

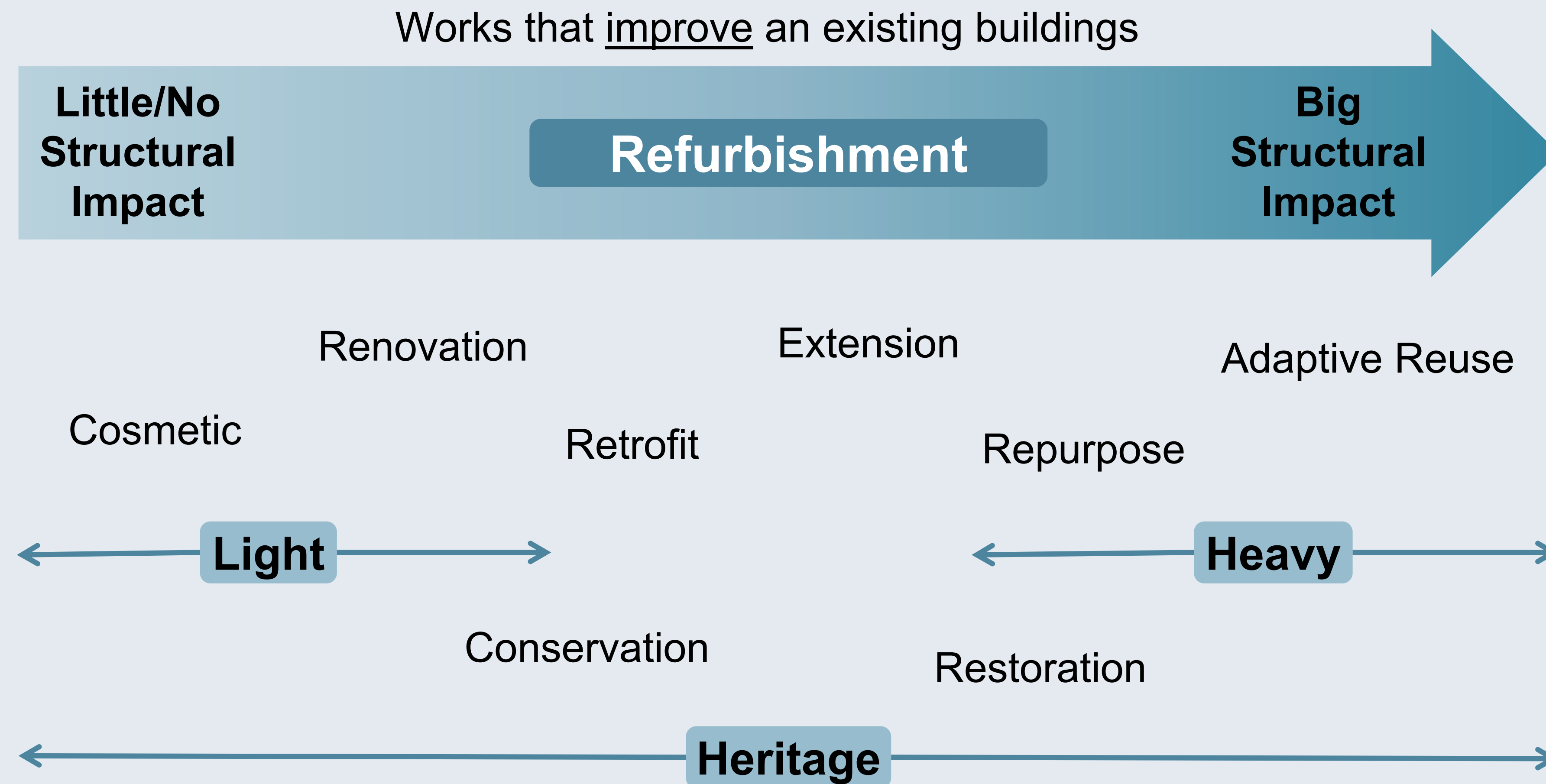
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Cut & Carve: What? Why? How?

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Cut & Carve is a Construction Technique



Structural alteration involving partial **demolition** and re-engineering of **existing** structures



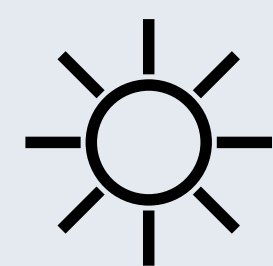
Highly complex – requires specialist engineering, **temporary** works, and **safety** planning



Add's **value** by repurposing or extending a building's life

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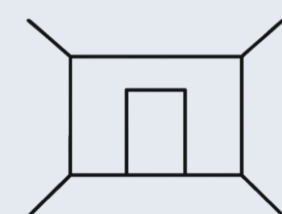
01 Understand Client Aspirations



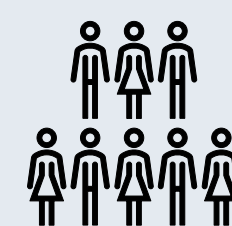
More Daylight?



Better Thermal Performance?



Open Spaces Required?



Occupancy to be Increased?

For highest **reductions** in embodied carbon, projects should be designed to **minimise** the scope of **structural** intervention.

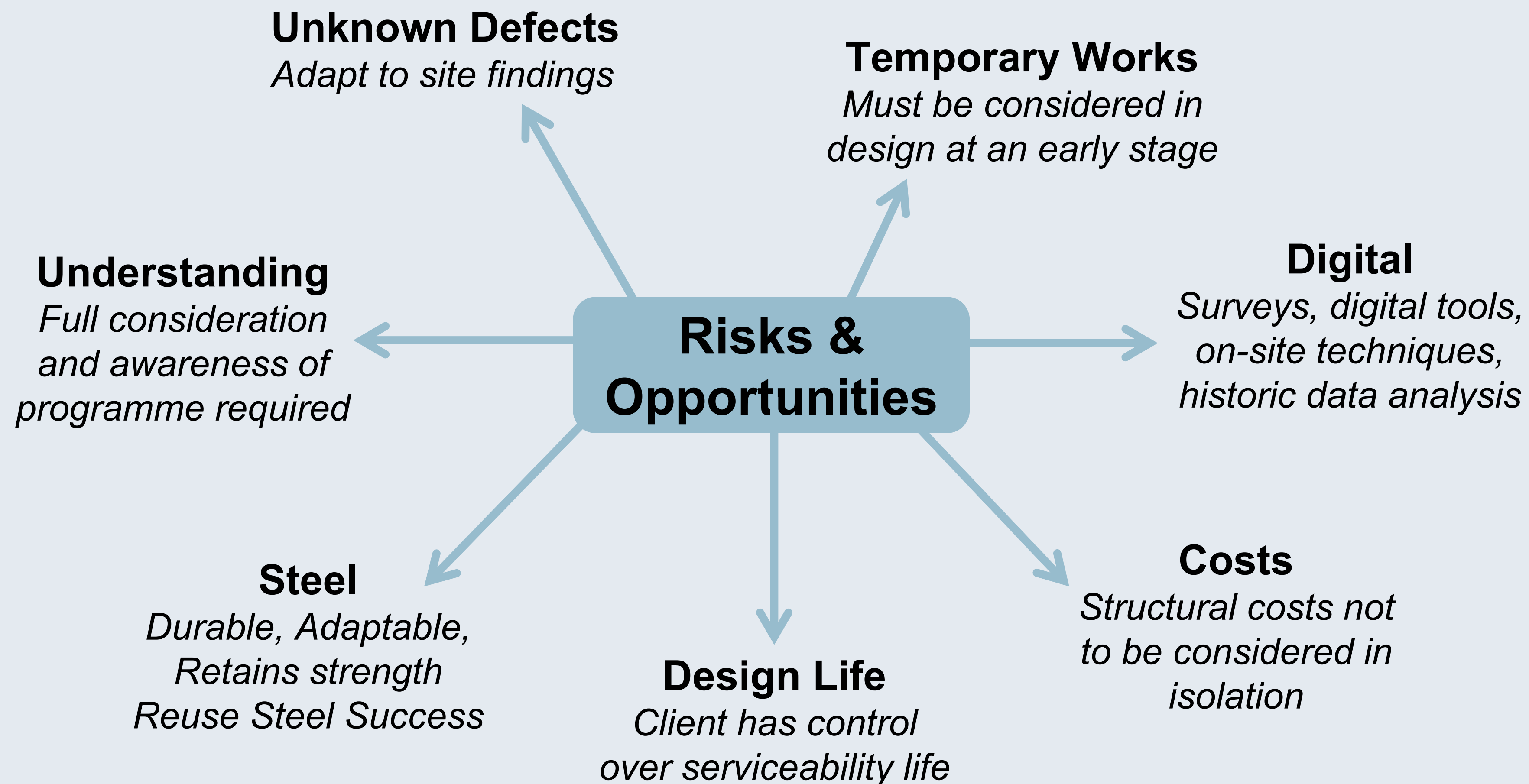
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01 Understand The Building

- Conduct a **Structural Desk Study** - early feasibility studies and audits are essential.
- Collaborate across teams and **challenge** the need for demolition.
- Do we need to **intervene?** Consider degradation, additional loads, changes to load paths.

How can we achieve our client aspirations?... **Use Cut & Carve**

Cut & Carve: What? Why? How?



Cut & Carve: Closing Thoughts

- 01** 'Cut and Carve' is central to a sustainable, circular future for steel and construction.
- 02** The steel industry is uniquely placed to lead this transition
- 03** Project sharing is essential

Next: These principals in action....

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20 Giltspur Street

Daniel Bassett

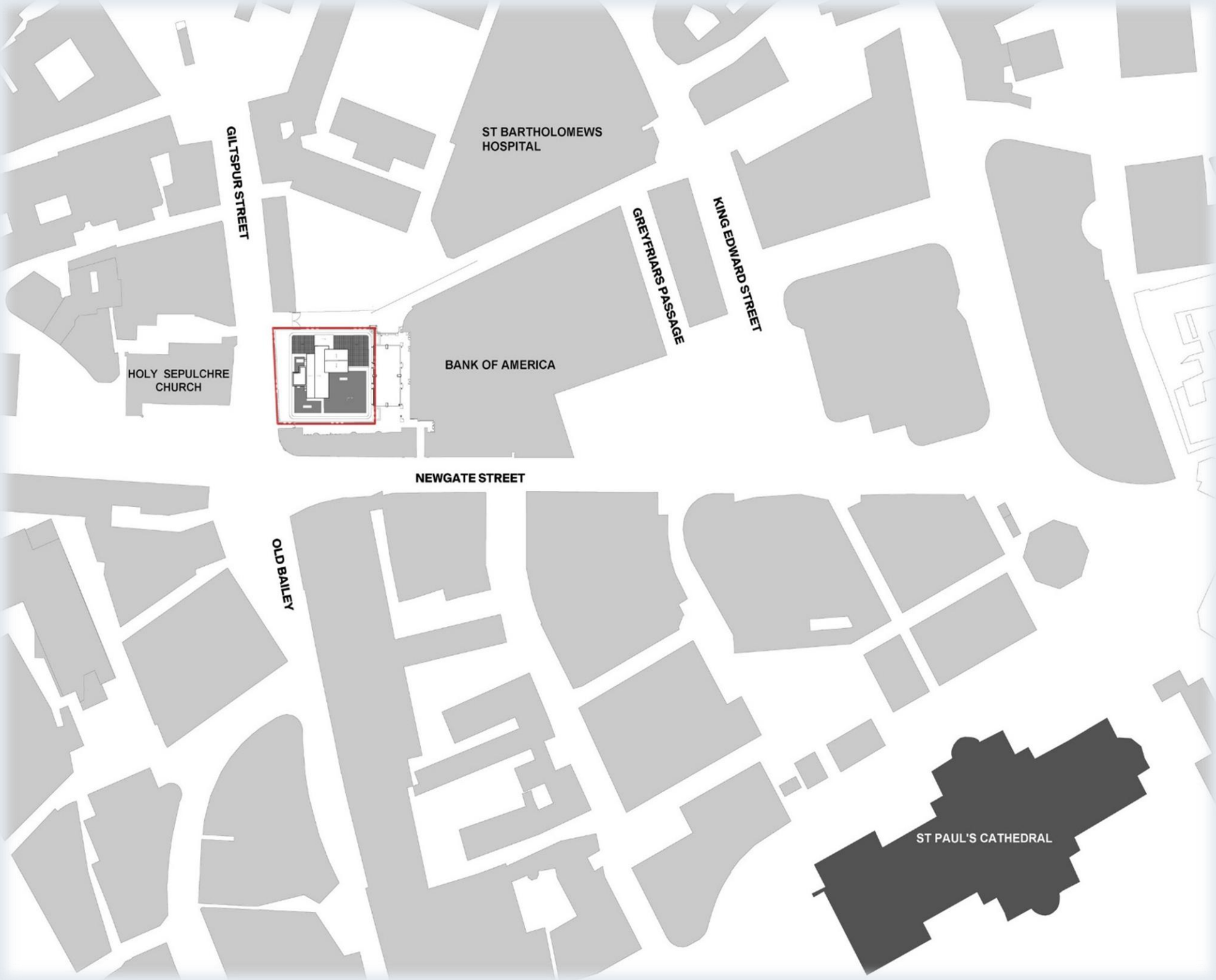
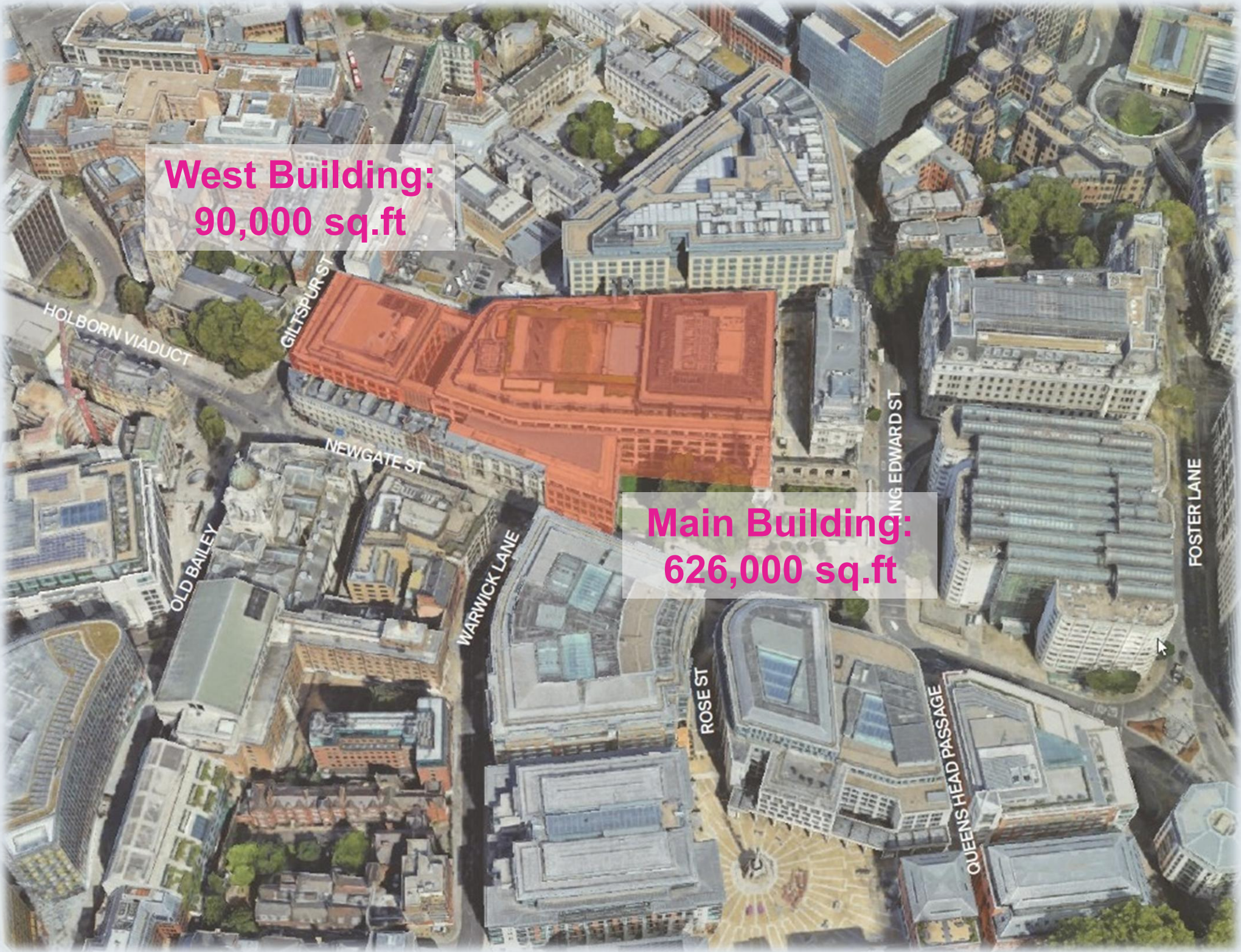
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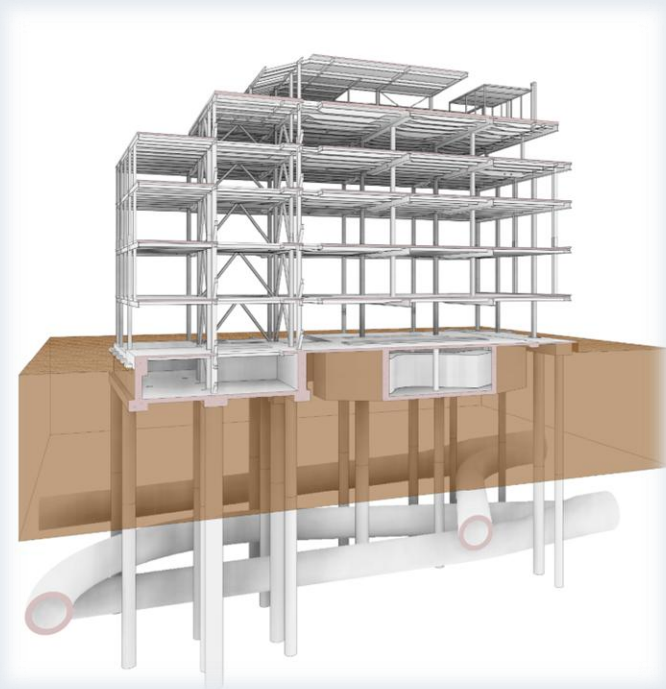
20 Giltspur Street Office block (1999) for Merrill Lynch

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The Journey

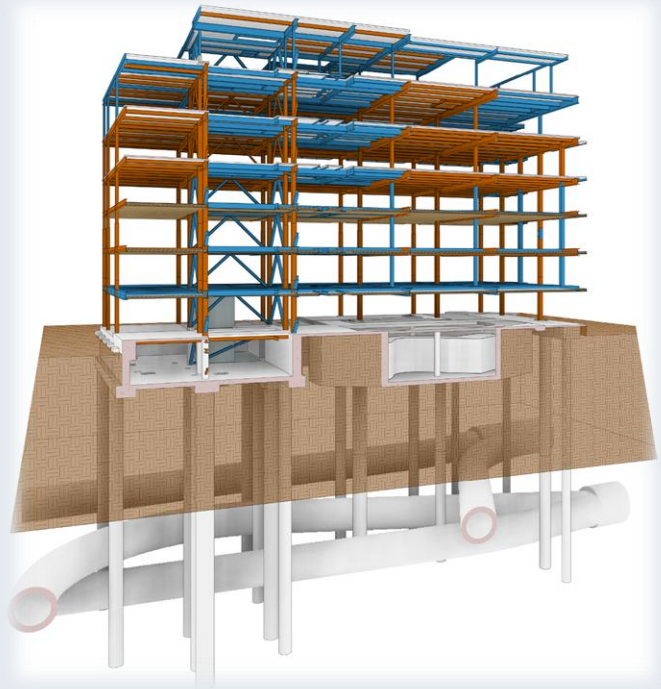
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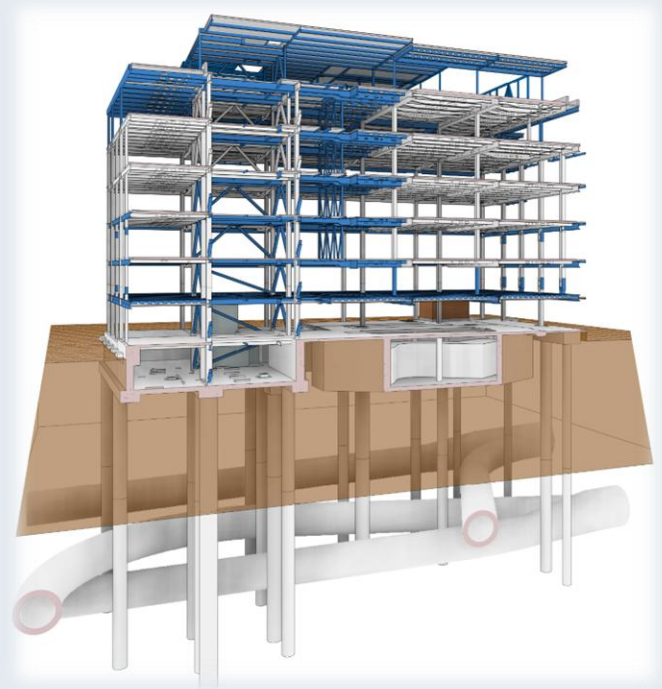
- The Brief
- The idea



- Finding what we had
- The Wildcard Option



- Enabling Works Tender
- Two schemes



- Jacking Option Detailed Design
- Incorporating Surveys

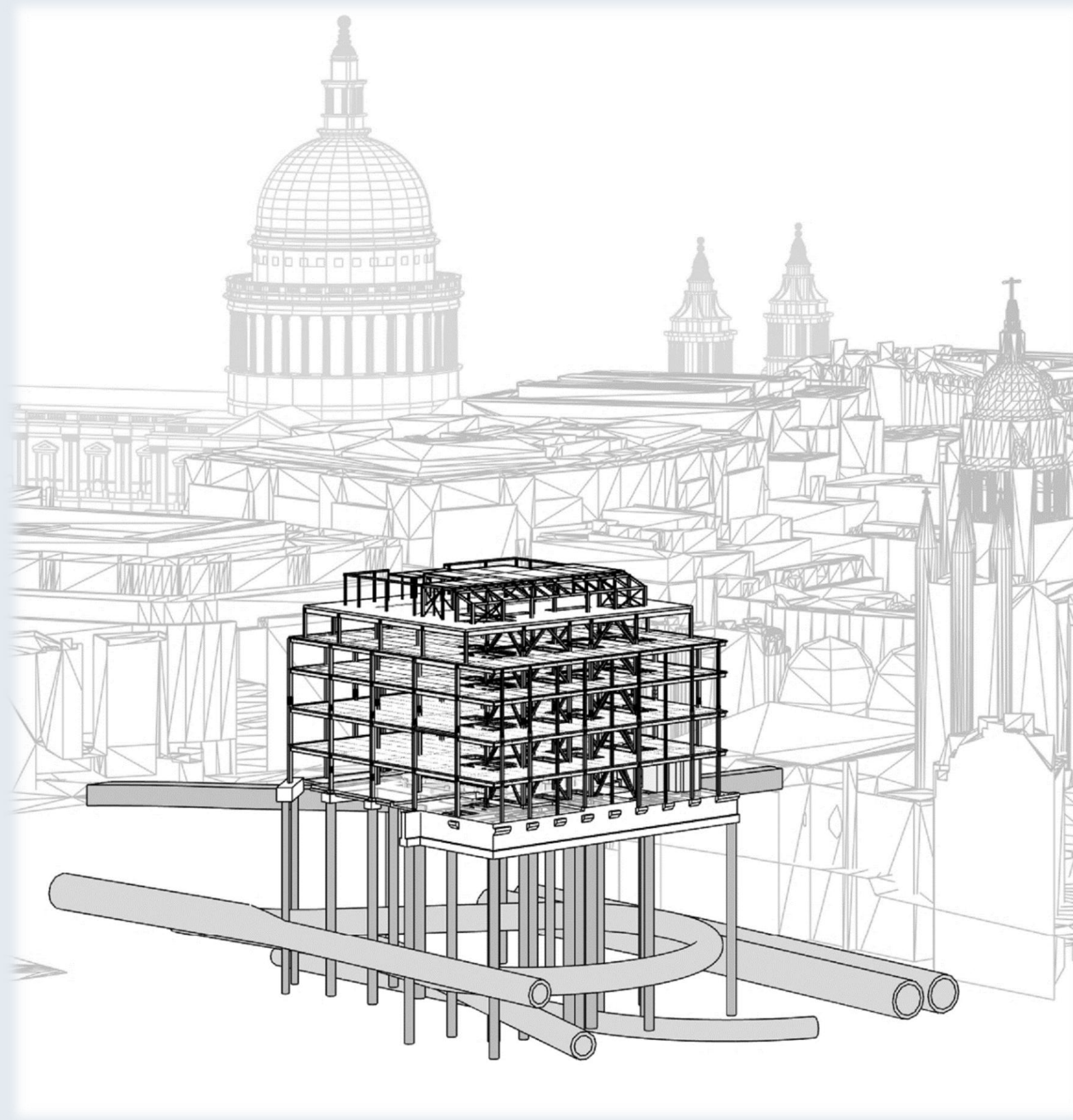


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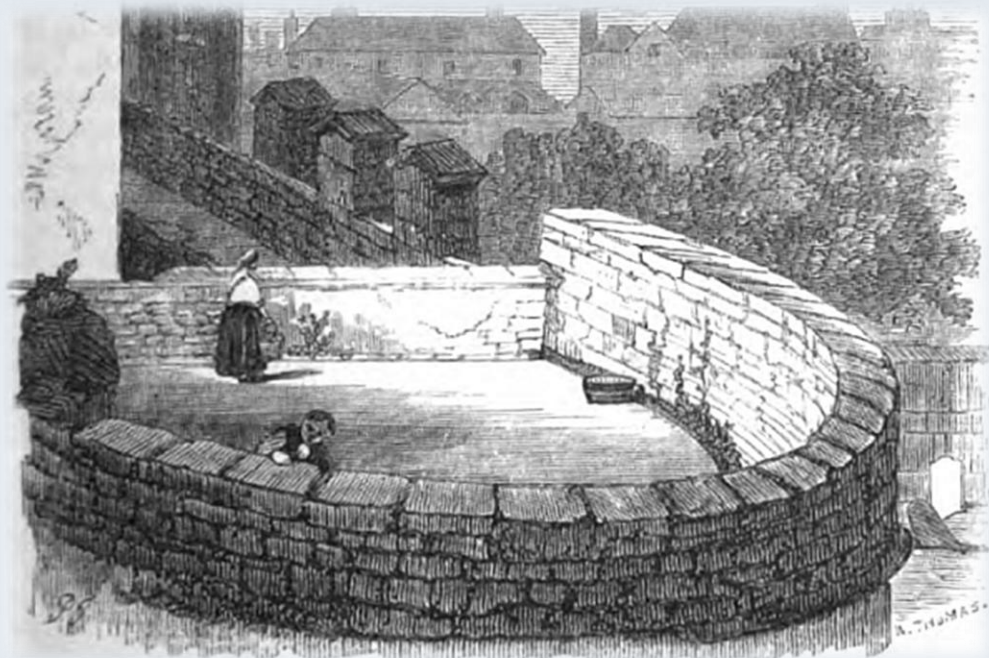
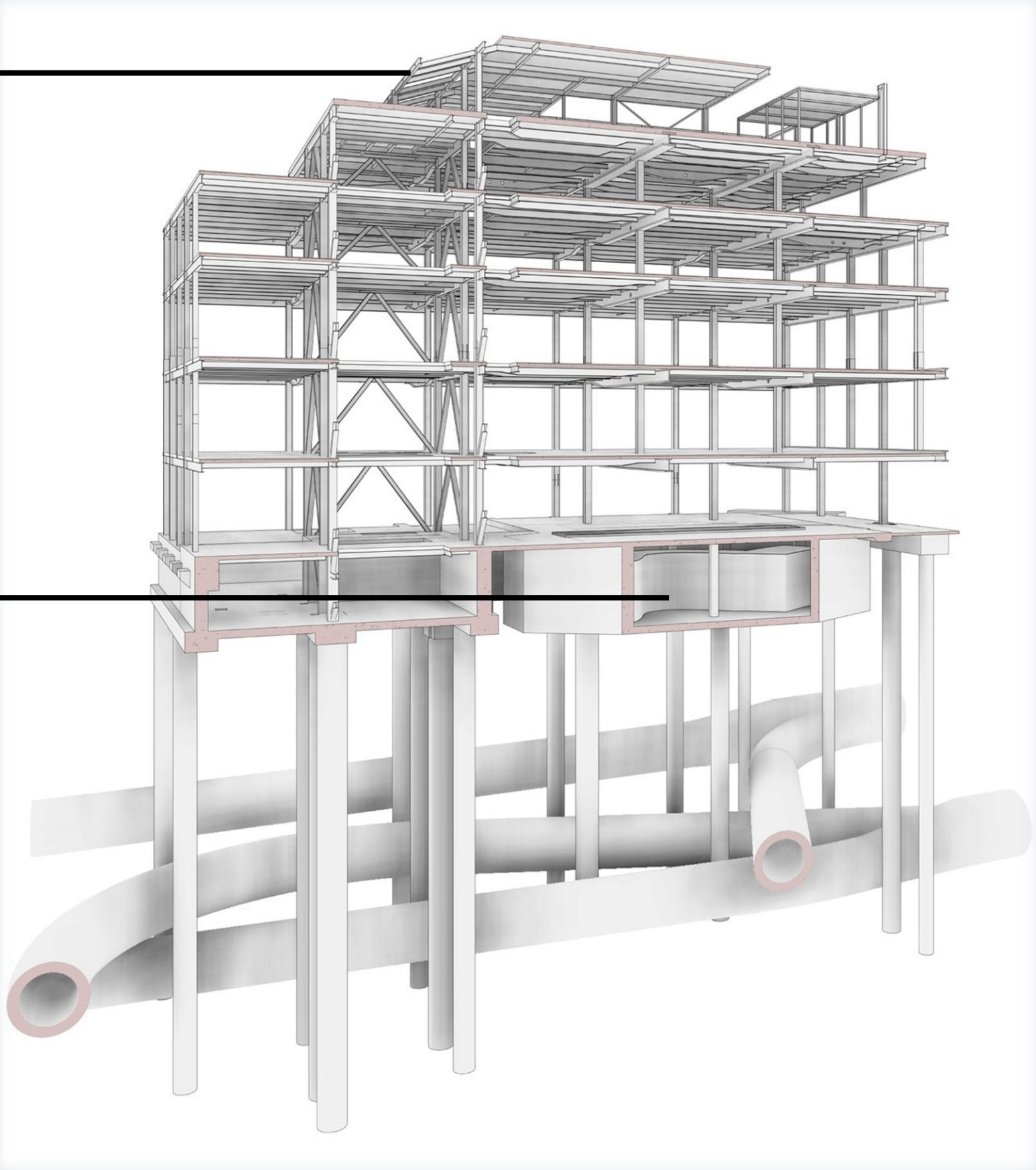
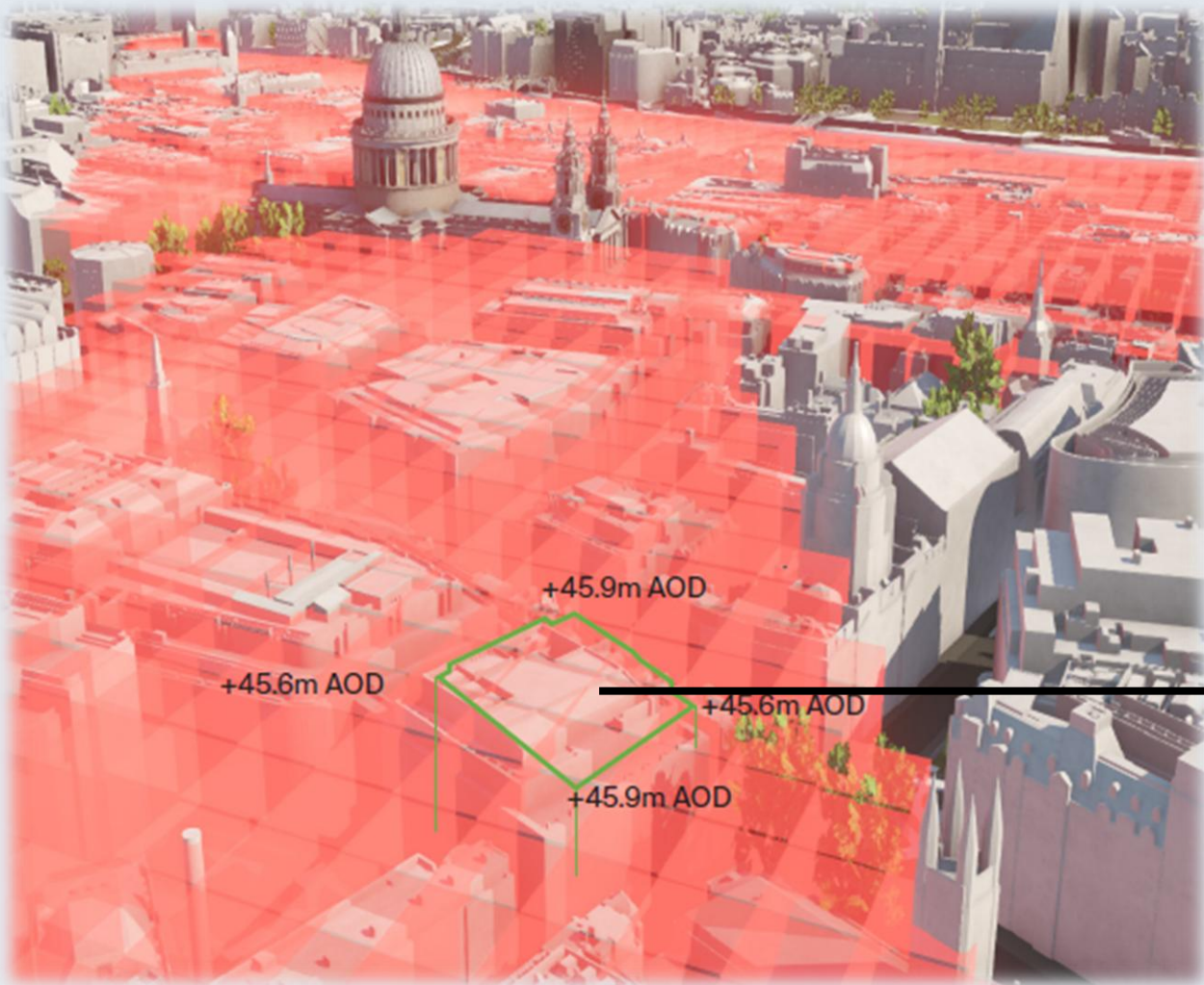
RIBA Stage 1 – Brief

“Maximise the Asset”

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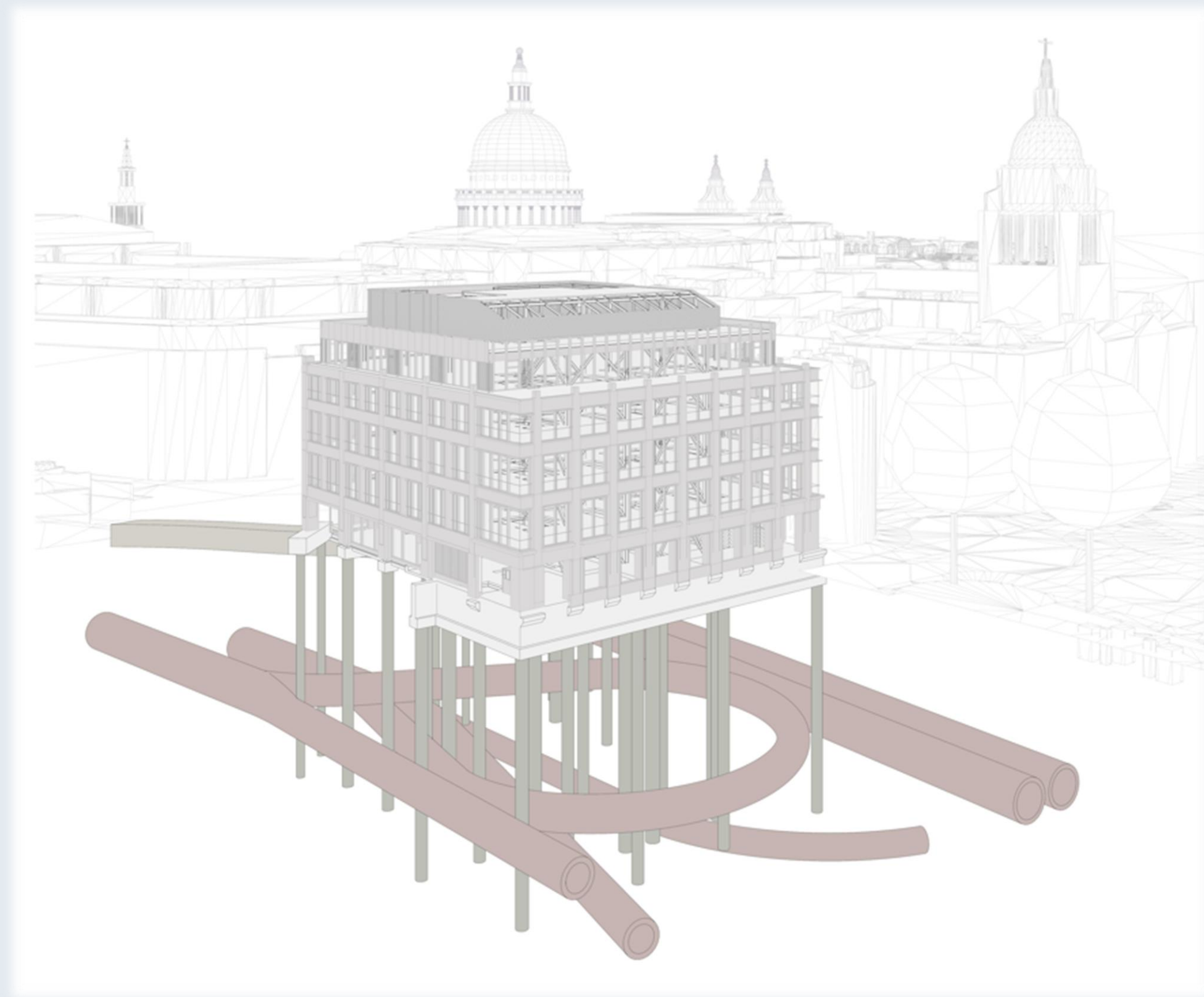
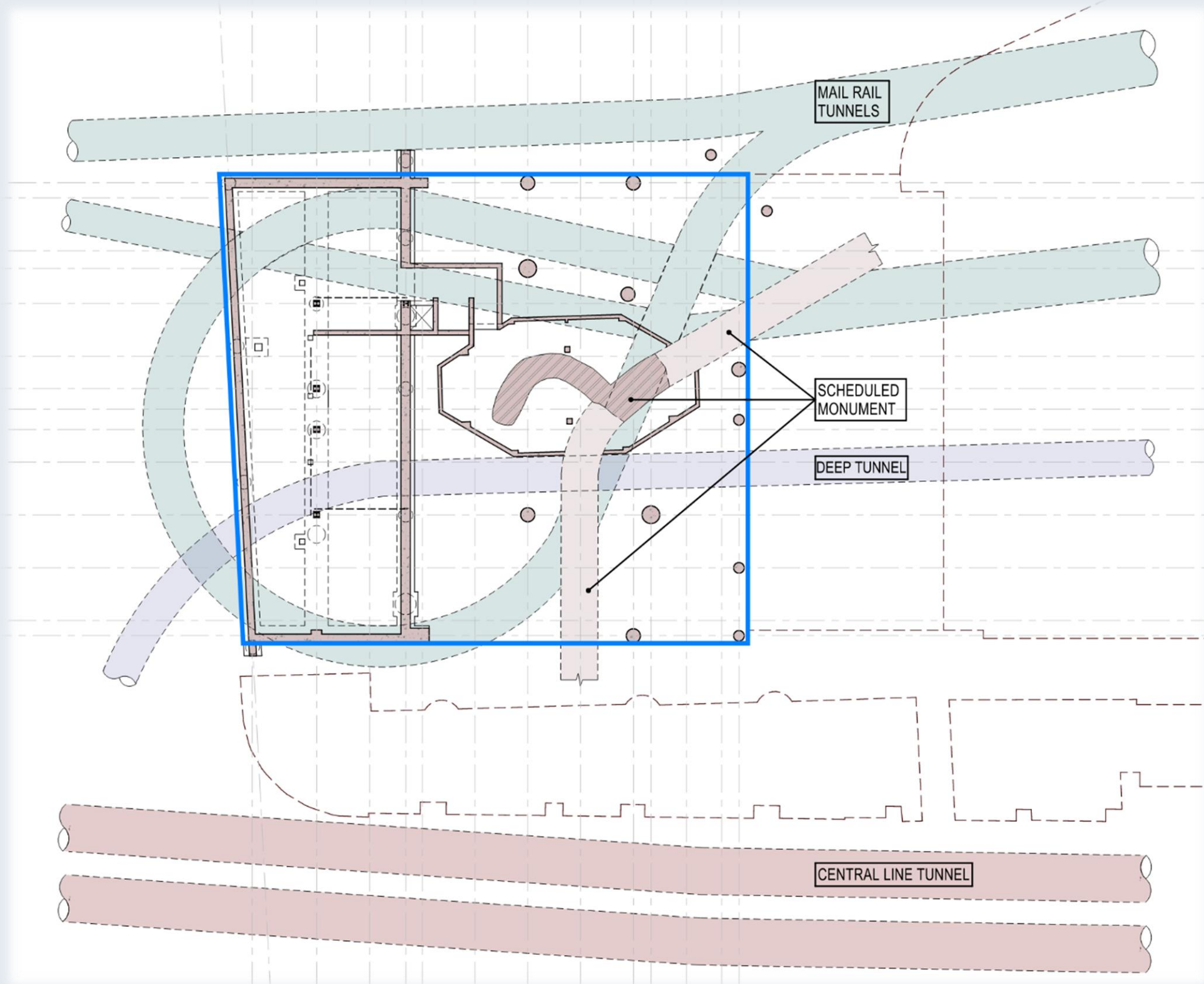


Couldn't go up or down



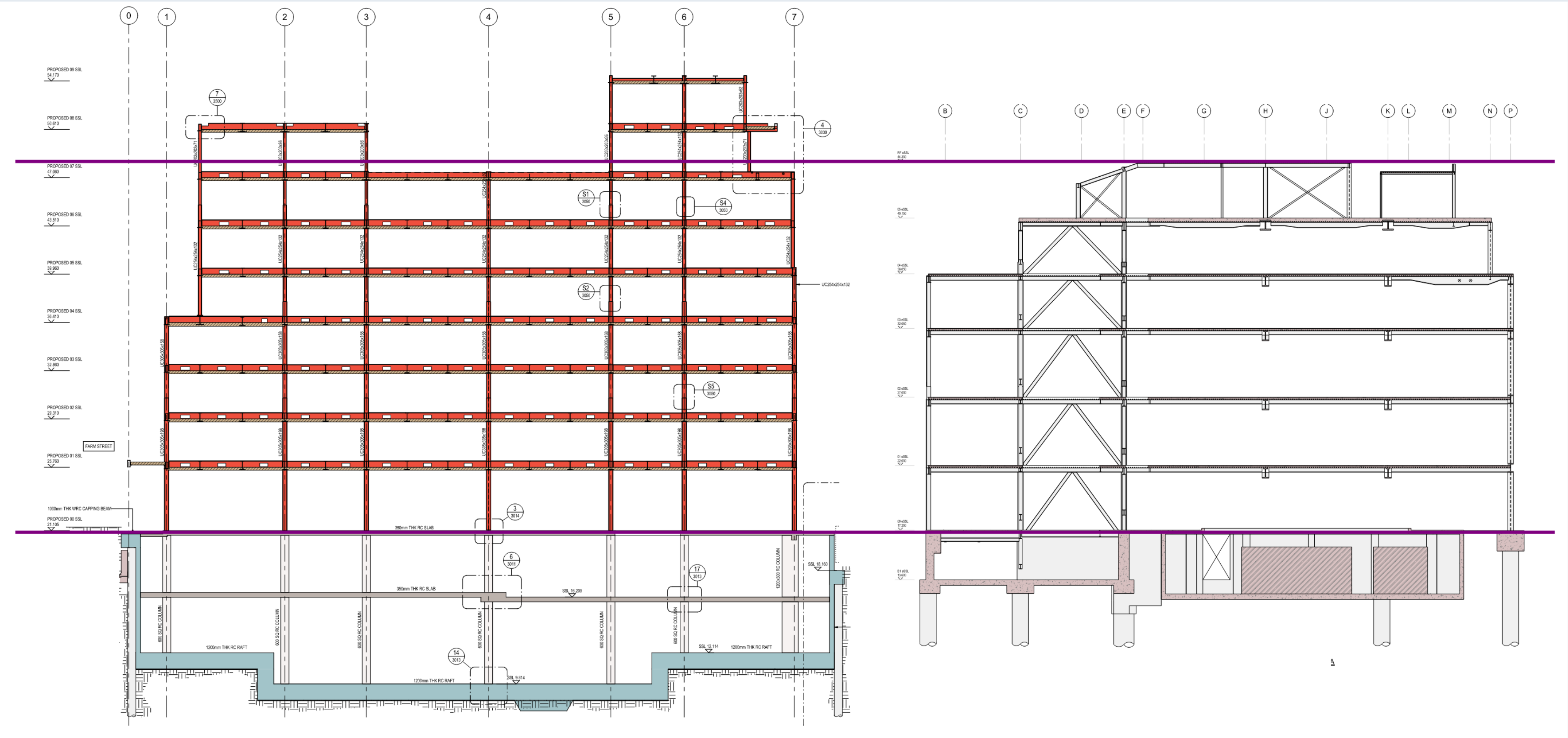
Couldn't install new foundations

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The Idea

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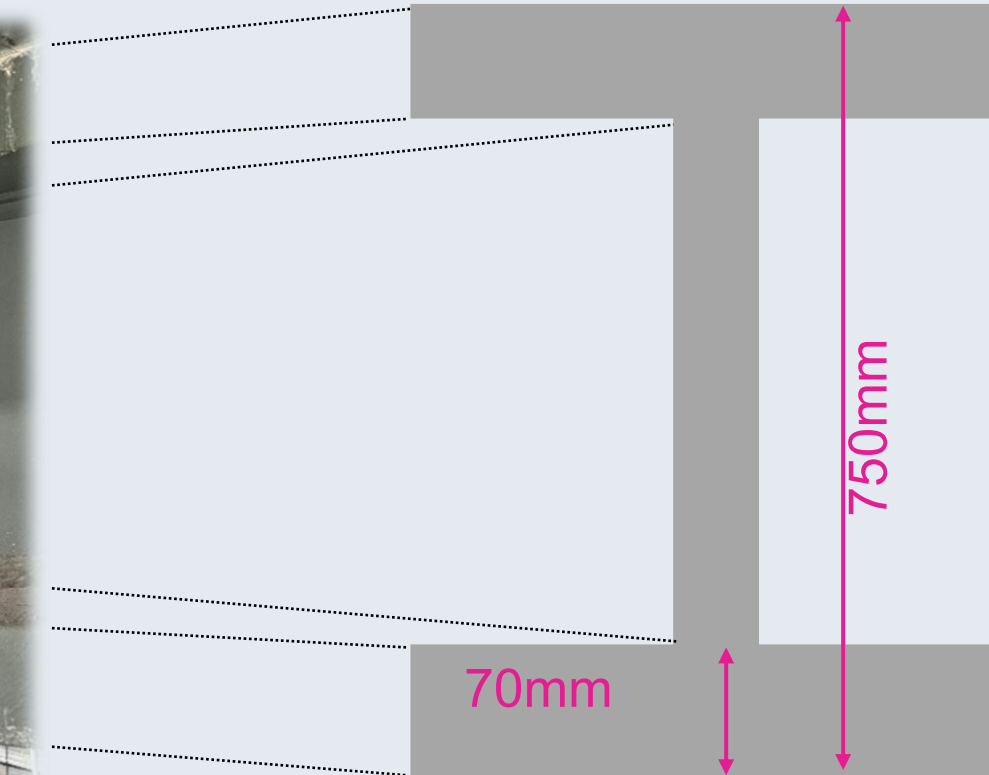
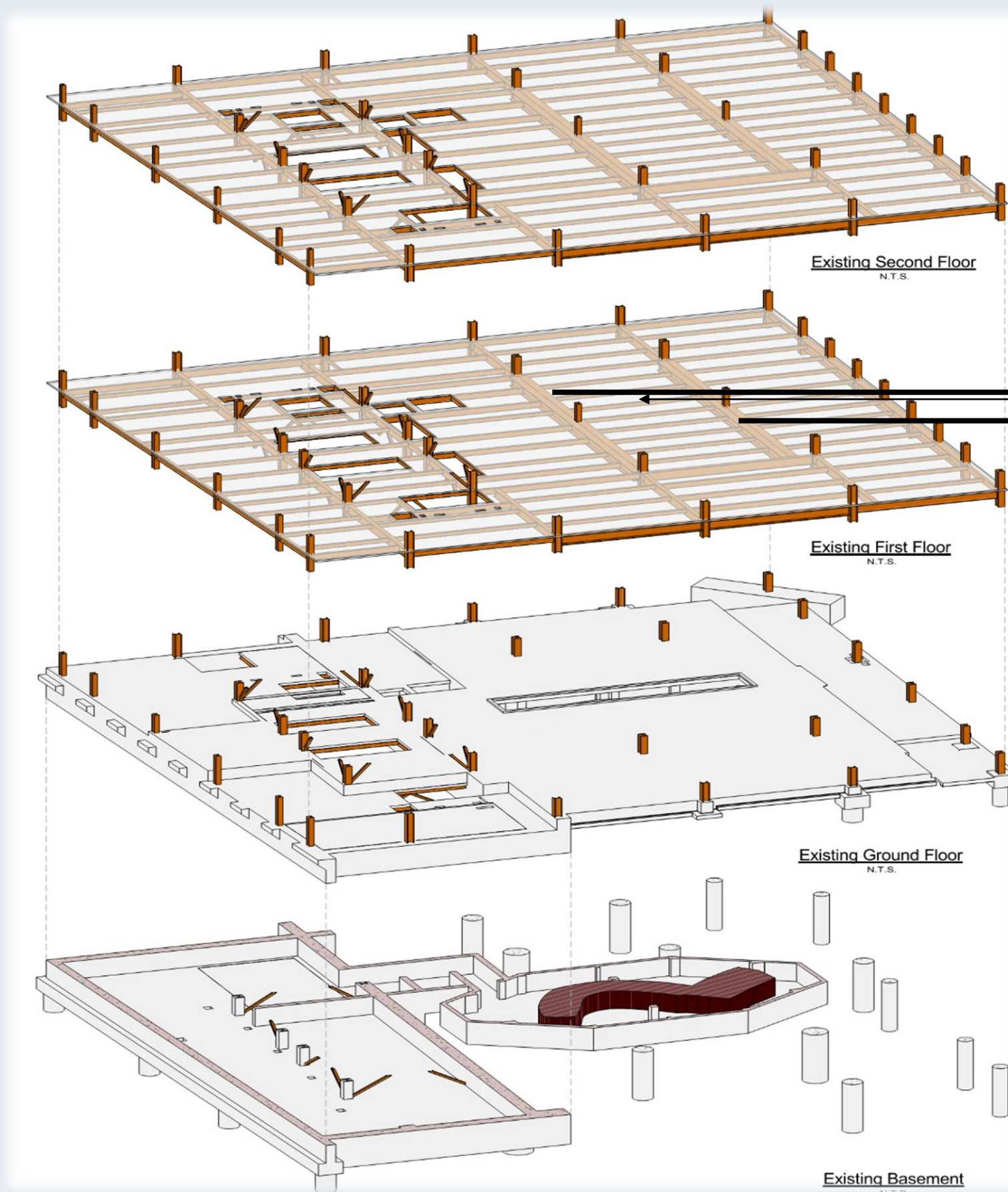


36-38 Berkeley Square Proposed Section

20 Giltspur Street Existing Section

Stage 2 - Good bones

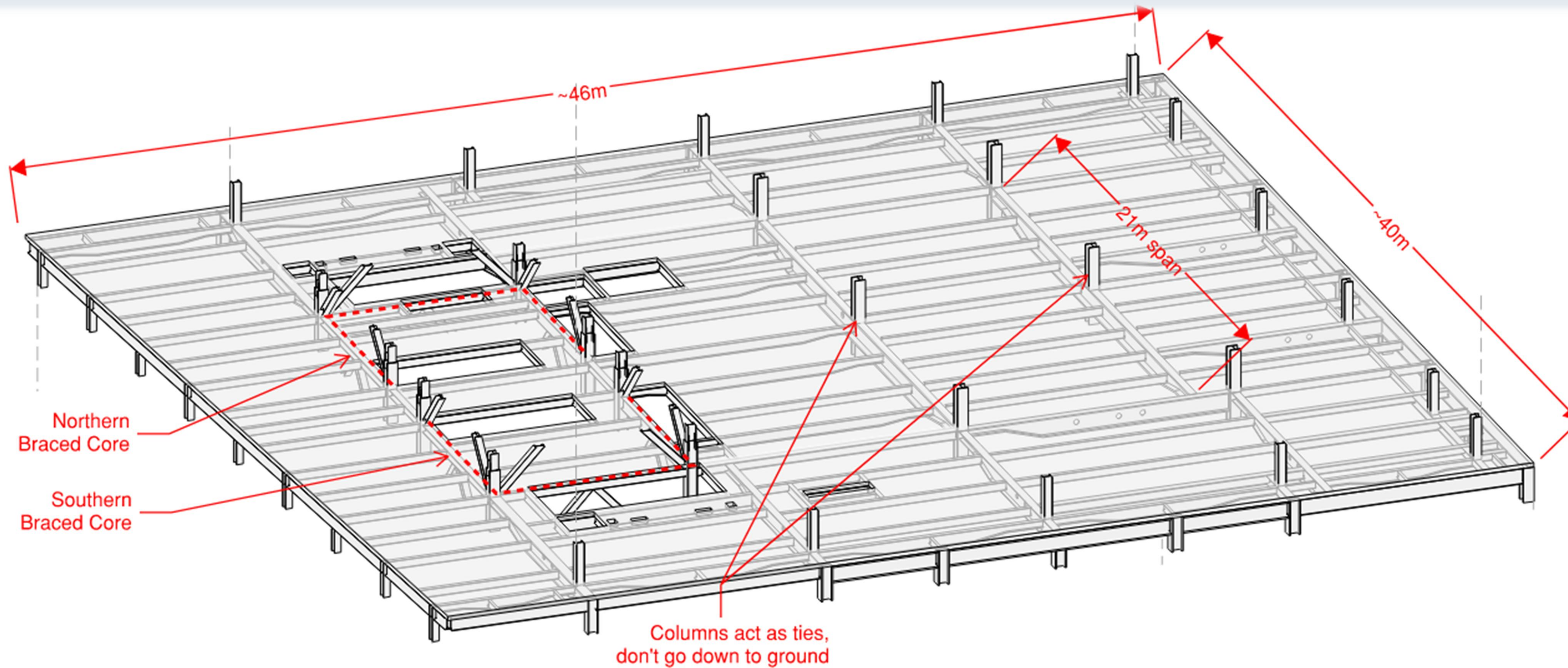
Existing structure was designed for $4+1\text{kN/m}^2$ imposed load



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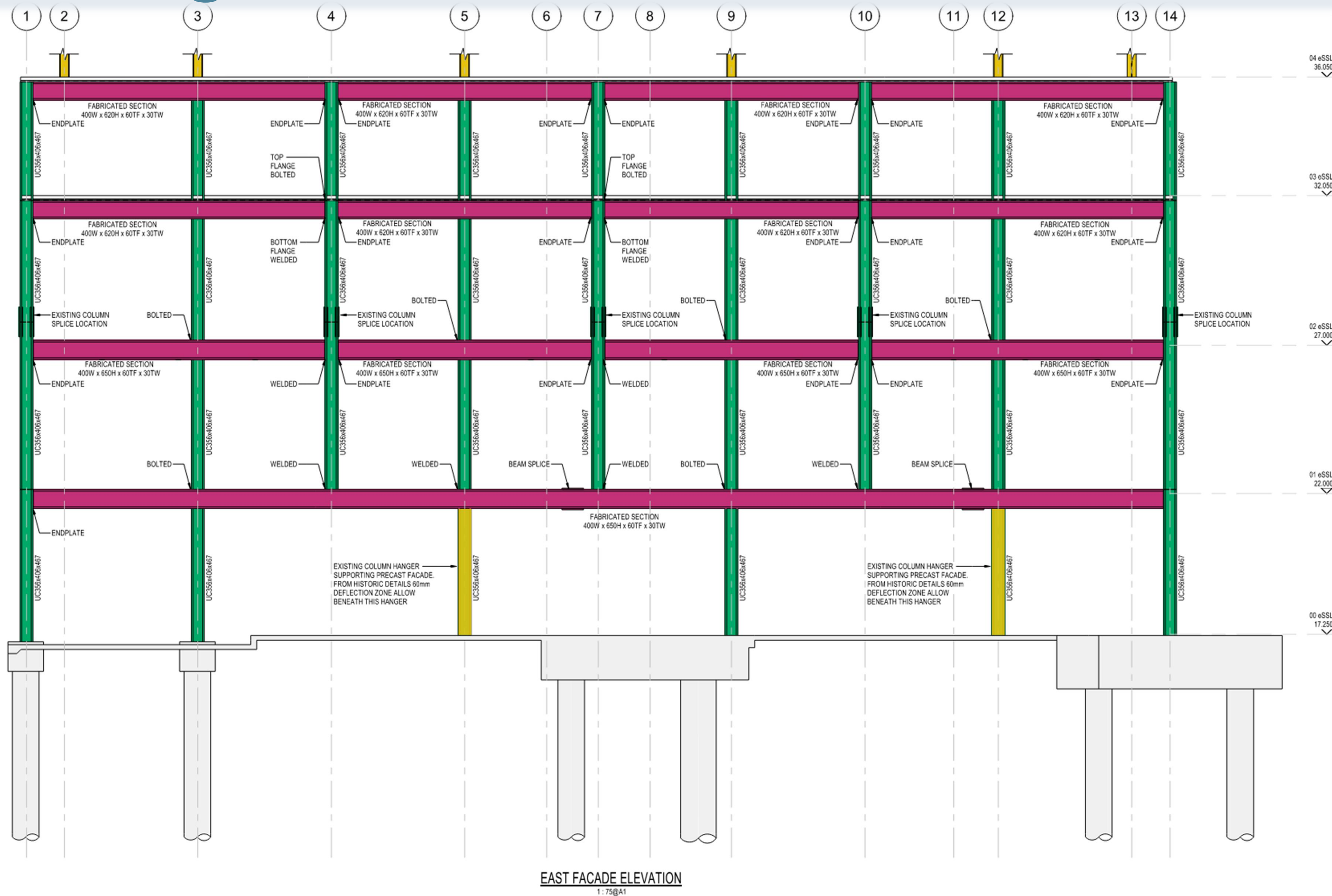
Typical Existing Floor

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Existing Vierendeel Elevation

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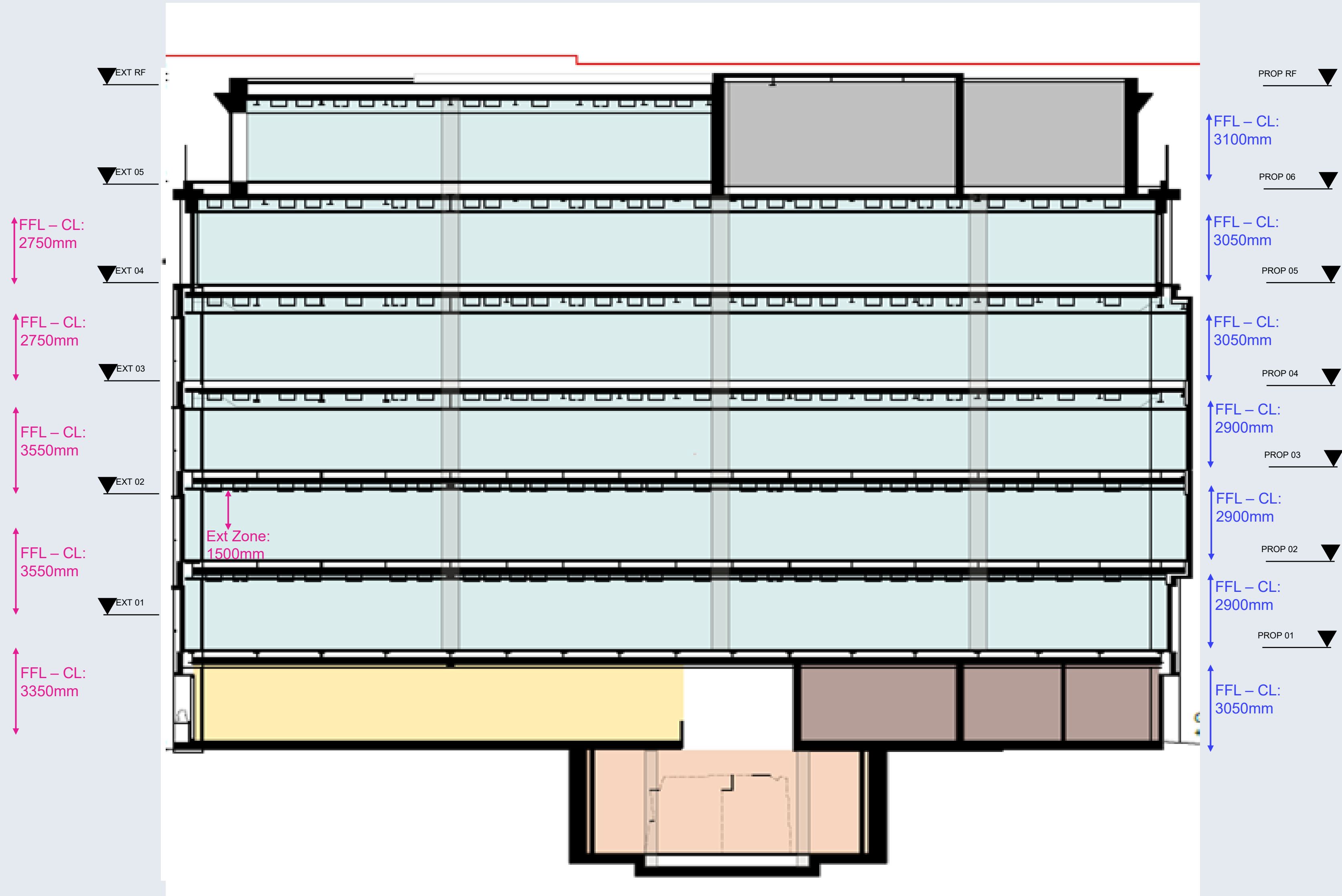


Gain a floor + 1

Initial idea:

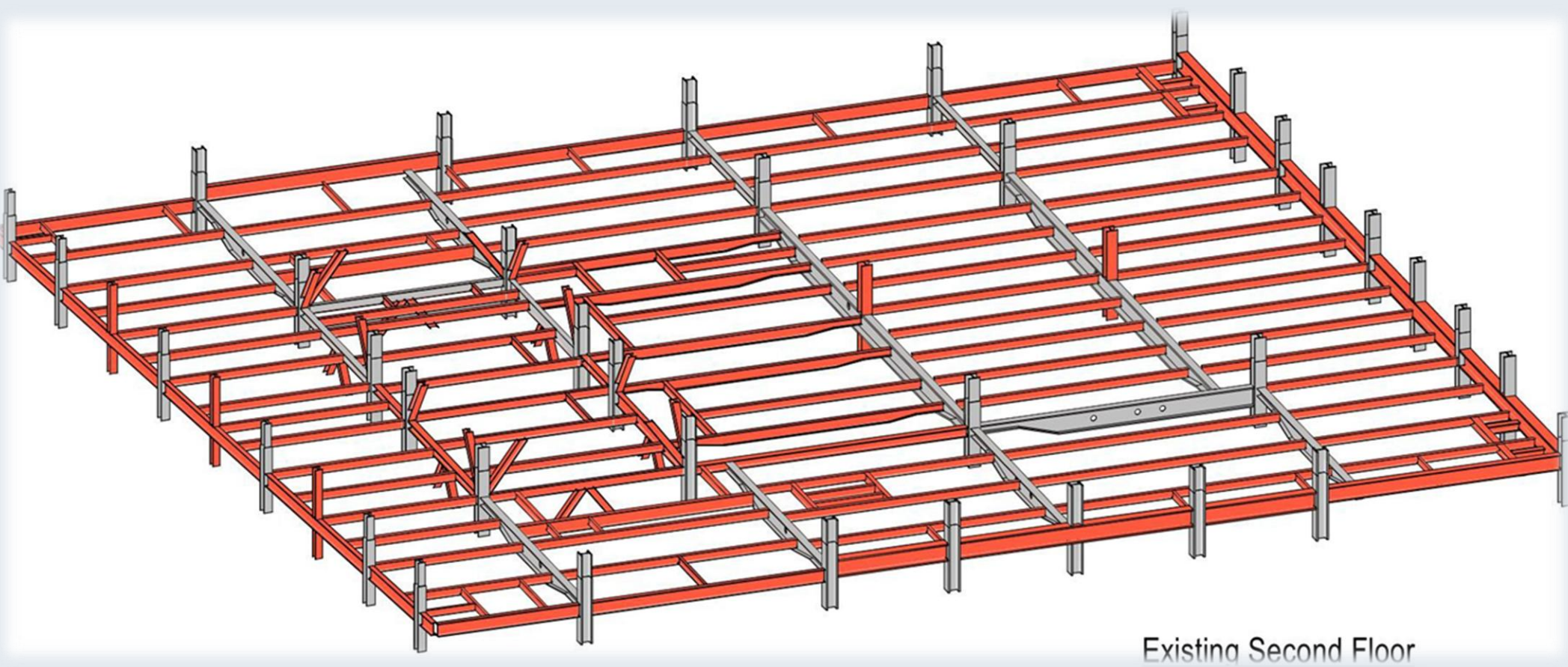
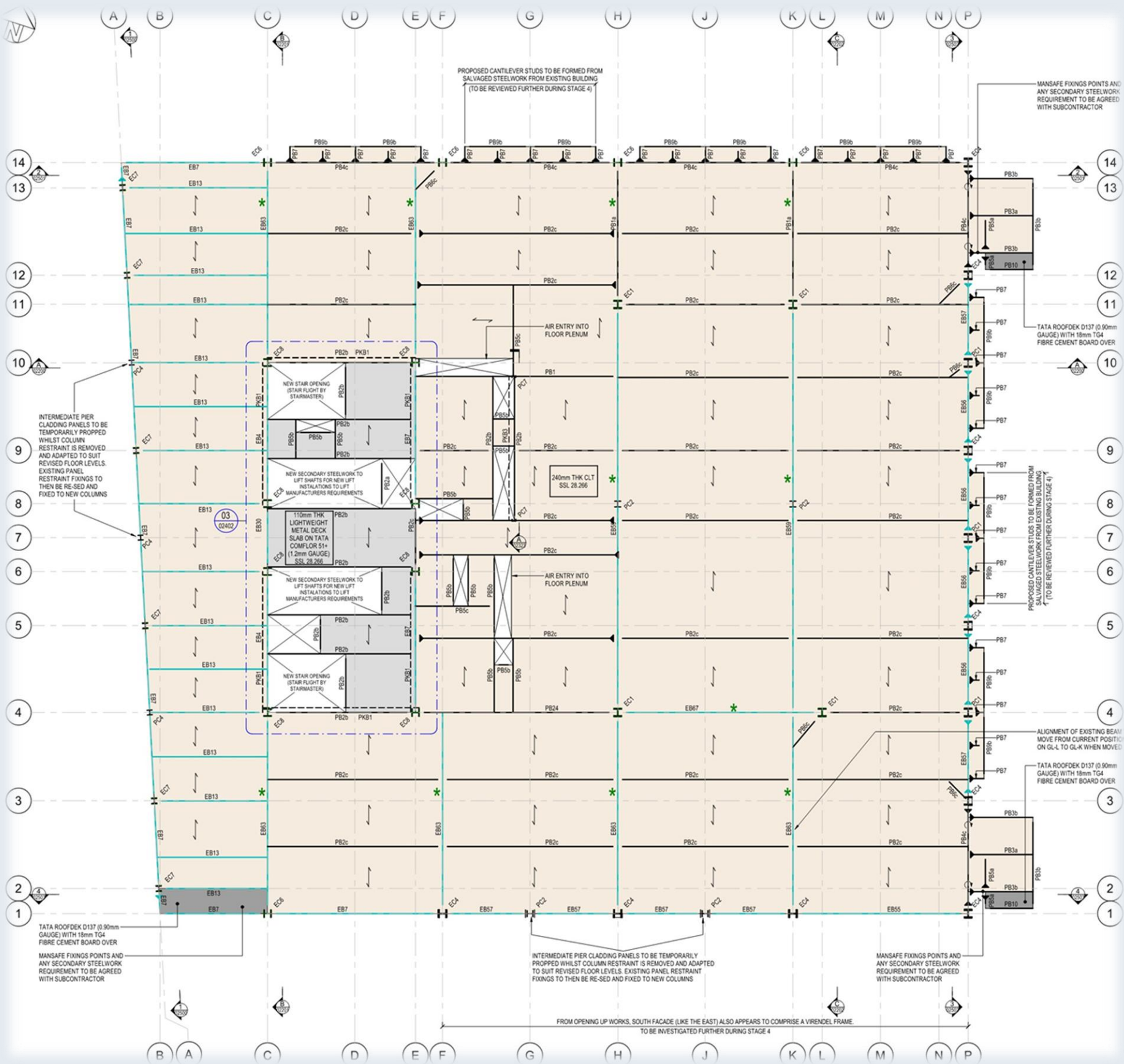
Demolish existing first and second floor slabs

Retain what steel we could, build 3 new floors with CLT slabs



Stage 3 – Enabling Works Tender

Option 1: Compliant Tender Scheme – Demo and Rebuild



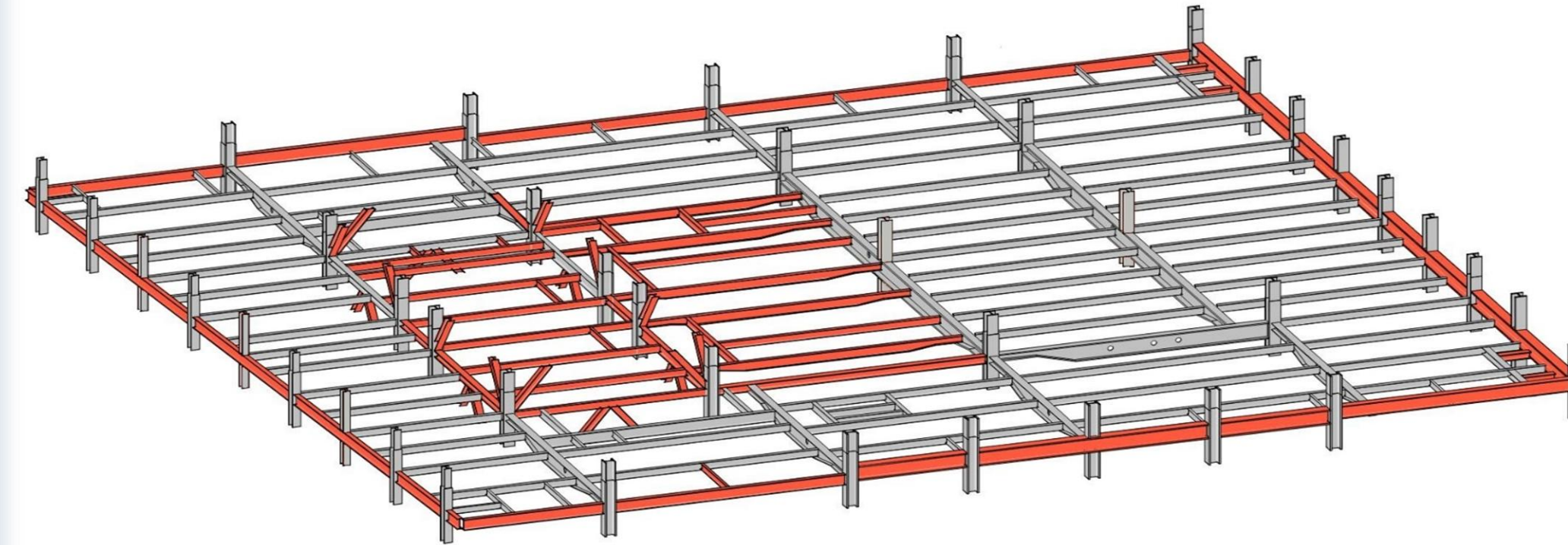
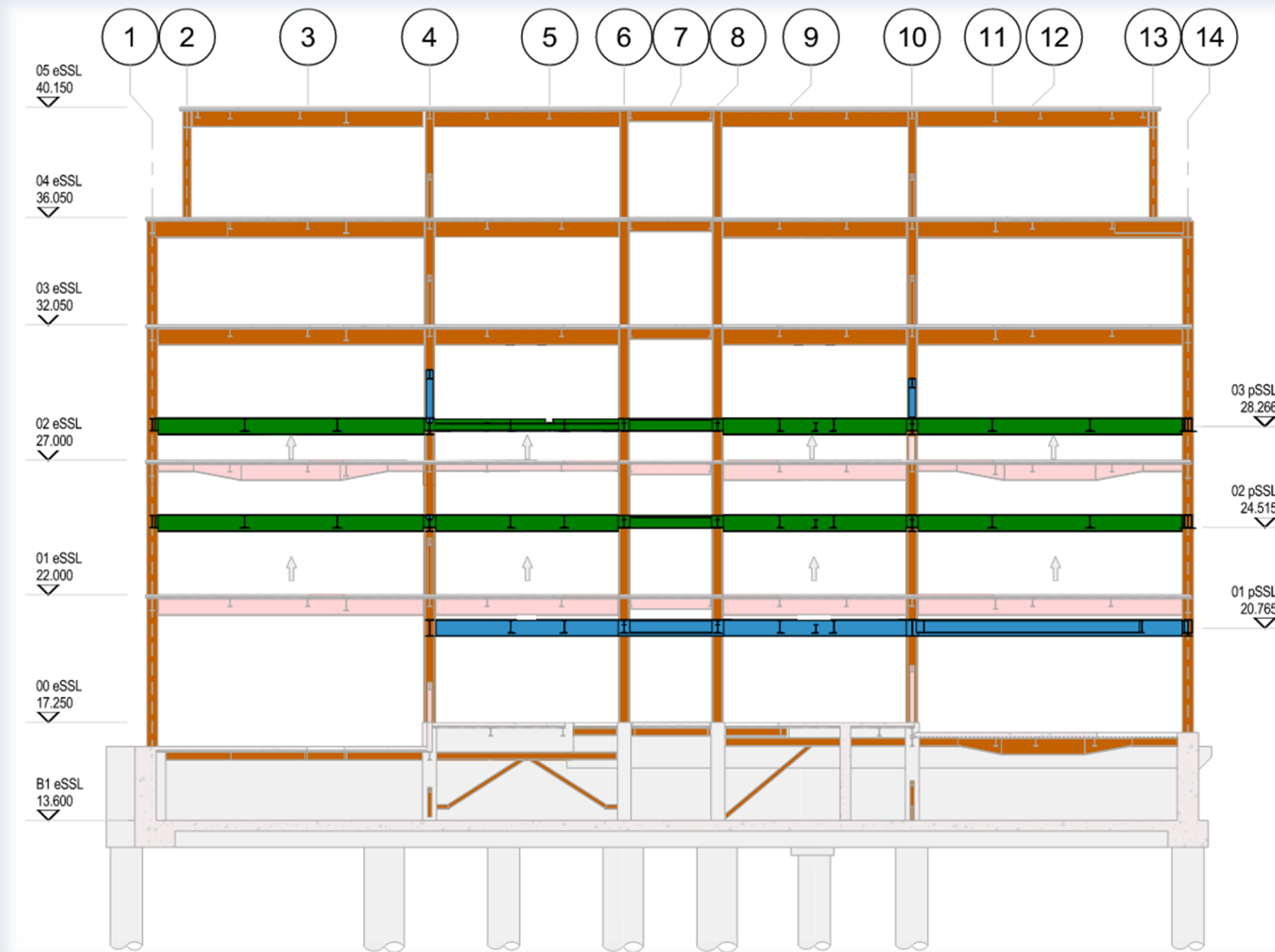
0% retention of existing slabs at Levels 01 02
375m³ of slab demolition required

35% of existing beams reused (by weight)
163T of steelwork not able to be re-used

Volume of New CLT required for New Levels 01, 02 & 03
= ~1075m³
No blue sky, challenging install of CLT through existing facade apertures

Stage 3 – Enabling Works Tender

Option 2: Contractor proposal – Jacking Scheme



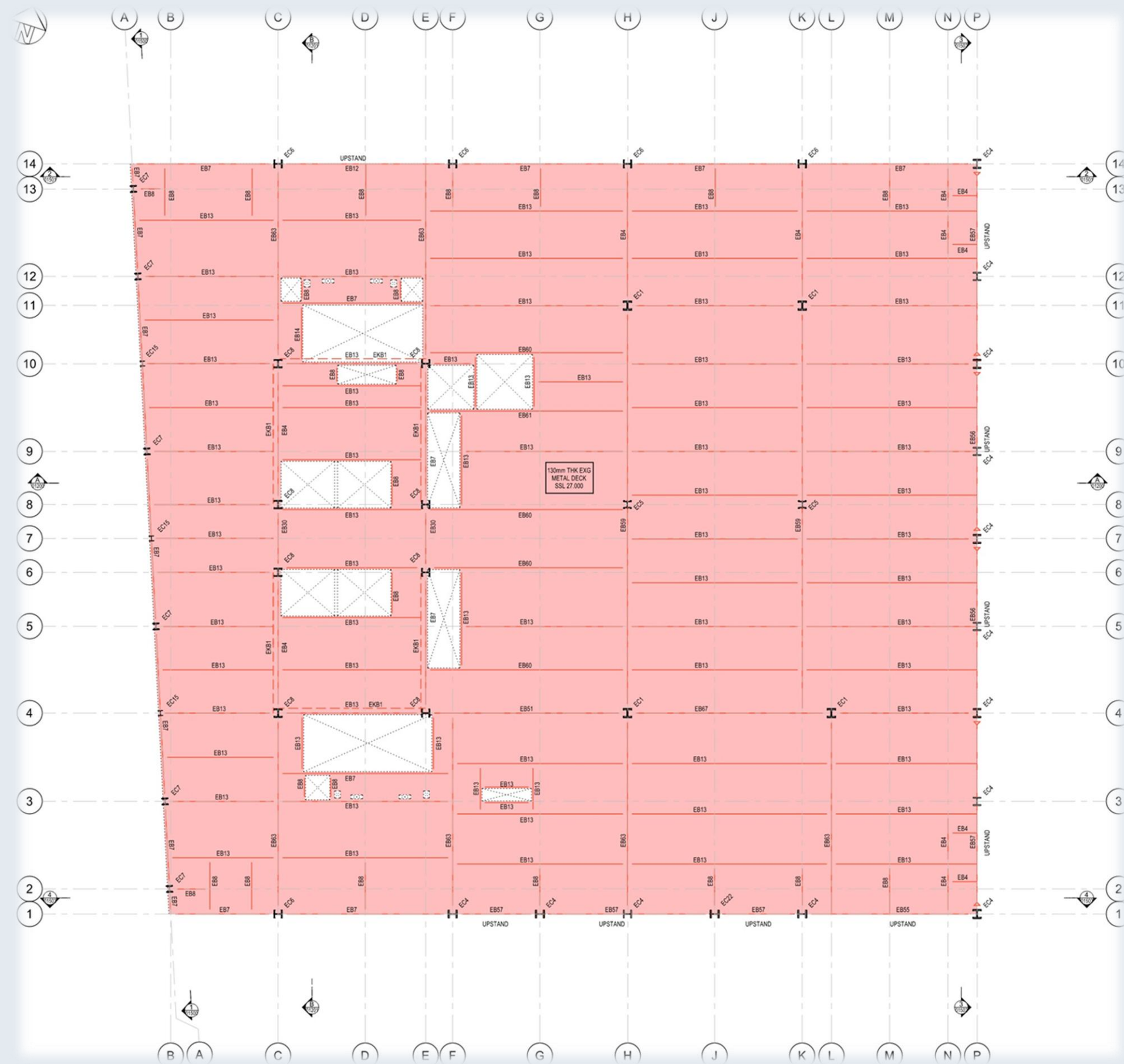
75% retention of existing slabs at Levels 01 & 02
94m³ of slab demolition required

65% of existing beams reused (by weight)
80T of steelwork not able to be re-used

Volume of New MD infill for New Levels 01, 02 & 03
= ~225m³

Slab Demolition Comparison

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Option 1 – Demo & Rebuild



Option 2 – Jacking Existing Structure

Stage 4 – Jacking Option taken forward

Final Vision

- 30% gross area increase
- 41% net area increase
- 80% existing steel reused + **70% of existing slabs re-used**
- **EAF for new rolled sections where possible**
- Re-using 2 MD floors saved circa 350m³ of demo material
- Jacking gave 30% cost saving and reduced programme by 25%
- Would've been more efficient to build on top if that was possible
- A1-A5 127kgCO₂/m²
 - **251kgCO₂/m²** Business as usual, demo and rebuild Levels 01/02/03 with new steel and MD slabs (UK Ave EC)
 - **208kgCO₂/m²** Tendered CLT Option



Scope

- Installation of 607 tonnes of structural steelwork.
- Installation 5350m² of metal decking.
- Formation of 2000 service penetrations.
- Blasting of approximately 7850m² of existing steelwork.
- Application of 8590m² of intumescent.
- Jacking of 2No floor plates. 1No circa 2.20m and another approximately 1.20m and all associated reconnection works. 150t of structural steelwork reused. – Our Alternative
- Removal and Repurposing of Steel at Roof Level
- Steel transfer beams moved 150mm to achieve desired floor to ceiling heights.
- Strengthening of existing splice connections at GF and Second Floor.



Key Challenges

- The location and key neighbours.
- Cannot go up and cannot go down.
- Blasting – intrusive
- Nearly everything manual.
- Taking steelwork – taken out manually through the floors for repurposing.
- The connections – Locked in stresses and splicing
- Insurances
- Main Contractor



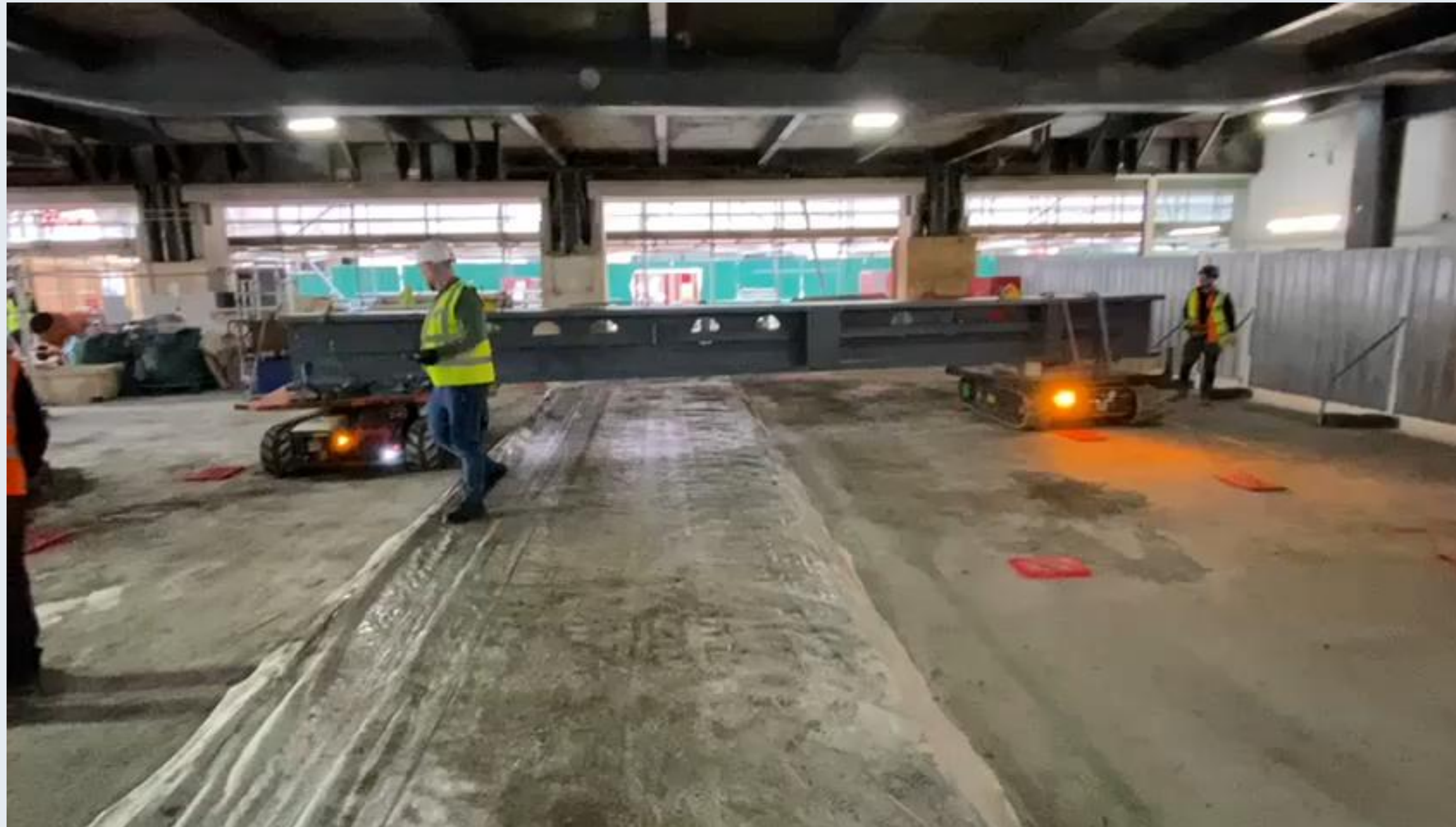
Moving Material within the building



- The job requires the installation 150 tonnes of fabricated plate girders all of which are installed by hand.
- Only 150 tonnes of steelwork was able to be installed by Tower Crane – which equates to approximately only 24% - the other 76% was by hand
- 2No. 19t, 20 metre plate girders were spliced, bought into the building and erected by hand.

Moving Material within the building

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The Jacking

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