

STAFF REPORT

TO: Advisory Design Panel (ADP) MEETING DATE: November 1, 2023

FROM: Planner I FILE NO: DP-2023-16

SUBJECT: Design review of 'Phase 2' Apartment Residential Development on Town-

Owned Property at 571 Shaw Road

REPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to share development plans for a second apartment residential building on the Town-owned property located at 571 Shaw Road, and to obtain a recommendation from the ADP to Council on whether to approve the form and character of 'phase 2' development plans as proposed or if changes should be required. The DP request includes a relaxation to the long-term bicycle parking requirements reflecting anticipated usership and to improve the form and character of the outdoor amenity space adjacent to the bike parking.



Figure 1 - Site location at 571 Shaw Road. The approximate location of the Phase 2 development is outlined in white.

BACKGROUND

2019

Following public consultation, the Town rezoned its property at 571 Shaw Road and leased the east 50% of the property to the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society (SCAHS) to develop proposed mixed market rental housing.

The remaining 50% of the Town-owned property is zoned to support development of a future Community use.

June 24, 2020 Development Permit DP-2020-08 issued for the first apartment building (40 units). Subsequent minor changes to the building exterior and landscape have been approved to address drainage concerns, neighbour, privacy and budget constraints.

July 14, 2020 Variance authorized reducing onsite parking requirement for phases 1 and 2 from 1.5 spaces per apartment unit to 0.7 spaces per unit and permitting development of additional parallel parking on-street on O'Shea Road

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Phase 1 building permit was issued and site construction remains underway.

Present Requests

- Development Permit DP-2023-16 for form and character of the development in relation to Development Permit Area No. 4
- To improve form and character compliance, reduce the bylaw requirement for Class 2 (secured locker) bicycle parking from 1.2 to .79 spaces per unit.

DISCUSSION

Proposal

Development Plans have been submitted to the Town by the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society for a second rental apartment residential building at 571 Shaw Road. The first building has 40 apartment units over four stories. Three units and a common balcony on each of the floors (12 units total) are oriented to a common courtyard amenity space at the centre of the site, which includes a children's play area, communal barbeque space, shared food gardens and extensive landscaping.

A second building is now proposed, which effectively mirrors the design of Building 1 in both floor plan and exterior detailing, and which is separated from Building 1 by the courtyard and phase 2 parking areas. The majority of the 36 units proposed for the building are oriented and closely located to the currently undeveloped portion of the Town property that is zoned for future development of a community use. An indoor communal amenity space for residents is located on the ground floor, facing the parking and courtyard.

Figure 2 shares the proposed site plan; architectural and landscape plans are enclosed with this report as Attachments A and B.

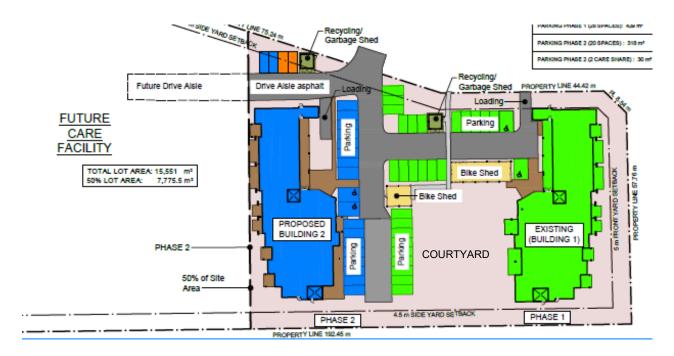


Figure 2 - Site Plan

Zoning

Staff has reviewed the development plans in relation to the regulations for the CDA-5 zone and the variances authorized for the property in conjunction with approval of the first phase of the development and notes the following:

- The development is consistent with the setbacks, building height and lot cover provided in the zone.
- Parking is provided at a rate of .7 spaces per unit including credit per the bylaw of 3 spaces for each of two car share vehicles and spaces to be provided.
- Long- and short-term bicycle parking is provided per the bylaw except that a request is
 presented to reduce the number of spaces in long-term bike shed parking structures
 from 80 spaces to 60. Rationale for relaxing the bicycle parking is provided in a letter
 from the applicant, enclosed with this report as Attachment C.
- Staff notes that the project site boundary is not a property boundary and therefore setback requirements do not apply and a 0.0m setback from the site boundary is proposed.

Development Permit Area No. 4 Guidelines and Review

The property at 571 Shaw Road is located within Development Permit Area No. 4 (DPA 4) per Schedule E of the Official Community Plan.

DPA 4 has the intent:

"to ensure that a high standard of design, landscaping and building form is implemented for any multi-unit residential development".

Prior to issuance of a building permit for the proposed multi-family residential development, a Development Permit is required. The purpose of the permit is to confirm that the DPA4 guidelines are appropriately addressed, ensuring that new development is appropriate to its surroundings, is compatible with surrounding uses or neighbourhood character, and that the multi-unit residential development is attractive for future residents.

The Advisory Design Panel is requested to review the proposal in relation to the form and character guidelines of DPA 4 and provide a recommendation to Council on issuance of the permit and/or any changes to be required.

To assist the ADP in its review, staff has also reviewed and provided comments on the phase 2 development plans in relation to the Guidelines of DPA 4. Staff's review is enclosed with this report as Attachment D.

In summary, staff finds that:

- Most of the guidelines in relation to the <u>building form and character</u>, <u>building scale</u> and <u>massing</u>, <u>roof design</u>, and <u>landscaping</u> are well addressed.
 - Materials are still required to address site lighting for phase 2.
 - Guidelines that staff found not to be well addressed relate largely to parking on the Courtyard, and fronting the street on O'Shea Rd. The ADP's interpretation and comments would be helpful to understand whether this is a concern that should be addressed, or whether the parking is well located and can be considered well located as it is recessed from the front of the site on Shaw Road.

Consideration of Public Interest re: Use of Town-Owned Land

The project is proposed on land owned by the Town with the intent to serve not only the currently proposed housing use, but also a future community use fitting with the intent covenanted for the lot by the donor of the property to the Town. The parcel is effectively divided into two equally sized parcels, with a use zoned for each portion. The zone areas are shown in Figure 3. Subarea 1 in orange permits residential use, while subarea 2, in blue, permits community uses that may include uses such as:

- a seniors care facility,
- school.
- police station,
- community centre,
- health centre, or
- library.

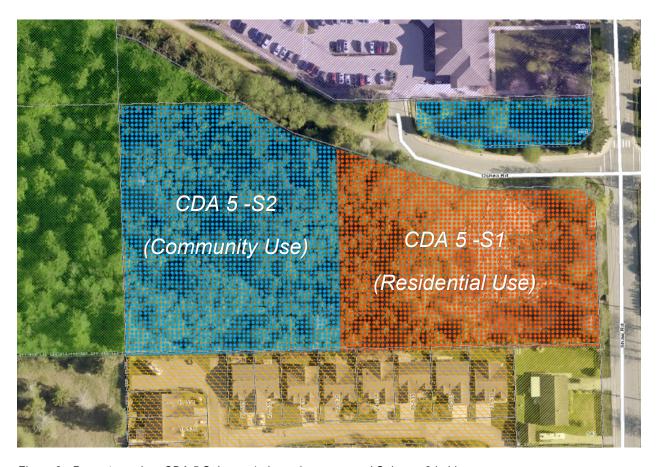


Figure 3 - Property zoning -CDA 5 Subarea 1 shown in orange and Subarea 2 in blue.

The future uses of the neighbouring site are noted as the phase 2 proposal under consideration proposes a 0.0 m setback from the divide between the use areas. This is illustrated in the site plan in Figure 1.

While there is no setback requirement in the zoning bylaw from a zoning divide, the BC Building Code will require a setback or alternate solution for the neighbouring development. Further, the residences of Building 2, with living areas and balconies oriented primarily to the west will require screening and privacy from any future community use proposed on the west portion of the property, which is not provided in the plan – rather relying on the forest presently adorning the undeveloped site.

A timeline for development of subarea 2 is unknown. In consideration of the proposal, Council may choose to require that the current development include a buffer to protect development potential for a future use on the subarea 2 site.

Reduction to required long-term bicycle parking spaces.

Part 6.17 of the Zoning Bylaw requires a minimum number of both short-term (standard bike racks) and long-term (sheltered and secured) bicycle parking to be provided for new developments.

For a multi-family development, 1.25 long term bicycle parking locker spaces are required per unit and 0.2 short term rack spaces per unit are required.

The Phase 2 development plans, as first drafted, included two bicycle cages to accommodate the 95 bicycle storage spaces required for 76 units. The two cages were placed end to end with a pedestrian path between connecting the courtyard to the property frontage and circulation routes, as shown in Figure 4, below. The length of the bike parking structures occupied a sum 26 m (85 ft) of the courtyard frontage and formed a visual barrier between the O'Shea street frontage and courtyard gardens, circulation and other amenities within the development.



Figure 4 - Bicycled 'shed' parking structures required to meet bylaw requirement and store 95 bicycles. The applicants request to reduce the bike parking requirement to reduce the size of the structures within the courtyard.

Staff noted its concern that the barrier would create a visual barrier and impede open circulation through the courtyard and potentially compromise comfort and safety of pedestrians entering the space.

In response, the applicants reviewed numerous other locations for the second bicycle storage locker, but determined all other locations would either obstruct views from units or would be removed from open view and therefore would not be functional or be secure.

Further, SCAHS notes that in practicality, the number of required long term parking spaces is excessive in relation to the use they anticipate for the property.

The applicants have therefore submitted a request to reduce the size of the parking as shown in the enclosed landscape plan, with a letter outlining rationale supporting the reduction. This letter is enclosed as Attachment C.

Where a zoning bylaw regulation conflicts with development permit areas guidelines, the Local Government Act provides that a municipality may vary the bylaw as a provision of the Development Permit.

COMMUNICATION

The application has been referred to the Building, Infrastructure and Finance Departments, Gibsons and District Volunteer Fire Department and Vancouver Coastal Health for comment. At this time, no comments have been received.

As the application is consistent with zoning requirements, the application review process does not include public comment.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will share the ADPs recommendations with the Committee of the Whole and with Council for a decision on the application.

Once the Development Permit is approved, the applicants may apply for a building permit subject to meeting any permit conditions. A key funding timeline requires issuance of the development permit before the end of this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS / ALTERNATIVES

The ADP is asked to provide a recommendation and comments to Council on the following:

- 1. Whether the form and character of the development is supported as proposed or whether changes are required to better address the guidelines of DPA 4
- 2. Whether the requested reduction in long term locked bike parking spaces is supported.

The following are recommendation options for the ADP to consider:

1) THAT the ADP recommends issuance of the Development Permit DP-2023-16 with no changes required

OR

THAT the ADP recommends issuance of the Development Permit DP-2023-16 subject to the following changes to better address form and character guidelines...

- a) (list changes...)
- 2) THAT the ADP supports the requested reduction to required enclosed long-term bicycle parking spaces to improve conformance with the intent of the form and character design guidelines, recognizing the rationale provided in the application

OR

THAT the ADP does not support the requested reduction to required enclosed long-term bicycle parking spaces because (cite reason for Council's consideration).

Attachments

- Attachment A Development Plans
- Attachment B DPA 4 Guidelines
- Attachment C Rationale letter re bike parking reduction
- Attachment C Staff Review of DPA 4 Guidelines

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Rawkins Planner I

Report reviewed by:

	Chief Administrative Officer
	Director of Corporate Services
	Director of Finance
	Director of Infrastructure Services
Х	Director of Planning and Development

Shaw Road Affordable Housing Project Phase 2 Development Plan

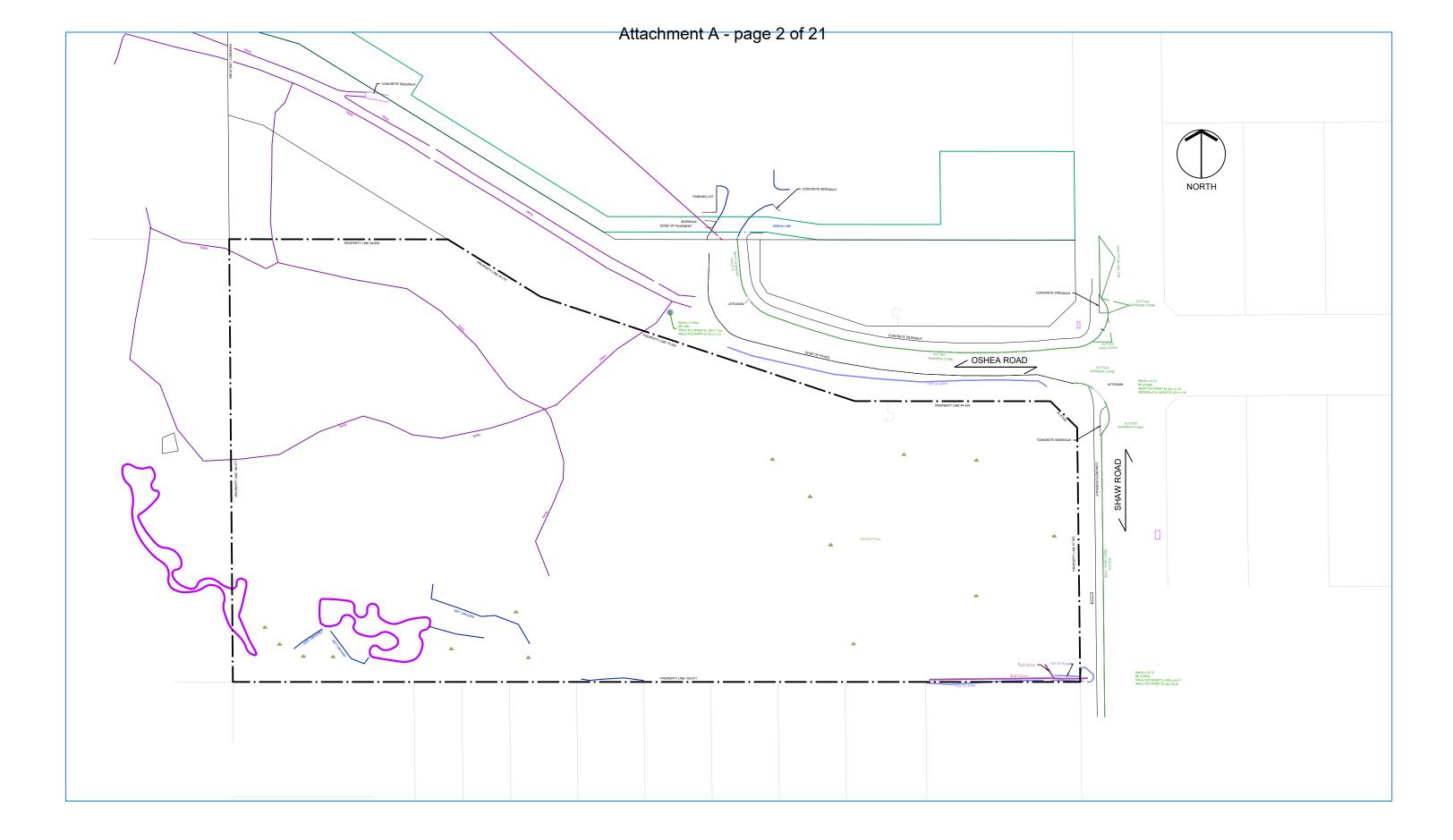
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- 1.3 Site Concept Plan
- 1.4 Zoning Map
- 1.5 Building Statistics Site Coverage
- 2.1 Unit Plans
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- 2.4 Unit Plans
- 2.5 Unit Plans
- 3.1 Ground Floor Plan
- 3.2 Second Floor Plan
- 3.3 Third Floor Plan
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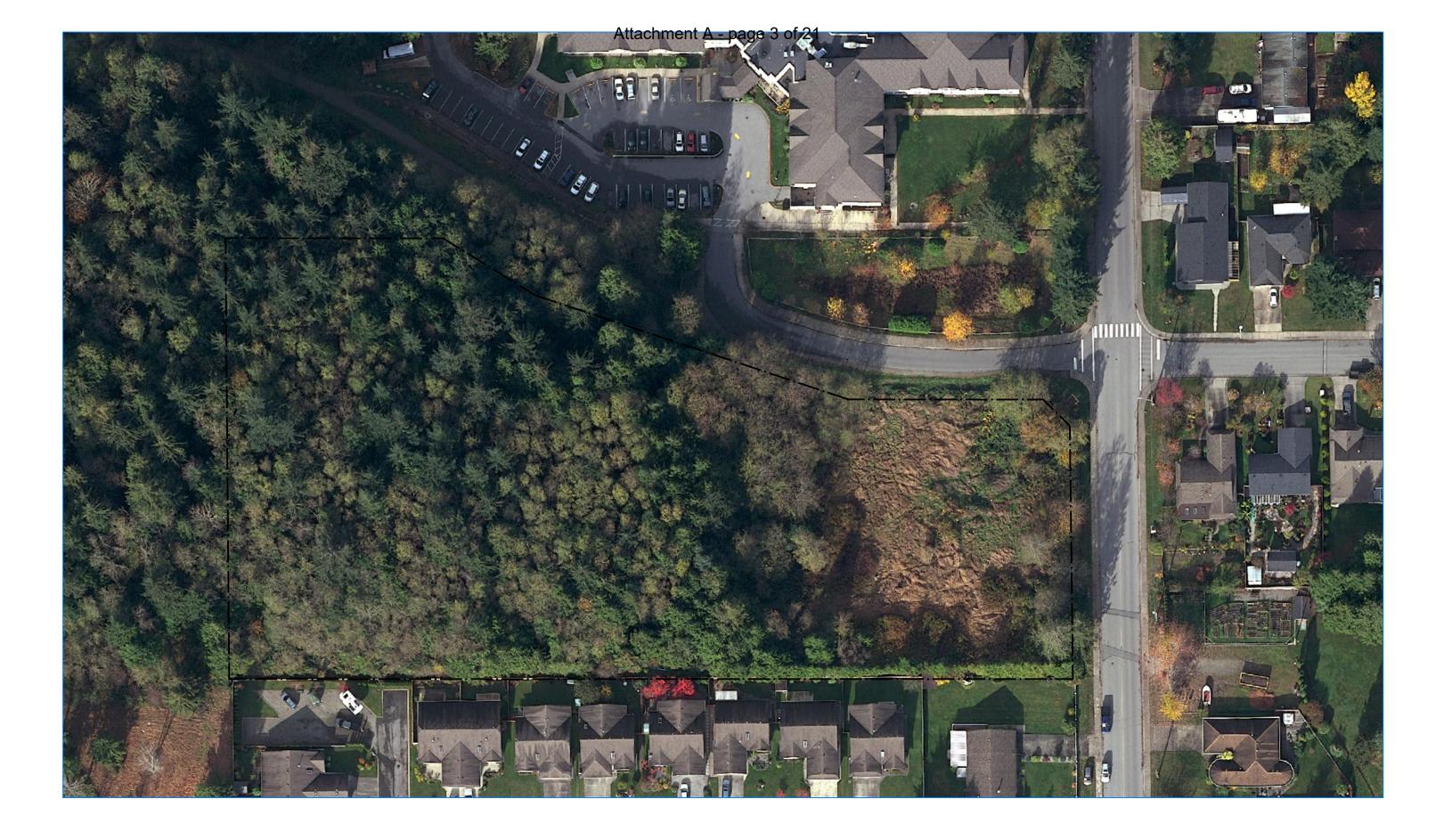


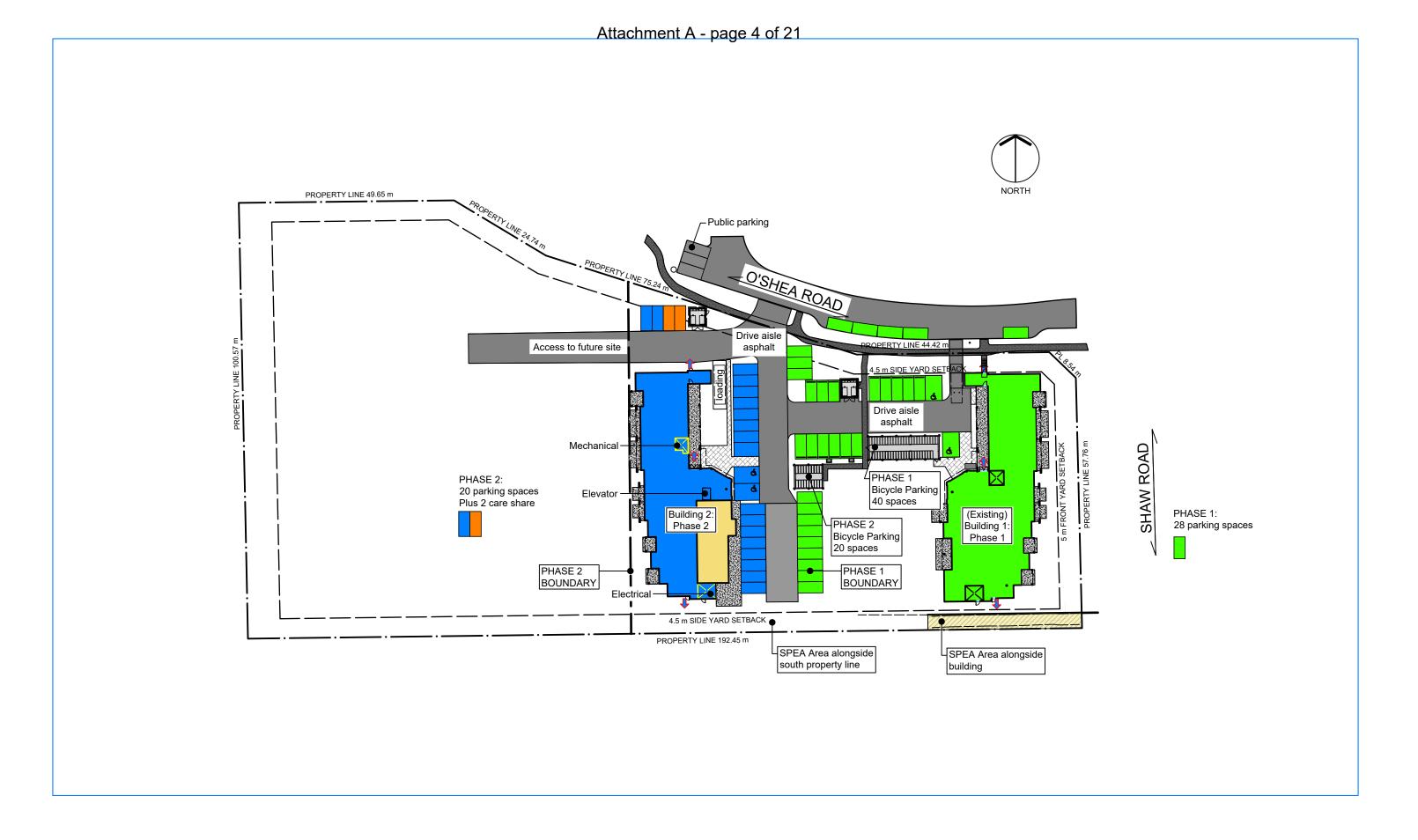


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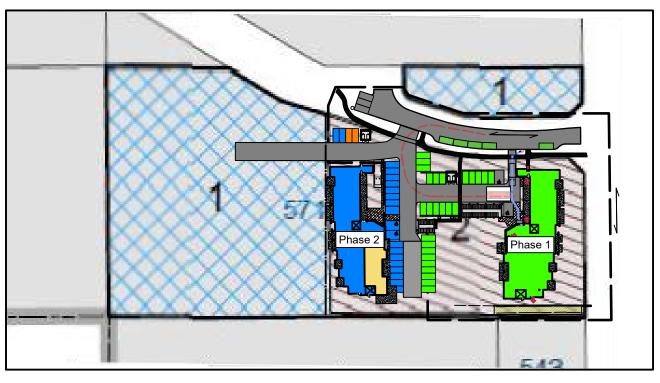


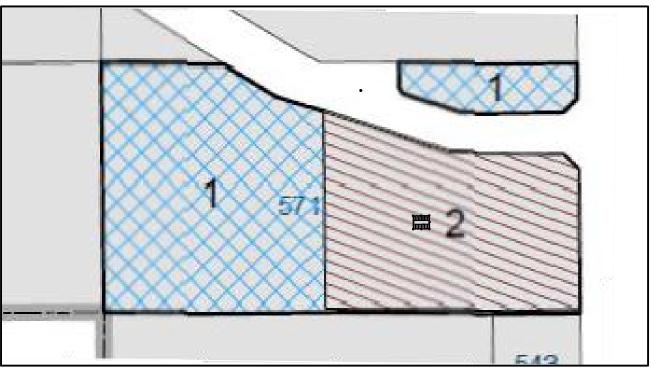








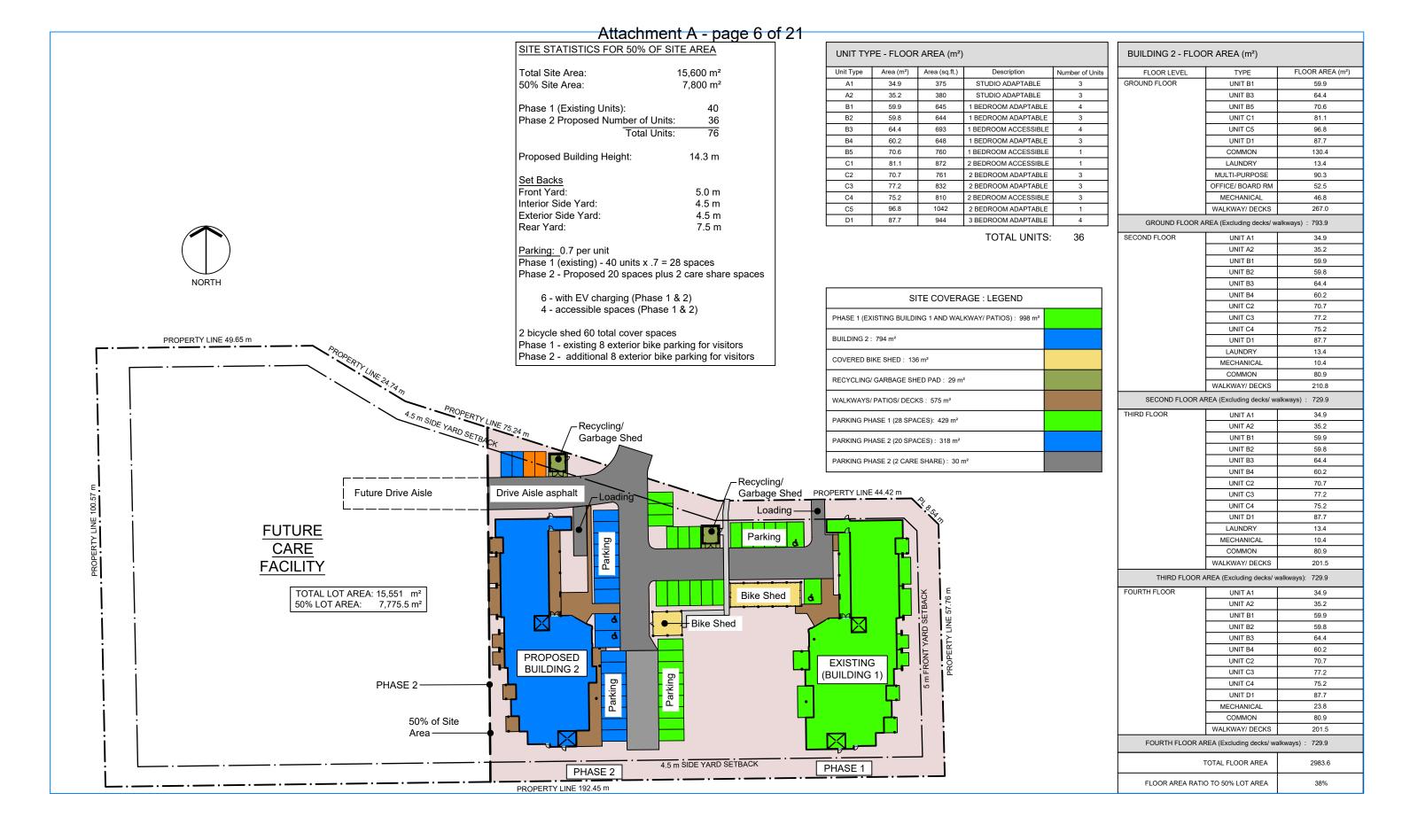




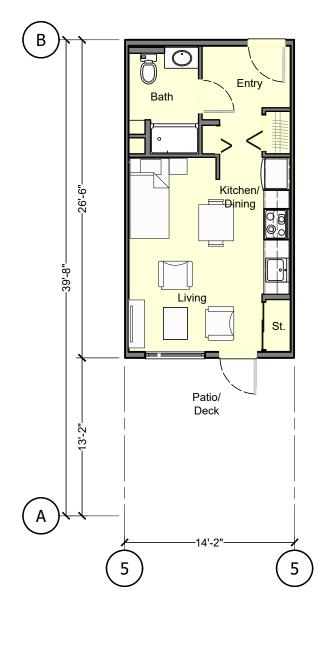
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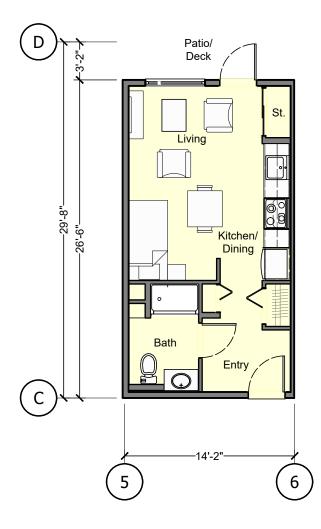




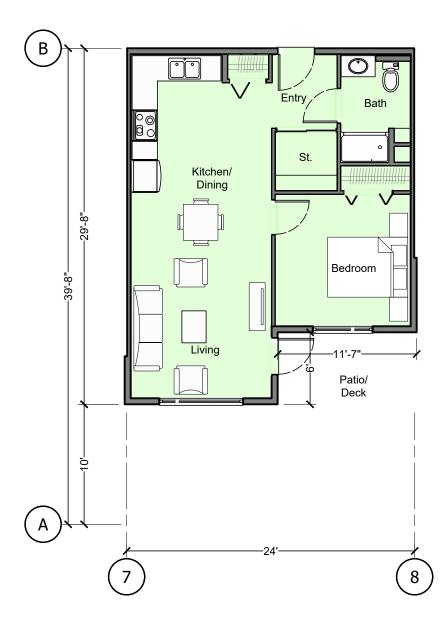
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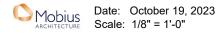


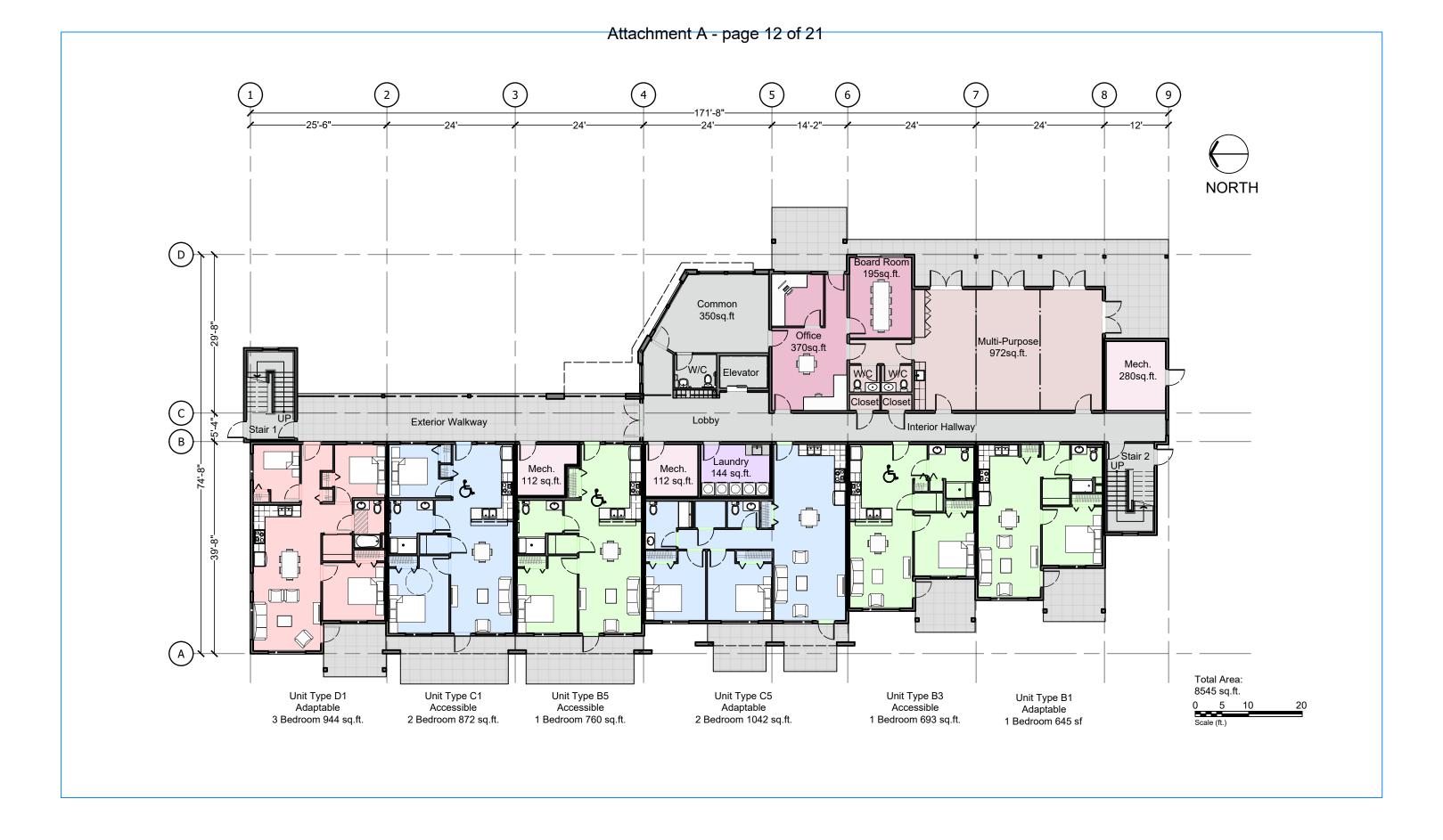
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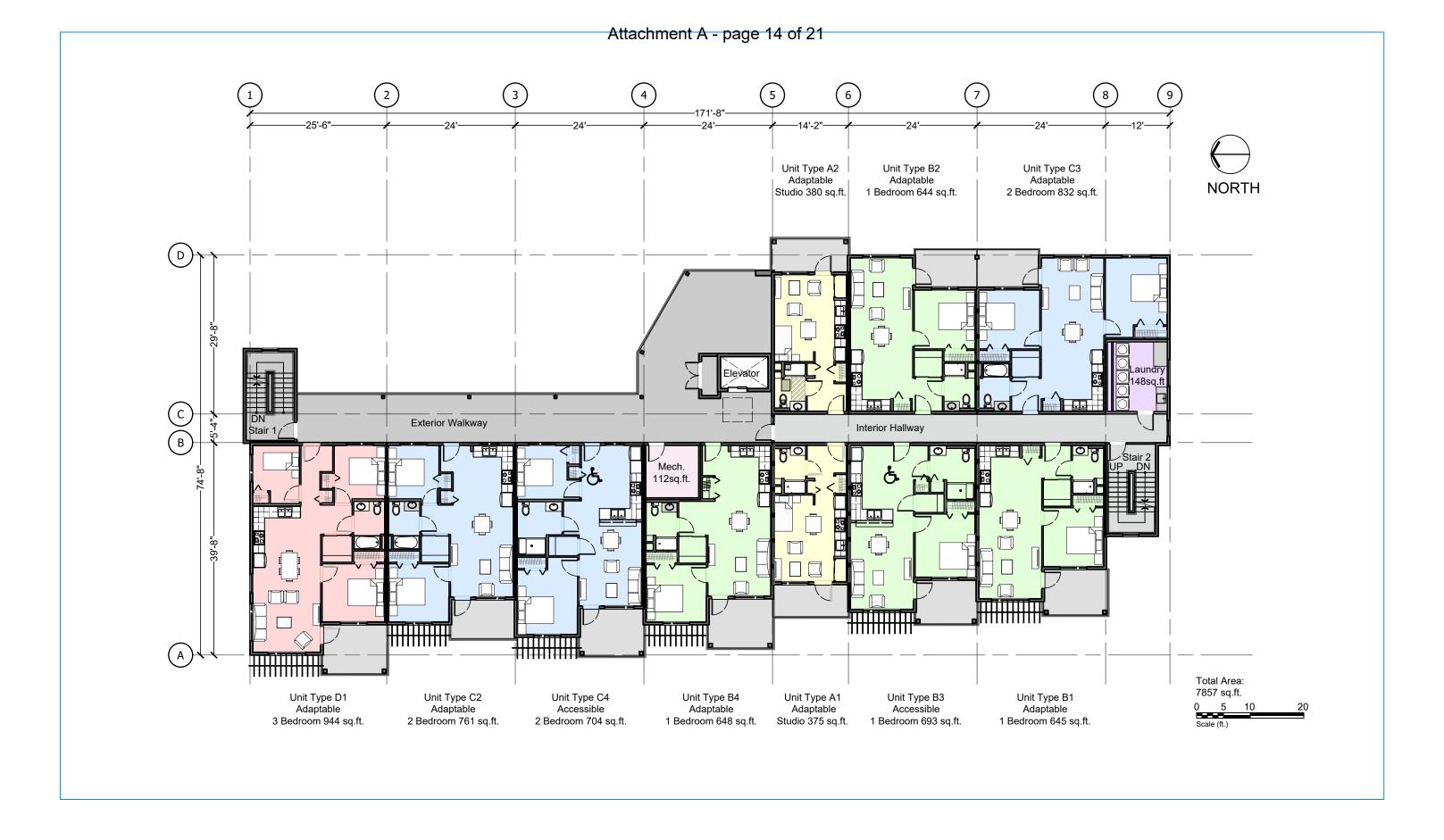
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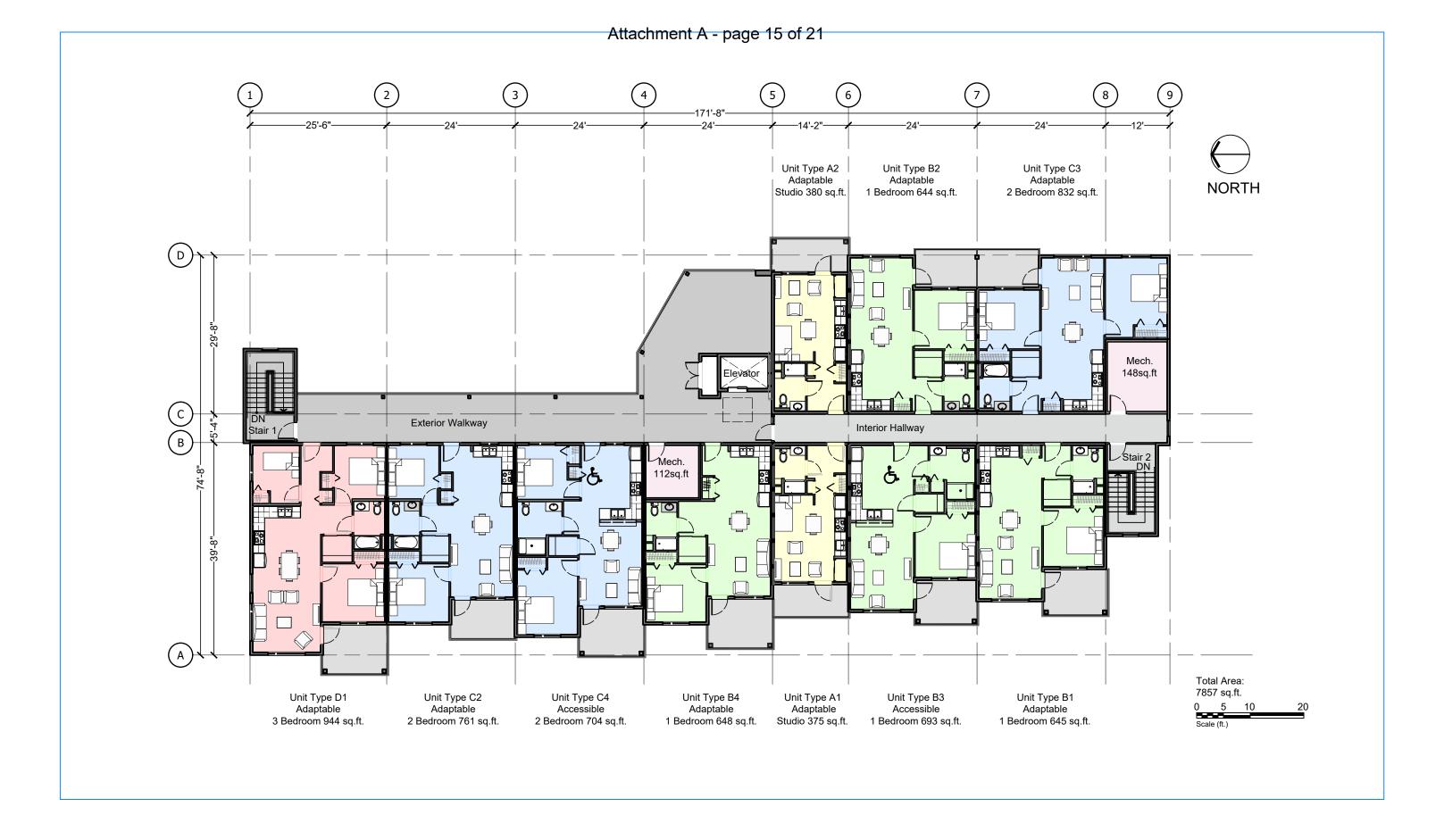


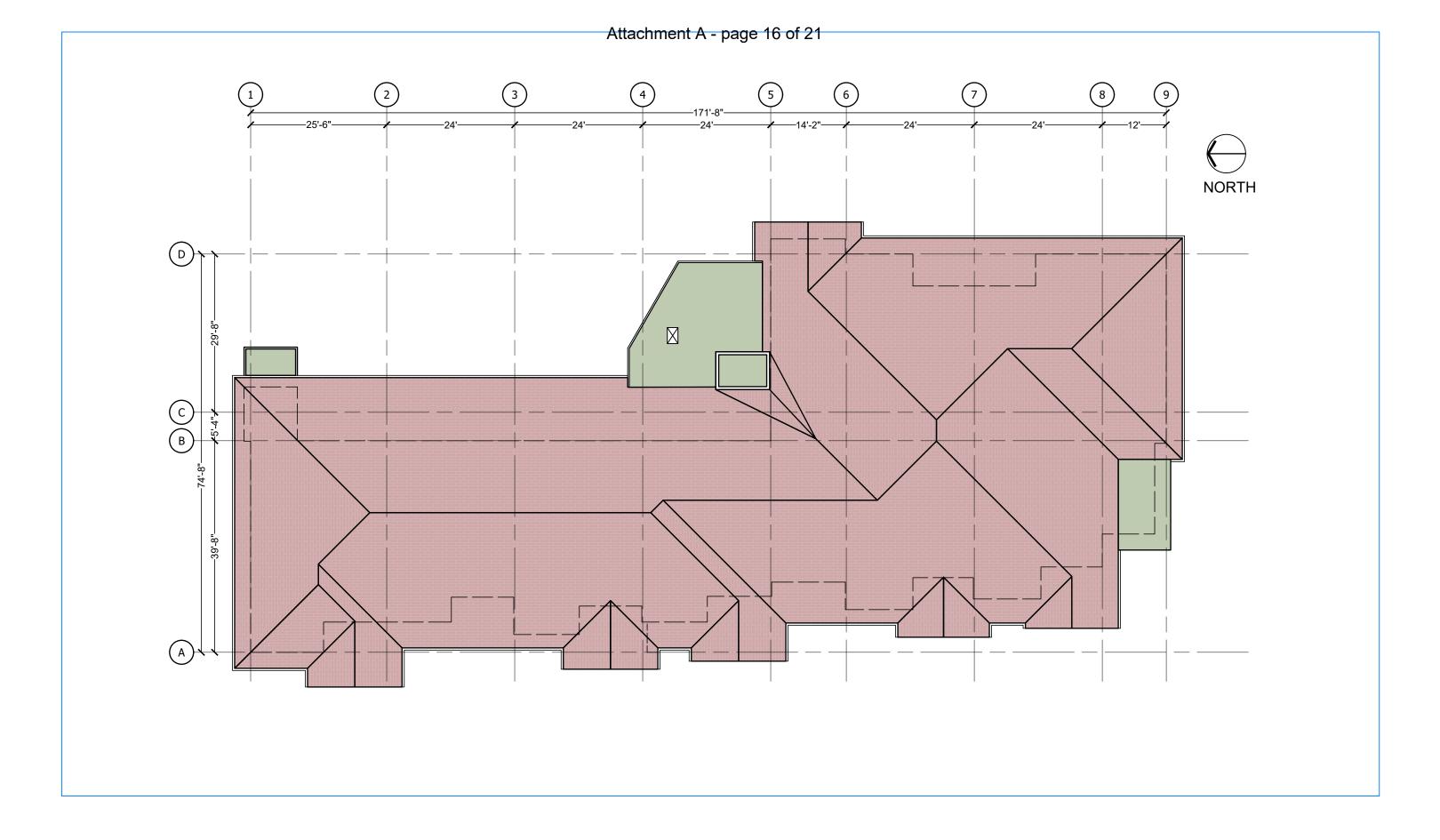


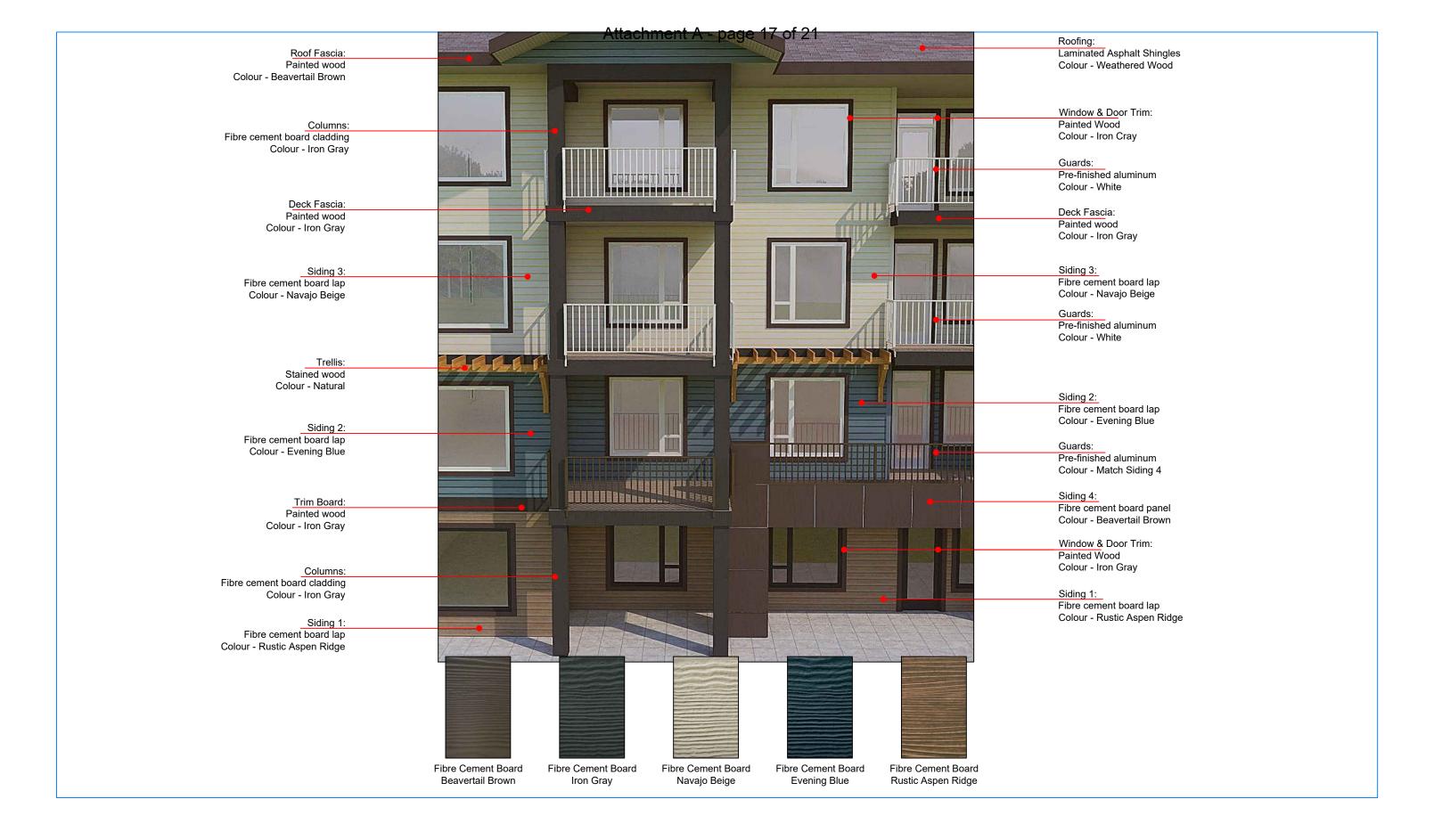














NORTH ELEVATION



EAST ELEVATION





SOUTH ELEVATION



WEST ELEVATION





Looking northwest from southern property line



Looking northeast from southern property line



Looking southwest from Shaw Road



Looking southeast FROM O'Shea Road



Looking northeast from southern property line



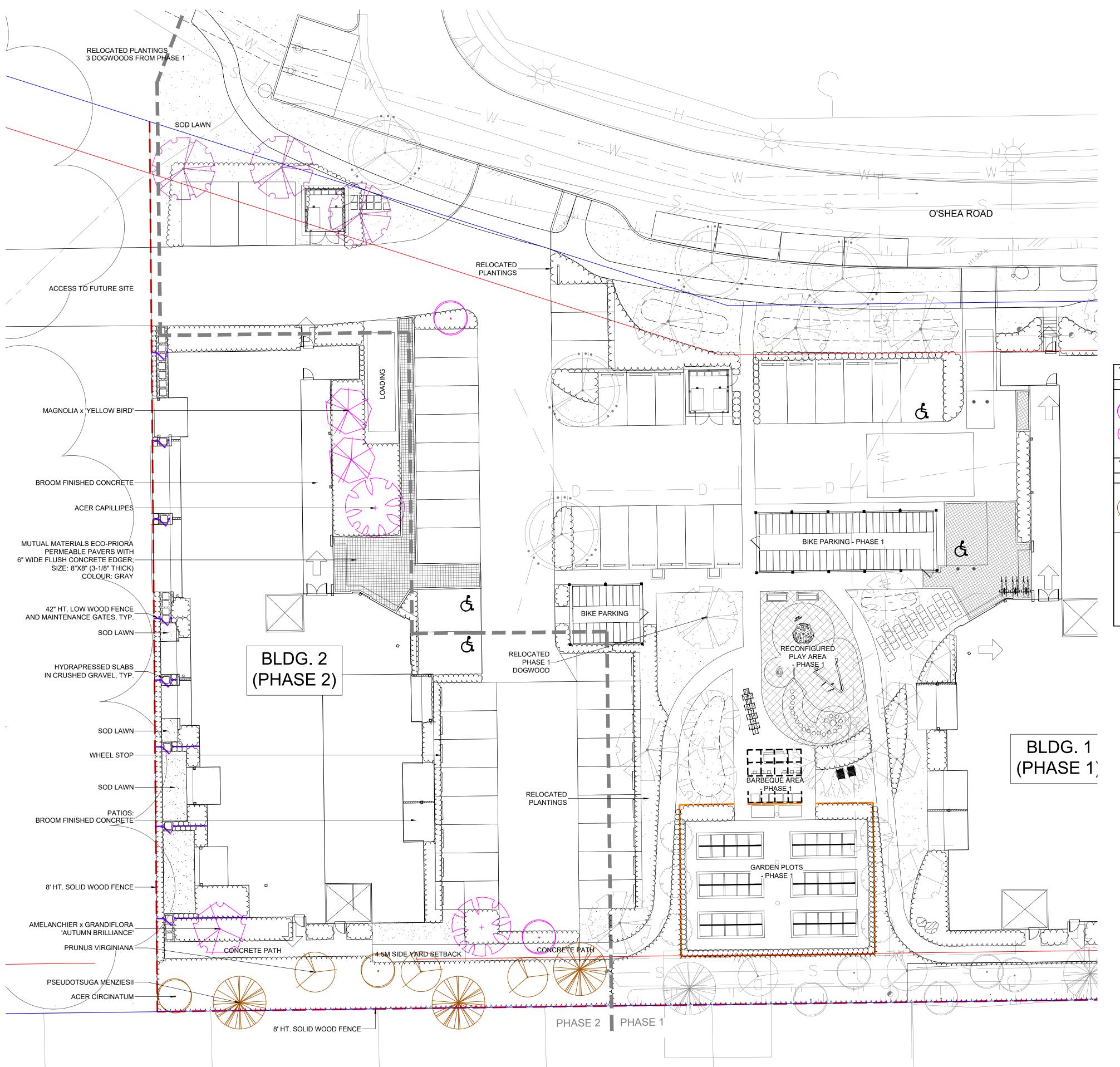
Looking southeast from O'Shea Road



Looking northwest from southern courtyard



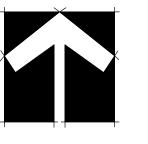
Looking southwest view from O'Shea Road



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HEDULE - PHASE 2		PMG PROJECT NUMBER: 23-142
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANTED SIZE / REMARKS
ACER CAPILLIPES	STRIPE BARK MAPLE	5CM CAL;B&B
ACER CIRCINATUM	VINE MAPLE	3.0M CLUMP
AMELANCHIER x G. 'AUTUMN BRILLIANCE'	AUTUMN BRILLIANCE SERVICEBERRY	5CM CAL; 1.2M STD.
CORNUS NUTTALLII 'WHITE WONDER'	PACIFIC DOGWOOD	5CM CAL; 1.2M STD.
MAGNOLIA x 'YELLOW BIRD'	YELLOW BIRD MAGNOLIA	5CM CAL, 1.5M STD.
HEDULE - SPEA		PMG PROJECT NUMBER: 23-142
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANTED SIZE / REMARKS
ACER CIRCINATUM	VINE MAPLE	3.0M CLUMP
PRUNUS VIRGINIANA	CHOKE CHERRY	2.5M HT; B&B
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AFFORDABLE HOUSING **APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT**

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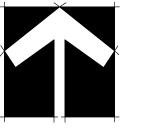
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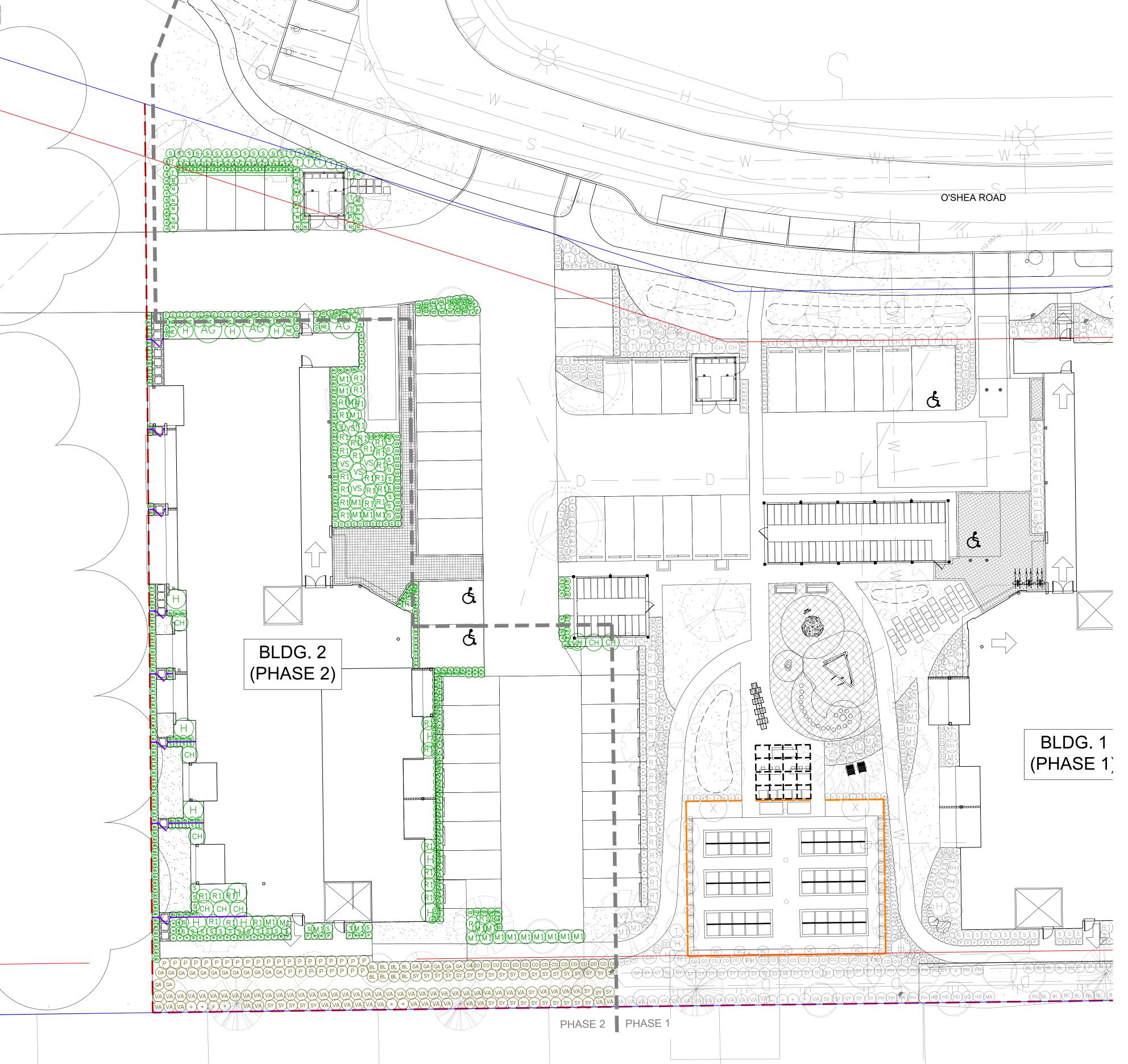
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(+)	6	PHILADELPHUS LEWISII	LEWIS' MOCK ORANGE	#1 POT; 25CM
SY	53	SYMPHORICARPOS ALBUS	SNOWBERRY	#2 POT; 30CM
(VA)	63	VACCINIUM OVATUM 'THUNDERBIRD'	EVERGREEN HUCKLEBERRY	#2 POT; 40CM
GC				
BL	16	BLECHNUM SPICANT	DEERFERN	#1 POT; 20CM
GA	34	GAULTHERIA SHALLON	SALAL	#1 POT; 20CM
P	28	POLYSTICHUM MUNITUM	WESTERN SWORD FERN	#1 POT; 25CM

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Kirsten Rawkins Planning and Development Services Town of Gibsons 474 S Fletcher Rd. Gibsons, BC VON 1V0 26 October 2023

Re: Variance Request Shaw Rd Pahe 2: Bike Storage Area

Dear Kirsten:

The Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society (SCAHS) is requesting a variance that would allow a reduction in the size of the required covered bike storage area in regard to the second phase of residential construction at Shaw Rd.

This request is being made to enable the creation of more attractive and useful shared space for residents given the owner's confidence that the secured covered bike storage being completed for phase 1 and the smaller facility proposed for phase 2 will be sufficient to meet the needs of the two developments. Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society confidence is based on the following:

- 1. Between both development there are 16 units of fully accessible housing that will be targeted to households with members who have limited mobility. We expect this to result in a reduction of overall demand for bike parking.
- 2. Forty-four of the total 76 units across both building will be studios or 1-bedroom units intended to appropriately house a diversity of populations but particularly seniors. While many seniors will no doubt require bike storage space, we anticipate that a significant number will not have bikes.
- 3. In discussing this issue with other non-profit community housing providers, SCAHS has understood that utilization of exterior secured covered bike storage by residents has been less than anticipated by zoning requirements and that many residents despite the availability of such space will use their apartment premises to store valuable property like a bike.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if we can provide additional information in regard to the request. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andy Broderick

Managing Director, NCD

Agent of SCAHS for Shaw Rd. II

msh/RAB

Development Permit No. 4 Guidelines Evaluation

The objective of DPA 4 is to ensure that a high standard of design, landscaping and building form is implemented for any multi-unit residential development. Guidelines are aimed at ensuring that new development is appropriate to its surroundings, is compatible with surrounding uses and neighbourhood character, and at ensuring that multi-unit residential development is attractive for future residents.

Staff have evaluated the application with DPA 4 guidelines. Comments are shown below:

DPA 4 Guidelines	Staff assessment	
	Comments	Met?
Building Form and Character		
Development should promote a small town character by encouraging architecture, landscape design and environmental settings that respect the surrounding context.	The building form, massing and elements of design reflect building forms used in adjacent single family development, the Phase one building under development on the site, and the buildings and landscape of adjacent Christensen Village.	Yes
Public street edges which are characterized by low (less than 3.5 feet high), neighbourly fences, combined with extensive landscape materials at the private edge.	Public edge — Oshea: No fences; mixed plantings proposed including disease resistant dogwood trees and a variety of shrubs, grasses and perennials. Private edge — South: 4.5 m native tree buffer to screen neighbour views, including native Vine Maple, Douglas Fir and Choke Cherry *A fence should be provided on the lot line to address neighbour privacy concerns in immediate term while trees mature.	Yes*
Residences oriented towards the street with well-defined and welcoming entries at the street edge.	Residences of phase 1 are oriented to Shaw Road, whereas those in phase 2 are oriented the neighbouring site, with 12 residences facing onto the interior courtyard and adjacent parking. A welcoming common entrance is provided adjacent the interior parking and courtyard.	Yes/ No
Construction materials should reflect the West Coast Design and setting.	Materials include fibre cement board wood look siding panels, providing a more durable reference to traditional cedar siding. Stained wood trellis details and wood tones provide additional references to west coast design and the wooded setting.	Yes
Each building should appear unique or easily distinguishable from neighbouring buildings.	The buildings, while coordinated, are distinguished by colour; the second storey feature siding colour band in Phase 2 is 'Evening Blue' (fibre cement board), whereas Phase 1 used a brown tone on tone.	Yes

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DPA 4 Guidelines	Staff assessment		
	Comments	Met?	
Simple exterior detailing with earth- tone colours – and primary colours only as accents.	Earth tone wood colour, grey and beige siding proposed, with natural wood trim and evening blue siding accent colour.	Yes	
Buildings should be oriented to maximize solar exposure while minimizing shadow impacts on adjacent buildings and common areas.	Most units in the building are oriented to the West, with the intent of views into the trees rather than onto parking. The building is stepped back somewhat toward the south to give access to indirect midday light. Filtered evening light is accessed from the west. Staff notes that the tree views and privacy would be impacted by future development of the west side of the property. There are no shadow impacts for neighbouring uses, except potentially for the future development to the west.	No/Yes	
Common building elements which include: • pitched roof line • dormers • porches • low building profiles, simple residences, set well back from the roadway and nestled into the landscape	Rooflines pitched and varied, echoing a dormer style. Porches and balconies provided for each unit. Building profile is long rather than high and set back into the site.	Yes	
The inclusion of elements such as bay windows, dormers, porches and cross gables help mitigate the visual impact of larger buildings.	As above.	Yes	
Steeper roof pitches and stepping down of roof lines to vary the height and rooflines of buildings is recommended.	Roofline is pitched and varied but does not step in height.	Yes/No	
Offsetting and modulating wall lines along the building elevation to allow smaller building sections to stand out. The overall building footprints on the site shall be modulated to avoid monotony and repetition and to avoid wall-like massing.	Wall lines are off-set and modulated horizontally. To break up the building massing. The appearance of smaller building sections is provided vertically with varied siding colours.	Yes	
The general character of the development should reflect aspects of Gibsons' semi-rural coastal setting by using natural and typical local wall	Fibre cement board siding and panels provide a wood look in a low-maintenance material, with wood accent. Native and locally appropriate	Yes	

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materials including wood siding, wood shingles, stucco, stone and brick.	plantings further reflect the building's natural setting.	
The number of materials used on the building exterior must achieve a balance between achieving visual interest and complexity without overpowering the surroundings.	Staff finds that a balance of interest and harmony with surroundings is achieved in the design.	Yes
Building Scale and Massing		
Larger developments should be separated into smaller groups or clusters of units to promote a sense of belonging and neighbourliness and to maintain a residential scale and image.	The development consists of two buildings sharing central common outdoor space. The narrow ends of the buildings are oriented to the adjacent residential properties to the south, reducing the visual impact of the building massing.	Yes
Very large single buildings more than 70metres in length, or townhomes with more than six joined units are to be avoided.	The building has a length of 52 metres.	Yes
Roof Design		
The roof form should have a sloped appearance. Large areas of flat roof will not be acceptable in low or medium density multiple unit residential developments except in the case of a green (vegetated) roof.	The roof is sloped.	Yes
The roof form should be modulated and broken up with dormers, skylights and other architectural features. A continuous unbroken ridge line should be avoided.	The roof form and pitch if varied and modulated, and is broken up with dormers.	Yes
Roof lines should include steep pitches typical of west coast building forms.	Roof pitches are not steep, but are typical of building forms in the surrounding neighbourhood.	No/Yes
Secondary hipped or gabled roofs are preferable to flat roofs or mansard	The roof consists of hips and gables	Yes

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roofs, or segments of pitched roofs applied to the building's edge.		
Roofing materials may be metal, cedar shakes, concrete tiles or asphalt shingles.	Laminated Asphalt Shingles are used (Colour - Weathered Wood)	Yes
Integration with Surrounding Areas		
New developments should reflect elements of the existing neighbourhood and the prevailing residential streetscape. This may require recessing of parking areas, creation of gabled entries or porches, and highlighting individual front door entries to be similar to those on neighbouring lots.	The building form mirrors the design of building 1 to the east, and borrows design elements (gabled rooflines, colour) from christensen Village to the North and single family residences on Shaw Road to the South. The use of space on the lot mirrors that within the Christensen Village property adjacent to the site on O'Shea Road.	Yes
New residential buildings should not in general, be much larger than the surrounding buildings. A graded transition in the building height is desired to ensure adjacent properties are not confronted with a "wall". Additional setbacks may also be required to achieve this transition.	The building is taller by one storey than Christensen Village to the north (having 3 stories), though similar in overall massing on the property. The building is the same size as the first building already developed on the Site, and is significantly larger than the single family residential homes on adjacent properties to the south. A graded transition to the building height is not provided, through the building faces adjacent smaller residential properties are reduced by the north-south orientation of the building.	Yes/ No.
Roof lines should be stepped down from building ends to reduce the apparent mass of the building.	Rooflines are not stepped but are pitched to the ends of the building and the long edge of the building oriented away from residential neighbours to reduce apparent massing.	No/Yes
The end units of new developments at road edges should not be more than one to two stories in height to establish a single-detached residential appearance in multi-unit residences.	The end units facing O'Shea Road are four stories in height, though the building is set back from the Road edge.	No/Yes
All lots must have direct access to the larger pedestrian circulation system via park corridors, pathways, and/or sidewalks.	Pedestrian circulation is provided on site through the central courtyard and connects to nature trails in whitetower park and Inglis trail, and to sidewalks and cycling facilities on Shaw and O'Shea Roads.	Yes.

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New developments should be oriented to best utilize natural light, southern exposure, and views of adjacent natural features, and to minimize loss of views and shadows cast on adjacent uses. This may require increased setbacks or terracing of buildings.	Views from units are largely oriented west, onto the undeveloped (currently treed) portion of the property. Stepping of the building helps provide indirect access to light from the south. An increased setback from the boundary of future community use development would ensure views, privacy, greenspace and light access in the long term.	Yes/No
Sense of Place; Development Identity		
The design of developments into smaller areas where residents share smaller parking areas, pathways and other common areas creates a sense of belonging within a larger development.	The design is oriented on a single public open space, with parking areas distributed along the building frontage.	Yes/No
Multi-unit homes should provide a street orientation through features such as major entry points to provide a sense of belonging to the neighbourhood.	A major vehicle entry point is provided from O'Shea Road and framed by landscaping. A primary pedestrian access links the public sidewalk on O'Shea to the two building entrances via the central courtyard.	Yes
Street level landscaping creates privacy within the development.	Landscaping with trees, shrubs and perennials provides privacy at the street edge.	Yes
Parking areas should be recessed to allow the pedestrian entry to predominate.	Parking areas are not recessed, but fronting the building and street, separating the building from the central courtyard.	No
Amenity Space; Private Area		
An outdoor living space of minimum 5 m depth for townhouses and minimum size of 37 m2 (400 square feet) is recommended.	Extensive common outdoor living space is provided in the courtyard and in private balconies for each unit.	Yes
Apartments should have a minimum 3 m depth terrace or balcony, sufficiently large to create a usable outdoor "room". Balconies should be at least half enclosed to give the occupant privacy, security and weather protection.	Each unit has a private balcony having 2.5 m depth or more. Balconies are semi-enclosed except in corner locations. A large common balcony is provided on the second storey, accessed by elevator.	Yes/ No
Dwelling units to be "clustered" in smaller groups to create more resident	Dwellings are in two buildings and dwellings on each floor are accessed from a common	Yes

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interaction and neighbourly surveillance.	hallway, providing opportunities for neighbourly interaction.	
Changes in grade can provide for private areas between street edges and the development units.	Units are not oriented to the street	N/A
Landscaping		
All Development Permit applications must provide a professional landscape plan.	Plan by PMG Landscape Architecture provided.	Yes
Trees should be planted and maintained by the property owners along street frontages of new multiunit developments to create a mature treed "boulevard" type of streetscape. (Spacing will vary by species used, however, a rule of thumb for tree spacing is a minimum of 8.0 metres.) This may be supplemented by other lower ornamental plantings.	Extending the planted frontages on Shaw and O'Shea Roads including three White Wonder Pacific Dogwoods, three Karpick Red Maples, and two Douglas Fir, three additional dogwoods are proposed on the boulevard fronting the Phase development.	Yes
Native or hardy landscape species are preferred over exotic species; a mix of coniferous and deciduous species is recommended to provide effective landscaping though the seasons. Willows, bamboo and other invasive species are not recommended.	A mix of native and hardy deciduous and coniferous trees is proposed, with native species specified for the riparian SPEA along the south edge of the property. No BC invasive species are noted in the planting list.	Yes
Trees, or a combination of landscape and architectural features shall be used to define the gateway or entrance to a development. Landscaped entrances however, should be low-level for better security at entrances.	Vehicle access to the development is framed by the street tree plantings. Shrubs used to screen parking areas at the west side of the driveway provide somewhat of a gateway in combination with the Phase 1 boulevard plantings. This could be strengthened by extending the shrub and perennial planting bed to the driveway edge and/or with the addition of hard landscape elements. The Pedestrian approach to the development is centred on the site and well framed by landscape plantings.	Yes
Clusters of trees, ponds, or other landscape features should be used within the development to create a meaningful common area. Central areas or courtyards should be usable and inviting to residents as a meeting place, rather than random plantings of	A large communal courtyard with a playground, vegetable gardens, and barbecue area is enclosed with tree and shrub plantings and connected with the two buildings by a number of walking paths. A lighting plan for the courtyard is provided in the Phase 1 landscape plans.	Yes

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grass and shrubs. Seating areas and appropriate lighting should be provided within these common areas. Landscaping should also create a sense of enclosure and privacy for these spaces.		
Large areas of uncharacteristic materials such as bark mulch, gravel, river rock and ground cover are to be avoided, and should be combined with a variety of plant materials.	Landscape plans include a variety of plantings.	Yes
Wherever possible, natural vegetation should be retained or enhanced as a feature of the development. This is particularly important where natural features such as streams or steep slopes are a component of the development.	A single willow has been retained providing interest at the corner of the site, while the rest of the property was cleared in order to address drainage issues encountered in the first phase of development.	n/a
All public and semi-public areas should be landscaped, including entrance driveways, areas surrounding parking spaces or structures.	The landscape plan covers all public areas of the site.	Yes
Additional landscaping depth, denser vegetation and noise barriers such as earth berms should be used where a development abuts a major roadway.	Phase 2 does not abut a major roadway	n/a
Fencing		
Fences along streets should not provide a continuous wall or high barrier to the street, but should be lower profile and broken at intervals to provide pedestrian linkage and views to the street.	No fencing is proposed on the street frontage of the Phase 2 development. A low split rail fence is proposed on the Shaw Road frontage as part of the Phase 1 landscape plan.	Yes
Parking Areas and Vehicle Access		
Walkways and surface parking areas should be well lit and located in an area which is observable by residents.	Parking is centrally located for easy observation by residents coming and going from both buildings and form some units facing the courtyard. observable from units. A lighting plan should be provided for phase 2 landscape and building areas as a condition of the development permit.	Yes/ No

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Where possible, parking areas should be located in underground structures. Small groups of parking spaces throughout the development, located near to entry doors are preferable to large, central parking areas.	Phase 2 parking is centralized on the building frontage within the courtyard at grade.	No	
Developments should be designed to prevent parking areas, carports or garages from dominating the internal open space areas; parking should be recessed from the main building edges.	As above	No	
Parking areas should be landscaped and screened, but sufficiently visible to provide security to residents and vehicles.	Parking is buffered with shrub plantings and feature tree plantings. The parking areas are easily visible from the open building corridors and entrances.	Yes	
Distinct, visible visitor parking areas should be provided near the entry to the development.	Additional visitor spaces are to be designated for phase 2, near the entry to the development, to a sum of 8 for phases 1 and 2.	*	
Site design should provide for emergency vehicles, moving vans and service vehicles, and should locate this use to minimize noise impacts on residents and adjacent uses.	Emergency and loading access is via a pull- through loading space on the O'Shea frontage. The location and reduced need for backing up should minimize noise impacts to residents.	Yes	
	Signage and Lighting		
The size, siting and style of signage shall not be obtrusive or present a cluttered image.	Signage to be integrated with landscape design at the Shaw and O'Shea Road corner (phase 1 plans) and have localized spot lighting for illumination. Shaw Road Site Entry Sign Concept	Yes	

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Entry signs shall be placed at or below eye level and shall be integrated with landscaping or other feature.	As above.	Yes
Site lighting of all developments should be designed so that it avoids "light-spill" upon adjoining low density residential lands and of the night sky.	Site lighting for phase 1 is designed to designed to 'night sky" standard and will be focused on resident security. A lighting plan is required for phase 2.	Yes/no

Recommended Changes/ Conditions:

- light access given west orientation
 shadow and impact to developable area on remaining lot portion.
 Extension of lighting plan to include phase 2 areas as condition of permit