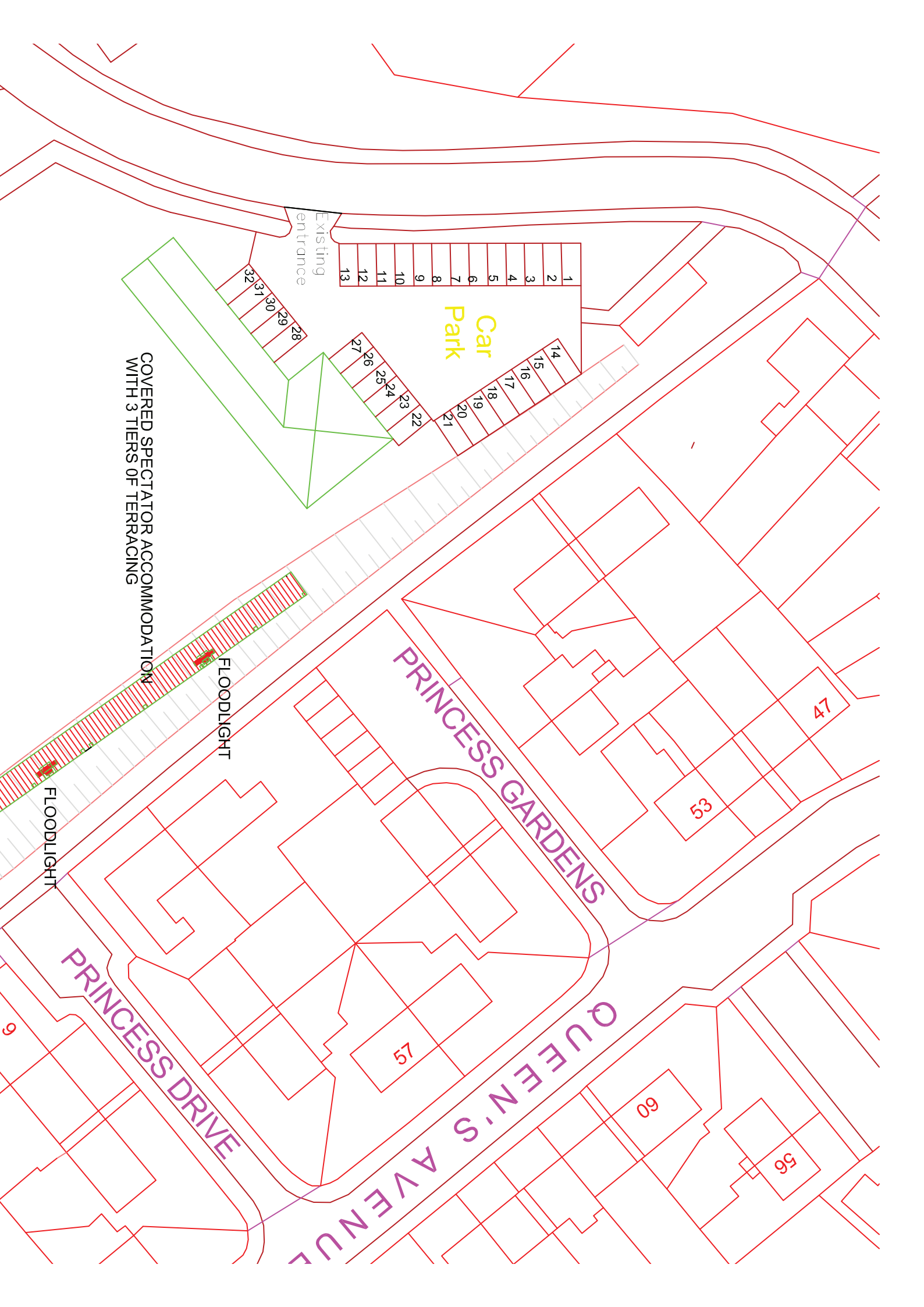




## **Spires Park Development Plan**





Car Park

Existing entrance

COVERED SPECTATOR ACCOMMODATION WITH 3 TERS OF TERRACING

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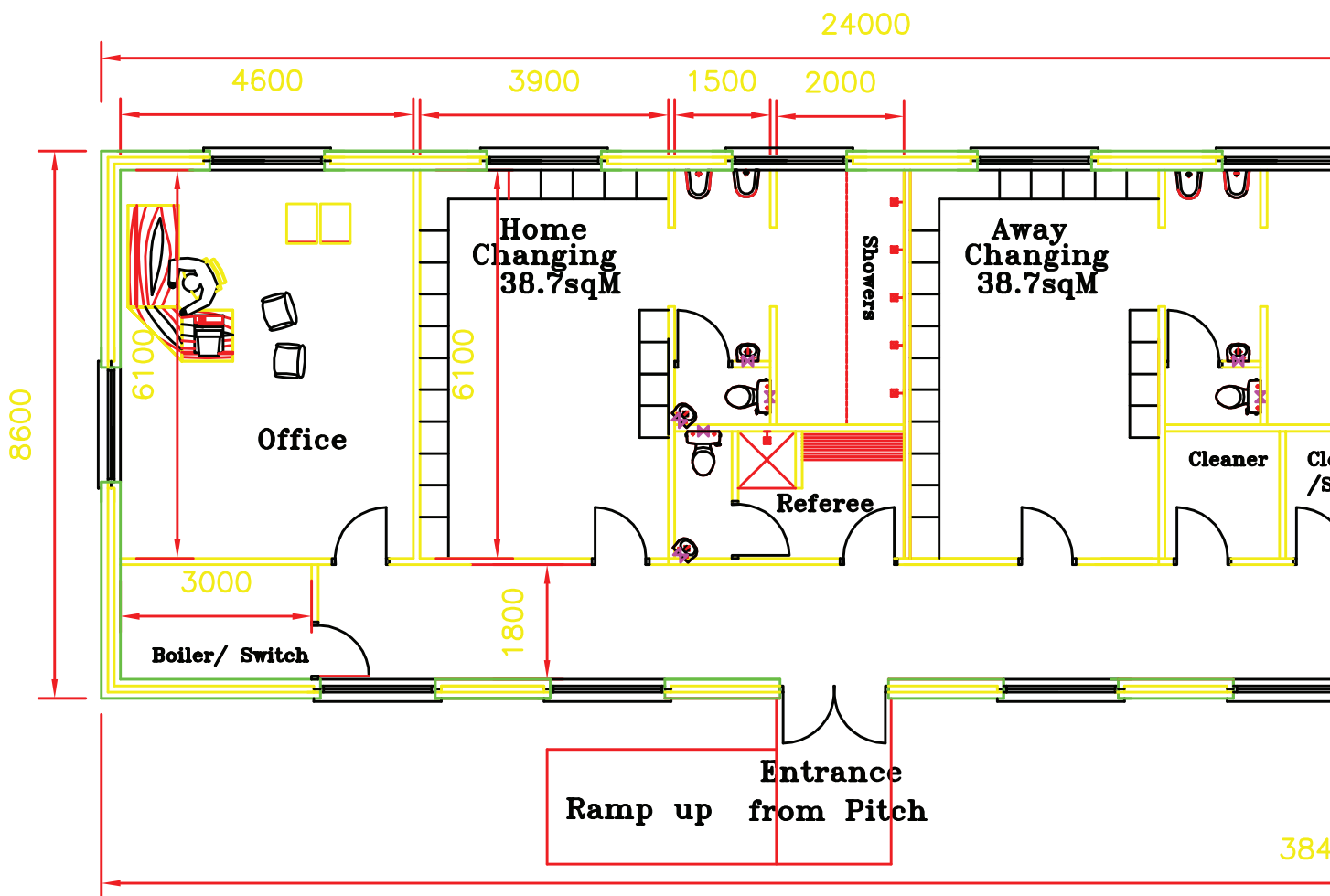
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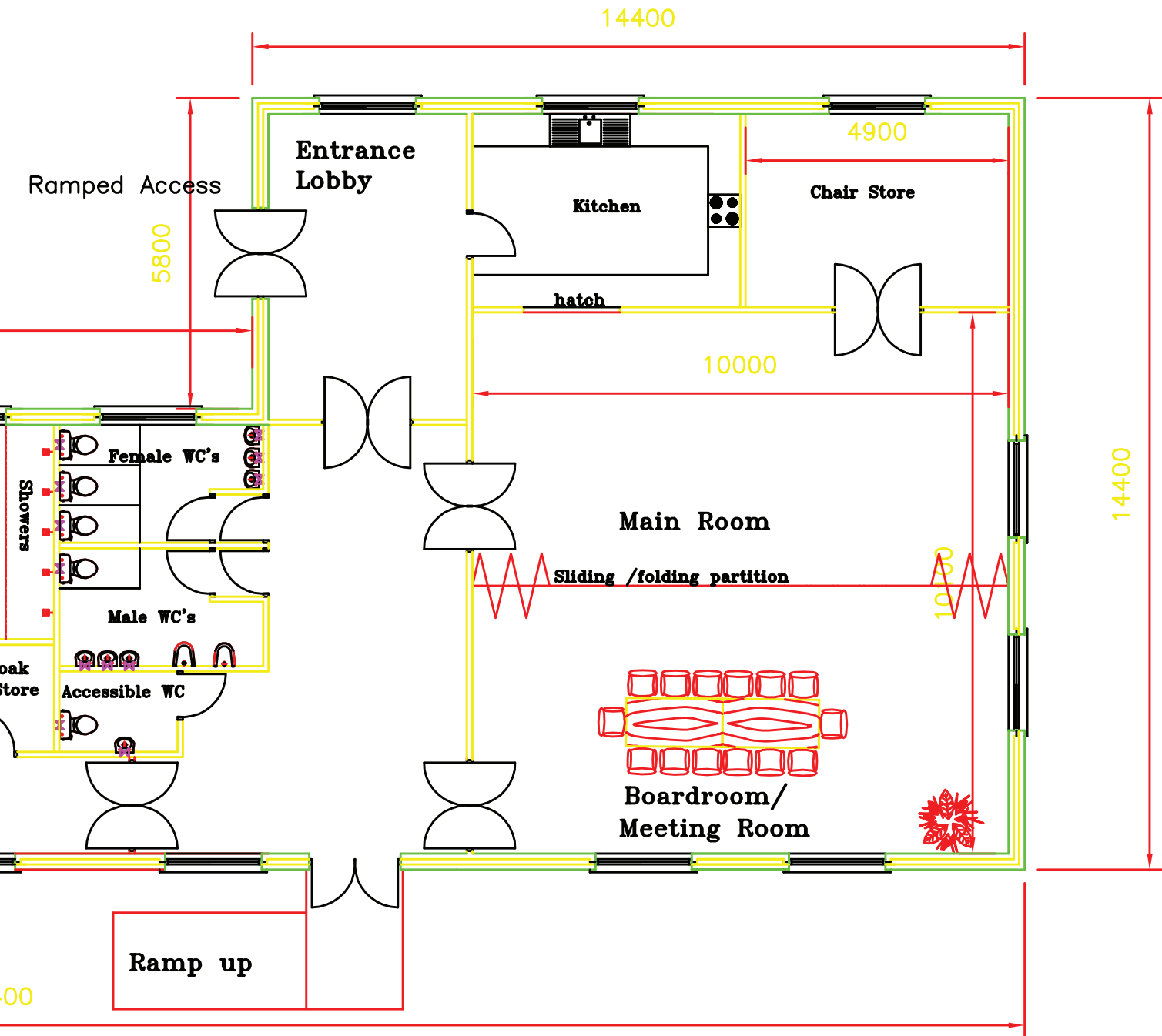
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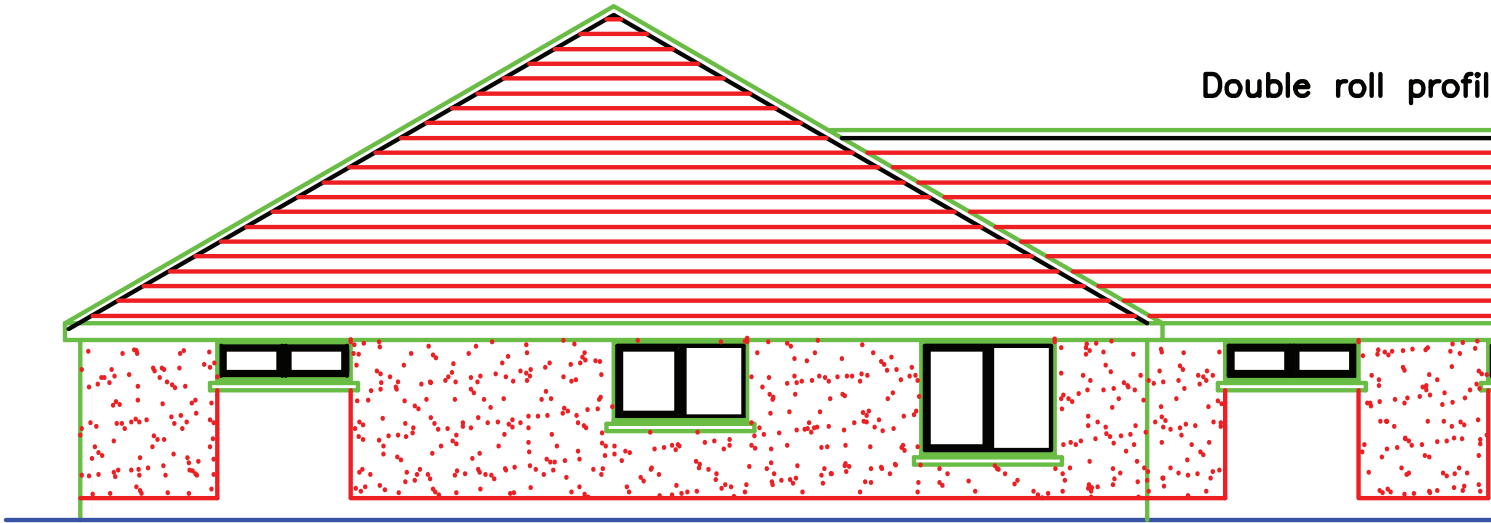
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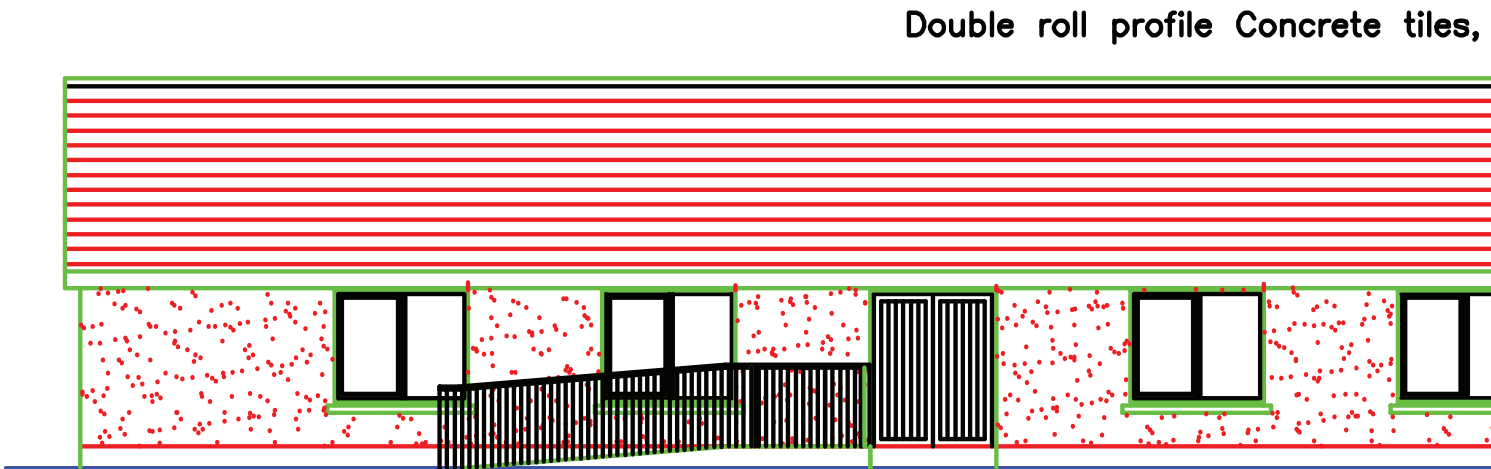




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# FRONT ELEVATION

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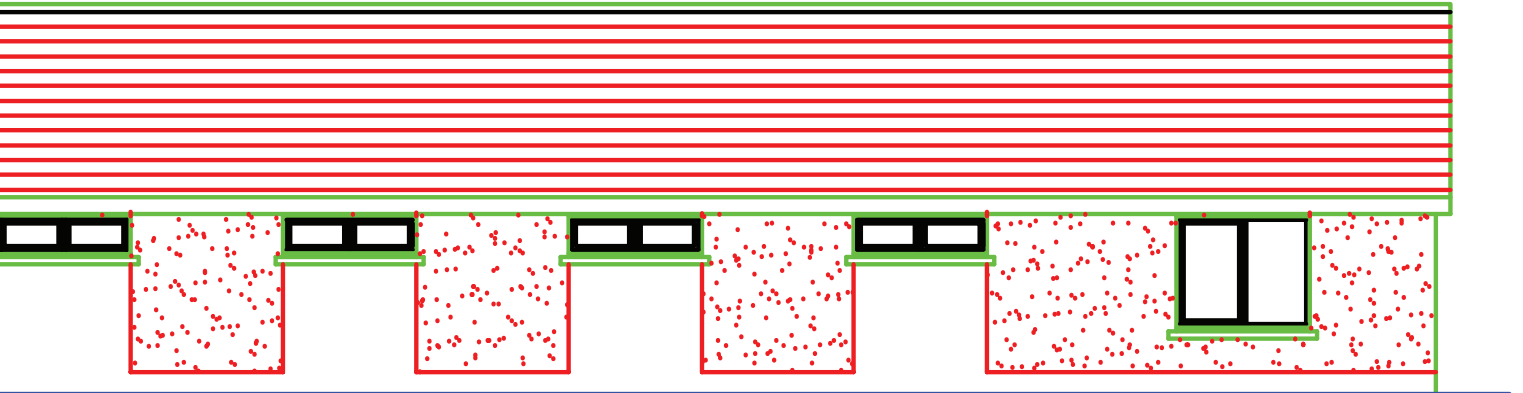


Double roll profile Concrete tiles,

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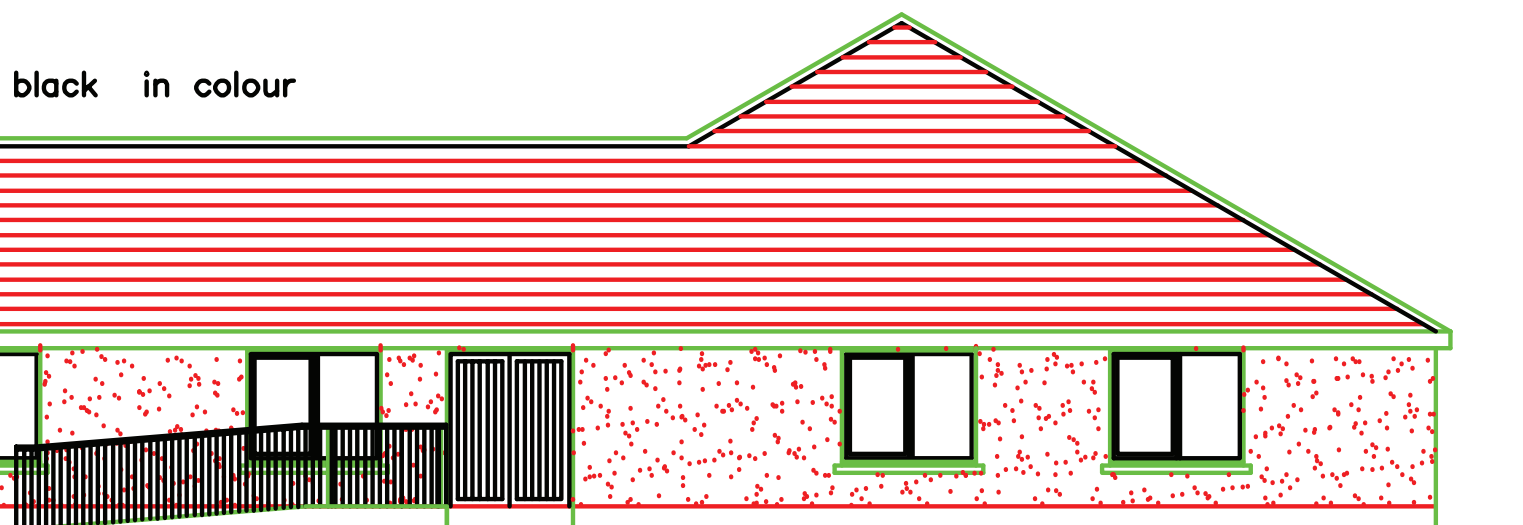
External Finish to be r  
Smooth rendered plinth

Concrete tiles, black in colour



be natural concrete colour or finished white, wet dash finish, max 3mm stone plinth and panels

black in colour



Access Ramp

natural concrete colour or finished white, wet dash finish, max 3mm stone



## Chairman's comments

Firstly can I just say thank you to everyone. The committee, players, coaches, managers, fans, helpers out, parents, and of course sponsors. Four years ago we sat in the snooker room at Anthony Campbell's house and took, what looks now, a pivotal decision to take the big step and take control of our own football pitch. We took that decision for a number of reasons. We had no home. We had in some sense lost our way as Meadowbank, our previous home, was redeveloped. We were very much at the cross-roads.

Despite not having our own football pitch in our home town, the key driver to our decision, and I have no doubt in this, was the undoubted opportunity that we had in front of us. Magherafelt is the largest town in South Derry and it was crying out for someone to give football that all important wake up call.

Fast forward three years from that decision and we have come a very long way. We still have a very long way to go. However, the only reason, we are on the road forward is down to you, yes you the person reading this. The support given by you has energised us towards achieving what we have set out in Our Vision, "To provide all aspiring football players in South Derry and surrounding areas with a welcoming, enjoyable and challenging environment to learn and develop their skills. We also aim to be the best Intermediate Club in Northern Ireland."

We have had great successes. The season 2008/09 just ended has been our most successful in the club's history. Success breeds success and we hope to use the highs and lows of the past season to push us on. We know going forward we will have some set backs and things won't work out. We have no fixed agenda. We have no pre-conceptions. The only thing we are interested in is football and as Our Purpose states we aim, 'to create a sustainable club structure which will ensure Magherafelt Sky Blues remain the focal point for football within South Derry. We aim to make our club the club of choice for all aspiring players'.

To achieve this we again find ourselves at a new crossroad. Over the last three years we have developed Spires Park to a level we struggle to afford. It is home and we are proud of what we have done. Like all clubs we have financial constraints and worries. However, we also have growing pains. 'Pains' we probably didn't envisage that night in the 'snooker room'!

We now have a steady stream of young talent flowing through our club. Talent that needs to be accommodated and talent that needs to be developed. To do that we need facilities to cope with the demand.

The Committee took the decision this year to harness the skills of a dedicated sports consultancy to create a much needed sports development plan. This is now complete. We have engaged the skills of a local architect. His work and our vision for Spires Park is included in this document and these plans are currently working their way through planning permission (fingers crossed).

We are aiming to install a state of the art 3G football pitch with changing rooms and floodlights. This would enable us to provide football in Magherafelt 24/7, 365 days a year. We would also be able to provide the facility for other sports and community groups. We think the town deserves a dedicated facility of this stature and we aim to deliver it.

We now have the three key elements in place (Club Development Plan, Planning Permission (underway) and a long term lease) to apply for Sport NI funding. Funding we desperately need to develop Spires Park for the future.

The fourth and final key element is you. We need you to keep doing what you have been doing. The committee, players, coaches, managers, fans, helpers out, parents, and of course sponsors. If you can continue to do what you do then we will continue to be successful. We believe in bringing people with us and we hope you can continue providing your superb support.

As we move into the 40<sup>th</sup> year in our history I know it will not all fall into place perfectly, it will not be easy, however, I know if the same effort and commitment made in the last three years can be replicated then we could all have a superb facility to be proud of in the not too distant future.

Yours in football

**Glenn Robinson**  
Chairman