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Laguna Estate - July 2012

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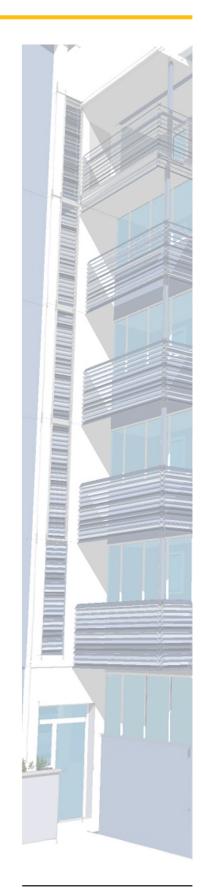
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#### **Design Statement**

The project comprises the following three work elements:

- 1. RE-CLADDING OF RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS to improve the performance of the external envelope.
- 2. CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL FLOOR to increase apartment numbers and address roof problems.
- 3. PROVISION OF LIFT FACILITIES TO EACH BLOCK to lessen the burden of stairs to existing flats.
- 4. PROVISION OF DEFINED INDIVIDUAL CLOTHES DRYING AREAS to order and conceal what can amount to a necessary but untidy practice impacting on the first impression of the estate.

All four elements provide creative solutions towards resolving the ongoing practical problems and shortcomings of these residential blocks.

As architects we have also seen the above as an opportunity to afford the estate a renewed contemporary look. Our approach is one of highlighting the above new elements using contrasting form and colour to provide a new architectural language as follows:

- Existing wall planes are designated as background and receive a passive treatment around the order set by the original fenestration pattern.
- The new additional storey acts as a horizontal crowning band emphasised with colour.
- This sets the new architectural language which is then carried vertically down over the original façade via the new lift shaft.
- The same colour contrast is used to break the original flat façade planes by removing style-dated inset planes and introducing colour panel highlights.
- The same colour scheme is extended onto the new louvred screens which serve to conceal external clothes drying areas to each apartment.
- Our drawings include options for a single colour scheme, or for a multi-colour option (i.e. each block to have it's own colour variation of the same theme).
- Both vertical elements also serve to conceal service installations to the new upper floors.
- Upper flat layouts will remain in consonance with the configuration of existing flats in the estate, but they will be designed to improve accommodation to a level closer to that achieved in more recent residential estates. Measures will include up-to-date installations, level access from the lift, larger bedrooms, storage cupboards, defined clothes drying areas, and redecoration of communal areas.
- The new works will also include replacement of windows, rationalisation of present accretions and removal of exposed service routes.

All layouts and designs have been developed in close consultation with the Ministry for Housing.





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# **Existing Photographs**















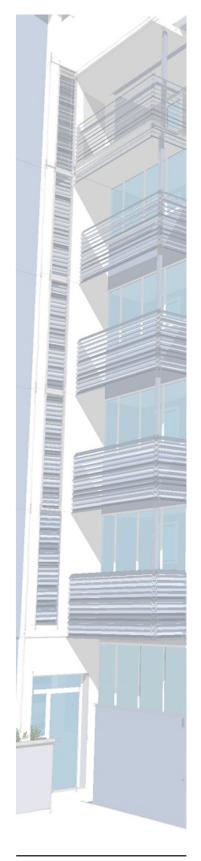












## Proposed Site Masterplan

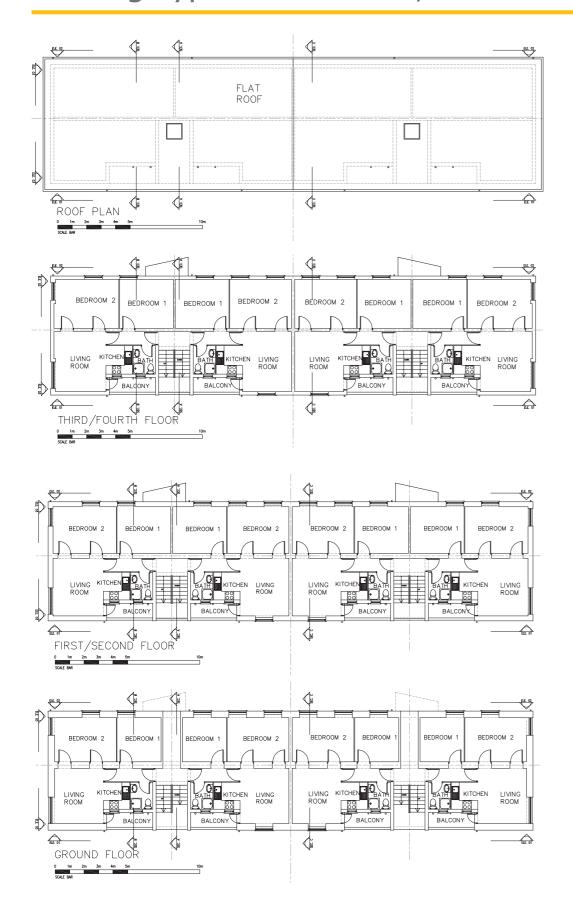


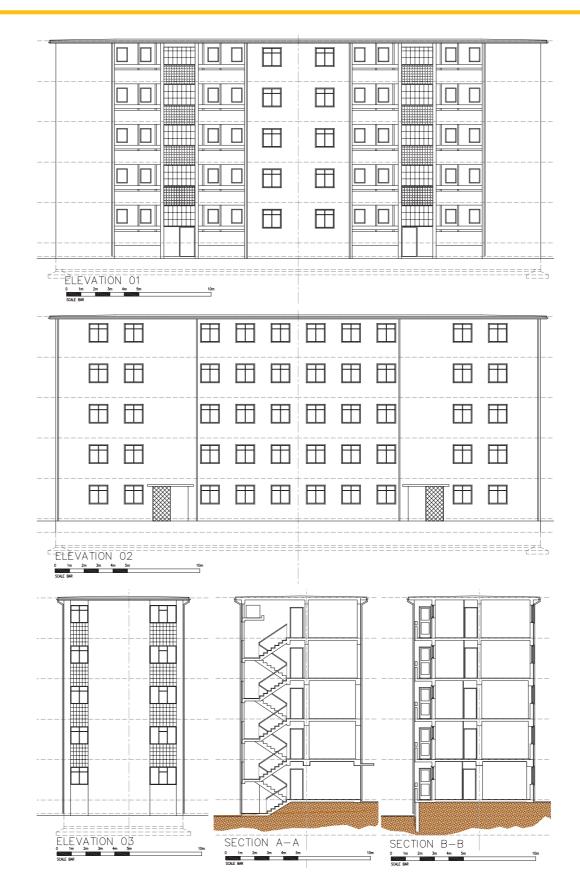


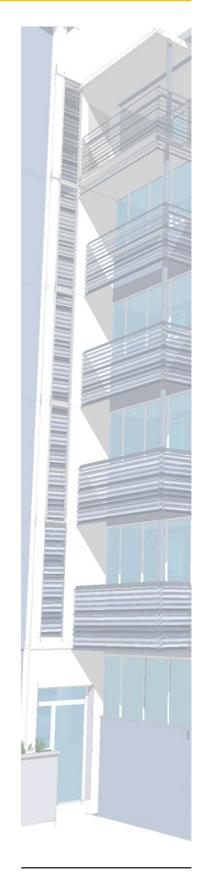
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#### Existing Typical Block Plan, Elevations and Section







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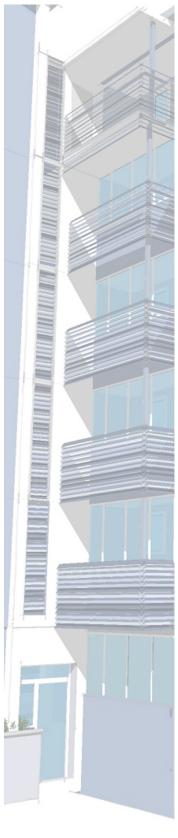






# Proposed Visual-03. Typical Block











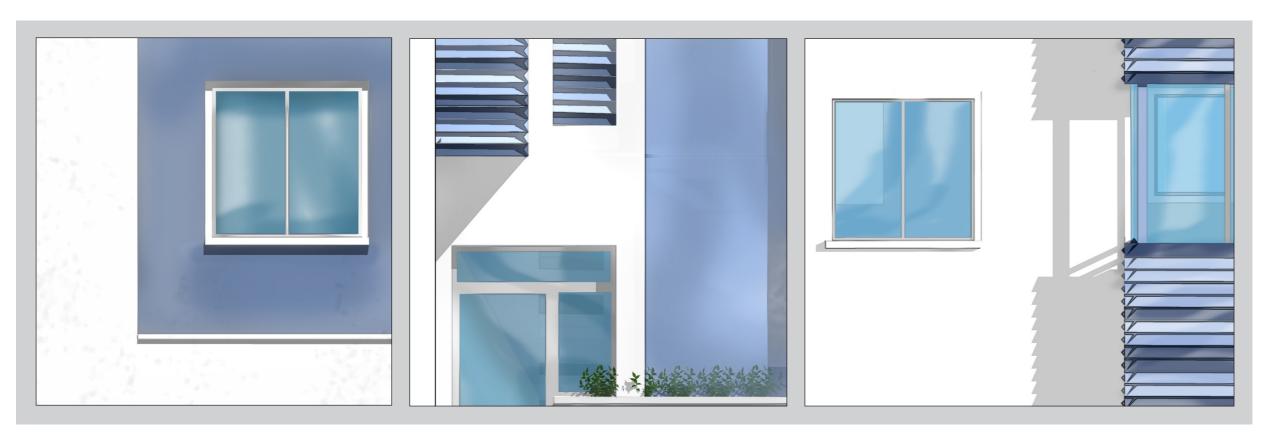




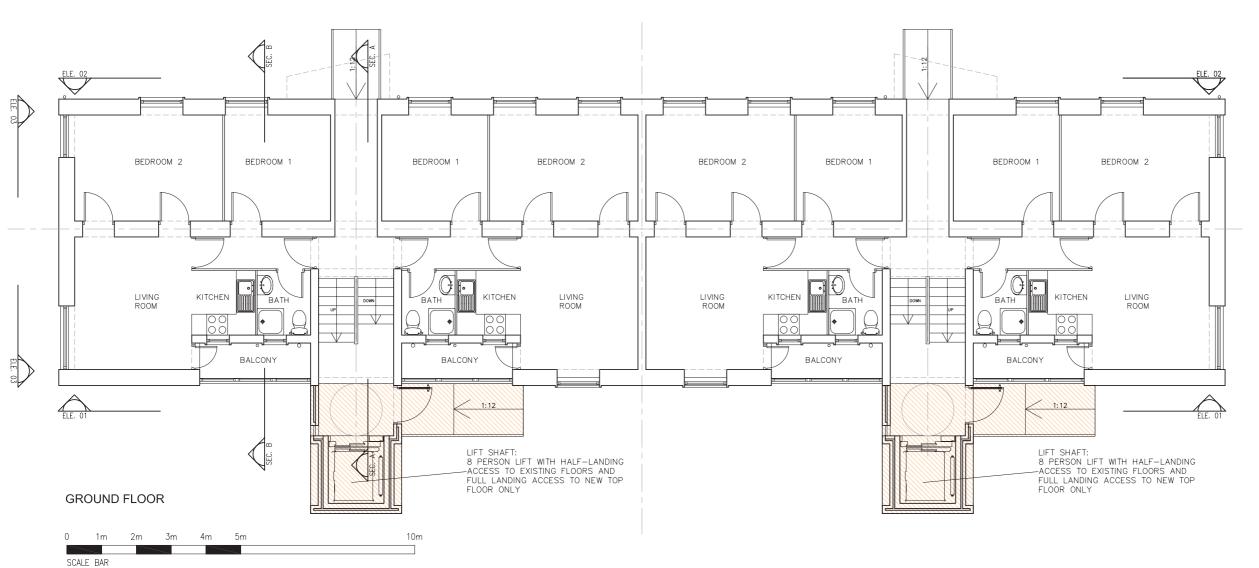
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## Proposed Elevations. Typical Block







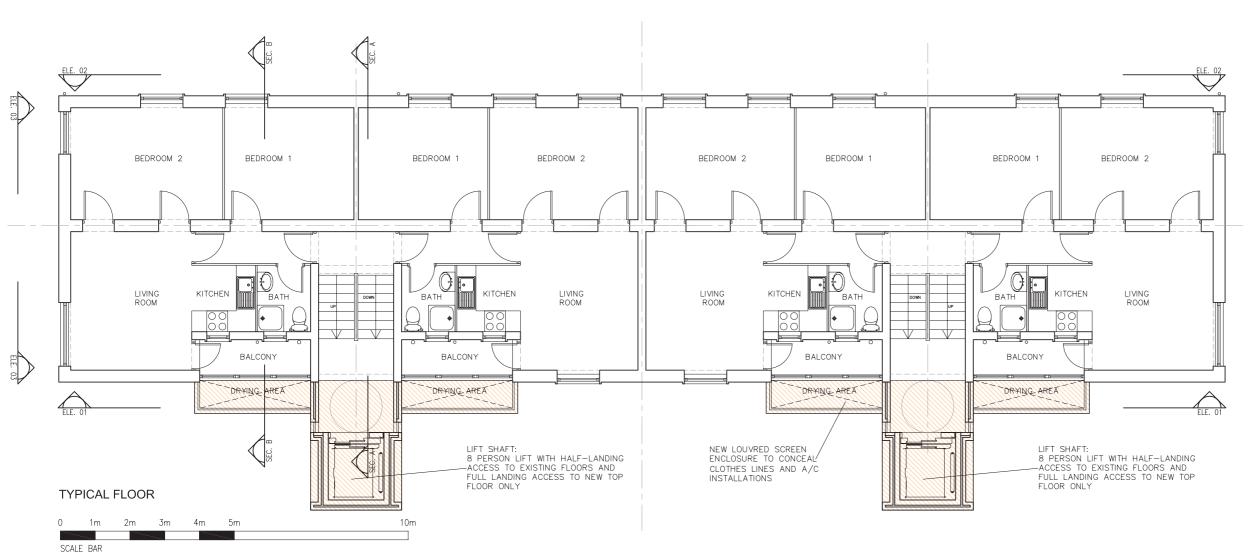


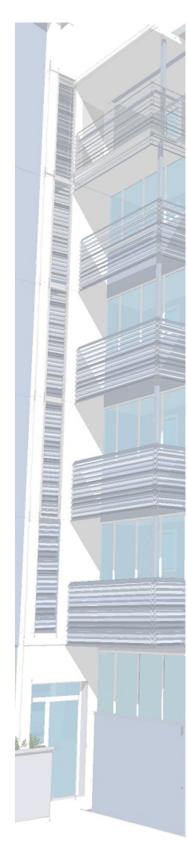


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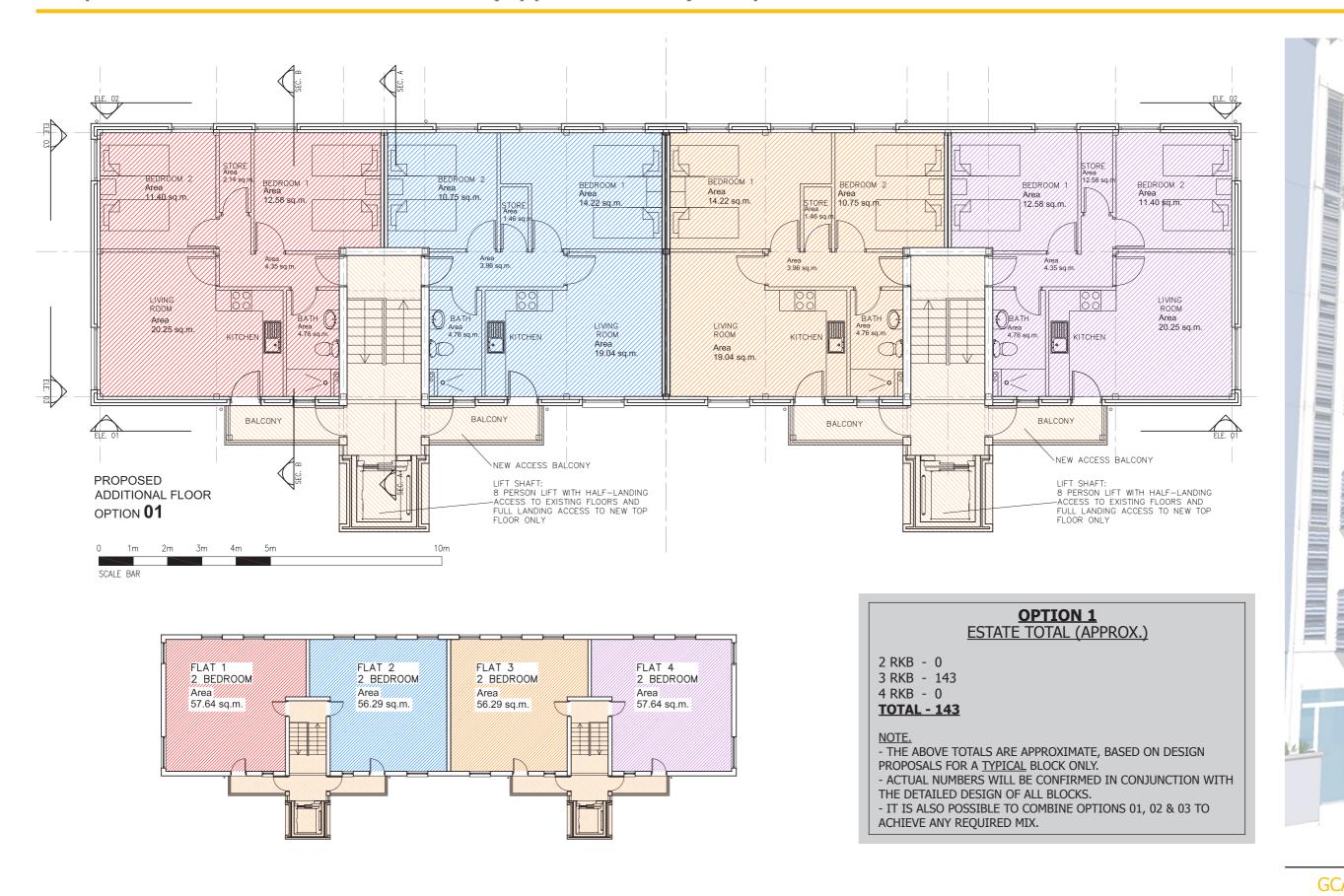


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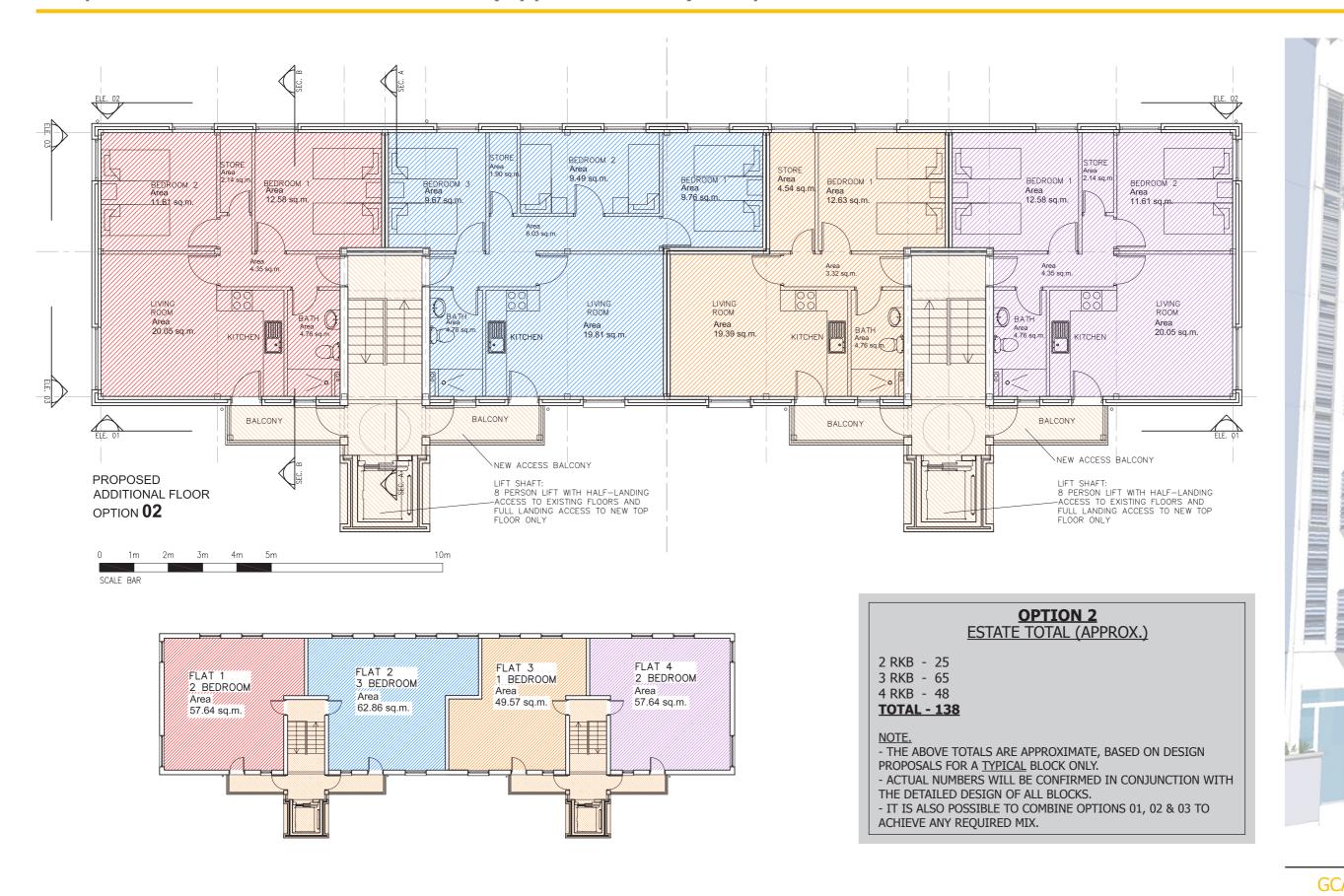
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### Proposed Additional Floor Plan (Typical Block). Option 01



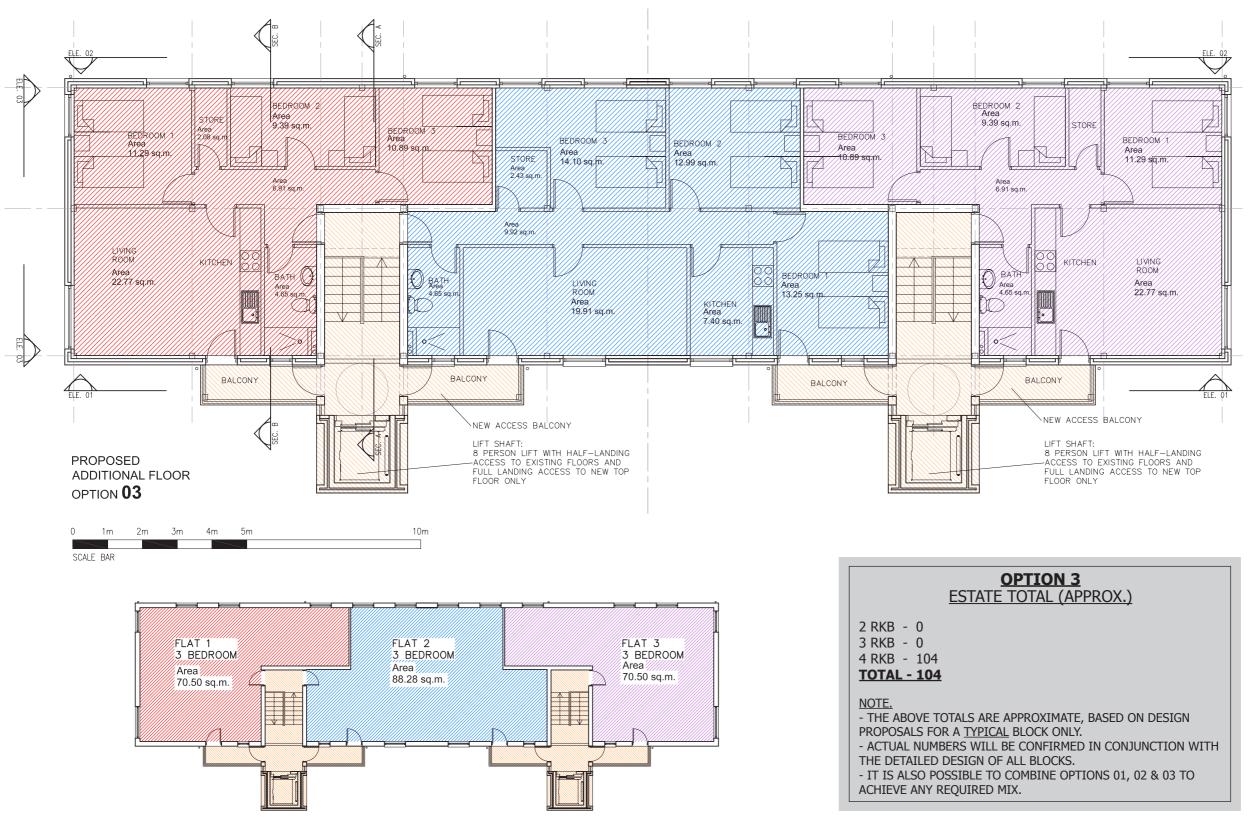


### Proposed Additional Floor Plan (Typical Block). Option 02





### Proposed Additional Floor Plan (Typical Block). Option 03



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## Proposed Sections (Typical Block).

