

Report to Development Permit Panel

To:

Development Permit Panel

Date:

May 18, 2005

From:

Raul Allueva

File:

DP 04-277238

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Director of Development

Re:

Application by Maeda Developments Ltd. for a Development Permit at

6620 Granville Avenue

Staff Recommendation

That a Development Permit be issued which would:

- 1. Permit development of six (6) two-storey townhouse units at 6620 Granville Avenue; and
- 2. Vary provisions in the Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300 to reduce the required number of visitor parking stalls from two (2) spaces to one (1) space.

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Director of Development

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Staff Report

Origin

Maeda Development Ltd. has applied to the City of Richmond for permission to develop six (6) two-storey townhouses at 6620 Granville Avenue. This is considered to be Phase 3 of the 'Livingstone Place' project. Phases 1 and 2 have already been completed to the east.

The subject site is being rezoned from Single-Family Housing District, Subdivision Area E (R1/E) to Comprehensive Development District (CD/95) (reference file RZ 04-267565; Bylaw 7821). All requirements attached to the rezoning have been addressed and the Rezoning Bylaw has been adopted.

Development Information

A location map is shown in "Schedule A". Information pertaining to the project is outlined in the Development Applications Data sheet (Attachment 1).

Findings of Fact

Criteria and policies for the issuance of Development Permits appear in Schedule 1 & 2 of Bylaw 7100, the Official Community Plan. The following are applicable Development Permit Guidelines contained within the Official Community Plan:

Schedule 1: General and Multiple-Family Guidelines

Schedule 2: East Livingstone Sub Area Plan Development Permit Guidelines

Development surrounding the subject properties is as follows:

- To the north Single-family dwellings on the north side of Granville Avenue;
- To the east Two-storey to three-storey townhouses zoned Comprehensive Development District (CD/94) and Comprehensive Development District (CD/95) representing Phase 1 and 2 of the Livingstone Place development;
- To the west An older character single-family dwelling on a similarly sized lot. Further west, is a mix of new and old single-family dwellings on smaller lots with access to the lane; and
- To the south A vacant lot that has not yet redeveloped.

Public Hearing Comments

The rezoning application (RZ 04-267565) had a Public Hearing on October 18, 2004. At the Public Hearing, there was discussion regarding a remnant strip of property (6671 Livingstone Place) located between the neighbouring property to the west (6600 Granville – Jack Chaunce) and the Livingstone Place road right-of-way. As a result, Council passed the following referral motion:

"That staff review the ownership and status of the strip of land between the rear of Mr. Chaunce's property and the road."

A subdivision in 1993 created a "sliver" of land along Livingstone Place along with a number of residential lots and road (Livingstone Place). This strip of land is owned by Mr. John Young, the property owner of the initial subdivision that was completed in 1993 (refer to **Attachment 2** for a plan of the properties). There is no indication why this "sliver" parcel was created. The road fronting 6671 Livingstone Place has already been fully constructed to City standards (pavement, concrete curb & gutter and sidewalk), therefore consolidation of the strip of land for road or frontage works is not required. Completion of Livingstone Place requires redevelopment of the large parcel south of the subject site (6671 Comstock Road).

A similar six-unit multi-family redevelopment option exists for the neighbouring property to the west (6600 Granville Avenue) including the "sliver" parcel. At the time when redevelopment is proposed, staff will encourage consolidation and joint development of 6600 Granville Avenue and the remnant "sliver" parcel.

Staff Comments

The site plan and design of the six (6) units is similar to the 19-unit townhouse project to the east constructed by the same developer, with units fronting the public roads, and vehicle access provided through a right-of-way running through the middle of the site. The overall intent of the plan is to emulate and continue the urban design, architectural features and character of the existing development to the east.

Zoning Compliance/Variances (staff comments in bold)

Comprehensive Development District (CD/95) was amended during the rezoning to accommodate the development of townhouse units with a similar site plan and design of the completed projects to the east. A majority of the minor text amendments were to take into account the smaller size of the subject site and include building projections into the front and rear yard that would compliment the overall design.

The applicant is requesting to vary the provisions of the Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300 by reducing the number of visitor parking stalls from two (2) spaces to one (1) space. This variance was identified through the rezoning, with staff having no objections so long as a legal agreement was arranged to permit the sharing of visitor parking stalls and outdoor amenity space among the subject site's development (Phase 3) and the existing Phases 1 and 2 to the east. This legal agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City's Law Department, thus fulfilling all rezoning requirements. The total number of visitor parking stalls available to all three phases would be five (5), which meets the number of visitor parking stalls required under the Zoning Bylaw according to the total number of units.

Design Panel Comments

This small project was not submitted to the Advisory Design Panel as staff are generally satisfied with the design development exhibited in the project (which mimics the form and character of previous phases) and efforts to work cooperatively to make revisions based on staff comments.

Analysis

Future Development and Extension of Livingstone Place

Livingstone Place has yet to be completed to the south of the subject site, as the large parcel has not yet redeveloped into smaller single-family lots as permitted in the East Livingstone Sub Area Plan (Attachment 3). Road dedications and works to enable completion of Livingstone Place will be associated with the redevelopment of this larger parcel, thus enabling the three (3) units on the subject site to have frontage and street presence to Livingstone Place in the future. The process of townhouses developing prior to implementation of the single-family lot subdivision is similar to the development pattern exhibited in Phases 1 and 2 of Livingstone Place. In previous Phases, townhouses were developed prior to the creation of the single-family lots and continuation of Livingstone Place. As a result, the rear units in earlier Phases encountered a situation where the south adjacency was with a vacant lot that had not yet redeveloped. This situation is similar to the existing adjacency encountered for the subject site, where the rear townhouse units would front the vacant, undeveloped property to the south (6671 Comstock Road). Once this property develops, it would enable the completion of Livingstone Place and implementation of road frontage for the rear townhouse units of the development.

A conceptual plan submitted for the neighbouring property to the west (6600 Granville Avenue) indicates that a similar townhouse scheme is possible for this neighbouring property. (Please see drawings attached as Reference Plans).

Conditions of Adjacency

- Conditions of adjacency along the west property line between the existing single-family dwelling and development site is being dealt with through massing (two-storey maximum), breakdown of building form (detached garages, open patio space, internal laneway) and landscaping (fencing and plantings).
- Granville Road streetscape will continue the treatment carried out on existing townhouse developments to the east.
- Future development on the property to the immediate south would facilitate completion of Livingstone Place. As a result, the design and landscaping in front of the three (3) rear units would be similar to the established Livingstone Place streetscape to the east, which presents a public façade to the south.

Site Planning and Urban Design

- Site plan is based upon vehicle access being provided through an internal laneway with all units having public street presence (i.e. doors and living space oriented to the street).
- As Livingstone Place has not yet been completed, the three (3) units at the rear (south) do not currently have frontage along a public road. To allow pedestrian access to and from these units to the completed portions of Livingstone Place, a concrete walkway is being implemented across the site.

Architectural Form and Character

• Form and character of all six (6) units is based upon the design of the existing 19-unit townhouse complex to the east (Livingstone Place – Phase 1 and 2) and are in compliance with Development Permit Guidelines contained in the East Livingstone Sub Area Plan.

- Building elevations for all units are well articulated with a combination of bay windows, secondary roof elements and prominent street oriented entrances.
- Materials consist of vinyl siding, heavy wood trim accents, wood trim around windows and asphalt shingles.

Landscape Plan

- Landscaping in front of units facing a public road is designed to define the semi-private outdoor space as well as soften the edge treatment for buildings and provides a pedestrian-friendly streetscape.
- Trees and shrubbery situated in between buildings, along side yards and facing the internal laneway provides additional screening and enhances detailing. Low-level fencing (4 ft. in height) is situated in the front yards of units to enclose open space and maintain visibility. A 6 ft. wooden fence is located along the side yards to provide adequate screening.
- Outdoor amenity space (children's play area) is located in Phase 2 to the immediate east and will be shared with the units on the subject site. A legal agreement to facilitate this was secured at rezoning. The architect has indicated the amenity space was adequately sized to take into account the ability for subsequent phases to utilize the space, and includes a play structure.

Conclusions

The overall site plan and character of buildings complies with the applicable Development Permit Guidelines for multi-family projects in the East Livingstone Sub Area and is also consistent with the form of development established to the east. On this basis, staff recommend support of the Development Permit.

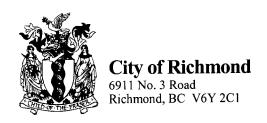
Kevin Eng

Planning Technician – Design

(Local 4626)

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Prior to forwarding the Development Permit to Council for issuance, a landscape Letter of Credit in the amount of \$23,948.00 is required.



Development Application Data Sheet

DP 04-277238

Address:

6620 Granville Avenue

Applicant:

Maeda Developments Ltd. (Stacey Maeda)

Planning Area(s):

East Livingstone Sub-Area

	Existing	Proposed
Site Size (m²):	1,359 m ²	No change
Land Uses	Single-family	Multi-family (6 units)
OCP Designation (General Land Use Map)	Neighbourhood Residential	No change
East Livingstone Sub-Area Plan Designation	Small lot single-family; Two-family; or Townhouse residential	
Zoning	R1/E CD/95	
Number of Units	Single-family dwelling	6 townhouse units

	Bylaw Requirement (Zoning Text Amendment)	Proposed	Variance
Floor Area Ratio:	Max. 0.7 F.A.R.	0.70 F.A.R.	none
Lot Coverage – Building:	Max. 45%	45%	none
Lot Size (min. area)	1,300 m ² (13,993 ft ²)	1,359 m ² (14,632 ft ²)	none
Setback (m):	North Yard: 6 m South Yard: 4.5 m East Yard: 1.2 m West Yard: 1.2 m	South Yard: 4.5 m East Yard: 1.2 m South Yard: 4.5 m East Yard: 1.2 m	
Height (m):	9.4 m	9.4 m	none
Off-street Parking Spaces – Regular (R) / Visitor (V):	1.5 stalls (R) per unit – 9 stalls required 0.2 stalls (V) per unit – 2 stalls required	11stalls (R) proposed 1 stall (V) proposed	Variance to reduce visitor parking from 2 stalls to 1 stall**

Note: **Visitor stall access secured through legal agreement with Phases 1 & 2 of previous development

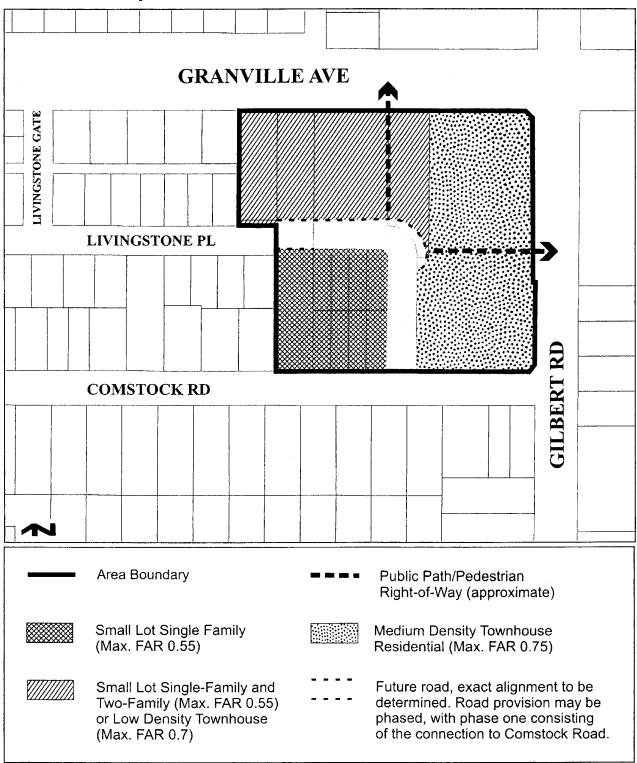


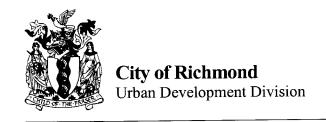
Attachment 2 Plan of Surrounding Properties

Amended Date:

Note: Dimensions are in METRES

Land Use Map Bylaw 7820 2004/10/18





Development Permit

No. DP 04-277238

To the Holder:

MAEDA DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

Property Address:

6620 GRANVILLE AVENUE

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c/o STACY MAEDA

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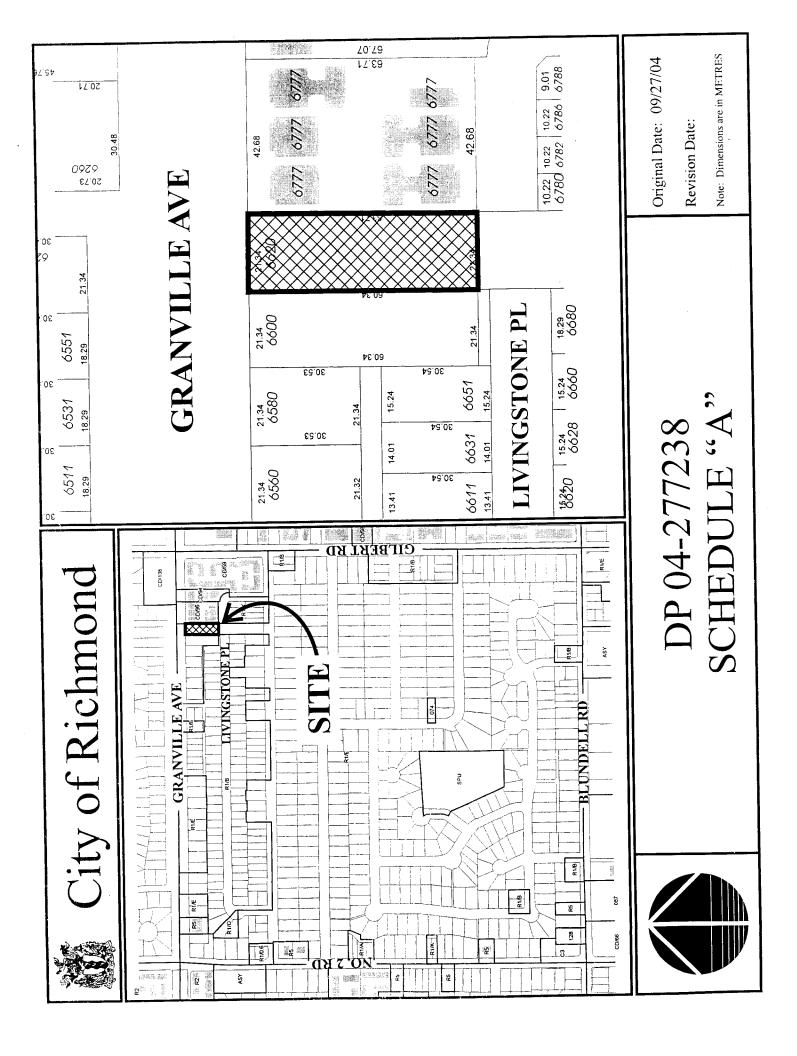
- 1. This Development Permit is issued subject to compliance with all of the Bylaws of the City applicable thereto, except as specifically varied or supplemented by this Permit.
- 2. This Development Permit applies to and only to those lands shown cross-hatched on the attached Schedule "A" and any and all buildings, structures and other development thereon.
- 3. The "Richmond Zoning and Development Bylaw No. 5300" is hereby varied or supplemented as follows:
 - a) The dimension and siting of buildings and structures on the land shall be generally in accordance with Plan #1 attached hereto.
 - b) The siting and design of off-street parking and loading facilities shall be generally in accordance with Plan #1 attached hereto.
 - c) Landscaping and screening shall be provided around the different uses generally in accordance with the standards shown on Plan #2 attached hereto.
 - d) Roads and parking areas shall be paved in accordance with the standards shown on Plan #2 attached hereto.
 - e) Sanitary sewers, water, drainage, highways, street lighting, underground wiring, and sidewalks, shall be provided as required.
 - f) Subject to Section 692 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C., the building shall be constructed generally in accordance with Plans #1 to #5 attached hereto.
- 4. As a condition of the issuance of this Permit, Council is holding the security set out below to ensure that development is carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Permit. Should any interest be earned upon the security, it shall accrue to the Holder if the security is returned. The condition of the posting of the security is that should the Holder fail to carry out the development hereby authorized, according to the terms and conditions of this Permit within the time provided, the City may use the security to carry out the work by its servants, agents or contractors, and any surplus shall be paid over to the Holder, or should the Holder carry out the development permitted by this permit within the time set out herein, the security shall be returned to the Holder. The City may retain the security for up to one year after inspection of the completed landscaping in order to ensure that plant material has survived.

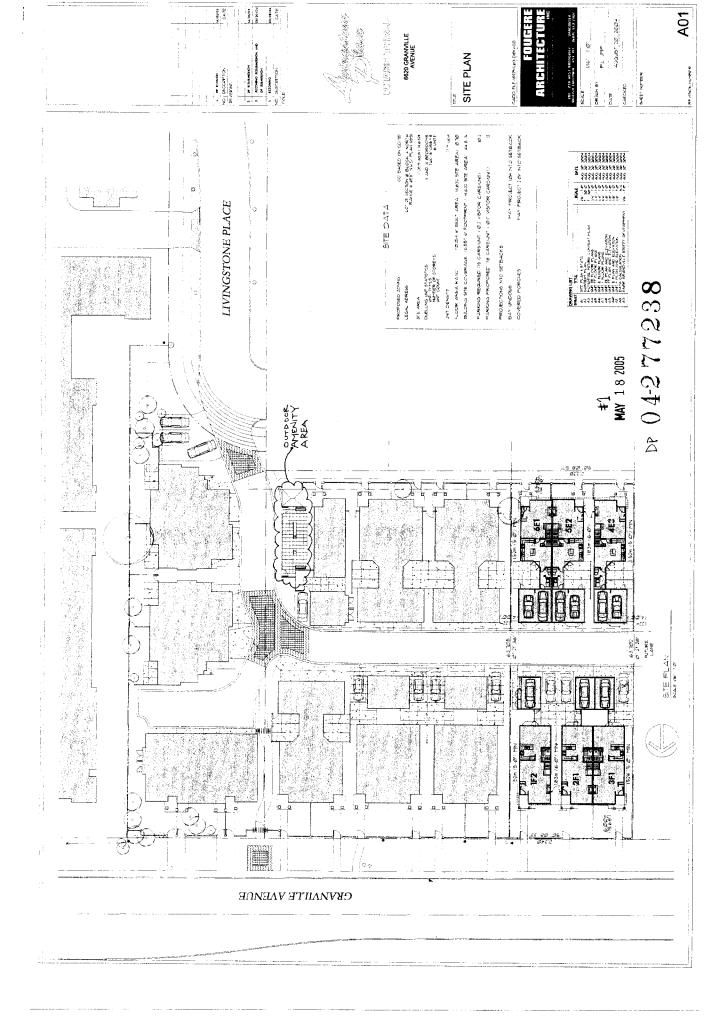
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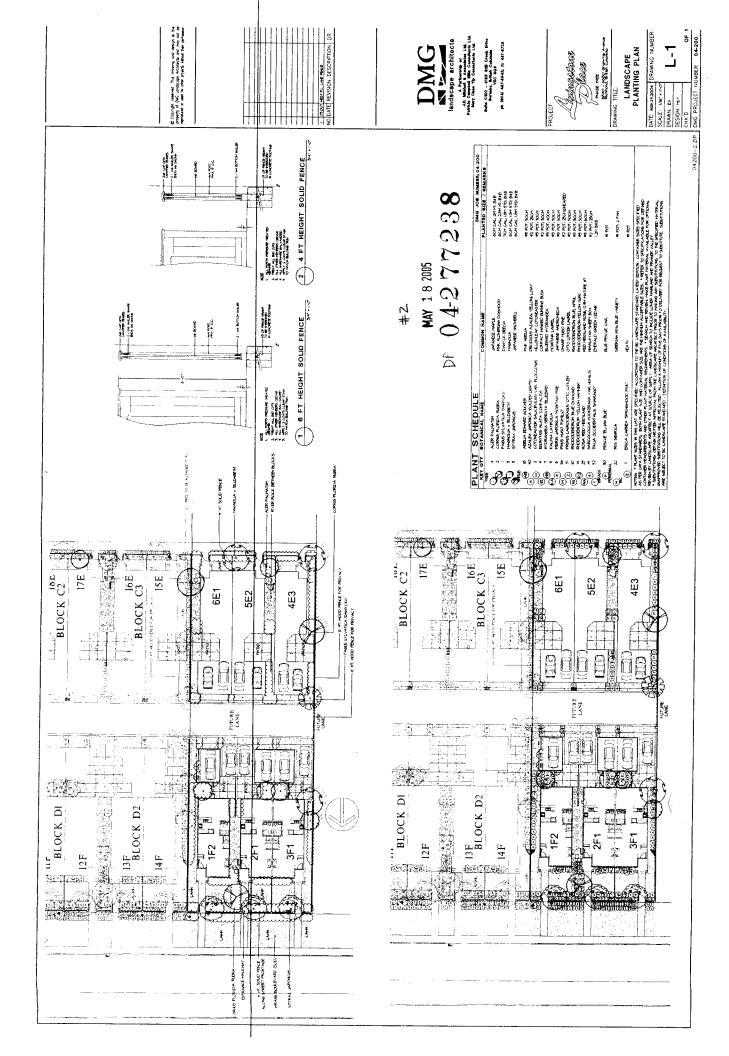
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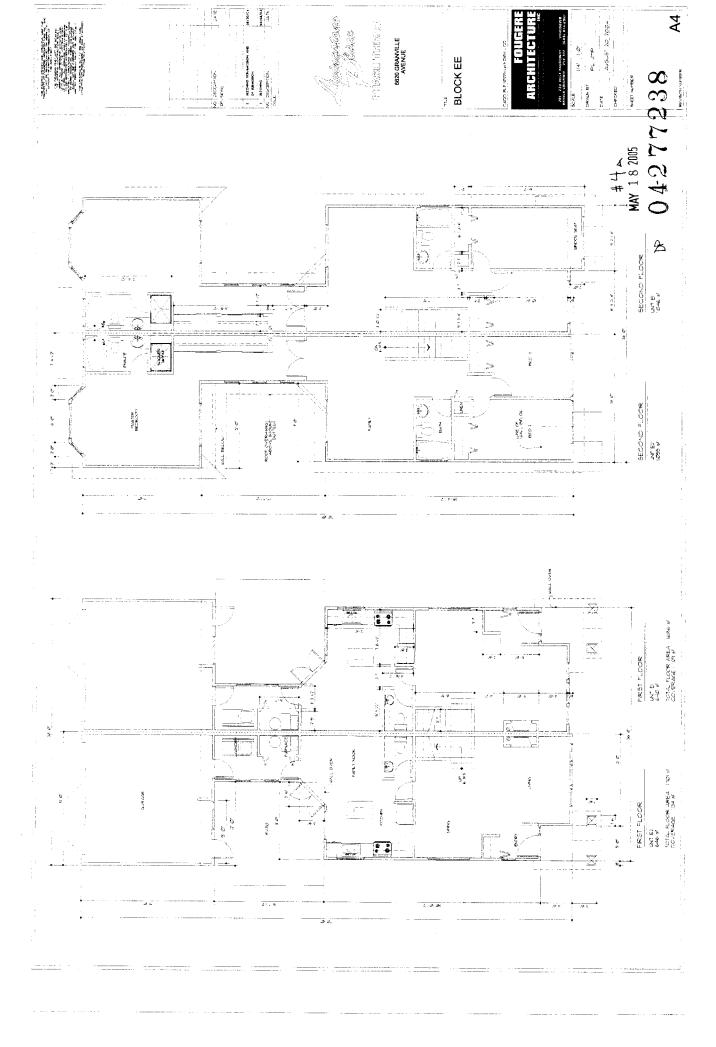




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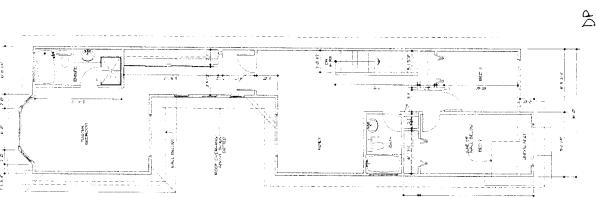
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