

Holmewood School

Design and Access Statement



the Holmewood School London, a multi-site school meeting the needs of neurodiverse young people from seven (KS2) to 19 years of age. All of the students have a diagnosis of autism and are working on a broadly similar level to their mainstream peers.

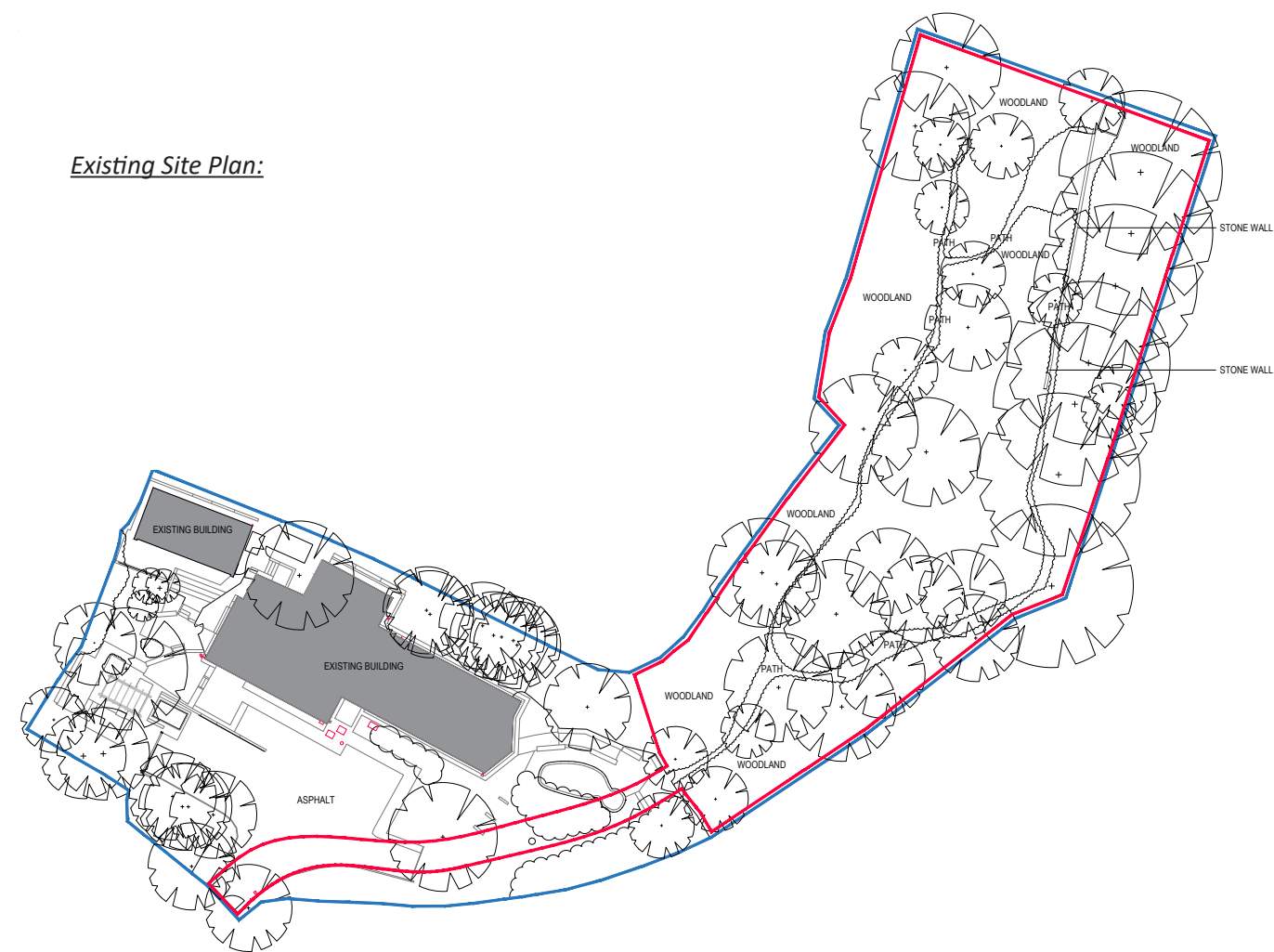
The site at Muswell Hill is Holmewood's Upper School, accommodating students from Class 7 through to Sixth Form. To the east of the main two storey school building is an entrance leading to our school's woodland area, which serves as the home for the Forest School classes.

The Holmewood School is a level 3 Forest School with weekly sessions taking place in the forest area. The Forest School at Holmewood focuses on social and emotional development which is key to their cohort of students on the autistic spectrum. The outdoor learning encourages children to become independent, use their imagination, take appropriate positive risks within boundaries, and initiate learning for themselves. Students take part in a variety of activities including den building, outdoor cooking, and tree climbing.

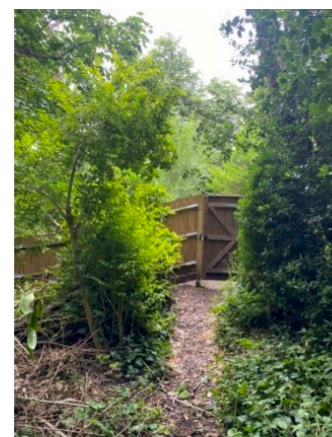
Presently, the school lacks a covered space within the woodland area for the students. Therefore, the two proposed timber cabins will significantly enhance the schools capacity to conduct the essential Forest School sessions throughout the year, irrespective of weather conditions. Cabin 1 will serve as a classroom space, while Cabin 2 will be dedicated to therapy sessions. These cabins will allow students to spend more time immersed in the restorative and uplifting natural surroundings, resulting in a positive impact on their overall well-being.



Existing Site Plan:



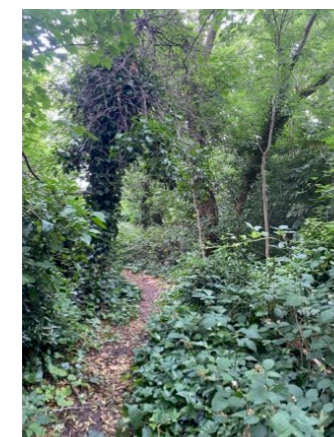
Existing Site Photos:



Entrance to woodland area,
viewed to south



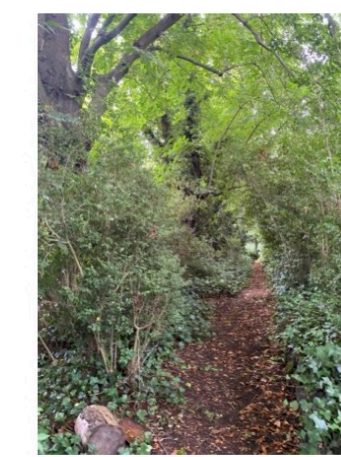
Woodland area viewed to north



Woodland area viewed to south



Existing opening in woodland

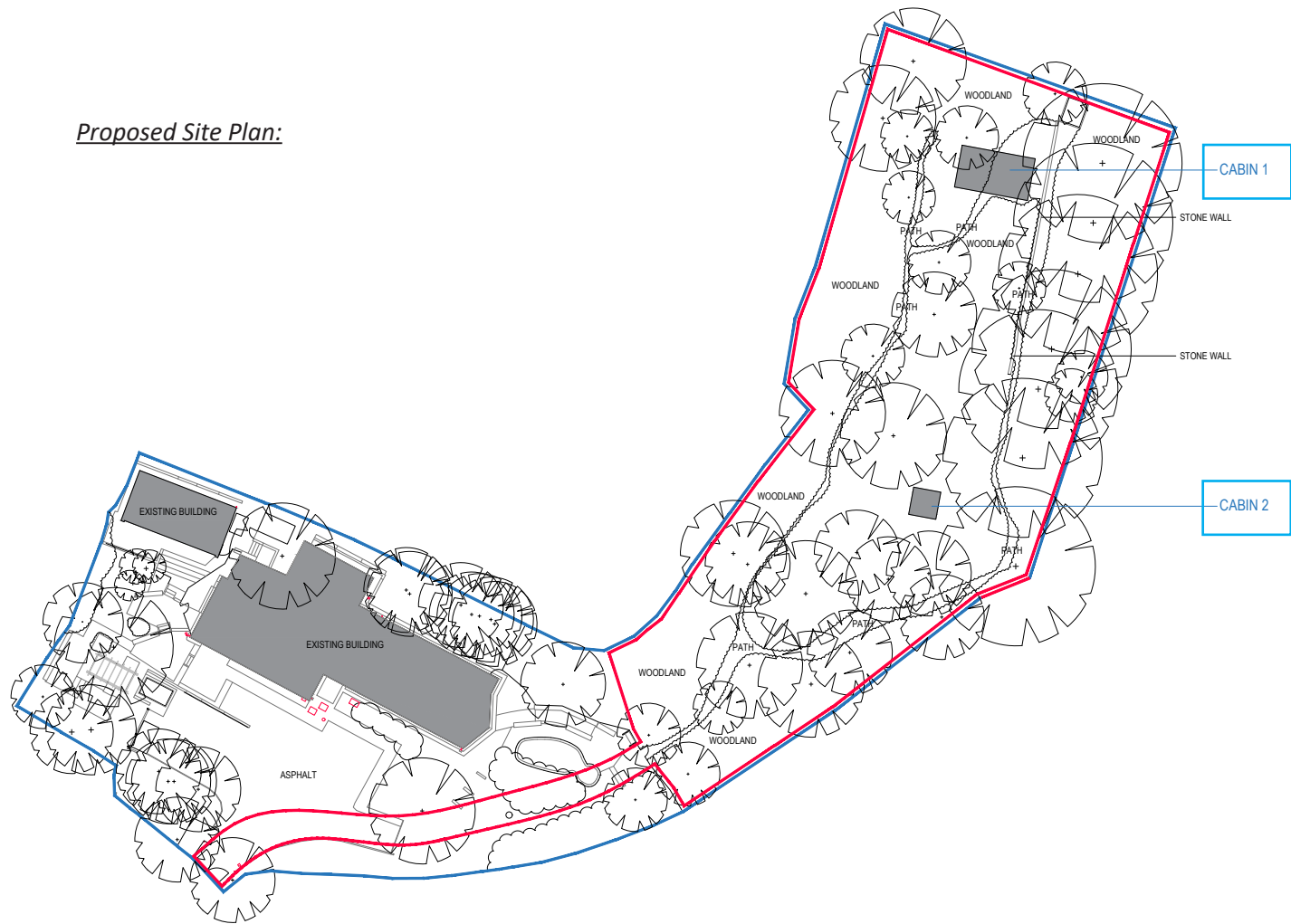


Existing paths

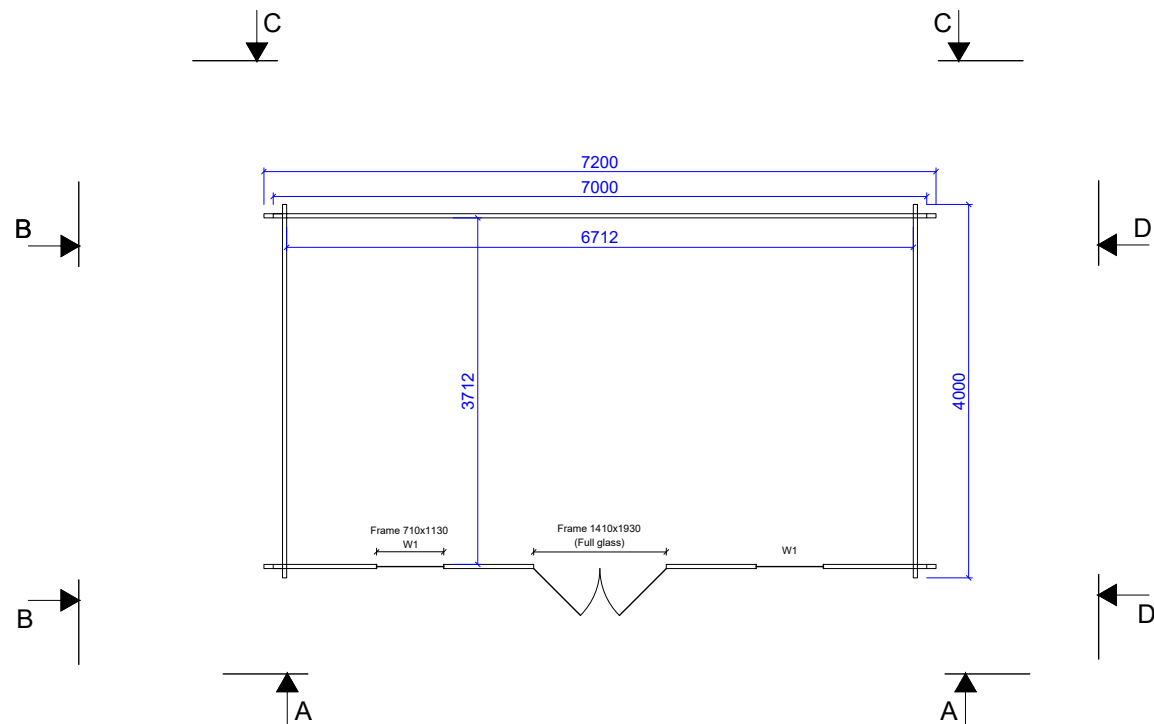


Existing stone wall

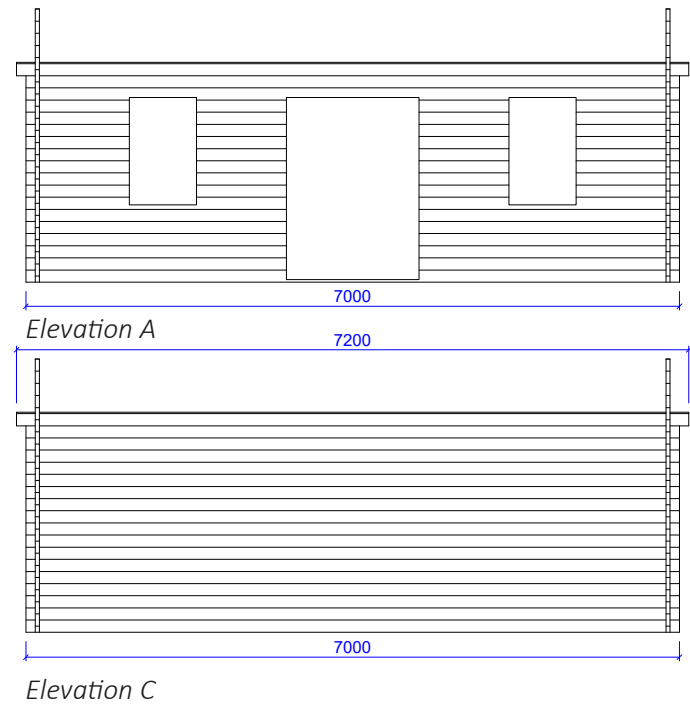
Proposed Site Plan:



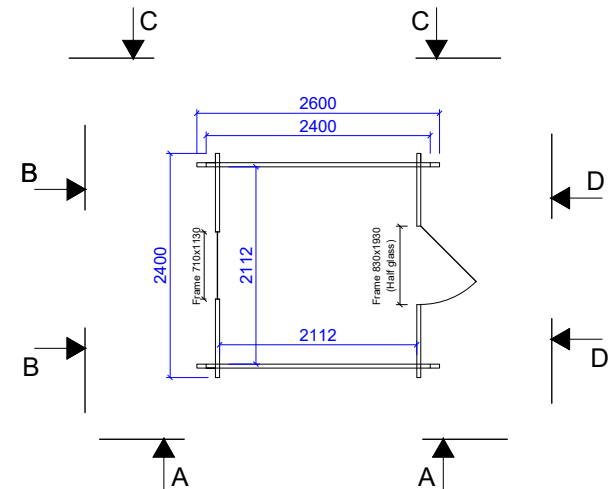
Proposed Cabin 1 Plan:



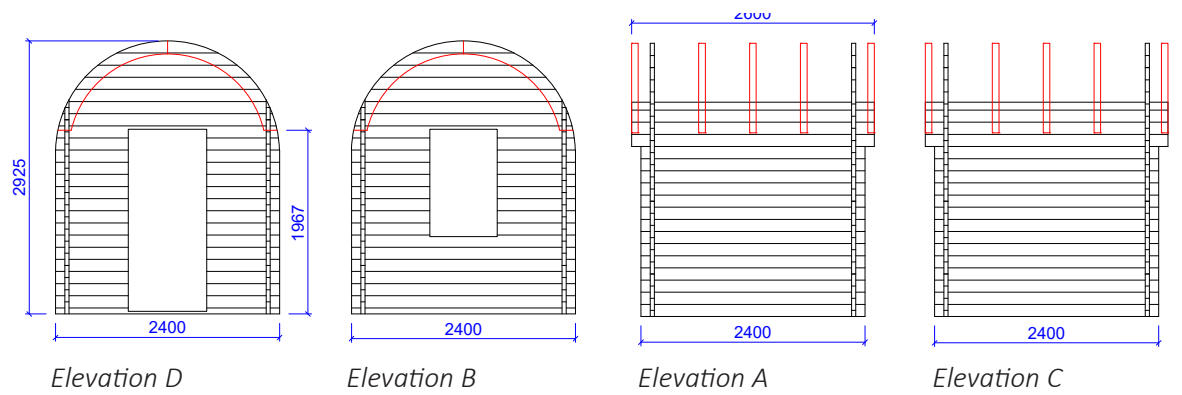
Proposed Cabin 1 Elevations:



Proposed Cabin 2 Plan:



Proposed Cabin 2 Elevations:



Example images of completed cabin:
(Proposed materials and finihses to match images below)

