



Praze Homes

Residential

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Situated on the edge of Bodmin Moor, the site commands exceptional, unobstructed vistas: the Bodmin Moor Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to the east, and the idyllic, rolling fields of Cornish countryside to the south.

The dwellings are conceived as modern farmhouses, prioritising functionality, comfort, and efficiency for contemporary living. A deliberate design strategy ensures the two houses share a consistent aesthetic, simplifying construction and minimising costs.

Each residence provides four generously sized bedrooms and three bathrooms, accommodating families comfortably, with a dedicated guest room. Integrated garages or carports offer protection from the elements.

These understated homes feature traditional pitched roofs, complemented by granite and timber cladding, reflecting the local agricultural heritage. The interior layouts were organised to prioritise the views and create a seamless connection with the garden and natural world through large sliding doors.

Recognizing the importance of adaptability and future-proofing, the houses are designed to accommodate the evolving needs of residents, offering ample space and privacy for growing children, as well as ground-floor bedroom and bathroom options for comfortable aging in place. Employing Insulated Concrete Formwork (ICF), a modern method of construction, the design facilitates future expansion. For instance, the broad sliding doors allow for the potential to extend living spaces.



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PROJECT INSIGHT:

Site orientation was the primary driver of key design decisions. The elevated site offered prime south and east views.

The first strategic decision was to shift the vehicular access to the northern boundary, maximizing privacy and preserving the southern views. This allowed for the creation of a spacious south-facing garden and lawn, ideal for family activities and outdoor entertaining.

The buildings were then rotated to optimize the main farmhouse's privacy and to improve vehicular access and maneuverability.

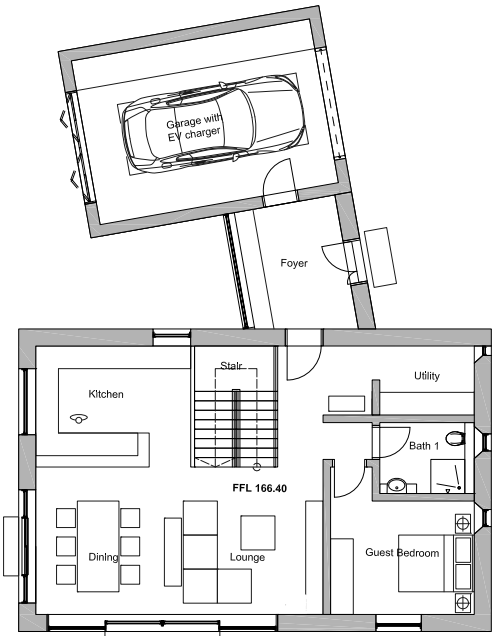
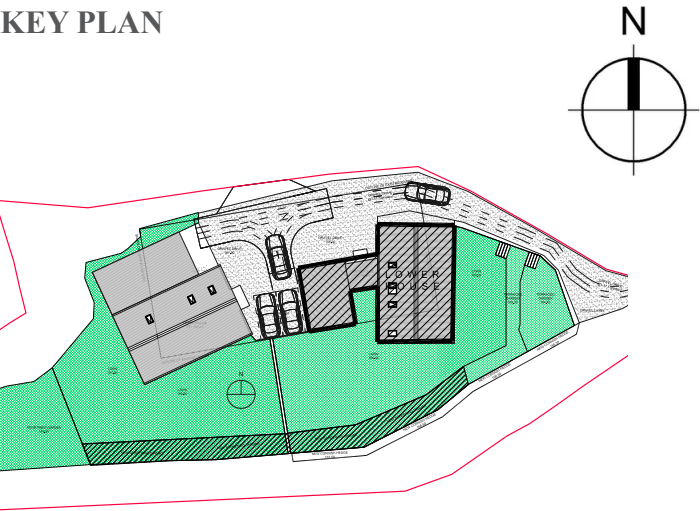


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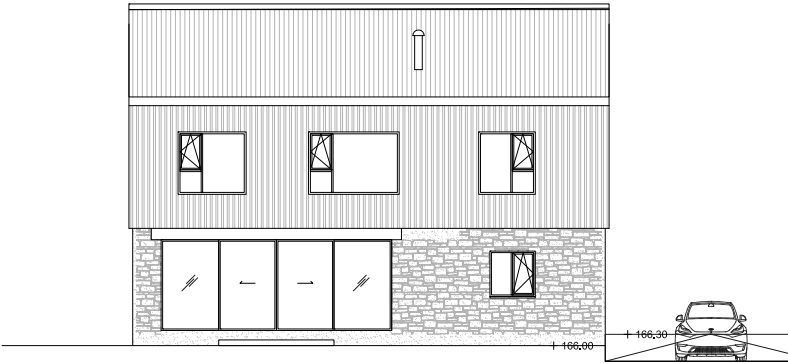
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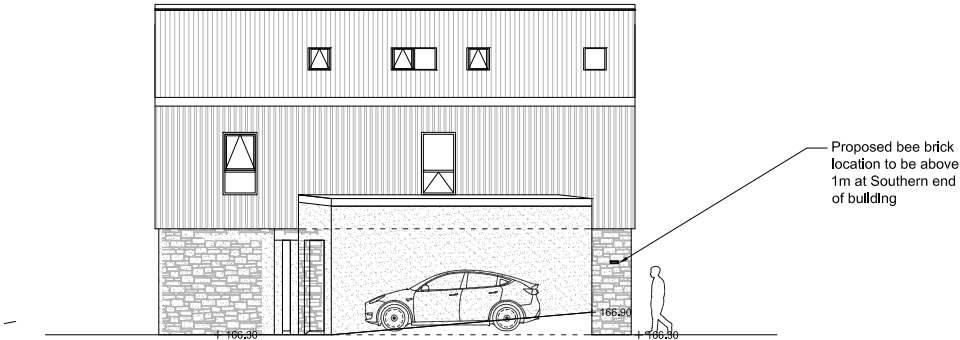
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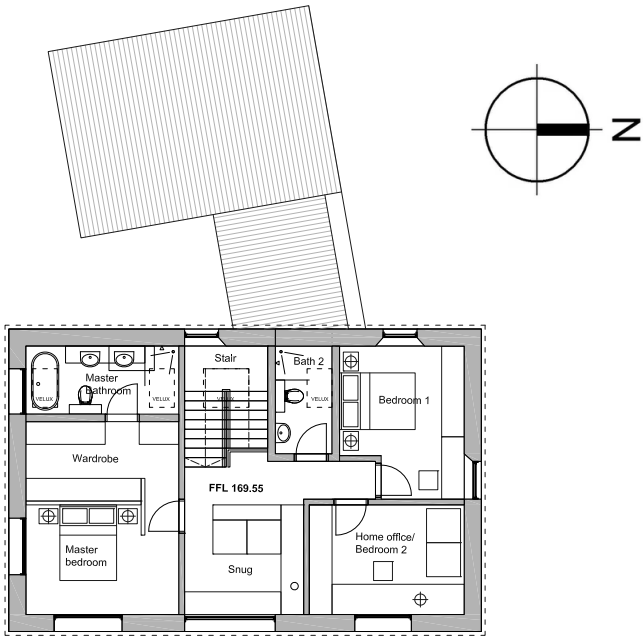
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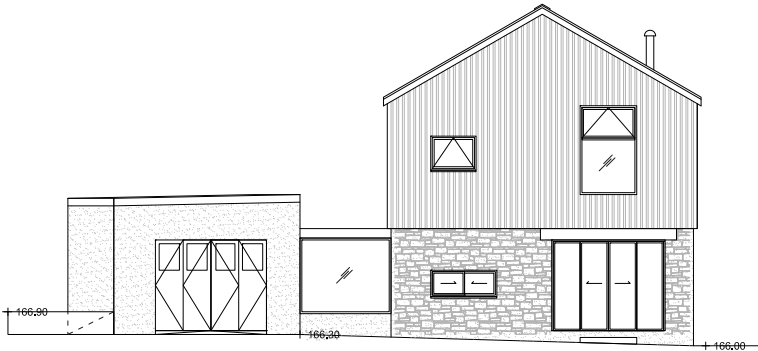
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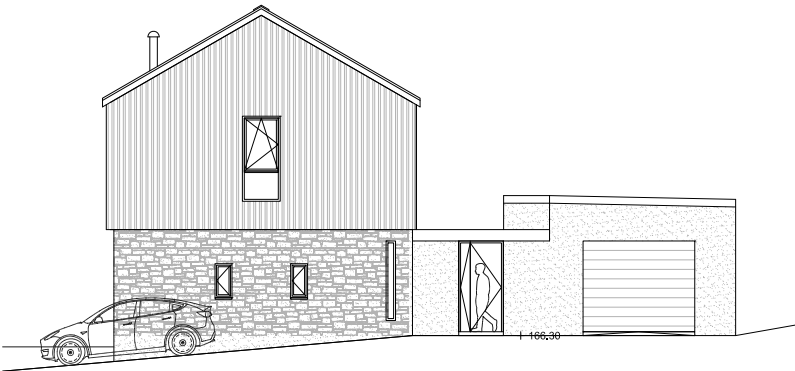
PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION SCALE 1:100



PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN SCALE 1:100



PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION SCALE 1:100



PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION SCALE 1:100

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