

### **General Compliance Request**

To:

Development Permit Panel

Date:

May 16, 2006

From:

Jean Lamontagne

File:

DP 05-292001

Director of Development

Re:

Application by Adera Equities Inc. for a General Compliance at

6033 Katsura Street (formerly 9180, 9186, 9200 and

9220 Westminster Highway)

### Staff Recommendation

1. That the revised plans be considered to be in General Compliance with Development Permit DP 05-292001 for an 84-unit multiple-family building at 6033 Katsura Street (formerly 9180, 9186, 9200 and 9220 Westminster Highway) that generally covers the following changes:

a) Addition of openings in the exterior parkade wall at the southwest corner of the parkade;

b) Deletion of the retaining wall and the landscape fill at the southwest corner of the site between the parkade and the property lines; and

c) Adjustment to the landscaping at the southwest corner of the project.

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Director of Development

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### Staff Report

### Origin

Adera Equities Inc. has requested a general compliance ruling on an 84-unit multiple-family building development project which is currently under construction in the McLennan North Area (Schedule A). The Development Permit (DP 05-292001) was approved by Council on October 24, 2005. Excerpts of the approved plans are appended to this report. The approved site plan can be found in **Attachment 1**.

### **Findings of Fact**

The following changes are requested:

- 1. Addition of openings in the exterior parkade wall at the southwest corner of the parkade (Attachment 2-5);
- 2. Deletion of the middle retaining wall and the landscape fill at the southwest corner between the parkade and the property line (Attachment 2-3 & 6-7); and
- 3. Adjustment to the landscaping at the southwest corner of the project (Attachment 8-9).

### **Staff Comments**

Due to the soil condition and in an effort to offset possible slab settlement, changes have been made to the southwest corner of the site to reduce the height and weight of the landscape berm against the parkade, reduce the weight of the parkade structure and to provide the ability to relevel the suspended slab. The proposed revisions are intended to maintain an appearance consistent with the original Development Permit submission.

Openings are to be provided in the parkade wall to reduce the weight of the structure and to allow for structural steel levelling plates to be inserted between the top of the columns and the suspended slab (Attachment 10 -13). The openings in the parkade wall will be infilled with expanded metal mesh at the parkade area for security purposes. The openings in the parkade wall at the storage room will be infilled with a metal-framed wall and clad with sliding to match the building.

The middle retaining wall between the parkade and the property line is no long required as the landscaping is now sloping down towards an opening in the parkade instead of sloping upward to the terrace (Attachment 14 & 15).

Soil in the landscaping area has been reduced to 12 in. deep and drainage mats have been added in lieu of drain rock. Plants have been adjusted to be more drought tolerant / shallow soil tolerant at the top of the slab. Changes at the perimeter of the site have also been made as fill against the parkade has been reduced. Tree locations have been adjusted on the perimeter to better suit the aspect of the slope. Species of plants were changed to provide a broadleaf Evergreen hedge against the now exposed parkade wall (Attachment 16 & 17). The landscaping between the property line and the parkade wall will mature into a substantial visual screen that will effectively block the view of the parkade wall.

### **Analysis of General Compliance Criteria**

The proposed revisions are generally consistent with criteria identified in the adopted General Compliance Guidelines. The proposed exterior modifications maintain or enhance the quality of development while retaining the basic form and character of the development. The overall form and character of the buildings and the proposed exterior building materials have not changed. The overall quality of the landscape has changed in a positive way. Broadleaf Evergreen shrubs will be used to form an Evergreen hedge along the perimeter.

### **Conclusions**

Adera Equities Inc. has requested a general compliance ruling on the project which is currently under construction at 6033 Katsura Street (formerly 9180, 9186, 9200 and 9220 Westminster Highway). The proposed additions of openings in the exterior parkade wall at the southwest corner of the parkade, deletion of the retaining wall and the landscape fill at the southwest corner of the site between the parkade and the property lines; and adjustment to the landscaping at the southwest corner of the project are within the scope of General Compliance Guidelines as adopted by Council and maintain the overall quality of the Development. Staff have no objections to the proposed changes.

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Attachment 1: Approved Site Plan

Attachment 2: Approved Site Plan – Parking Level

Attachment 3: Revised Site Plan – Parking Level

Attachment 4: Approved Elevations – South & West

Attachment 5: Revised Elevations – South & West

Attachment 6: Approved Sections

Attachment 7: Revised Sections

Attachment 8: Approved Landscape Plan

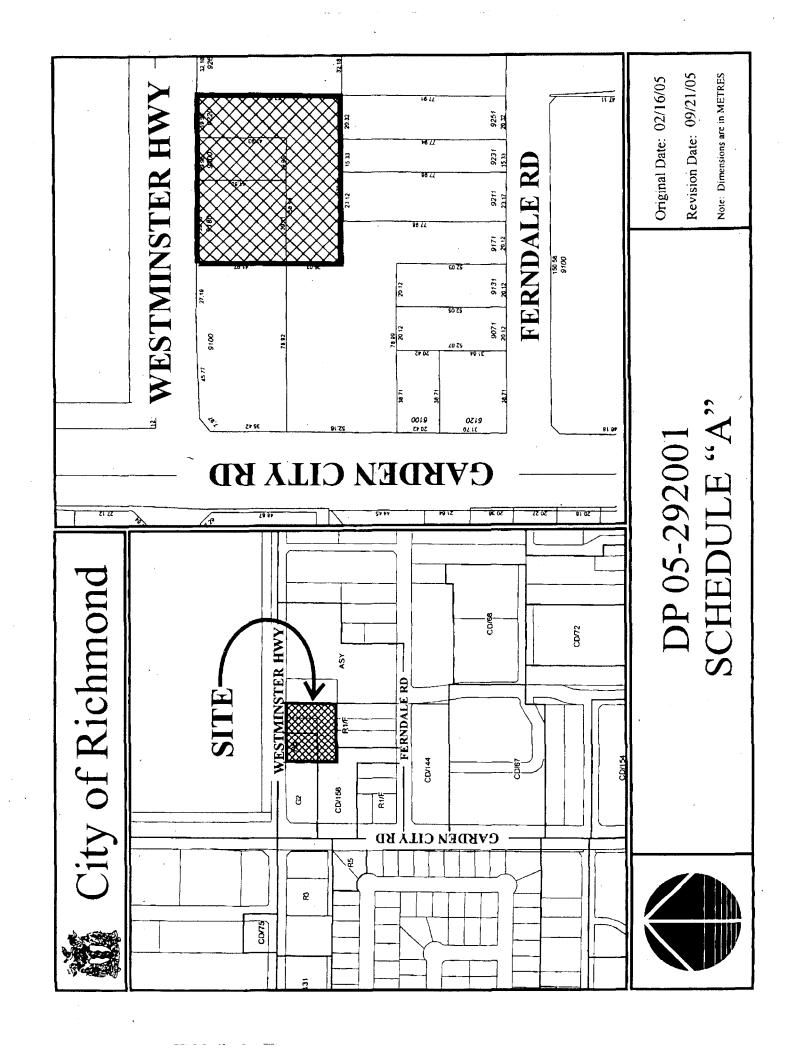
Attachment 9: Revised Landscape Plan

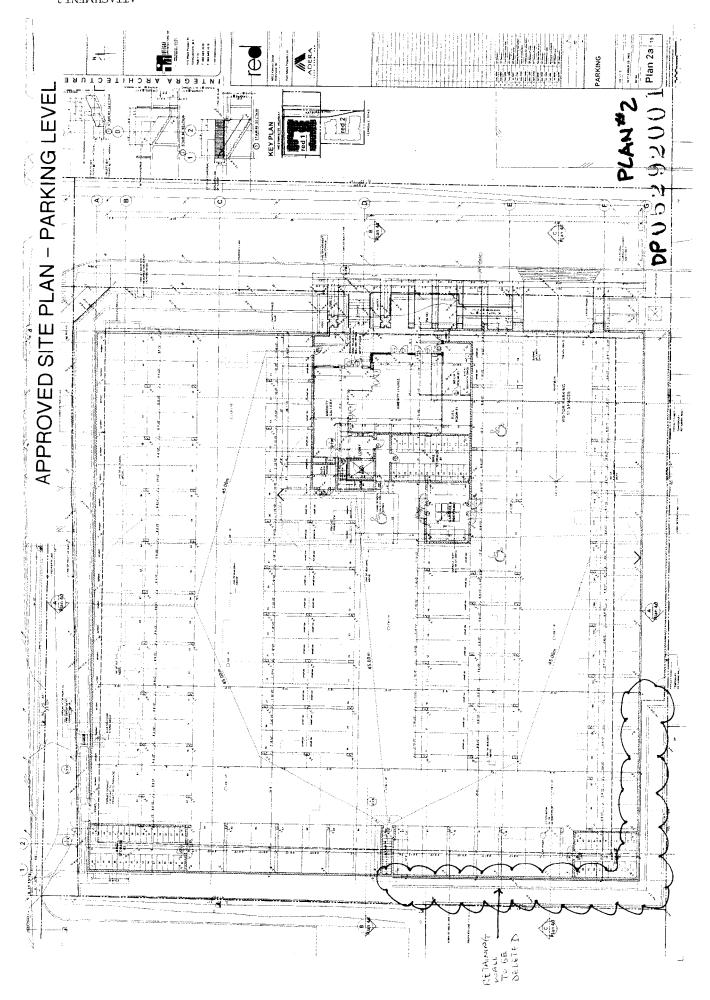
Attachment 10: Approved & Revised South Elevation

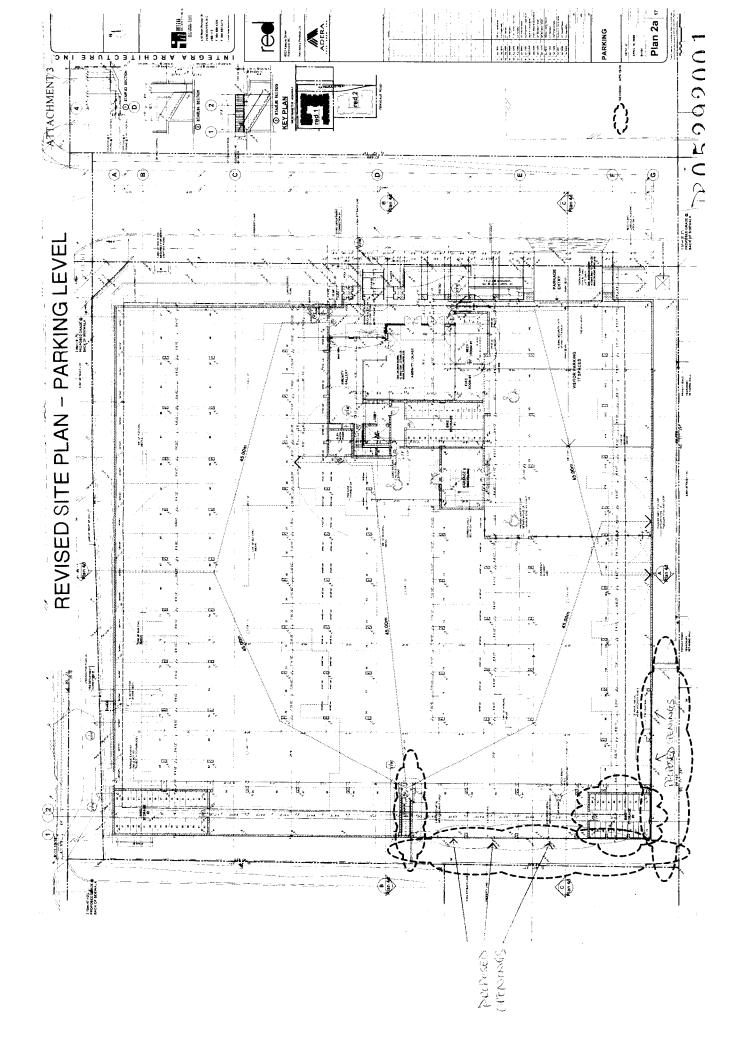
Attachment 11: Approved & Revised West Elevation

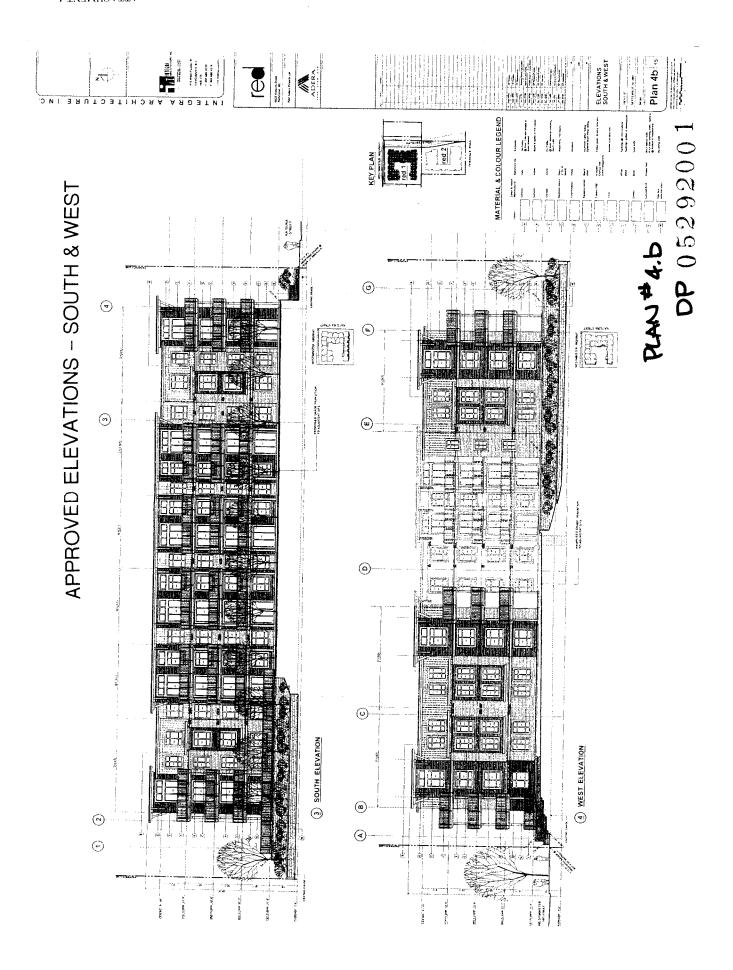
Attachment 12: Approved & Revised Cross Section

Attachment 13: Approved & Revised Landscape Plan - Southwest Corner



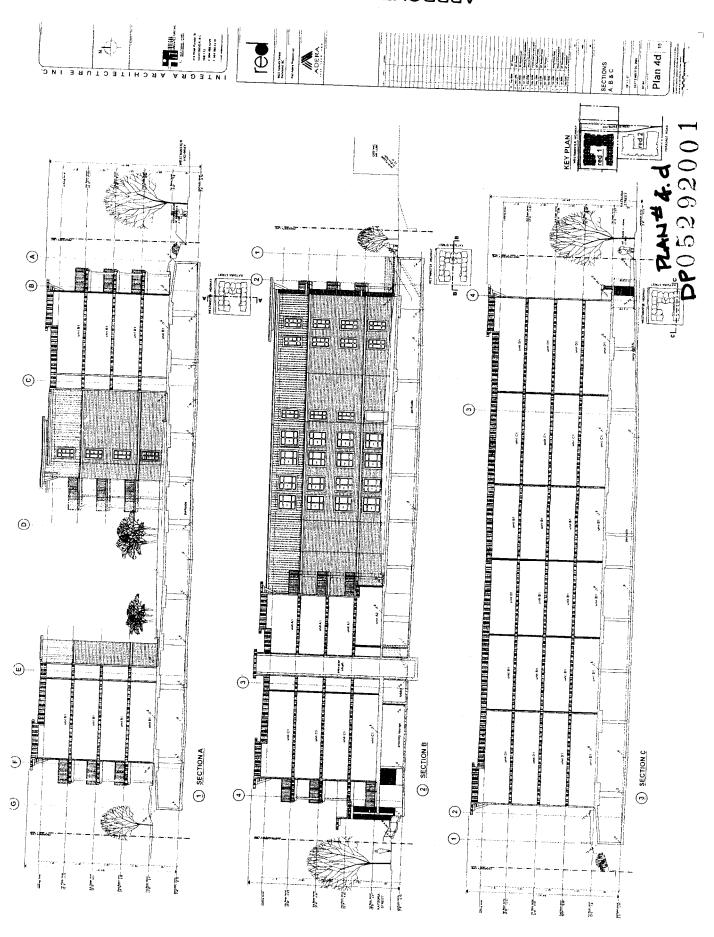


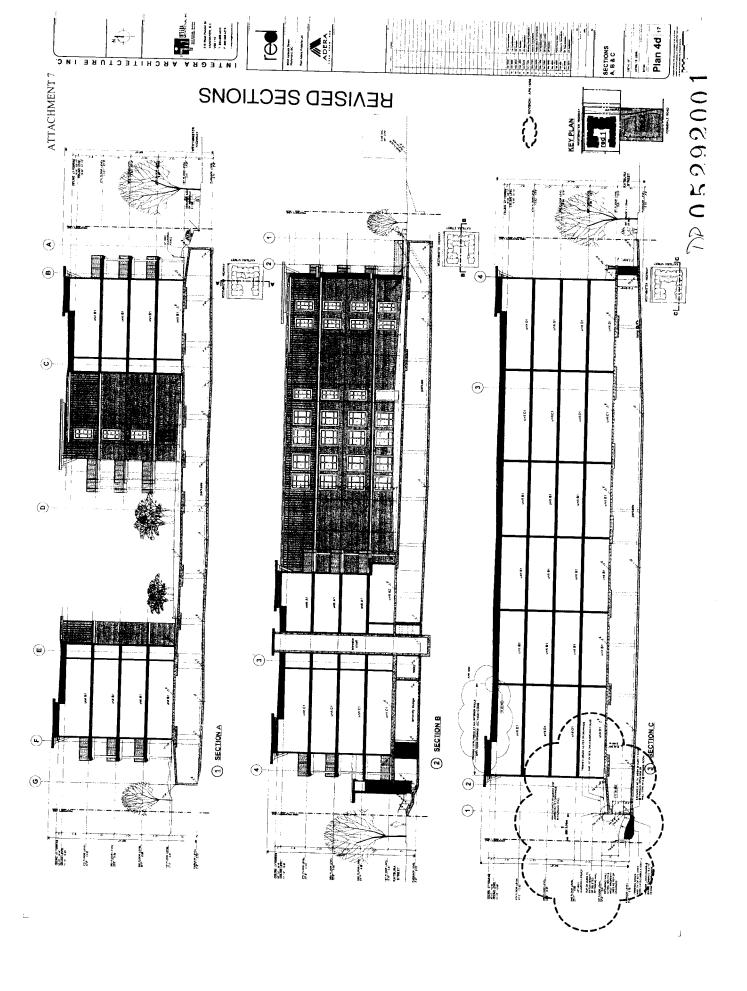


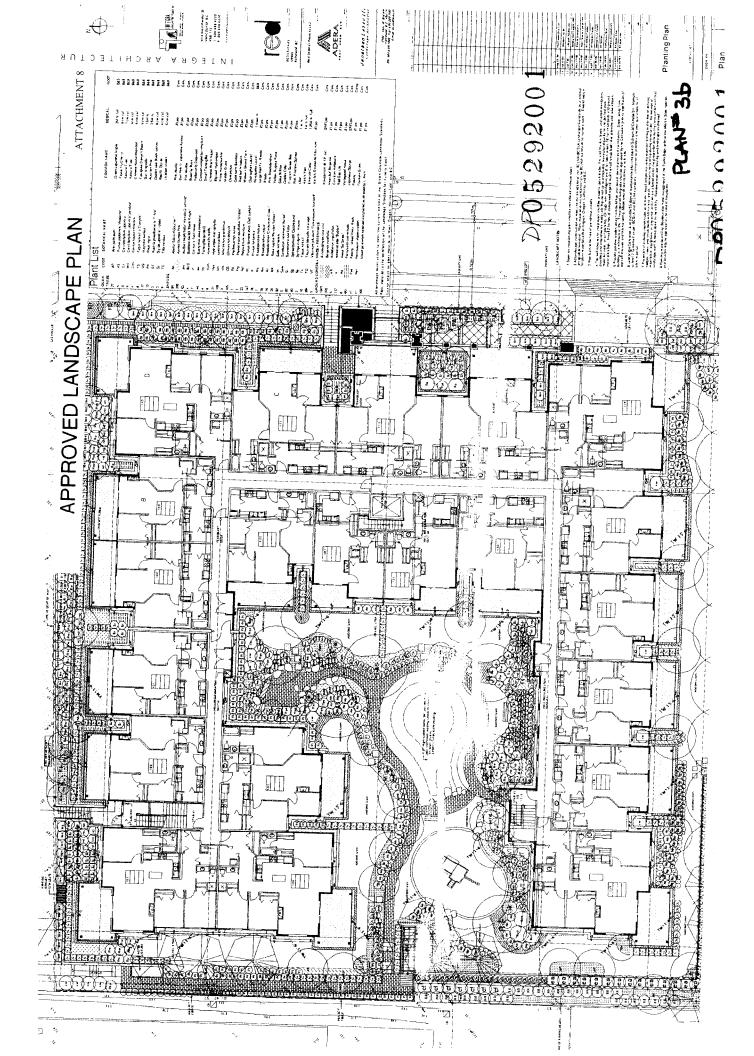


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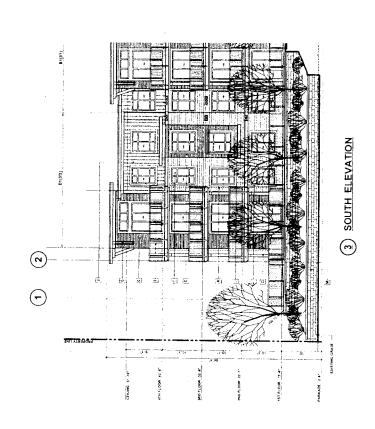






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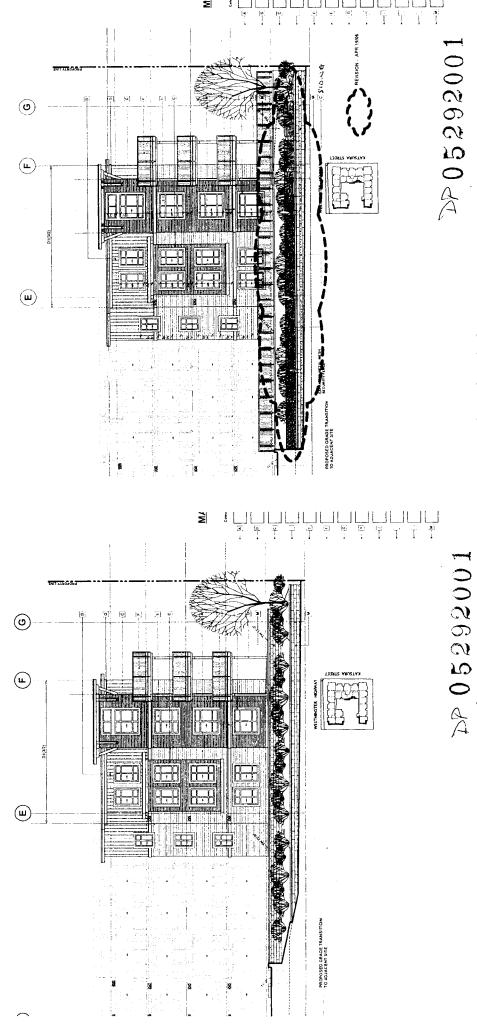
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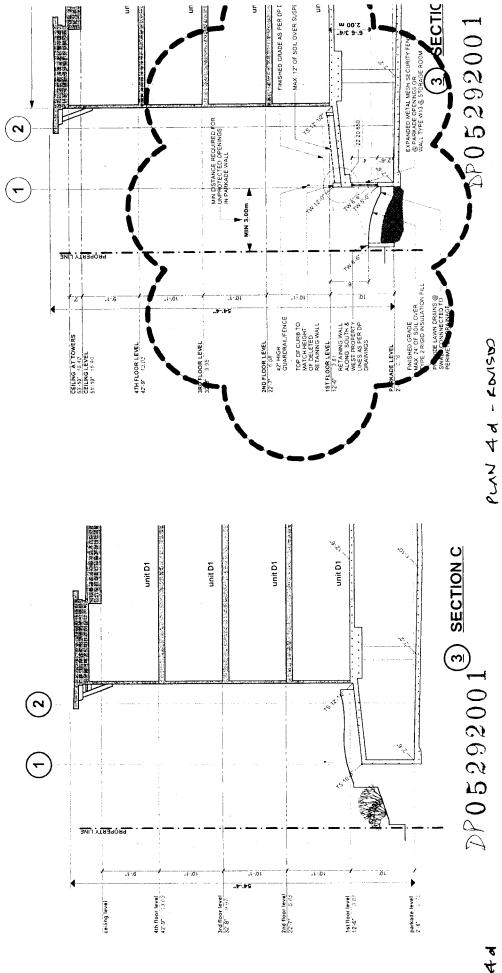


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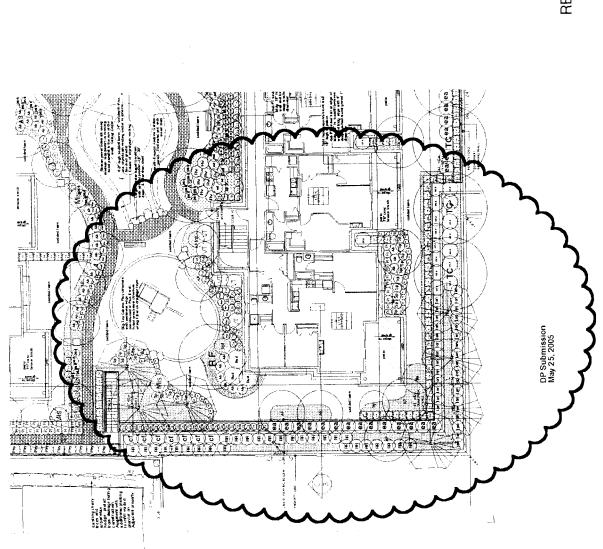
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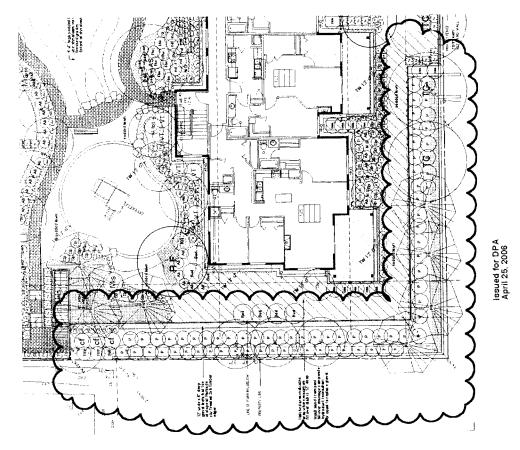
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