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Attn: Ms Jenny Elphinstone Chief Executive Officer Douglas Shire Council PO Box 723 MOSSMAN QLD 4873

Via email: jenny.elphinstone@douglas.qld.gov.au

Dear Jenny,

RE: RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR TWO (2) DUAL OCCUPANCIES AND SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION AND RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT (2 LOTS INTO 4 LOTS)

Planning Plus QLD Pty Ltd acts on behalf of NV & JS Pty Ltd (the 'applicant') in relation to the above-described matter.

We hereby provide the following information in response to Council's Information Request dated 21 June 2023.

Considerations under the Local Plan include as follows.

AO7.1, requires, "For all buildings, parking is: (a) to the side of buildings and recessed behind the main building line; or (b) behind buildings; or (c) wrapped by the building façade, and not visible from the street." The associated PO states, "Vehicle access, parking and service areas: (a) do not undermine the relationship between buildings and street or dominate the streetscape ..."

PO11 states, "Buildings: (a) address street frontages; (b) ensure main entrances front the street or public spaces; (c) do not focus principally on internal spaces or parking areas."

It is acknowledged the Storm Tide Inundation considerations cause a need to provide suitable attenuation.

Your original design with the commercial component at the street interface achieved the local plan outcomes and respected the storm tide constraint.

The current amended proposed development of setting the buildings well back from the street with garages in front is not considered appropriate given the Centre Zoning and the desire for development to address the street.

Examples of other developments that address the street, without the dominating car parking element are given below from the Esplanade area, taken from Google street view..





1. Please provide advice to the consideration of the above comments to meet the code requirements.

Please see amended proposal plans included as **Annexure 1**. The applicant acknowledges Council's concerns in respect to this matter and accordingly has made changes to the proposal to reduce the dominance of carparking and allow the building to better address the street frontage.

The changes have involved the lowering of the garages to reduce their visual prominence and allow more visibility to the main buildings behind which remain elevated, and an increase to the façade treatment of the pedestrian entries to increase their visual prominence. Overall, the revised proposal is considered to better address the street and provide increased casual surveillance. In addition to the Perspectives which illustrate this, a Vantage Point Section is provided which shows the view lines towards the building from various points in the Warner Street road reserve, demonstrating that much of the second level of the main building is visible from the road reserve and footpath in front of the site. This is aided by the sloping nature of the site which places the ground level of the main buildings 1.1m higher than the now-lowered garages.

The applicant wishes to retain the current general arrangement of having the main buildings set back on the lot so that the private open space areas can be orientated towards the middle/front of the lot to reduce overlooking of these areas from buildings to the rear. The site adjoins the Villa San Michele Hotel to the rear which comprises three (3) storeys close the rear boundary (approx 2m) on higher land and directly overlooks the site (see images below).







The current proposed arrangement provides greater privacy and amenity with the open space pool/deck areas provided towards the front of the development, as opposed to being out the back where they would be overlooked by the existing building.

Landscaping

The applicant response to the AO2.1, Port Douglas / Craiglie Local Plan Code, states, "The proposal will provide appropriate tropical landscaping in accordance with the desired Port Douglas

character." The AO refers to the "retention and enhancement of existing mature trees and character vegetation that contribute to the lush tropical character of the town, including: ... Warner Street."

Demonstration of compliance is also required under AO4 "Landscaping incorporates the requirements of Planning scheme policy SC6.7 – Landscaping, in particular landscaping should be capable of achieving a 60% screening of development within 5 years and predominantly consists of endemic vegetation."

Without a landscape plan demonstrating compliance Council is unable to determine whether this can be achieved.

2. Please provide a landscaping plan that demonstrates the compliance.

An updated landscaping plan is currently being prepared and will be provided to Council within approximately one (1) week of the date of this submission.

General Civil Work Design

It is noted that the Civil Work and lot layout plan still refer to the original application.

3. Please provide a proposed plan of civil work, material colours and finished and landscaping that demonstrates the development meets the code requirements.

In terms of civil works, the updated Site Plan illustrates proposed sewer and stormwater infrastructure. It is submitted that earthworks and retaining wall design will form part of the Building Approval documentation and that Council may want to impose a condition requiring endorsement of such plans prior to obtaining Building Approval.

In terms of building materials, finishes and colours, some typical proposed finishes and pallet is demonstrated on the Perspectives and Northern and Southern Elevations. These identify an array of visually attractive features from the street such as but not limited to, stone walling to the prominent entry façade and timber-look aluminum fencing screening. Again, it is submitted that Council may want to impose a condition requiring endorsement of the full range of such details prior to obtaining Building Approval.

Finally, in relation to landscaping, we note our response above that updated plans will be provided shortly.

We trust this information is sufficient for your purposes; however should you require any further details or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

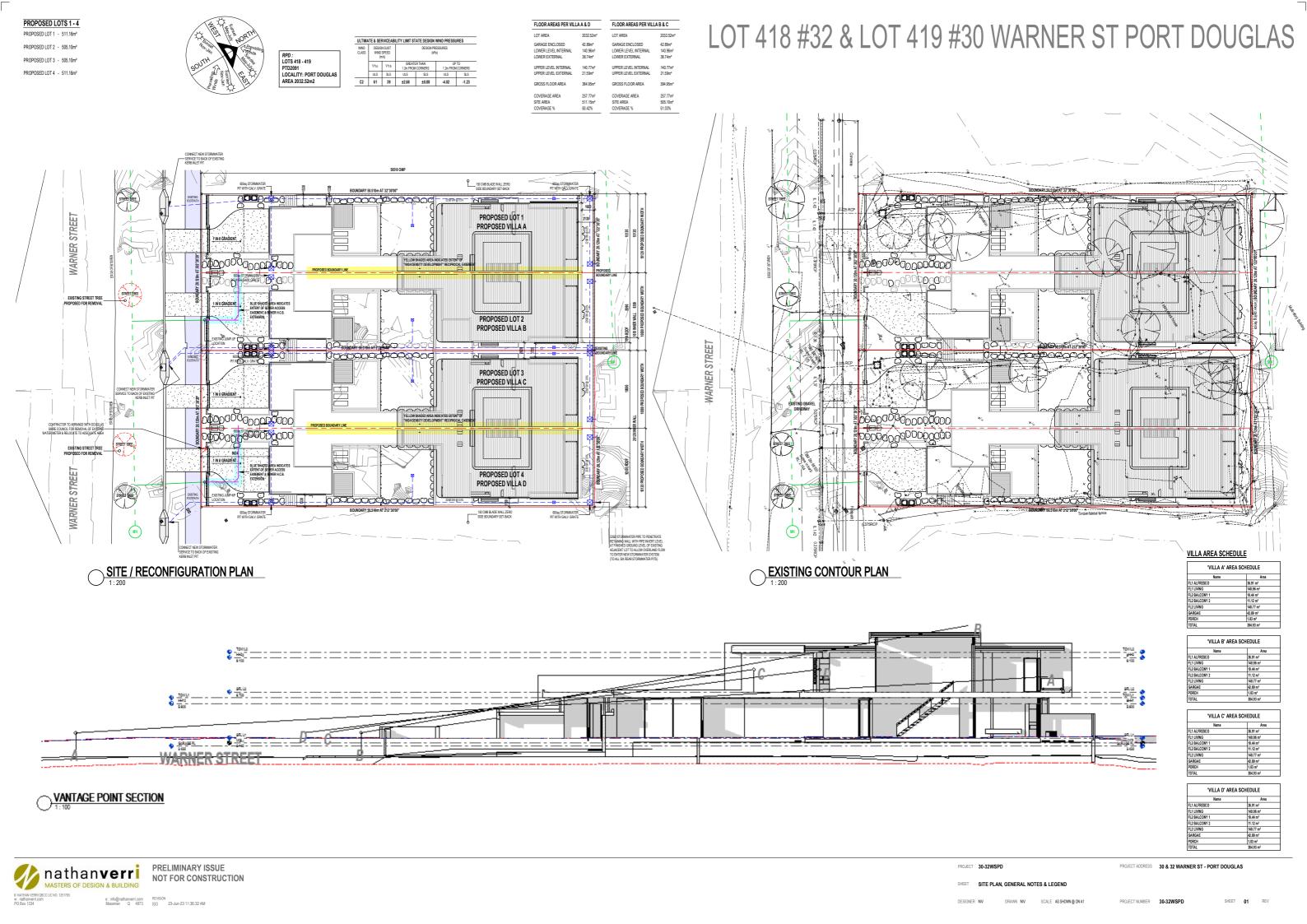
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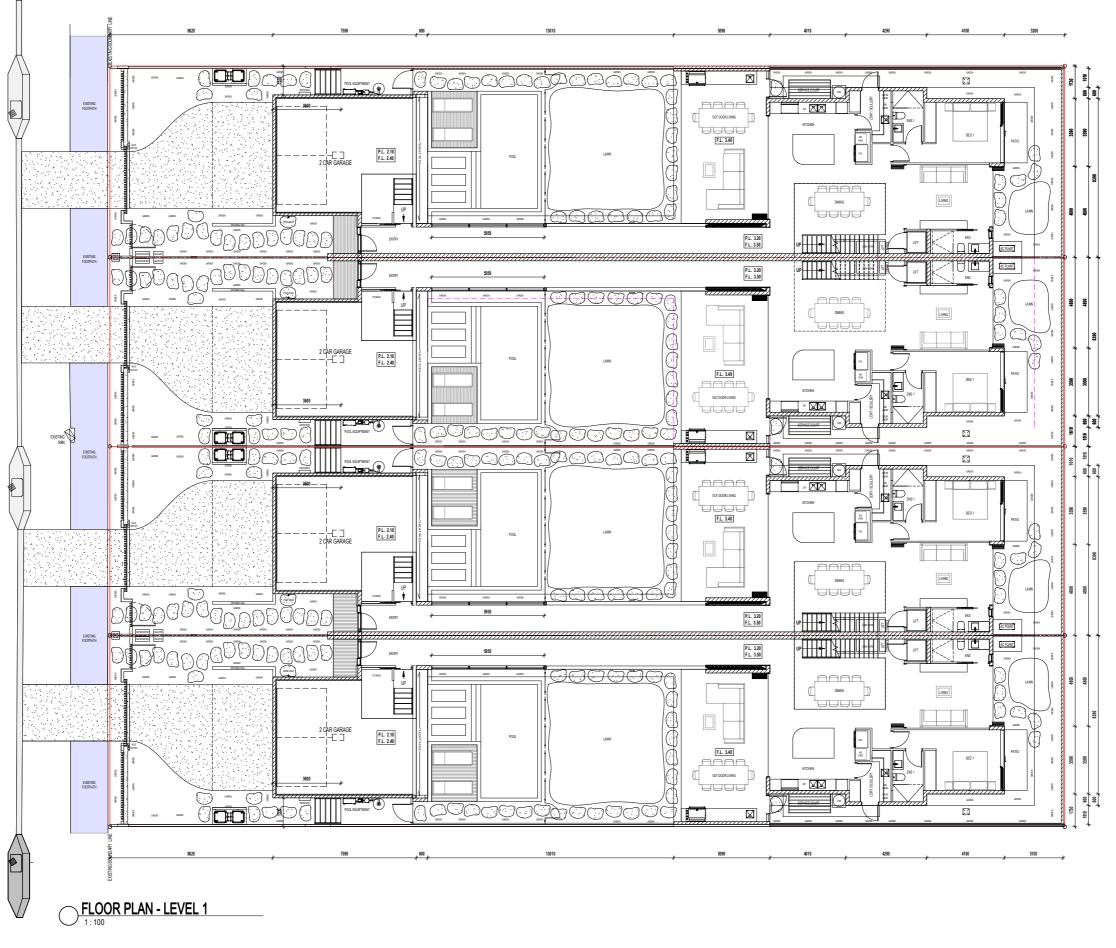
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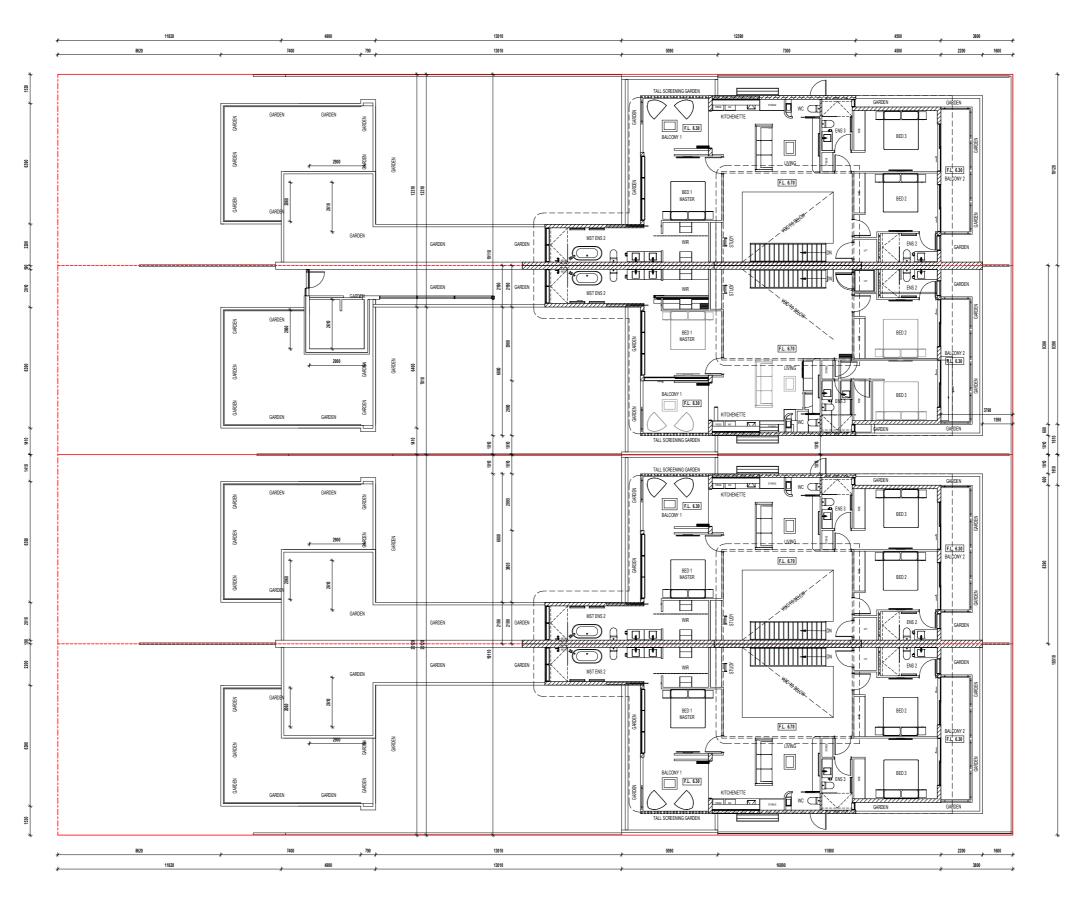
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PORCH	1.83 m²
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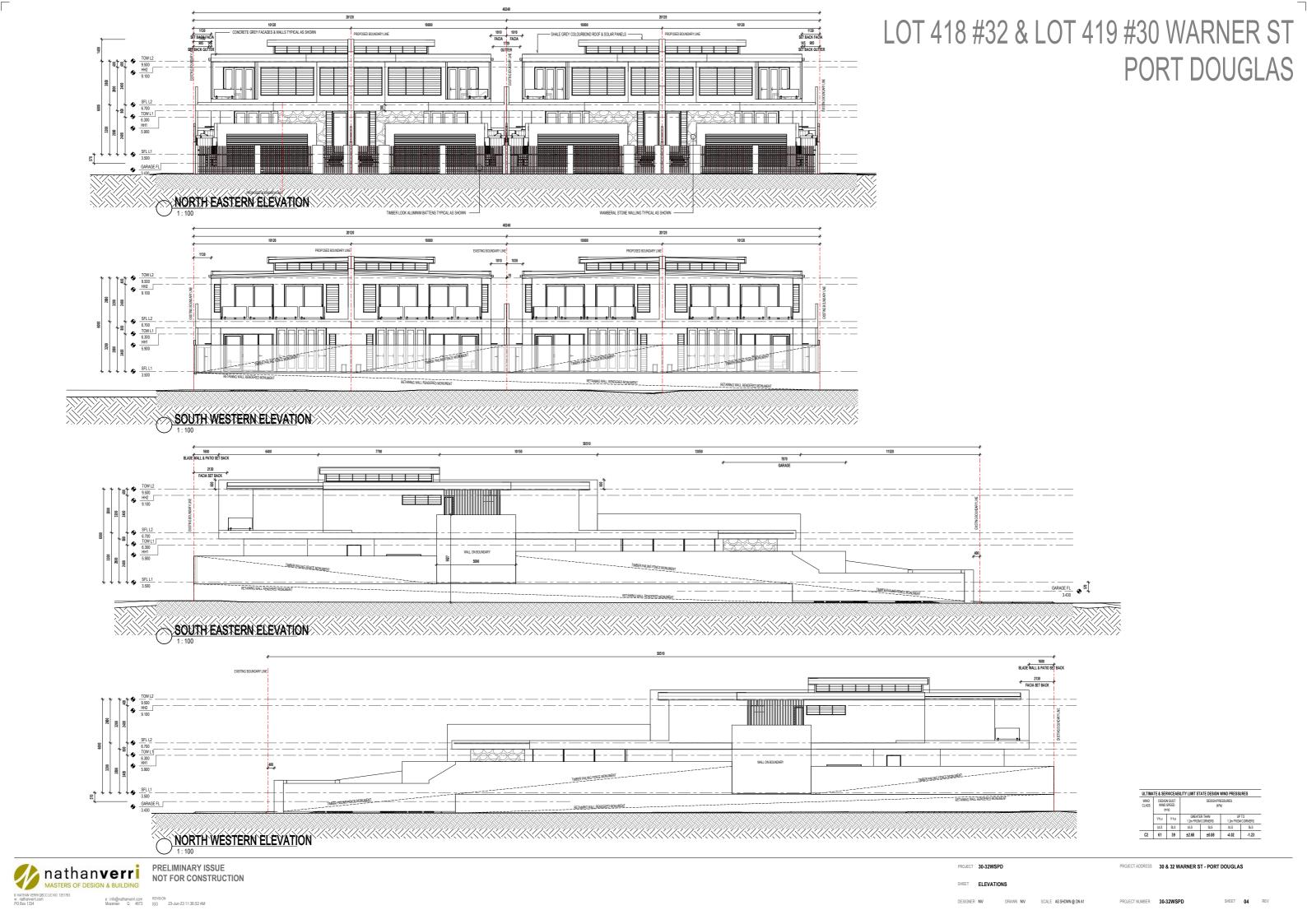
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FLOOR PLAN - LEVEL 2

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