# SOMERSET HOUSE

# SPACE GUIDANCE SPECIFICATION FOR EDMOND J SAFFRA FOUNTIAN COURT/DEADHOUSE AND LIGHTWELLS

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## The Edmond J Safra fountain Court

The Edmond J Safra fountain Court is the largest available space within Somerset House with the ability to host a number of different events and installations.

### **Room Specifications**

### Flooring

Granite set cobbles on main Courtyard area, Scoutmore York Stone paving slabs on perimeter.

Floors to be loaded with no more than 50 kNm2 (5000 kg m2). This is further limited in the fountain area of the Courtyard.

### Electrical

1 no. 500amp 3 phase supply and 1 no. 400 amp 3 phase supply fed from main switch room in South Building.

See attached drawing showing layout of socket outlets and available power.

### Lighting

Facades washed with LED colour changing programmable architectural lighting and ornate lamp posts.

### Mechanical

The fountains typically run between April – September. The fountain scheme has 11 rows of 5 nozzles. Each row can be controlled allowing the 5 jets of water rise and fall together from the same pump. By choreographing the 11 rows into sequences, gently animated displays of moving water patterns are created. These are stored as programmes in the control system and can be selected to run at prescribed times. The scheme has typically been programmed for the jets to work at very low 300mm height between 10am and 6pm, with displays on the hour and half hour.

**I.T.** Wi-Fi and hard wired connections upon request.

### Guide to temporary installations in the Courtyard:

- All structures must be free standing with no fixings into any listed fabric.
- It is the supplier and client's responsibility to protect the floors and walls. Care must be taken to protect building fabric, which – if necessary - may require temporary coverings to floors to stop damage during installation and removal. These are to be provided by the supplier/ client.
- Ballasts should be of water type.
- All fountain heads must be covered prior to any installation. For large structures a safe zone must be left around the perimeter of the structure and not exceed the maximum foot print allowed.
- No structures to be any higher than the ground/first floor string line.
- A temporary structures licence must be applied for at least 31 days prior to the event for sign off from Westminster City Council for any structures.
- Any metallic structure to be situated in the central area of the Courtyard may need lighting protection earth bonding.
- For any music in the courtyard a Noise Management Plan much be submitted at least 31 days prior to the event.
- A Courtyard jet wash needs to be allowed for after the de-install.

### Access

Vehicle access to the Courtyard only permitted 23:00 – 08:00. For any deliveries traffic marshals must be booked. A 4meter perimeter but be left round any build to allow for emergency vehicle access. No vehicles are permitted to drive over the fountain heads. During build and de-rig the pathways must be kept clear to allow for public access.

| Vestibules - Dimensions and max vehicle size |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Width  | 2.5m            |
| Height                                       | 4.5m            |
| Length                                       | 12.9m           |
| Weight                                       | 10 tonne / axel |

### **Event Information**

Guests' access is from the Strand.

The Courtyard is licenced to hold events with a capacity of up to 4000 persons when an empty space.

A full Courtyard closure can happen from 18:00.

### Toilets

The Courtyard toilets are situated under the Courtyard at level -1 at the Southern end.

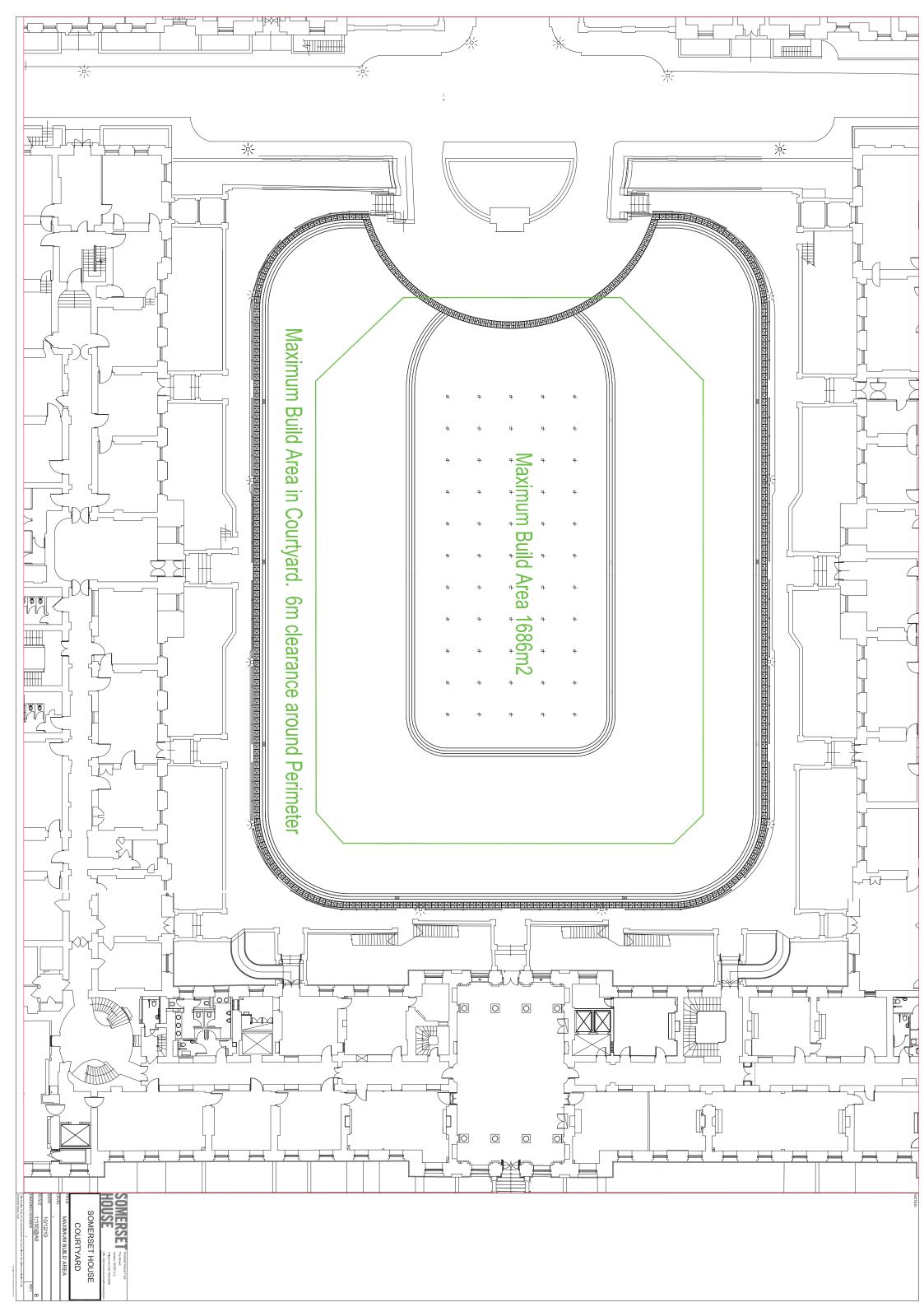
Access can be gained by the stepped entrances that go down to level -1 each situated each side of the Semen's Hall. The toilet blocks consist of:

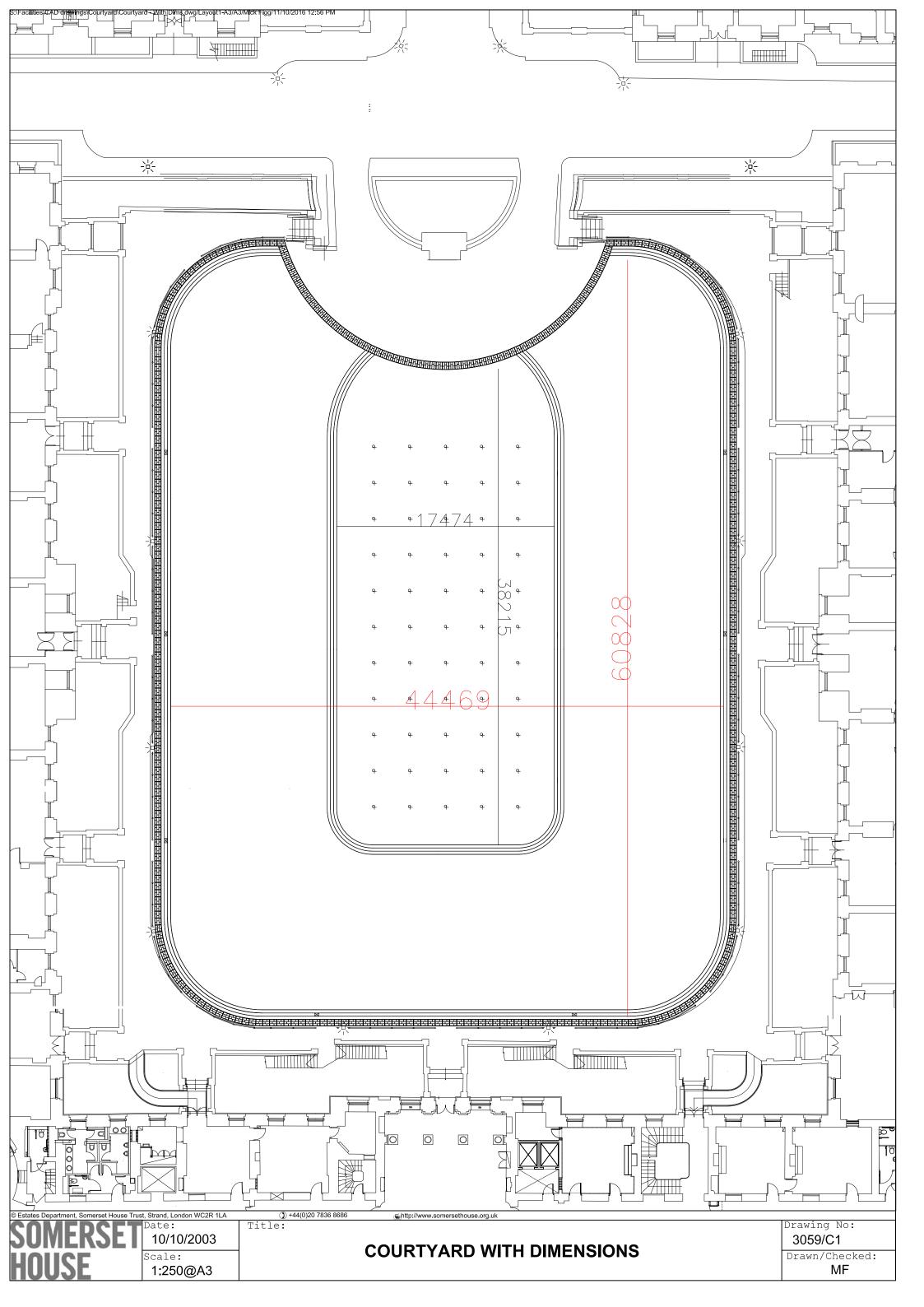
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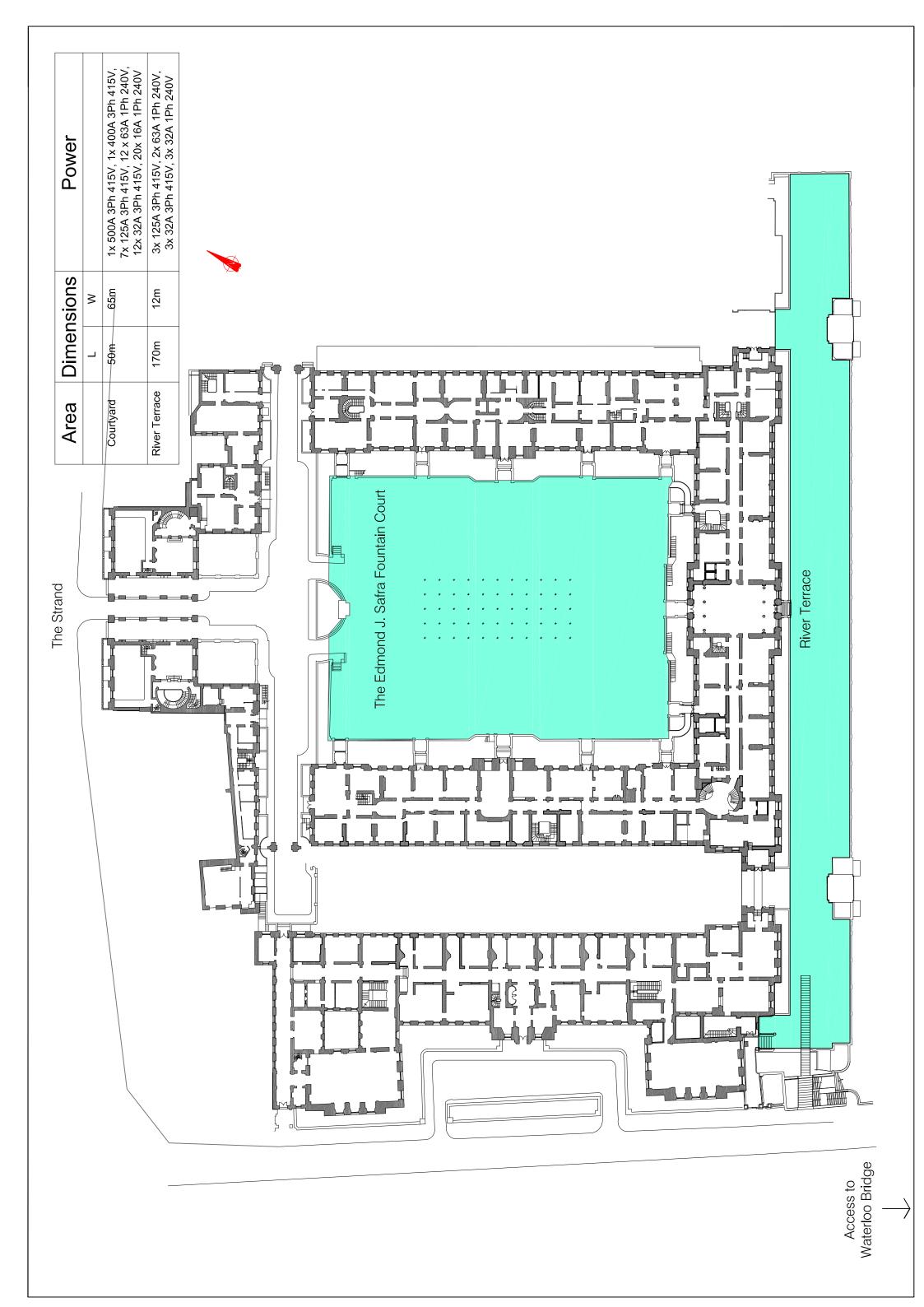
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- 24 hand basins

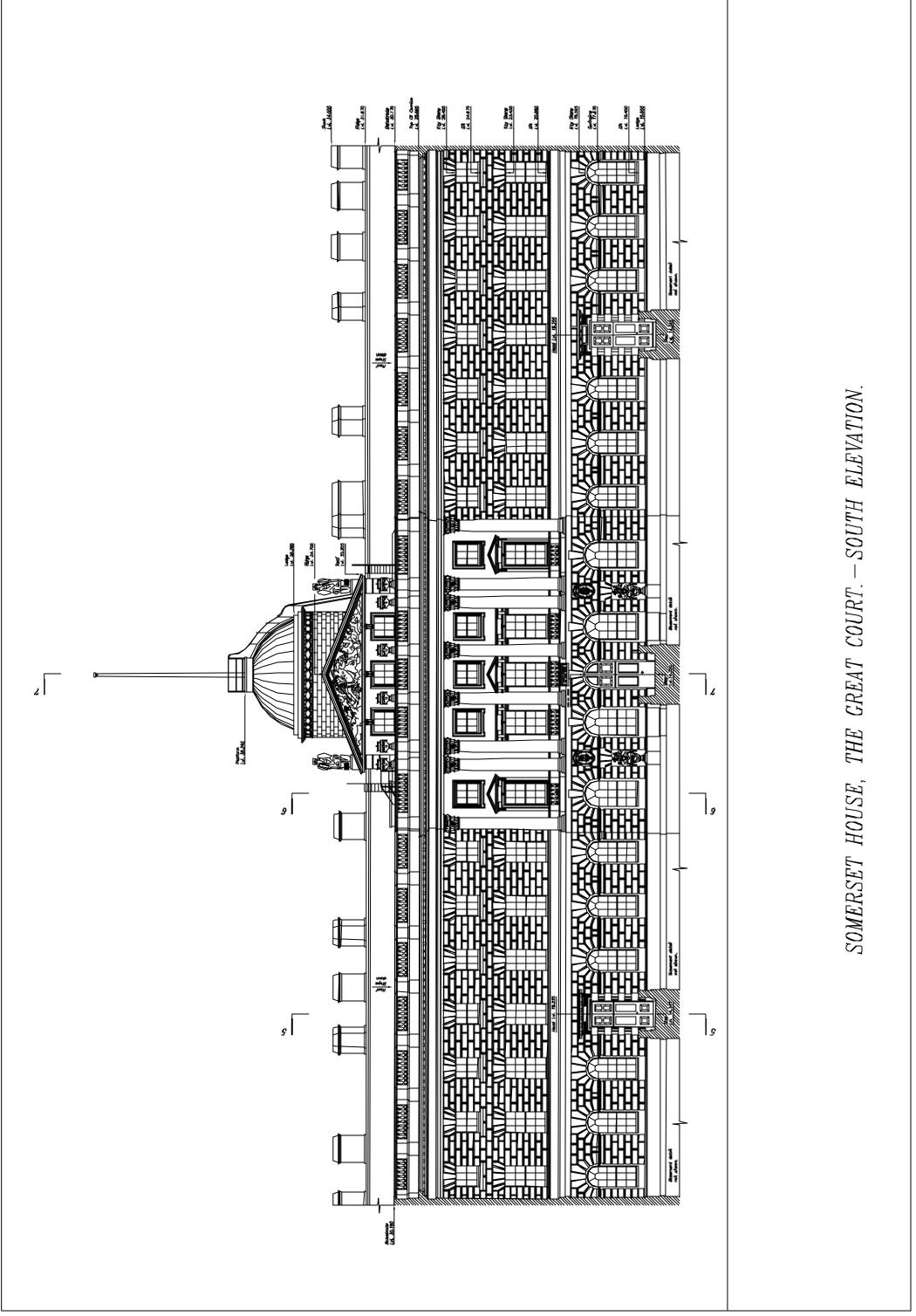
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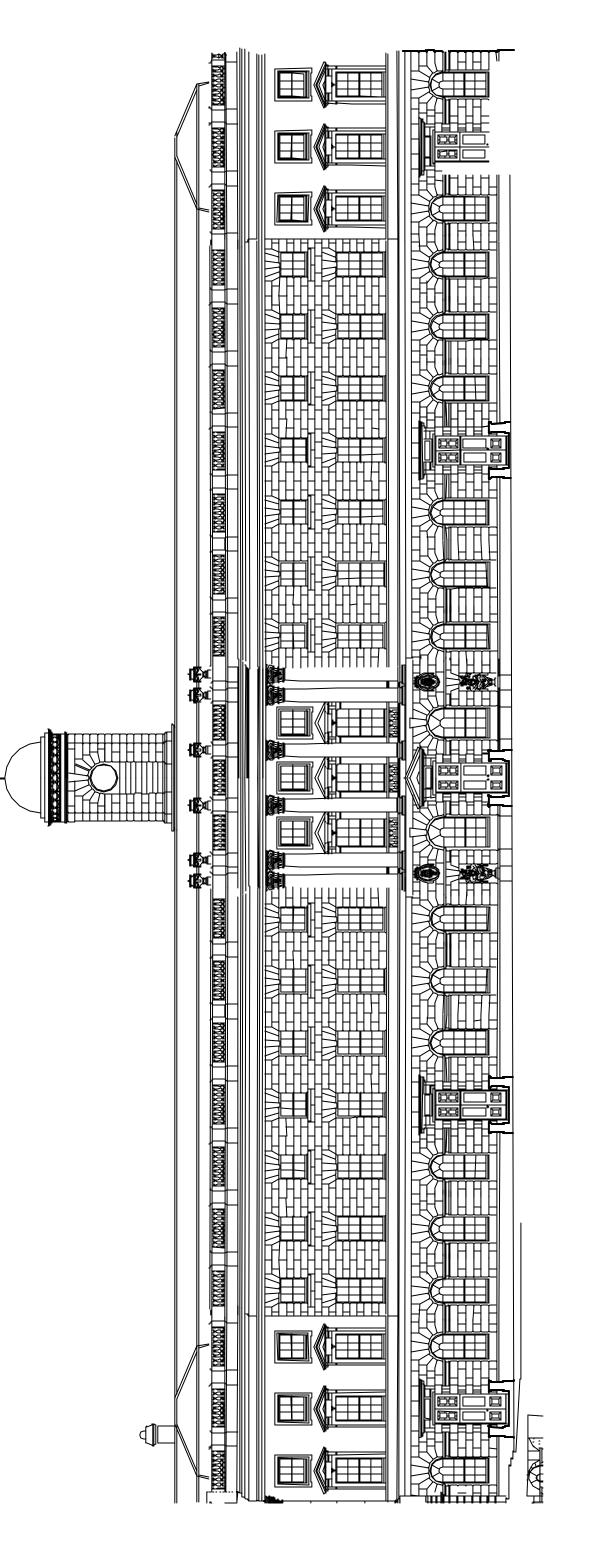
- 24 Urinals
- 6 WC's
- 10 hand basins
- Accessible toilets are situated at Ground floor level in the South Building.



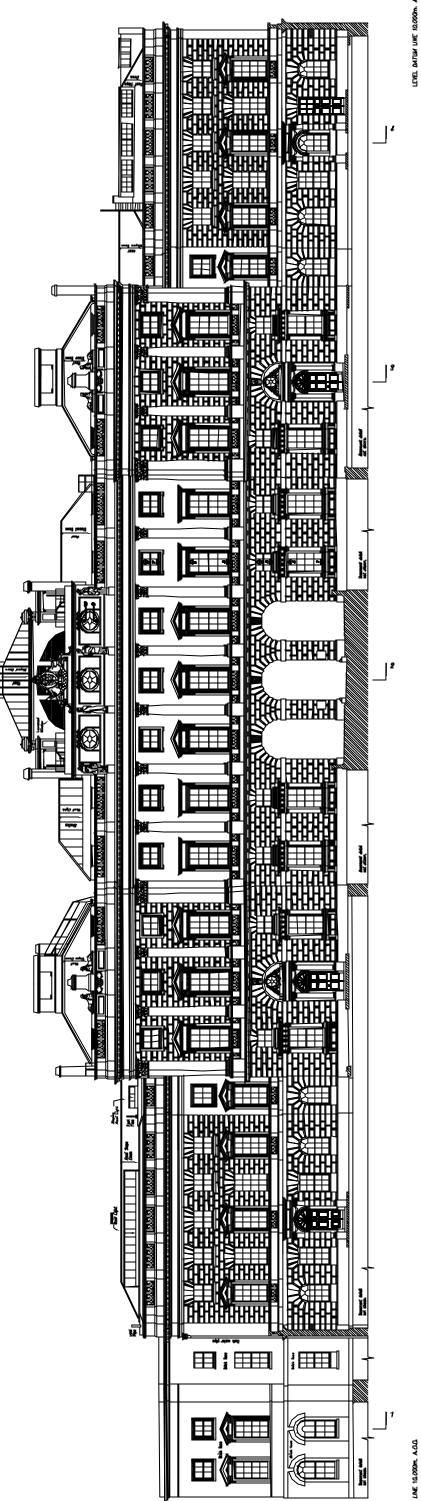






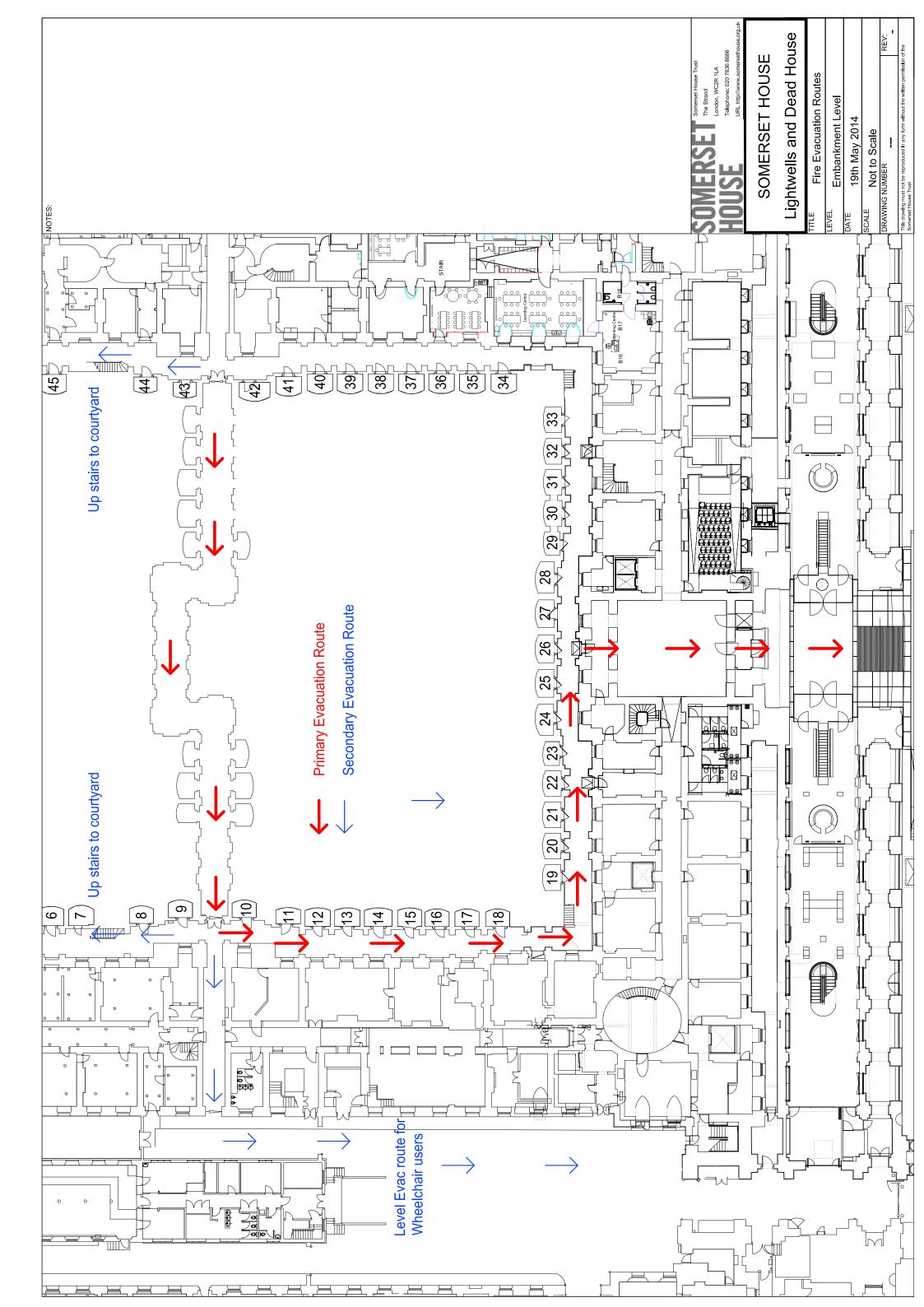


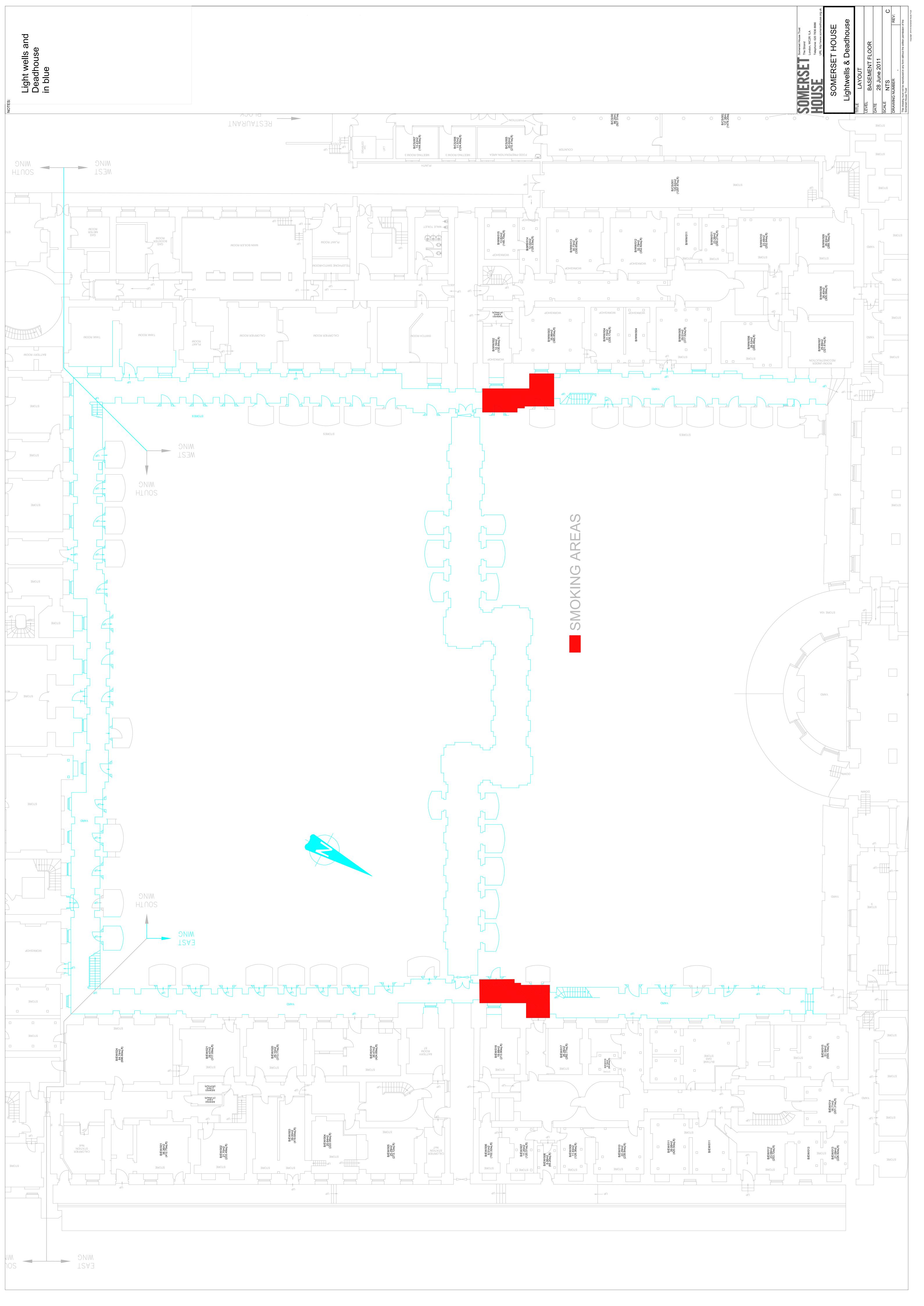


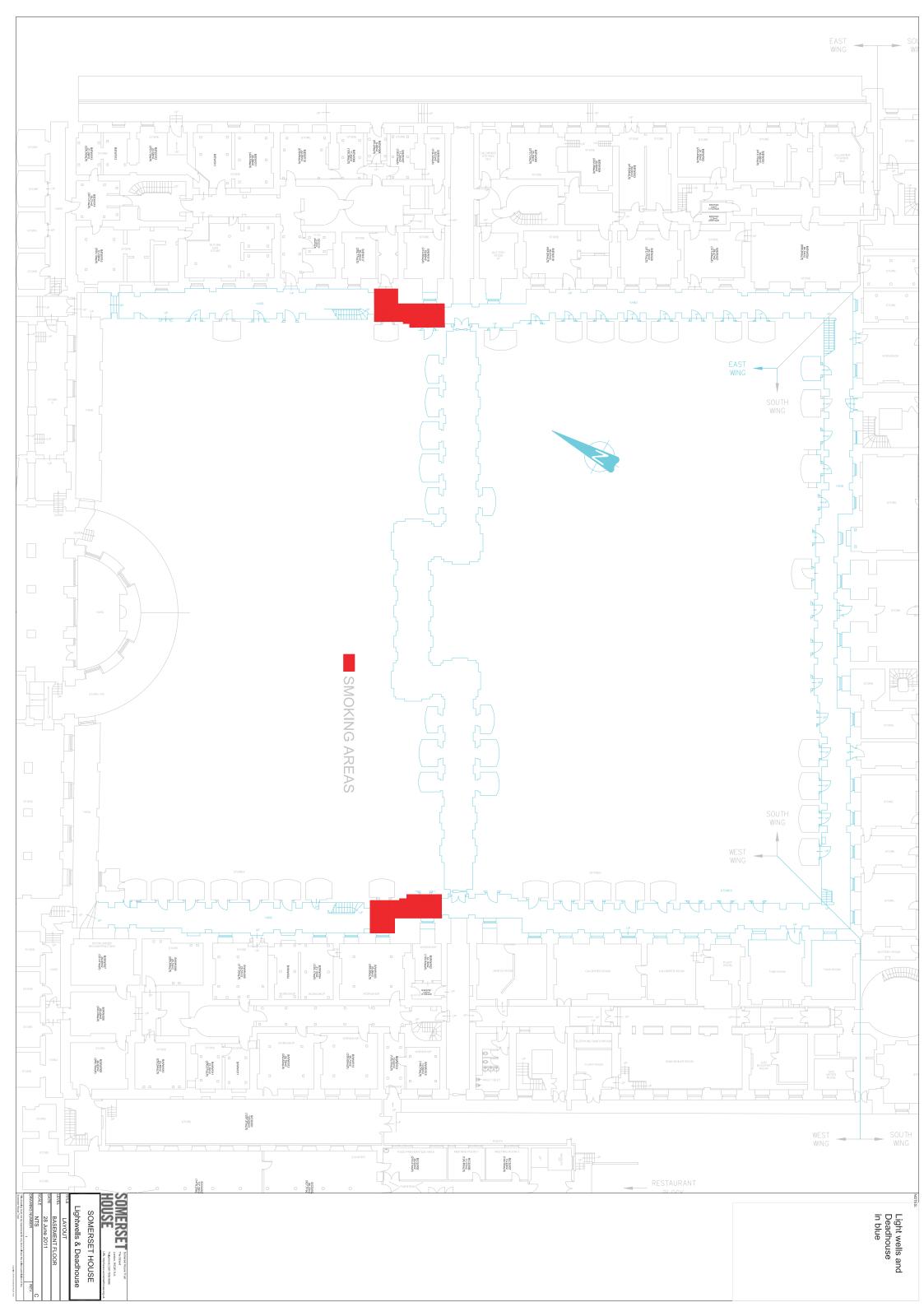


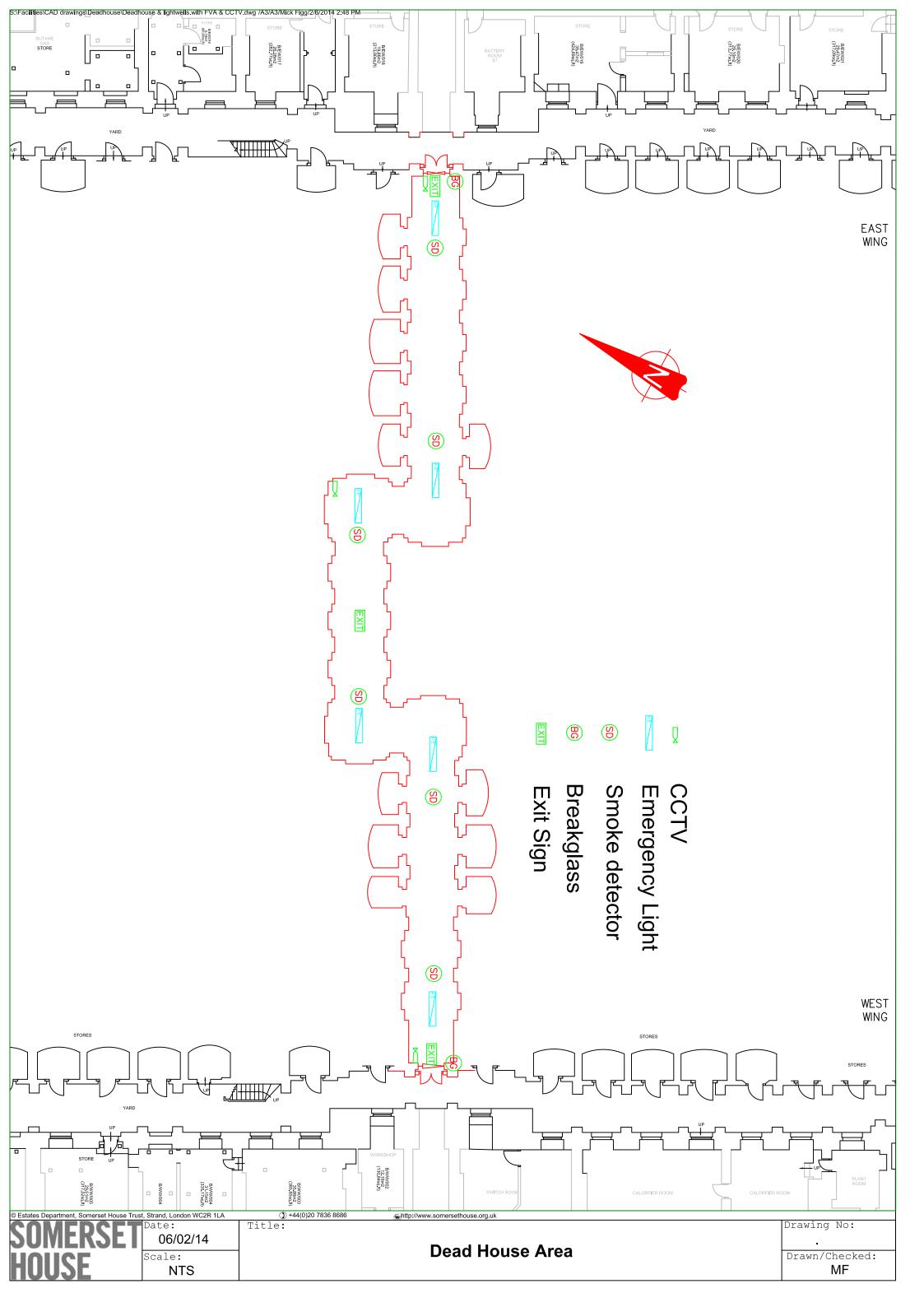


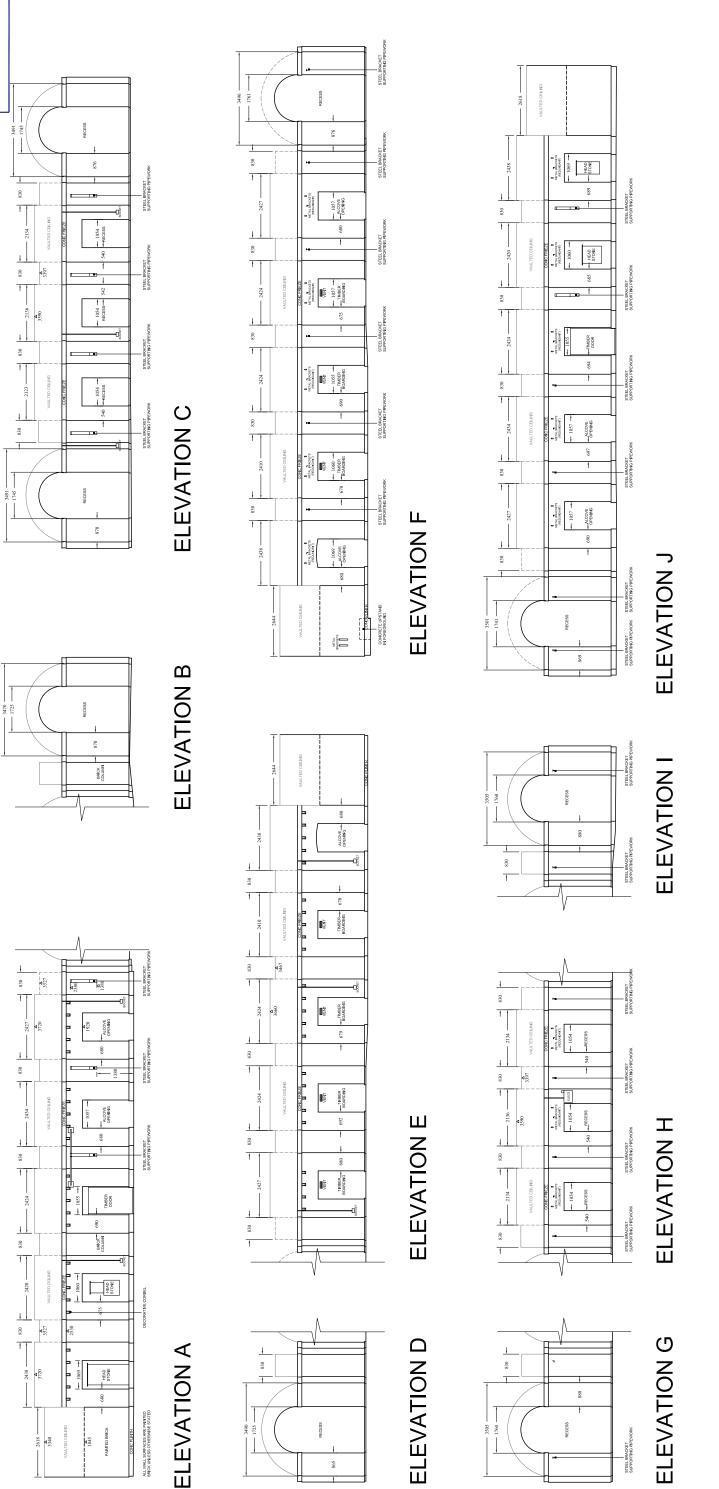
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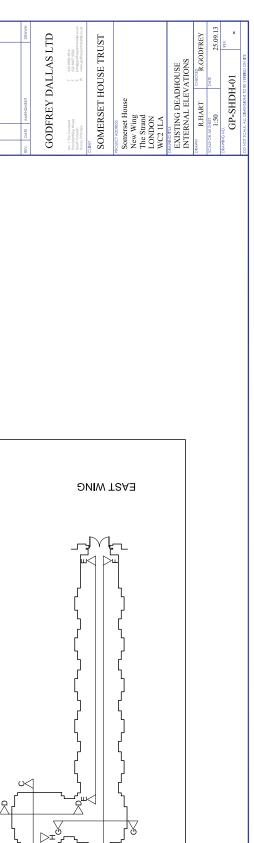


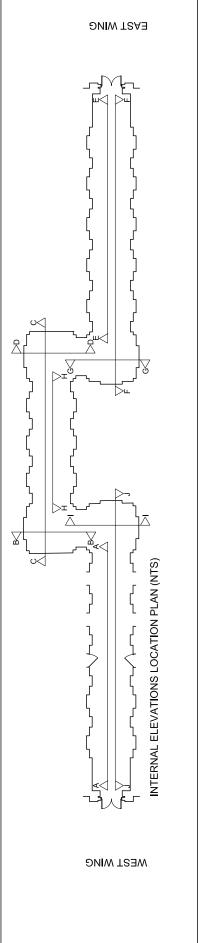












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