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Proposal Buildings and Works for an

**Agricultural Shed** 

Address 352 Diggers Road Werribee South

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# 1.0 Subject Land and Context

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located on the south side of Edwards Lane in Werribee South It is identified as Crown Allotment 35A Section K Parish of Deutgam and has the allocated street address of 352

Diggers Road Werribee South. The site has an independent land title but is intrinsically linked to (and has the same ownership as) the larger adjacent land parcel east of the channel also known as 352 Diggers Road (Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision 507622P). Lot 2 is one of the larger farms in Werribee South at 12.60 hectares and is developed with a dwelling, farm sheds, a large shade house for raising seedlings, a large dam and irrigation infrastructure.

The land (both titles) is owned by the same landowner and is farmed as a single tenement. The farm is within the heartland of the Werribee South agricultural area and the farm's development with rural infrastructure is typical of its use for intensive horticultural operations.

Crown allotment 35A (herein referred to as Lot 35A) is no longer improved with irrigation infrastructure, with its awkward site configuration becoming too difficult to farm with the larger sized machinery currently used in horticultural practice. The site is currently not used other than for the placement of agricultural equipment and machinery.

Lot 35A has an unusual configuration in that it is wedged between two irrigation channels (now underground for the most part) but has frontage to Edwards Lane which is an unconstructed road with a narrow carriageway consistent with its designation as a lane. Lot 2 has frontage to Diggers Road which has a fully sealed carriageway. The subject sites (both Lot 35A and Lot 2) are free of easements but both are encumbered by the same S173 Agreement which prevents further house lot excision.

The subject land, as a contiguously used farming unit, is primarily used for *Agriculture*, in particular *Horticulture*. The farm specialises in seedling propagation as well as vegetable production. The applicant seeks permission for the construction of a new shed for the storage of goods, equipment and machinery associated with the horticultural activities of the farm.

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# 2.0 Planning Controls

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The subject land (comprising both Lot 35A and Lot 2) is within a Green Wedge Zone (Clause 35.04) under Wyndham Planning Scheme and is not covered by any overlay controls.

The subject land (comprising both lots known as 352 Diggers Road) is currently used for *Agriculture* which is defined as:

"Land used to:

(a) propagate, cultivate or harvest plants, including cereals, flowers, fruit, seeds, trees, turf and vegetables......".

Agriculture includes Crop Raising which is defined as Land used to propagate, cultivate or harvest plants, including cereals, flowers, fruit, seeds, trees, turf and vegetables." It includes Horticulture which is defined as Land used to propagate, cultivate or harvest flowers, fruit, vegetables, vines or the like. Agriculture is the umbrella definition and all these land uses are permitted land uses in the Green Wedge Zone.

Under Clause 35.04 - *Buildings and Works*, a permit is required for a building within any of the following setbacks:

- 100 metres from a Transport Zone 2 or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay for a road.
- 40 metres from a Transport Zone 3 or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay for a road.
- 20 metres from any other road.
- 5 metres from any other boundary.
- 100 metres from a dwelling not in the same ownership.
- 100 metres from a waterway, wetlands or designated flood plain.

As far as can be determined, the siting of the proposed shed would not meet the following setback requirements.

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20 metres from any other road	The sheds woulde have pan / shliguers ethack provided to you from the sheds would be shown to approximately 16 metres approximately 16 metres approximately 16 metres as at the date shown below:
100 metres from a dwelling not in the same ownership.	The shed would be approximately 43 metres from the dwelling to the west of the site which is not in the same ownership.

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All other setback requirements for buildings and works would be met. Planning permission therefore appears to be required for the reduced setbacks from the road frontage and the nearest dwelling that is not in the same ownership.

## 2.2 Strategic Direction and Planning Policy Framework

Clause 02.03-1 *Settlement* references *Green Wedges* and seeks to protect the green wedges from inappropriate development. The proposed shed would be used in associated with agricultural production conducted on the subject land and is therefore an appropriate form of development in the area.

Clause 02.03-4 *Natural Resource Management* of Wyndham Planning Scheme includes a section on *Agriculture* which recognises the importance of the *Intensive Agriculture Precinct* in Werribee South and seeks to minimise the loss of productive agricultural land. No loss of land under agricultural production would result from construction of the shed. The proposed shed would occupy an unused portion of land that has become too awkward for farming due to its size, configuration and its lack of suitability for large agricultural machinery. Existing vegetable production conducted on the farm would not be affected.

No change to usage patterns and the existing irrigation infrastructure on the farm would occur as a result of the shed proposed. Current access to all parts of the farm and remaining infrastructure would be maintained. The proposed shed would have no negative impact on the continued viability of the land for agriculture, an outcome that is consistent with strategic directions of the Planning Scheme and the *Werribee South Green Wedge Policy and Management Plan 2017*.

Under State Planning Policy, Clause 11.01-1R *Green Wedges – Metropolitan Melbourne* seeks to protect the green wedges from inappropriate development. This includes protecting important agricultural areas such as Werribee South WYNDER AMQUIETY COUNCIL part of the existing agricultural use of land (horticulture) and is there Towns Plainte ing

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protect the state's agricultural base by preserving productive farmland and includes

strategies to identify areas of productive agricultural tafil to the proposed shed would be located on a part of the subject land that has an awknown below: configuration and has not been used for irrigated crop raising since the use of larger machinery commenced. The proposed shed would have a positive impact as an unused portion of land would be used for activities associated with agricultural production.

### 2.3 Cultural Heritage

The subject site is not affected by an area of cultural heritage sensitivity. Regardless, the proposed buildings and works are associated with existing use of land for *Agriculture* and therefore do not require a cultural heritage management plan.

# 3.0 Proposal

The buildings and works proposed extend to the construction of a large 1600m² shed for the storage of agricultural machinery, goods and equipment associated with the current use of the farm for horticulture. The shed would comprise a roofed structure (low-pitched) clad in steel panels. The shed would have a width of 20 metres and a length of 80 metres. Three roller shutter entry doors would be installed along the south-east elevation facing the dam, together with four pedestrian entry doors. Large sliding doors (x 2) would be installed along the south-western elevation and two pedestrian doors along the north-western elevation.

The shed would have a low-pitched roof to a maximum height of 8.3 metres (to the peak) with side walls of 7 metres. These heights are consistent with many agricultural buildings in the area.

The walls and roof would be clad in ribbed steel with a bonded paint finish which is an appropriate and non-reflective material for the area. The walls and roof would be in a non-reflective dark grey colour. This is an appropriate colour palette chosen for the rural context of the proposed shed.

There are existing farm access tracks located towards the north would be used for access to the shed. Regardless, the recomming scope in the shed. Regardless, the recomming is coperating.

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for access from Edwards Lane, if required, with setbacks on either side of the shed (5

metres and 10 metres) allowing access around the EtFASE NOTE: The plan/s that are being provided to you may not reflect what is ultimately approved by Council however they are the most recent version as at the date shown below:

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#### 4.0 Planning Context

The farm, owned by the applicant, is currently used for horticulture – both seedling propagation under nursery conditions, as well as vegetable production. The property is developed with extensive horticulture infrastructure including a large shade house, sheds, a dam and irrigation infrastructure, as well as a farmhouse. The proposed new shed would augment these facilities, allowing the farm additional space for the bulk storage of machinery, goods and equipment used on the farm.

It appears that the proposed shed would not require a planning permit if it met the setback requirements of Clause 35.04 - Buildings and Works of Wyndham Planning Scheme. The proposed shed, with a setback of approximately 43 metres, from the nearest dwelling to the west (that is not in the same ownership) is less than the preferred 100 metre setback stated in the Planning Scheme. The proposed shed would be used for agricultural storage, which is a particularly benign use on a farm and one that would generate no appreciable off-site impacts. The reduced setback from the dwelling to the west does not therefore raise any concerns.

The proposed shed would be located a minimum of 8 metres from the frontage of the site to Edwards Lane, widening to approximately 16 metres. This is less than the preferred 20 metre setback from a road. However, Edwards Lane is a minor road that has 'no-through road' status and provides vehicular access to only three properties: 10 Edwards Lane, 20 Edwards Lane and part of the subject site – Lot 35A of 352 Diggers Road. Regardless, the proposed shed would be oriented to use existing internal farm access routes available on the larger farm.

The proposed shed would be setback a minimum of 5 metres from the western boundary and a minimum of 10 metres from the eastern boundary, consistent with preferred setbacks in the Planning Scheme. Channel reserves run alongside both of these boundaries and the setbacks proposed would have no impact on the adjoining reserve areas.

The Decision Guidelines under Clause 35.04-6 require consideration of a matters, with general and rural issues being the most relevant in this instance. A response

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to planning policy is provided in section 2.2 of the report. Responses to the general and

rural decision guidelines of the zone are outlined be PASE NOTE: The plan/s that are being provided to you may not reflect what is ultimately approved by Council however they are the most recent version as at the date shown below:

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Clause 35.04-6 Decision Guidelines	Response Date Plans Provided: 5/07/2022	
General Issues		
The Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning Policy Framework	See Section 2.2 above.	
Any Regional Catchment Strategy and associated plan applying to the land.	Werribee South is within the Werribee Catchment under the Port Phillip and Westernport catchment. The proposed shed would have no impact on targets to improve the current condition of Werribee River waterway.	
The capability of the land to accommodate the proposed use or development.	The farm is currently used for horticulture and the subject site forms part of an under-utilized section of the farm. The proposed shed would reinforce the agricultural use of the land and at 1600m² would occupy about 22% of the small farm lot and about 1% of the total combined farm area.	
How the use or development relates to rural land use, rural diversification, natural resource management, natural or cultural heritage management, recreation or tourism.	See above comments.	
Whether the site is suitable for the use or development and the compatibility of the proposal with adjoining land uses.	The land is suitable for the proposed shed and would occupy a small under used portion of the farm overall. Land in the general area is also used for similar purposes and farm sheds are not uncommon.	
Whether the use or development is essential to the health, safety or wellbeing of the State or area but is not appropriate to locate in an urban area because of the effect it may have on existing or proposed urban areas or the effect that existing or proposed urban areas may have on the proposed use or development.	Not applicable	
The need to minimize adverse impacts on the character and appearance of the area or features of architectural, scientific or cultural	The proposed shed would be located at the northern end of the site and would be constructed in a similar manner using similar materials as other sheds in the area. The	1
heritage significance, or of natural scenic beauty.	colour palette of the shed would be consistent COUNCIL with other built form nearby. It would have no appreciable impact on the charager of the area. It would be well setback from the main Advertised Documents	

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Rural Issues		Date Plans Provided: 5/07/2022
The maintenance of agricultural production and the impact on the rural economy.	Not a	pplicable.
The environmental capacity of the site to sustain the rural enterprise.	Not a	pplicable.
The need to prepare an integrated land management plan.	Not a	pplicable.
The impact on the existing and proposed rural infrastructure.	Not a	pplicable.
The potential for the future expansion of the use or development and the impact of this on adjoining and nearby agriculture and other land uses.	Not a	pplicable
The protection and retention of land for future sustainable agricultural activities.	that v	proposed shed is an item of infrastructure vould support the continued use of the for horticulture.

The proposed shed would provide support infrastructure for the existing use of the land for agriculture and would contribute to improved agricultural outcomes. This is entirely suitable for this horticultural area.

#### 5.0 **Conclusion**

Other than the reduced setbacks from the dwelling to the west and the frontage to Edwards Lane, the proposed shed would not appear to require planning permission. There is no issue with the purpose of the structure proposed. It is for an agricultural purpose directly linked to use of land for horticulture. It meets all other setback requirements. The height and size of the built form would be consistent with other agricultural structures in the area. The proposal responds well to the decision guidelines of the zone and is consistent with state and local planning policy. As the proposal is generally in accordance with the provisions of Wyndham Planning Scheme, it is requested that planning permission for this agricultural shed be granted accordingly.

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#### Clause 15.01-2L-01

### **Environmentally Sustainable Development**

allocation for renewable

technologies.

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Policy Items	Response – 352 Diggers Road Werribee South			
Policy Application	The agricultural shed is non-residential development.			
This policy applies to residential and non-residential development, excluding subdivision, in accordance with the thresholds detailed in this policy.				
Objective				
To achieve best practice environmentally sustainable development from the design stage through to construction and operation.	See response to items below.			
Strategies				
Encourage environmentally sustainable development that:  • Is consistent with the type and scale of the	The proposed agricultural shed would be sited on an underutilized portion of the farm that is currently used for the external storage of machinery and equipment. Environmental impacts would be minimized and potentially improved through the provision of cover for machinery and equipment.  • The design approach for the agricultural shed is consistent with the			
<ul> <li>development.</li> <li>Responds to site opportunities and constraints.</li> <li>Adopts best practice through a combination of methods, processes and locally available technology that demonstrably minimize environmental impacts.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scale and type of development.</li> <li>The agricultural shed would utilize a portion of the site used for uncovered machinery and equipment storage.</li> <li>Best practice is applied where possible, with the inclusion of natural lighting, scope for renewable power, stormwater collection etc.</li> </ul>			
Energy Performance				
Reduce both energy use and energy peak demand through design measures such as:  • Building orientation.  • Shading to glazed surfaces.  • Optimizing glazing to	The proposed shed does not have any external windows that would require consideration of building orientation, shading etc. However, translucent panels have now been incorporated into the centre of each roof section to allow for consistent light penetration			
exposed surfaces.  • Inclusion of or space	through-out the entire tryiding The M CITY placement of the panels allows space between each translucent roof panel for Tolerwick and			

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each translucent roof panel for **Tolenming** 

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measures such as water efficient	suppl <mark>y</mark> .					
fixtures, appliances, equipment,	Date Plans Provided: 5/07/2022					
irrigation and landscaping.						
Encourage the use of alternative water sources (including greywater, rainwater and stormwater).	Not applicable – see above response.					
Incorporate best practice water sensitive urban design to improve the quality of stormwater runoff and reduce impacts on water systems and water bodies.	Not applicable – the site is not in an urban area. However, the stormwater collected from the shed roof would be piped to a proposed water tank allowing for transfer to the nearby dam for use on the farm. Notes added to the site plan confirm that stormwater would be directed to a water tank.					
Indoor Environmental Quality						
Achieve a healthy indoor environmental quality, including thermal comfort and access to fresh air and daylight, prioritizing passive design over mechanical heating, ventilation, cooling and lighting.	Not applicable – the agricultural shed is for storage of machinery, equipment and agricultural goods and does not incorporate any indoor facilities for farm operators.					
Reduce indoor air pollutants by encouraging use of low-toxicity materials.	Not applicable – see above response.					
Minimise noise levels and noise transfer within and between buildings and associated external areas.	Not applicable – the agricultural shed would be located on a farm and would be used for storage of agricultural machinery and goods. The setback from the nearest dwelling has been taken into consideration.					
Transport						
Design development to promote the	Not directly applicable to an agricultural shed					
use of walking, cycling and public	located on a farm in Werribee South					
transport, in that order; and minimize	agricultural area. However, alternate forms of					
car dependency.	transport (to the car) are available in the					
Downsta the control of the	general area.					
Promote the use of low emissions	The agricultural shed would be connected to					
vehicle technologies and supporting infrastructure.	electricity supply for the charging of battery equipment and vehicles, where used.					
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Waste Management						
Promote waste avoidance, reuse and	The builder's management policy deals with					
recycling during the design,	environmentally responsible construction					
construction and operation stages of						
development.	recyclable materials. Leftover building					
	materials, both steel and concrete, are sent for recycling to appropriate processors. The					
	agricultural shed is not expected to generate council operational waste as it is a storage facility.					
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They are the most recent version as at the date shown below: Not applicable – the agricultural shed does not hate plans provided: 5/0//2022 Ensure sufficient space is allocated for future change in waste incorporate any indoor space for farm management needs, including operators. (where possible) composting and green waste facilities. **Urban Ecology** Protect and enhance biodiversity by Not applicable – the agricultural shed is for a incorporating natural habitats and working farm that contains no natural habitats. planting indigenous vegetation. No landscaping is proposed. Reduce urban heat island effects Not applicable - The proposal is not located in an urban area. through building design, landscape design, water sensitive urban design and the retention and provision of canopy and significant trees. Not applicable - no garden area is proposed Encourage the provision of space for productive gardens, particularly in (the farm is a productive market garden larger residential developments. however). **Policy Guidelines**  Non-Residential A Sustainability Management Plan See response to elements of the Sustainability (including an assessment using Management Plan (SMP) as outlined above. BESS/Green Star, STORM/MUSIC BESS, STORM, MUSIC appear to imply the or other methods) and a Green context is urban, which does not apply in this

case. The SMP and Green Travel Plan also assume the building would be occupied, which

is not the purpose of the shed.

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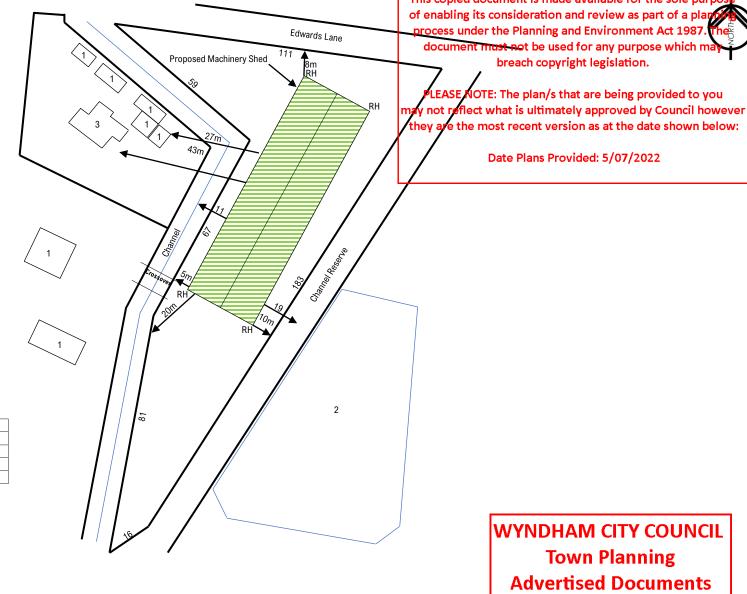
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• STORMWATER TO BE CONNECTED TO EITHER A WATER TANK OR

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**Existing Building** 

**Existing Dwelling** 

Rainhead with 150mm downpipe

Dam

Total Site Area - 7,304m2

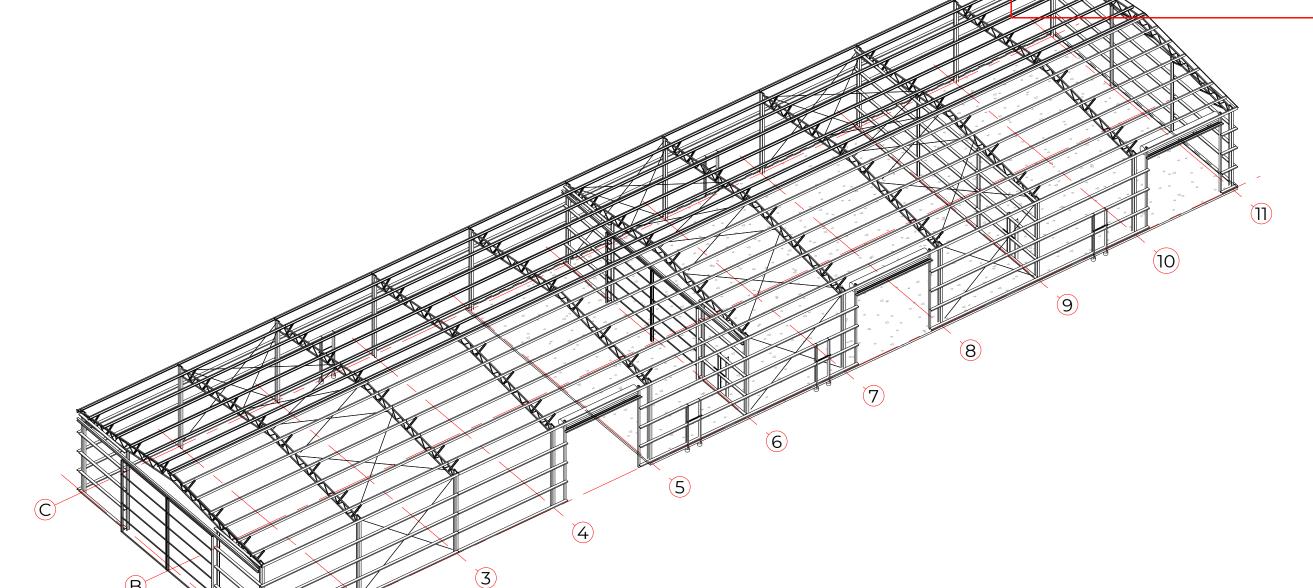


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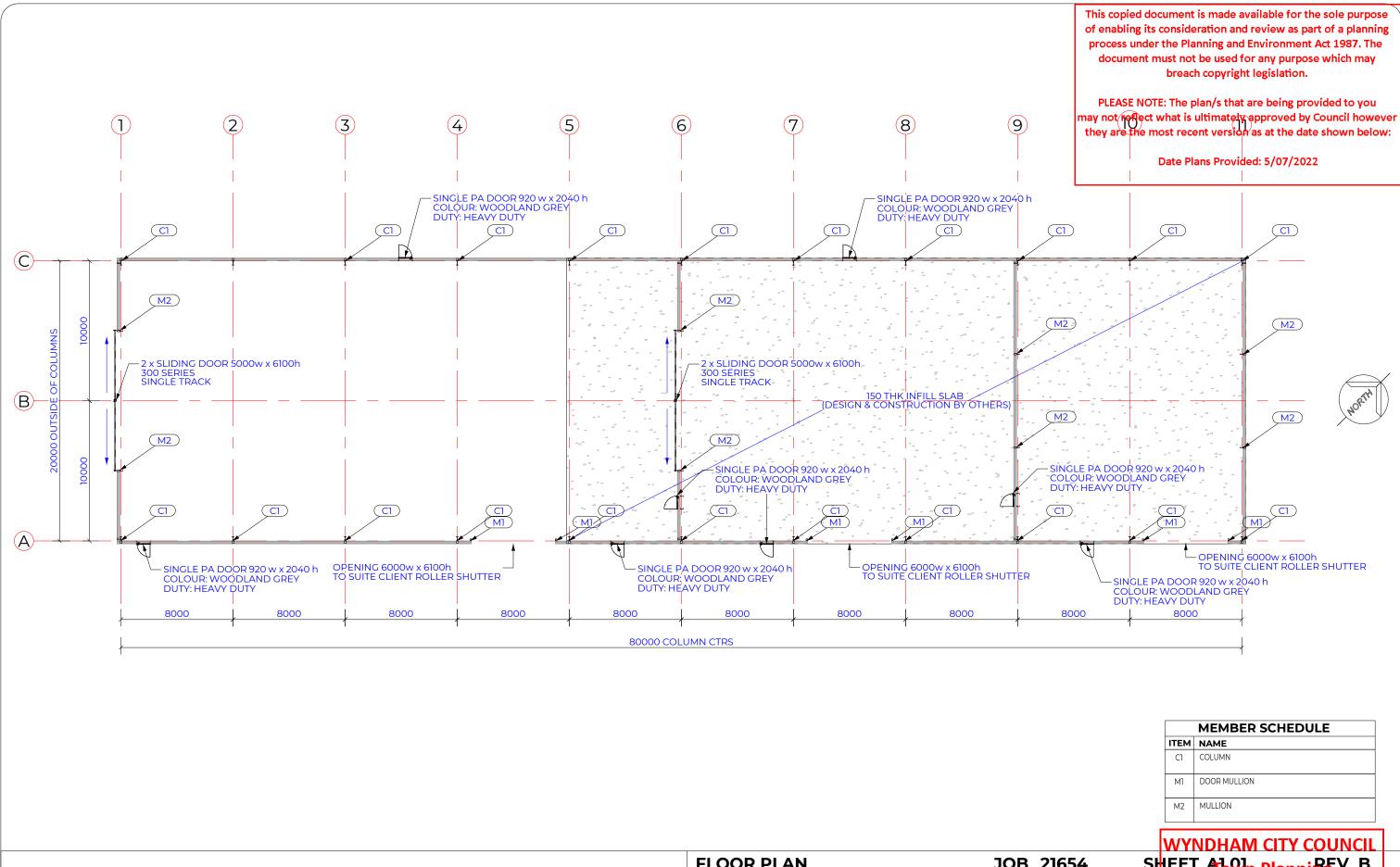
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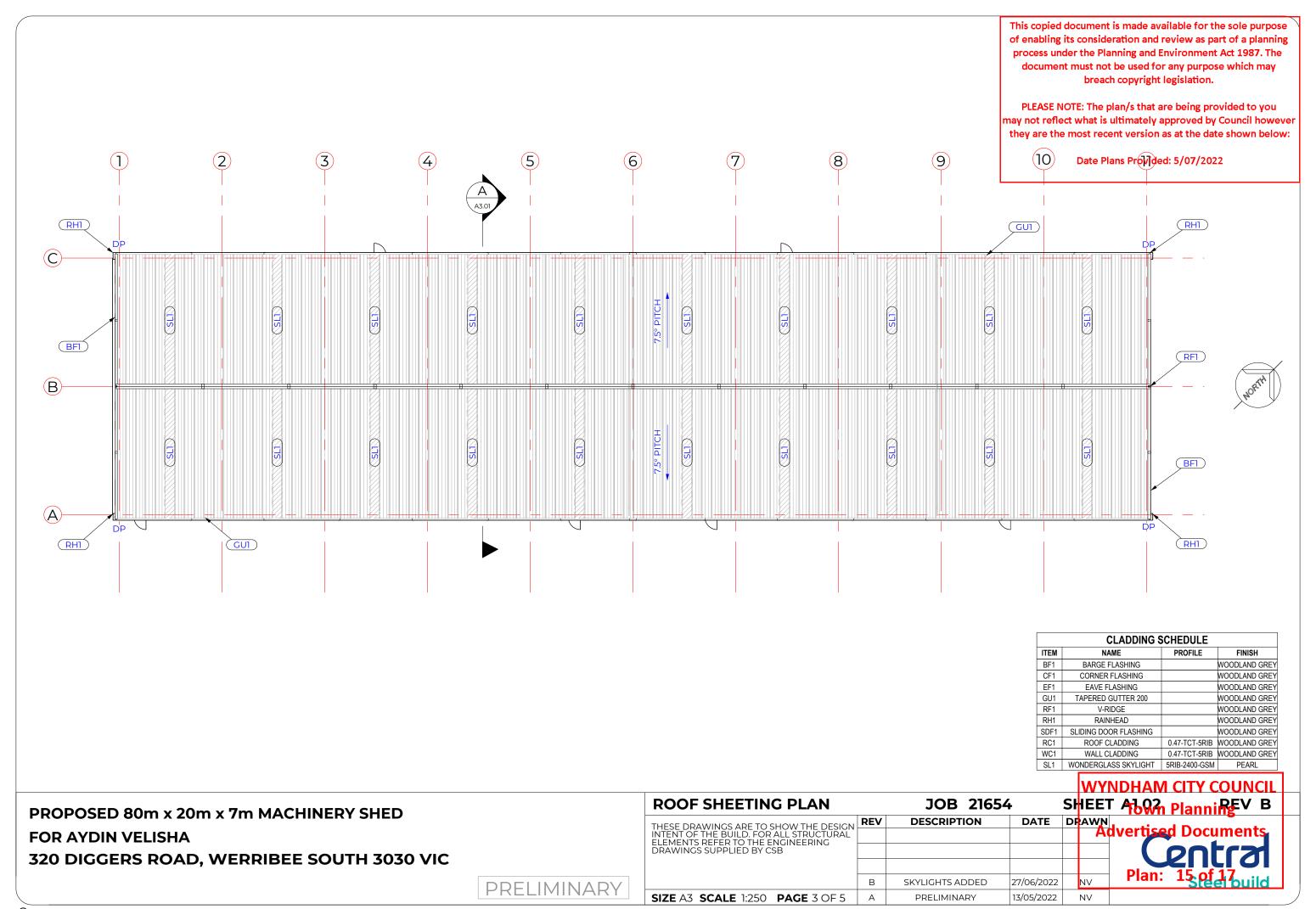


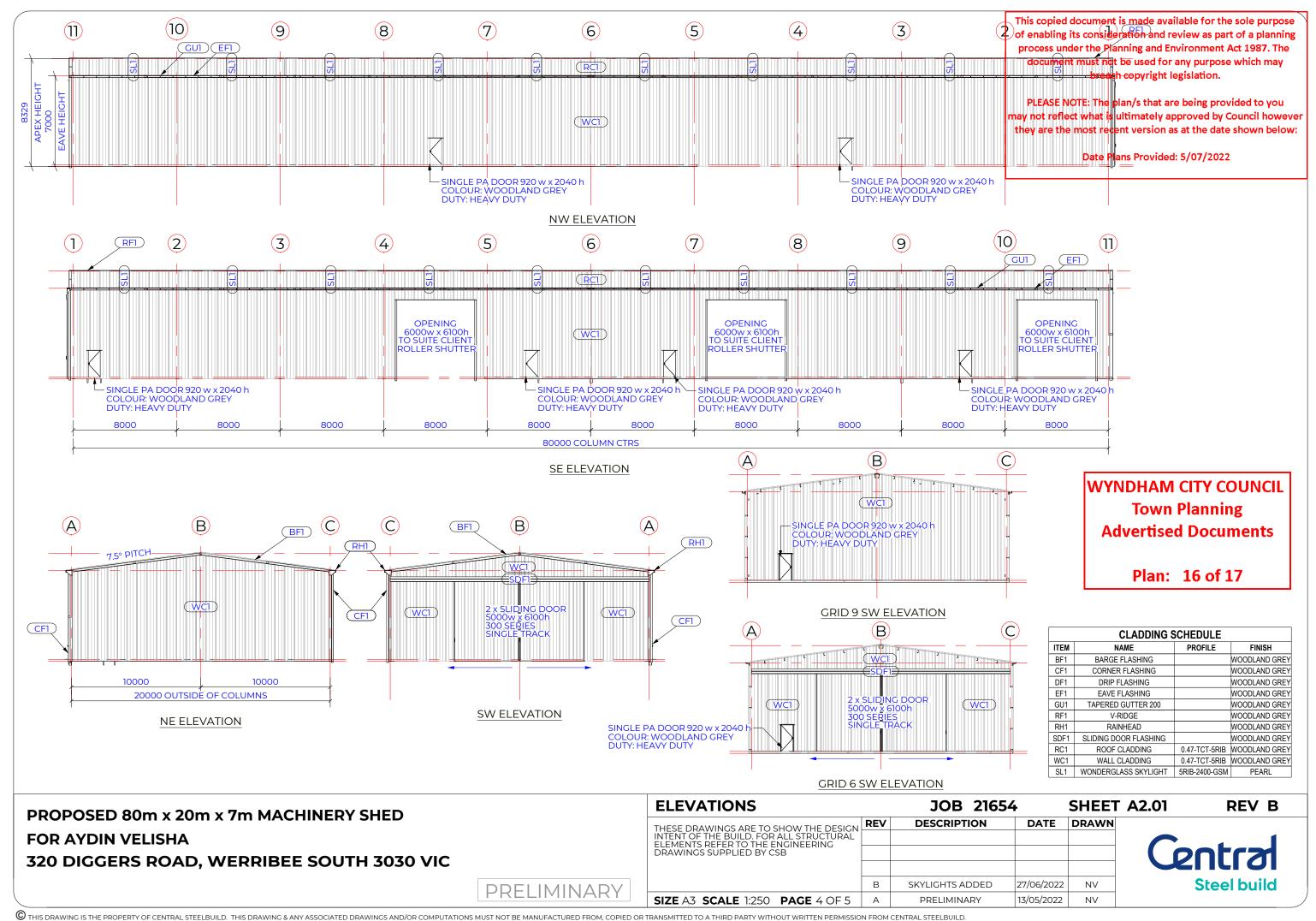


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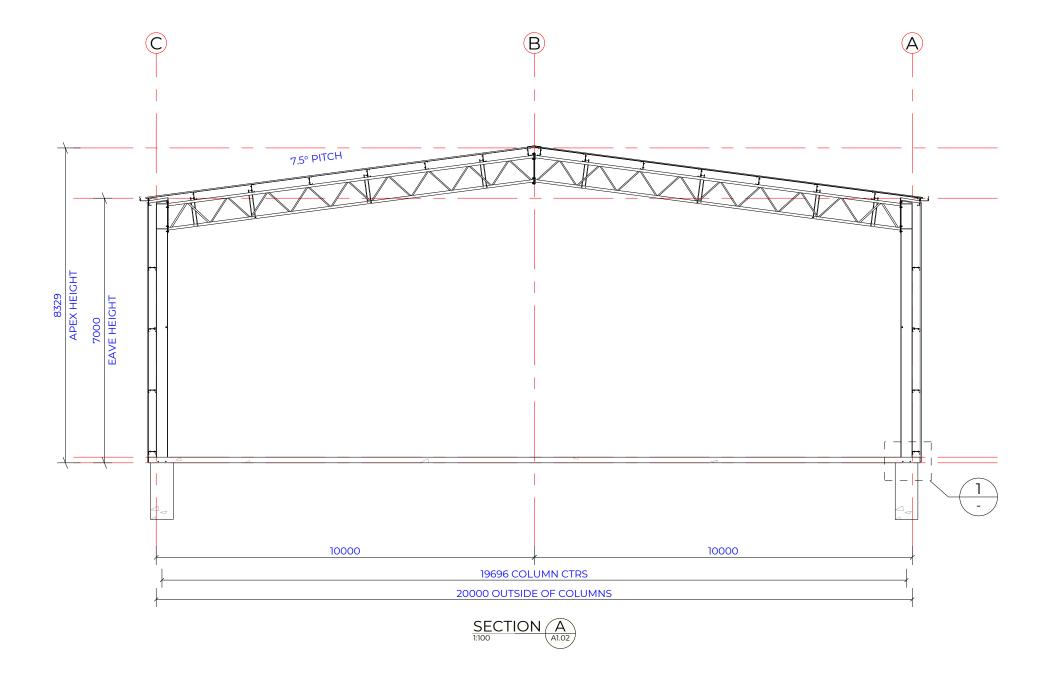
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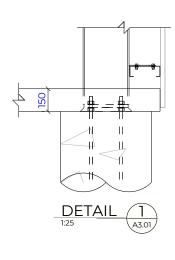




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