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## **APPENDICES**

- A. ARCHITECTURAL PLANS
- B. SWEPT PATH ANALYSIS



## 1 Introduction

The Transport Planning Partnership (TTPP) has prepared this traffic and parking assessment on behalf of Club Maitland City c/o- DACCA Architecture to accompany a development application (DA) to redevelop the bowling green facilities at Club Maitland City.

The proposal intends to upgrade two bowling greens with a shade, together with an extension to the building for amenities, an office and a lounge. The existing loading dock will also need to be redesigned to accommodate the upgrades.

This report has been prepared to assess the traffic and parking implications of the proposed development.

The remainder of the report is set out as follows:

- Chapter 2 discusses the existing conditions including a description of the site.
- Chapter 3 presents a brief description of the proposed development.
- Chapter 4 assesses the proposed on-site parking provision and internal layout.
- Chapter 5 examines the traffic generation and its impact, if any.
- Chapter 6 presents the conclusions of the assessment.



## 2 Existing Conditions

#### 2.1 Site Description

The site is located at 14 Arthur Street, Rutherford and is situated within the Maitland City local government area. It has frontages on Arthur Street, Woodberry Street and Melbee Street, and it borders a fast-food drive-through restaurant, a childcare centre, and a motel which is part of the Club.

There is a shopping centre directly north of the site on Arthur Street, and within the immediate vicinity it is generally surrounded by low density residential. The location of the site and its surrounding environs shown in Figure 2.1.



Figure 2.1: Site Location and Surrounds

Source: OpenStreetMap

## 2.2 Abutting Road Network

The site is surrounded by a network of roads which provide good connectivity to the wider arterial road network via the New England Highway. As indicated previously, the site generally fronts Woodberry Street, Arthur Street, and Melbee Street along the eastern, northern and southern boundary of the site respectively. A brief description of these roads is provided below.



**New England Highway** is a two-way state road and generally runs in a northwest to southeast direction along the western boundary of the site. The road provides two lanes in either direction, separated by a central median island, across a 19-metre-wide road carriageway. It forms a priority-controlled intersection with Melbee Street restricted to left-in and left-out to the southwest of the site, and a signalised intersection with Arthur Street to the northwest of the site. It has a posted speed limit of 60km/h. No kerbside parking is provided on either side of the road within the vicinity of the site.

**Arthur Street** is a two-way local road that is generally aligned in an east to west direction. It generally has one travel lane in either direction which is separated by a planted median. It has a roundabout to the north of the site which provides access to the site and the shopping centre to the north. It provides cycle lanes on both sides of the road with unrestricted parking available on both sides of the street directly east of the site.

**Woodberry Street** is a two-way local road that is generally aligned in a north to south direction and is bounded by Arthur Street and Melbee Street. It has one travel lane in each direction and a posted speed limit of 50km/h. Unrestricted parking is available on both sides of the road.

**Melbee Street** is a two-way local road that is generally aligned in an east to west direction. It has one travel lane in each direction and a posted speed limit of 50km/h. Unrestricted parking is available on both sides of the road.

#### 2.3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Network

Pedestrian footpaths are provided on both sides of Arthur Street and New England Highway, with signalised crossings provided on three legs of the signalised intersection. In addition, pedestrian refuge islands are provided on Arthur Street for pedestrians crossing the road. There are limited pedestrian facilities on Woodberry Street and Melbee Street.

There is an extensive cycle network surrounding the site, with on-road cycleways provided on Arthur Street adjacent to the site connecting to the larger network. A map of the existing cycling facilities surrounding the site is shown in Figure 2.2.



Facility Type

Bicycle Paths

Shared Paths

Quiet Streets

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Figure 2.2: Existing Cycle Network Map

Source: TfNSW Cycleways Map Finder

(https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/maps/cycleway\_finder/index.html, accessed on 30/05/23)

## 2.4 Public Transport Services

The primary bus stop is located on West Mall which is 300-metres (4 minute walk) north of the site. It provides access to the 177, 138, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183 and 186 services. In addition, a bus stop is provided on Arthur Street approximately 100-metres from the site which provides access to the 180 service.

The bus services link the site to the larger area, including Maitland city centre, East Maitland, Green Hills and the local Rutherford area.

A summary of the public transport services within the vicinity of the site are provided in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Public Transport Facilities and Services

Route No.	Route Description	Typical Weekday Frequency	Proximity to Site
177	Rutherford to Aberglasslyn via Budgeree Dr (Loop Service)	Every 60 minutes	• 300m (4-min walk)
178	Rutherford to Anambah Rd via Rutherford Industrial Estate (Loop Service)	Every 60 minutes	• 300m (4-min walk)

Route No.	Route Description	Typical Weekday Frequency	Proximity to Site
179	North Rothbury to Green Hills Shopping Centre via Maitland	Every 60-120 minutes	• 300m (4-min walk)
180	Singleton Heights to Green Hills Shopping Centre via Maitland	Every 180 minutes	• 100m (1-min walk)
181	Rutherford to Woodberry via Maitland, Green Hills Shopping Centre & Beresfield	Every 60 minutes	• 300m (4-min walk)
182	Rutherford to Thornton via Maitland, Green Hills Shopping Centre & Ashtonfield	Every 60 minutes	• 300m (4-min walk)
183	Rutherford to Tenambit via Maitland & Green Hills Shopping Centre	Every 30 minutes	• 250m (3-min walk)
186	Rutherford to Aberglasslyn via Denton Park Dr (Loop Service)	Every 60 minutes	• 300m (4-min walk)

Source: Transport for NSW (accessed 30/05/23)

The existing local bus route network map is shown in Figure 2.3.

Aberglasslyn Anambah Oakhampton Oakhampton Helghts Bo Rutherford 177 181 183 178 182 186 SUBJECT SITE Lorn Telarah 192 **Rutherford Inset** Maitland Mount Dee South Maitland

Figure 2.3: Existing Bus Network – Routes 671 and 741

Source: ComfortDelGro Australia (CDC)



#### 2.5 Existing Car Parking Supply and Demand

The existing site currently provides 251 car parking spaces. A parking survey was conducted on Saturday 6 May, 2023 to assess the peak parking demand of the car park.

A summary of the parking surveys is shown in Figure 2.4.

Figure 2.4: Parking Survey Summary



The surveys indicates that the peak parking demand occurred at 7:00pm, where 173 out of 251 spaces were occupied (with 78 spaces vacant). This equates to a peak parking demand of 69 per cent, which indicates that the existing car park at the time was more than adequate to accommodate the existing operations.

The existing peak car parking demand currently operates a rate of 4.8 spaces per 100m<sup>2</sup> (that is, 173 spaces for 3,569m<sup>2</sup>).

Furthermore, based on information provided by the operator, the existing car parking currently operates satisfactory with ample spare parking capacity consistently available. A review of recent nearmap imagery also indicates that the existing car park currently operates with low demand, as shown in Figure 2.4 to Figure 2.8.



Figure 2.5: Fri Aerial Imagery (5 May 2023)



Figure 2.7: Sat Aerial Imagery (6 Aug 2022)



Figure 2.6: Mon Aerial Imagery (9 Jan 2023)



Figure 2.8: Tue Aerial Imagery (3 Jan 2023)



In summary, the existing car park currently operates well below capacity with spare parking vacancies available.



## 3 Proposed Development

#### 3.1 Proposal Description

The proposal seeks to upgrade the two southern bowling greens with a shade, and extend the building for amenities, an office and a lounge. The club yield GFA will increase from 3,569m² to 3,755m², an increase of 186m² (5 percent) which will primarily be the new bar that services the upgraded greens. The proposed additions are considered minor and are generally expected to be ancillary to the existing operation and use of the club.

It is also proposed to reconstruct the loading dock to accommodate for the building extensions.

### 3.2 Loading and Service Vehicles

The loading dock arrangement is required to be altered in order to accommodate the building extension. A ramp will be provided for vans (equivalent to a B99 vehicle) to reverse down and unload into the loading dock. Medium Rigid Vehicles are required for waste services at the site which will have a space adjacent to the ramp.

TTPP has undertaken a swept path assessment which demonstrates appropriate access to/from the site. This is enclosed in Appendix B.



## 4 Parking Assessment

#### 4.1 Car Parking Requirements

The proposed additions to the site are generally ancillary to the existing operations of the club and therefore, could not be expected to generate any additional parking demand.

However, for the purposes of this assessment, the car parking requirements have been assessed against the provided parking rates in the Maitland City Council Development Control Plan 2011 (DCP).

The DCP stipulates that clubs outside the Maitland CBD should provide car parking at a rate of 1 space per 10m<sup>2</sup> of public or licensed floor area. In addition, the DCP requires 30 parking spaces for the first bowling green, and 15 spaces for each additional green.

Using these metrics, the existing development would require 417 parking spaces, and the proposed development would require 436 spaces. This equates to a net additional car parking requirement of 19 spaces for the proposed additions.

It should however be noted that the site currently provides a total of 251 car parking spaces, which is less than the DCP requirement for the existing site of 417 spaces (i.e. shortfall of 166 spaces compared to the DCP). Whilst it is unclear what the applicable parking rates were at the time of the original DA for the site, it is noted that the existing car park currently operates well below capacity with spare capacity based on existing parking surveys, as outlined in Section 2.5.

The DCP also notes the following regarding Registered Club parking rates:

"Parking must be provided to satisfy the peak cumulative parking requirements of the development as a whole. Council may consider relaxing this requirement depending on the characteristics of the proposed development. For this purpose a comparison survey of similar developments, in similar locations should be provided with the development application."

Taking the above into consideration and the results of the existing parking surveys, it is noted that the existing car park has an abundance of car parking and operates below capacity.

The existing peak car parking demand currently operates a rate of 4.8 spaces per 100m<sup>2</sup> (that is, 173 spaces for 3,569m<sup>2</sup>).

Based on the proposed additions to the site of 186m<sup>2</sup>, an additional 9 spaces would be required based on the existing peak parking demand of the site. This means that a total of 182 spaces would be adequate to service the proposed development, that is 173 plus 9 spaces. This assumes that the proposed additions would generate additional parking



demand when in reality, this is not expected to be the case as the proposed additions are expected to be largely ancillary to the existing club.

Notwithstanding this, the existing site currently provides 251 car parking spaces. As demonstrated above, this is expected to be sufficient to accommodate existing and proposed parking demand of the site.

On this basis, the parking impacts associated with the proposal are considered acceptable.

#### 4.2 Loading Dock and Waste Management

The loading dock is proposed to have capacity for a B99 vehicle (van) and a Medium Rigid Vehicle (MRV) concurrently.

Vans will access the loading dock by reversing down the ramp which has a grade of 1:7, which meets the minimum requirements for ramp grades for a B99 vehicle.

MRV's will access the bins in a space adjacent to the ramp, vehicles can enter and leave in a forward direction with no more than a 3-point turn required on site.

A swept path analysis is provided in Appendix B which show all the key internal movements.



## 5 Traffic Assessment

#### 5.1 Traffic Generation

Transport for NSW's *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* (the Guide) stipulates recommended trip generation rates for various land uses. However, the Guide does not include traffic generation for hotels, clubs or bars.

Given that the proposed additions of the club are minor in nature (net increase of 186m<sup>2</sup> in GFA) and expected to be ancillary to existing club operations, any additional traffic generation from visitors is expected to be minimal (if any).

As such, the traffic impacts associated with the proposal are considered acceptable. The proposed additions to the site are expected to be ancillary and could not be expected to generate any noticeable impacts on the surrounding road network from a traffic capacity perspective.



### 6 Conclusion

This traffic and parking assessment report relates to a proposed redevelopment of the existing Club Maitland City site.

The key findings of the report are presented below.

- The proposal seeks upgrade the two southern bowling greens with a shade, and extend the building for amenities, an office, and a lounge. The club yield GFA will increase from 3,569m² to 3,755m², an increase of 186m² (5 per cent).
- The existing car park of 251 spaces currently operates well below capacity with spare vacancies during peak operations (i.e. at least 78 spare parking vacancies during the site's busiest hour).
- The proposed additions to the site are largely ancillary to the existing operations of the club and therefore, could not be expected to generate any noticeable parking and/or traffic impacts on the surrounding road network.
- There is sufficient capacity within the existing car park to cater for any additional parking demand arising from the proposed additions to the club (if any).
- A loading dock will be provided to serve all loading and unloading activities associated with the proposal. This loading dock will be designed to accommodate two vehicles, one B99 and one MRV vehicle which will enter and exit the site in a forward direction.
- The proposed additions are not expected to generate any noticeable traffic generation, or additional independent trips. That is, the proposed additions to the club are expected to be used by existing patrons as per existing club operations.

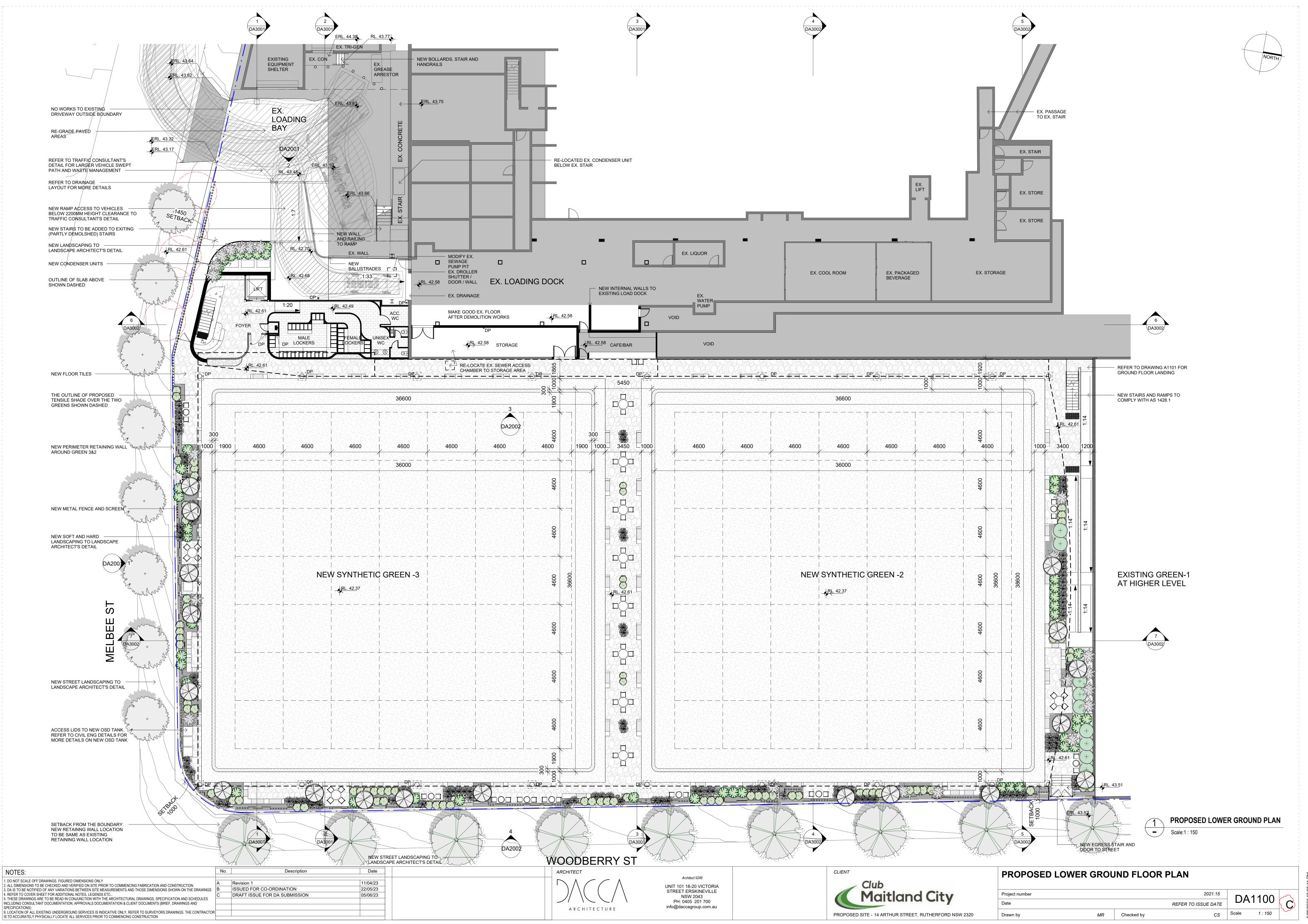
Overall, the traffic and parking implications associated with the proposed development are not expected to create any noticeable impact on the surrounding road network and are considered satisfactory.

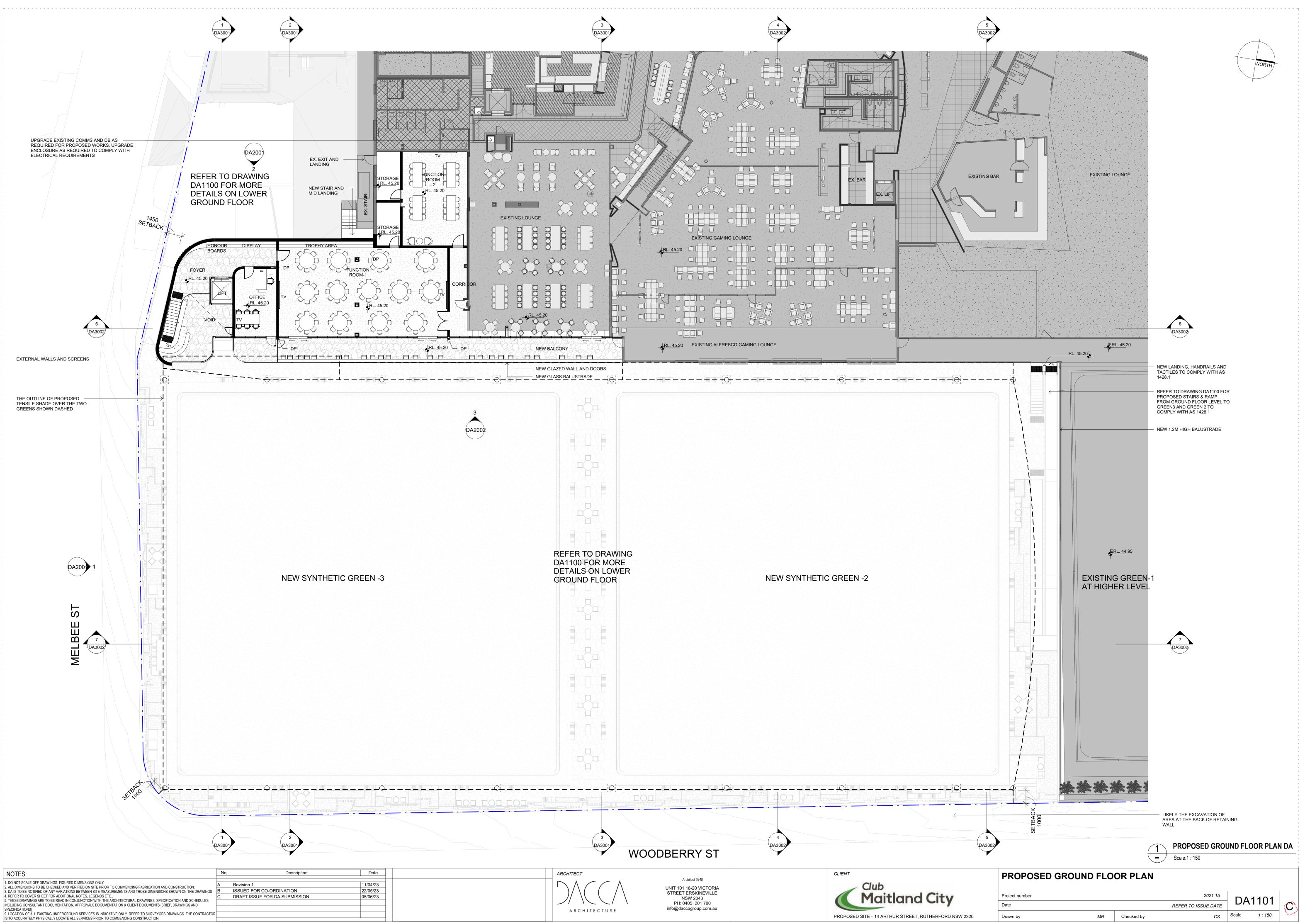


## Appendix A

Architectural Plans

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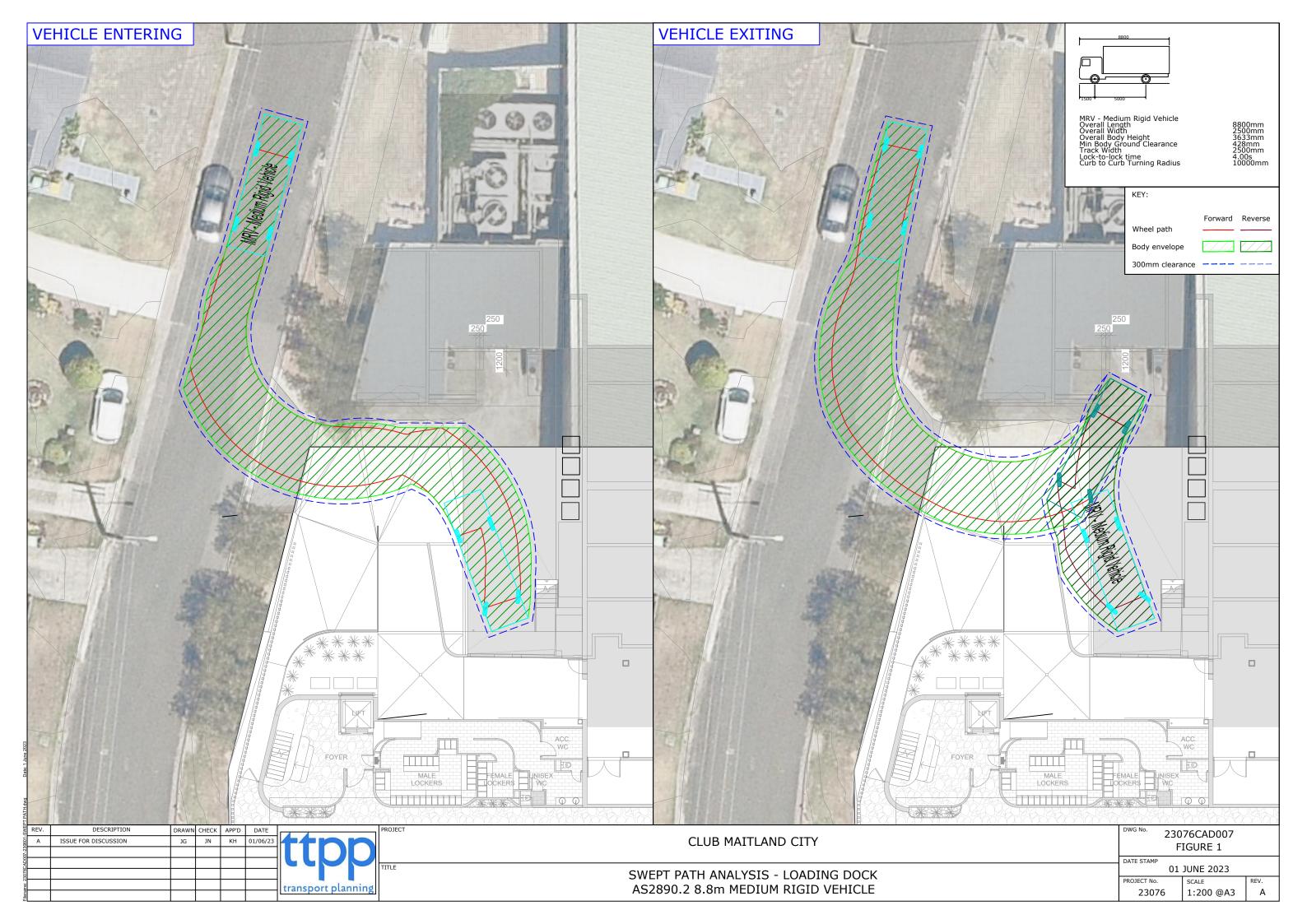


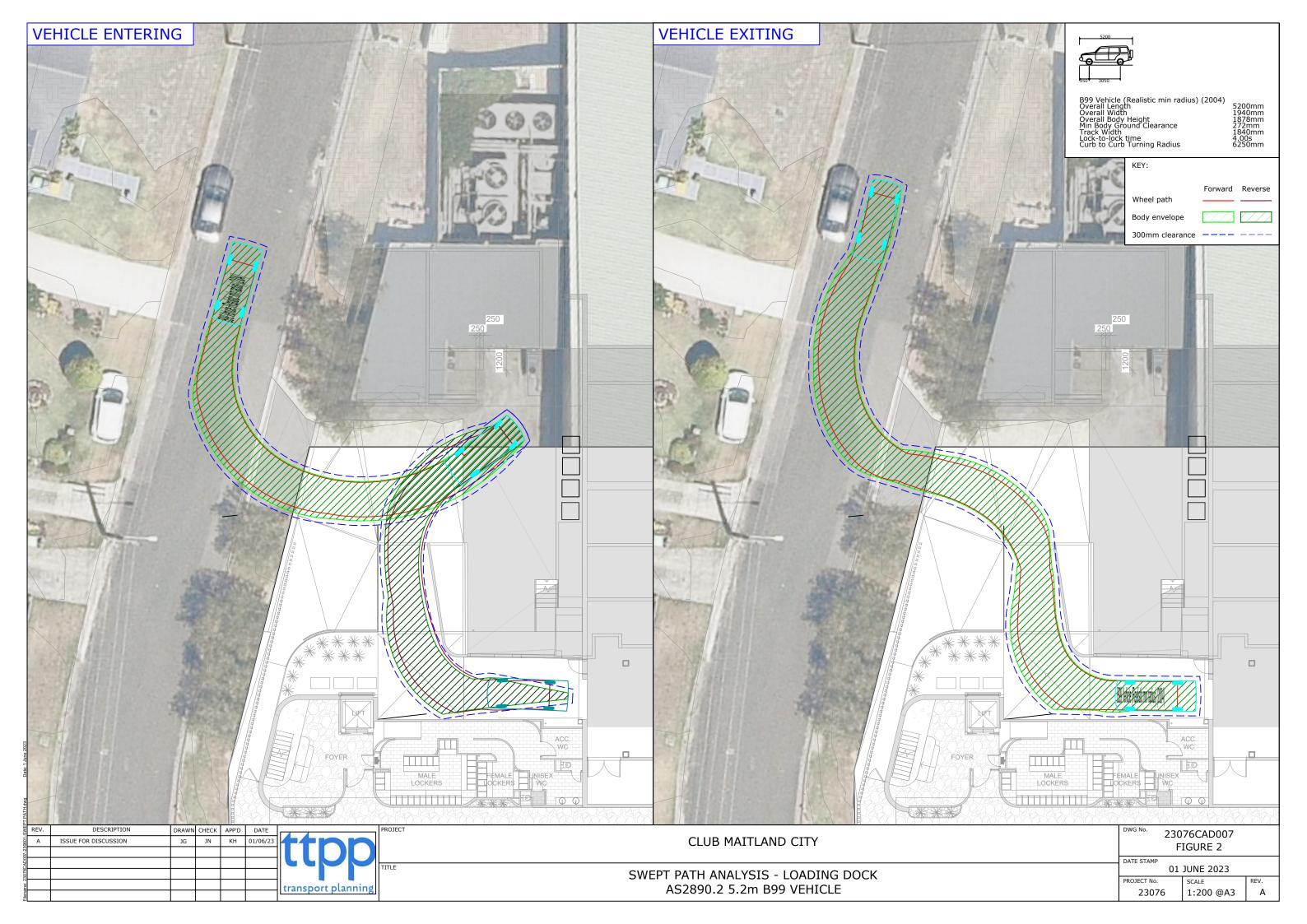


## Appendix B

Swept Path Analysis

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