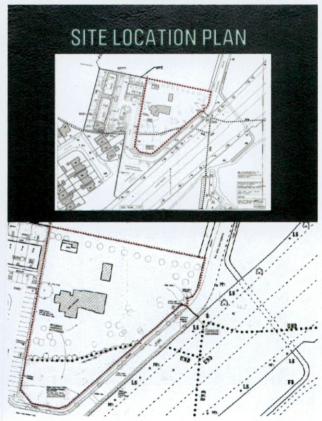








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# SITE LOCATION PLAN

Existing greenhouse structure removed. ADU aligns to site geometry, optimises orientation, & adjacent building lines/ privacy fully respected

New driveway off shared entrance aligns to North boundary, respects treeline, root exclusion, establishes notional contained plot, allows for potential private space boundary definition in future variations/ iterations, if required

Potential to re-open former
gateway as pedestrian
entrance to new home zone







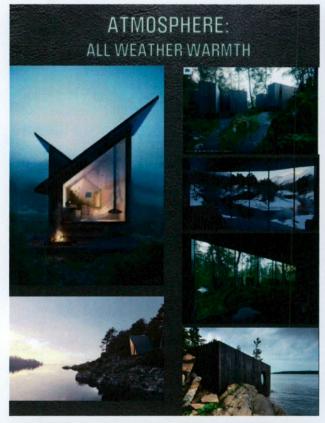


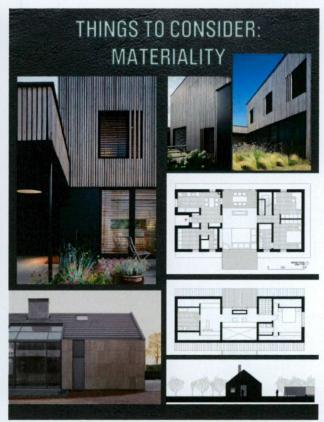




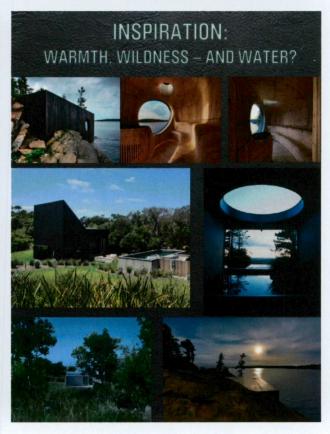






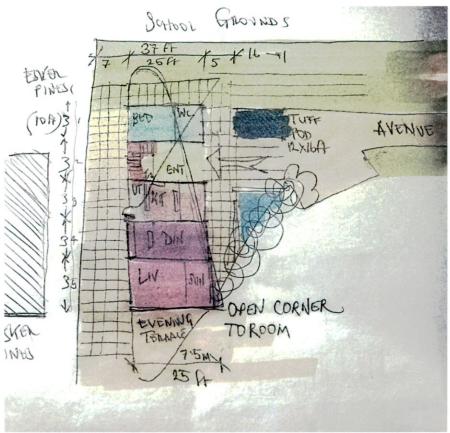


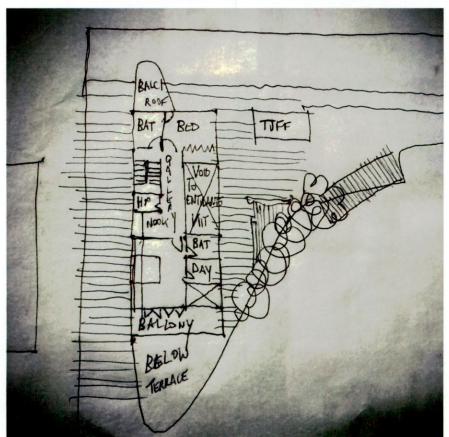


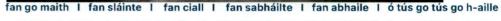








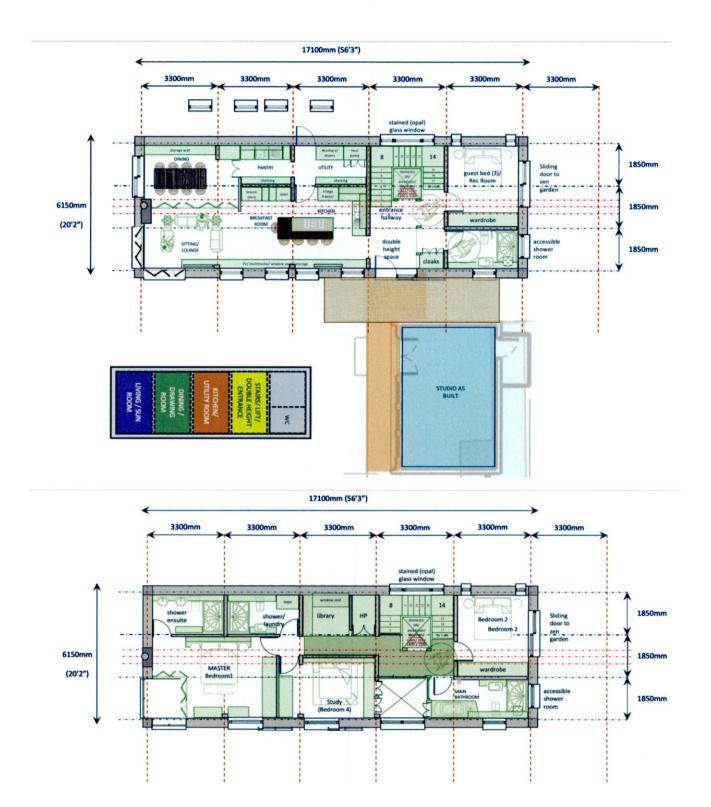






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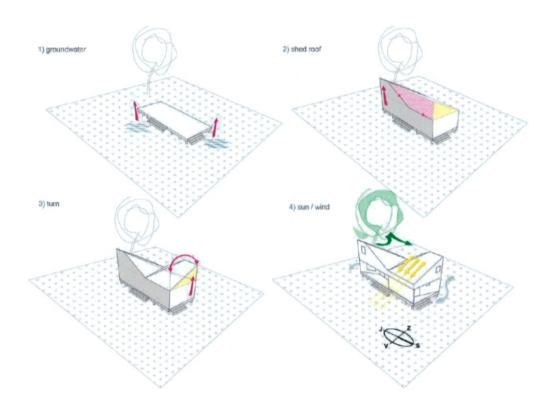












### ATMOSPHERE - INTERIORS:



# INSPIRATION: Mixed Bag







