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Dear Patrick,

Re: Gas Membrane Validation – Drama Block, Belle Vue Coop Academy

This letter has been produced in order to report and advise on the validation of the installation gas protection measures in line with the Visqueen Design (Enclosure 1) at the following site:

- **Belle Vue Coop Academy, Manchester M12 5AL**

It is our understanding that gas protection measures are required within each of the school blocks at the abovementioned site in line with Characteristic Situation 2 ground gas classification (BS8485:2015+A1:2019).

Validation inspections have recently been carried out at the **Drama Block** (as shown in Enclosure 1) and details relating to the inspections are provided in the following table:

Date of inspection	Inspecting Engineer	Inspected				Pass/Fail	Comments
		Membrane	Joints/seals	Service entry points	Dowel Entries		
10.02.2022	RJ	✓	X	X	X	Fail	Partial Validation and assessment of underlying sand/insulation.
08.03.2022	RJ	✓	✓	✓	X	Fail	Validation of Membrane
16.03.2022	RJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	Pass	Dowel Validation and re-validation of membrane following steel work

See Enclosure I: Site Photograph Sheet for visual evidence.



Additional comments

Failed inspections were due to unsealed penetrations in the membrane and/or incomplete membrane coverage. This letter report confirms the final validation of the Drama Block after Visit 3.

The membrane should be protected from any follow-on work, any damage must be repaired prior to concrete pouring.

Conclusion

The overall installation of the Visqueen gas protection design was satisfactory within the Drama Block and **the gas protection measures at the inspected properties are considered to have been installed in accordance with the agreed Visqueen Design (Enclosure 1).**

We trust that these comments and attachments are to your satisfaction and if you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

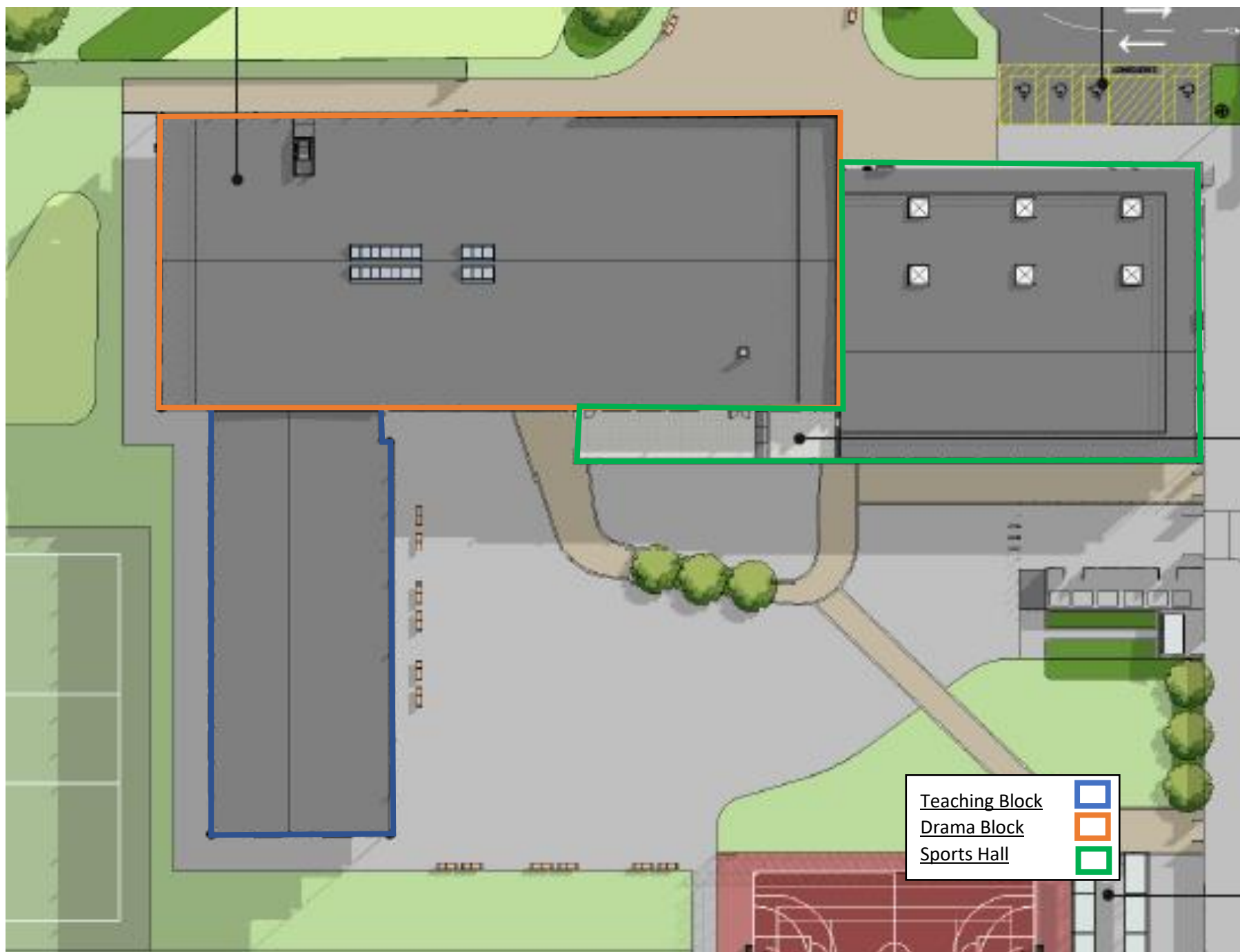
Yours sincerely,

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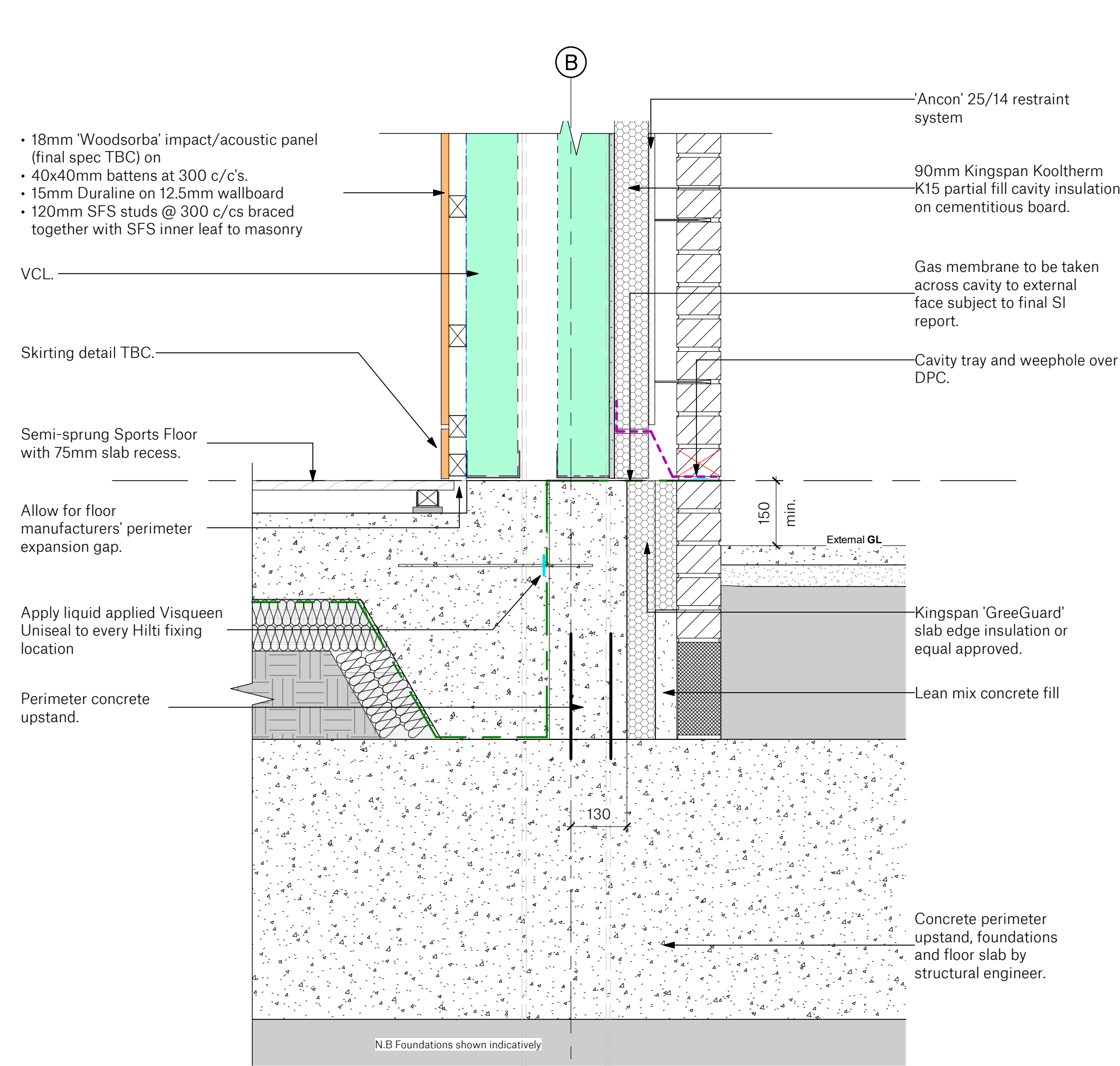
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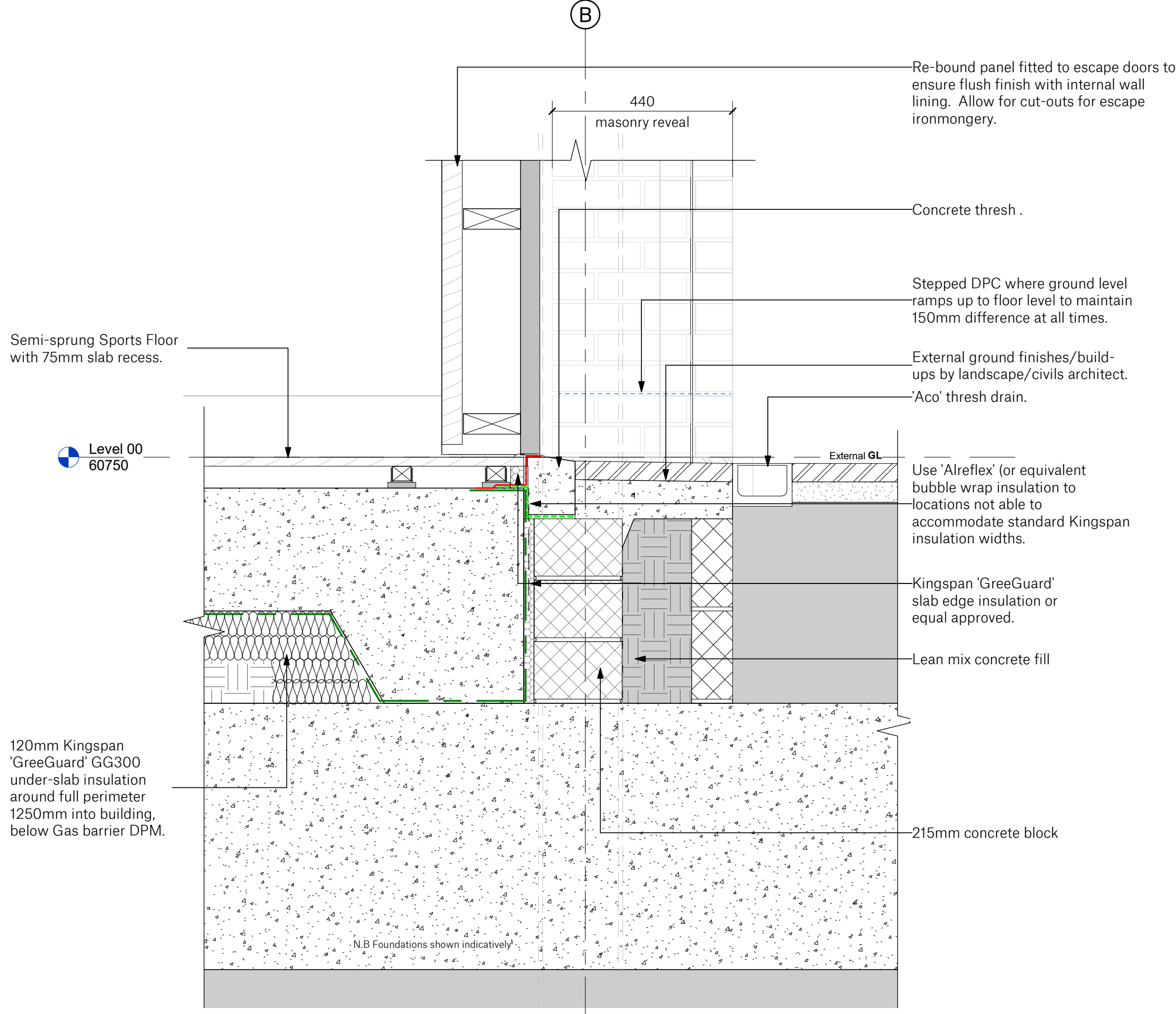
Enclosure I - Drawings



Revision	Description	Author	Checker	Date
P01	First Issue	AWA	LB	08/06/21
P02	Details amended following changes to BDP slab & substructure design	AWA	LB	30/09/21
P03	Waterproofing to base of upstand wall to re-bar locations amended , sports hall internal lining updated, extent of sports slab recess updated	RG	AWA	02/08/21
C01	Updated following further developments between SRM & BDP. Issued as CONSTRUCTION	AWA	RG	20/09/21
C02	Details updated in line with Roberts assessor comments and markup following inspection	RG	SPE	07/02/22



Slab Edge Detail 04
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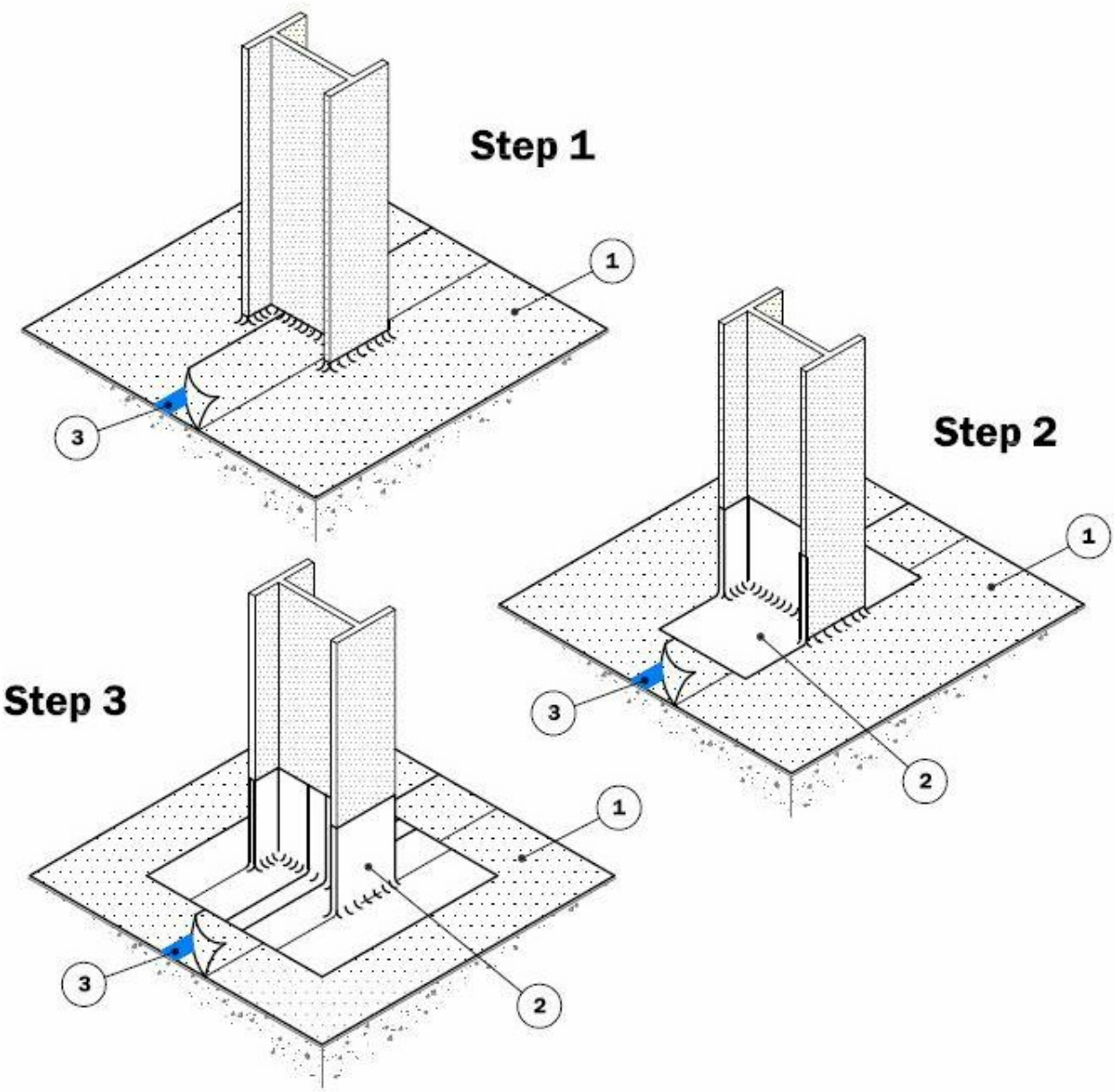
Slab Edge Detail 05
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KEY TO MATERIALS :-	
1	Visqueen Gas Barrier.
2	Visqueen 300mm / 500mm Detailing Strlp.
3	Visqueen Double Sided Tape (10m x 50mm).

Step 1.
Install Visqueen Gas Barrier DPM on a suitable smooth & well compacted blinding layer. All laps to be 150mm minimum & fully sealed using Visqueen Double Sided Tape & Visqueen Gas Resistant Foli Tape. Neatly cut the DPM around the profile of the steel column.

Step 2.
Ensure steelwork is clean & dry before applying Visqueen Detailing Strip (300mm or 500mm). Ensure that the Detailing Strip extends 150mm minimum horizontally onto the DPM & 150mm minimum vertically onto the steel column. Ensure all laps are fully sealed.

Step 3.
Apply more Detailing Strip to the remaining exposed steel flanges ensuring all laps are 150mm in all directions & fully sealed.



GB-52 Detail
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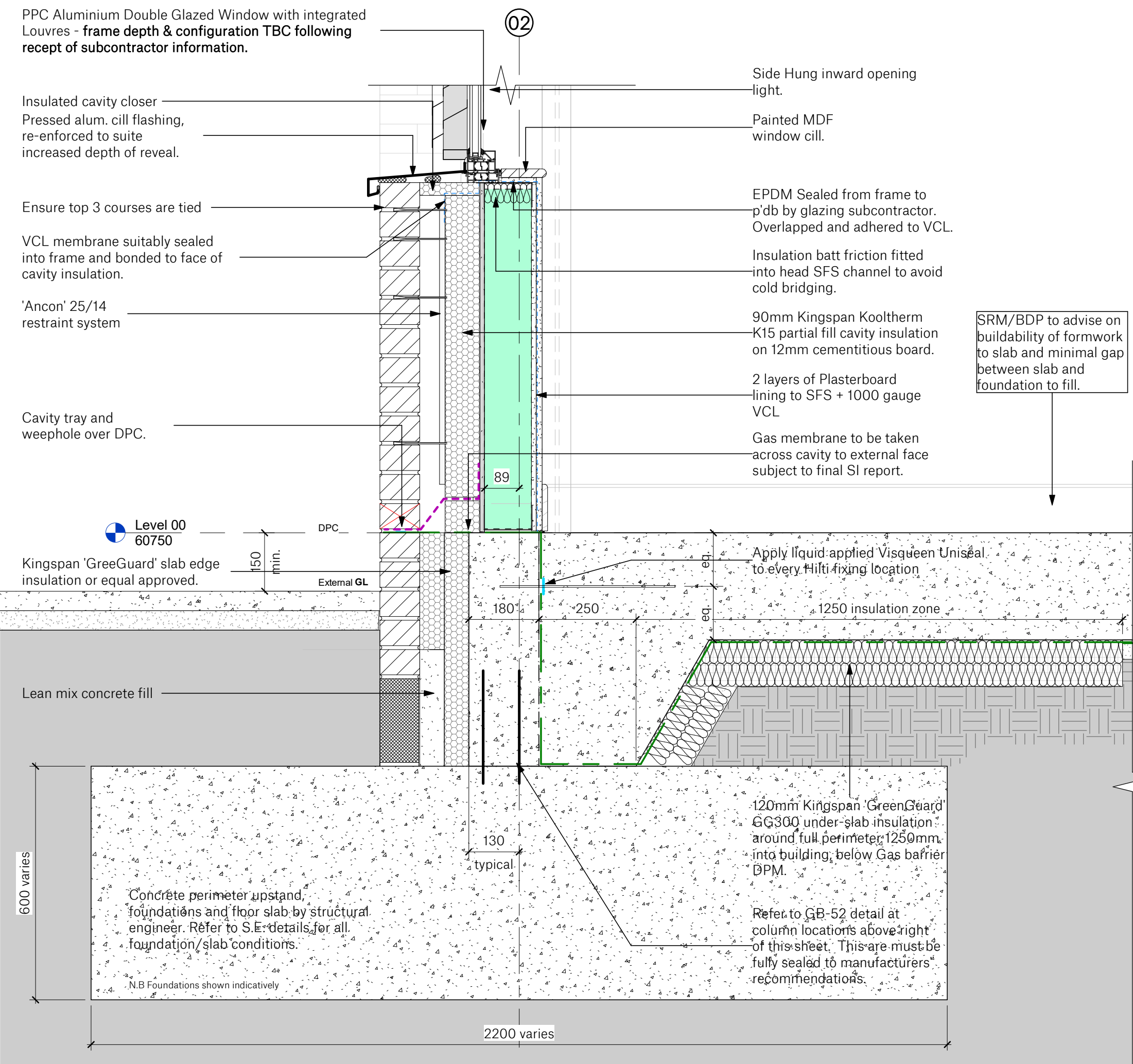
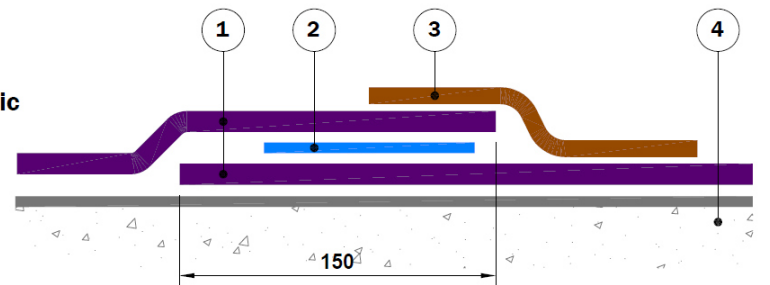
Visqueen Jointing Details

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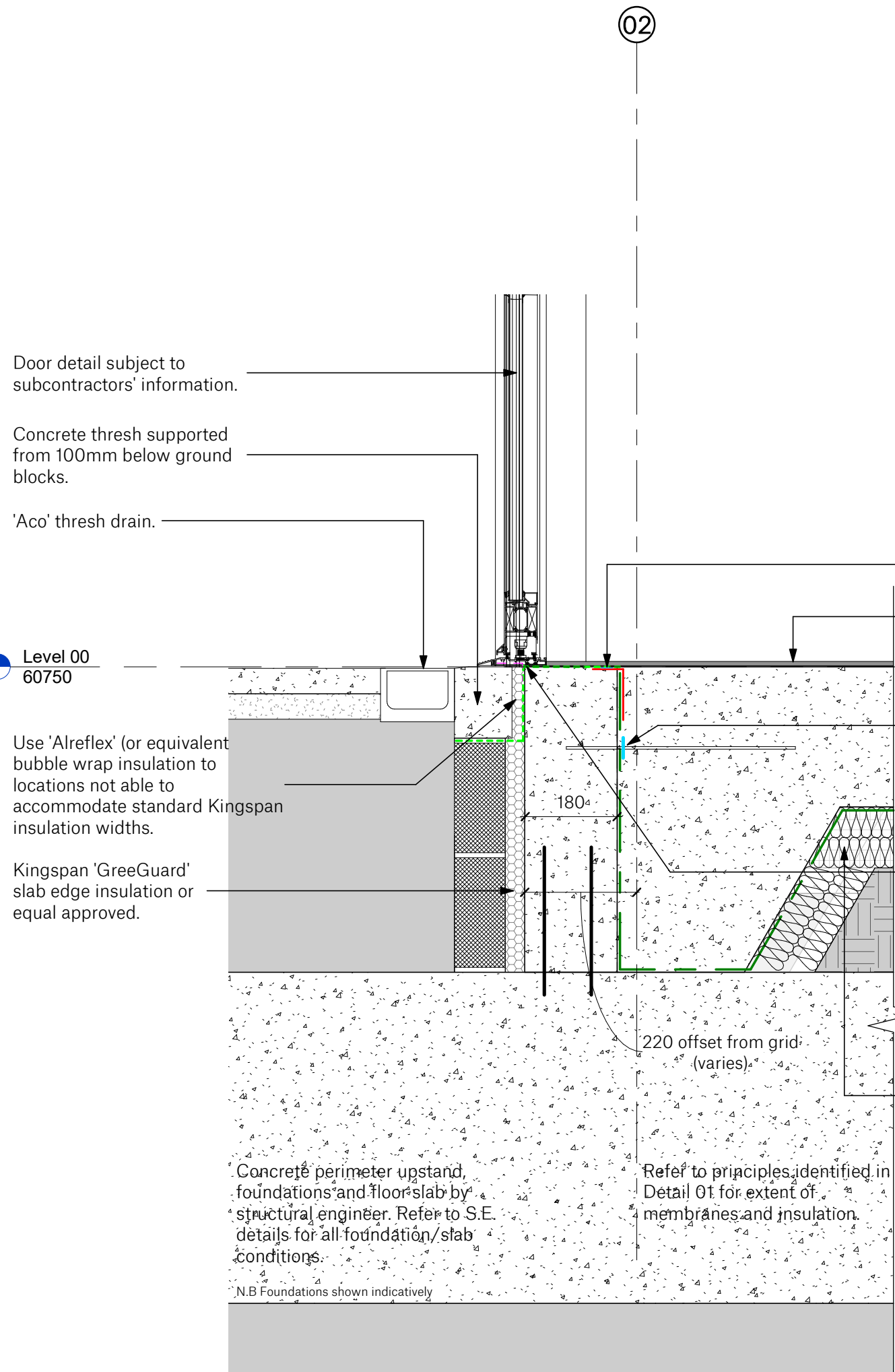
KEY TO MATERIALS :-	
1	Visqueen Ultimate GeoSeal or loose laid membrane
2	Visqueen Ultimate Double Sided Tape.
3	Visqueen Ultimate Lap Tape.
4	Smooth slab or blinding layer.

NB : Ensure careful placement of steel reinforcement to avoid damage to the DPM.

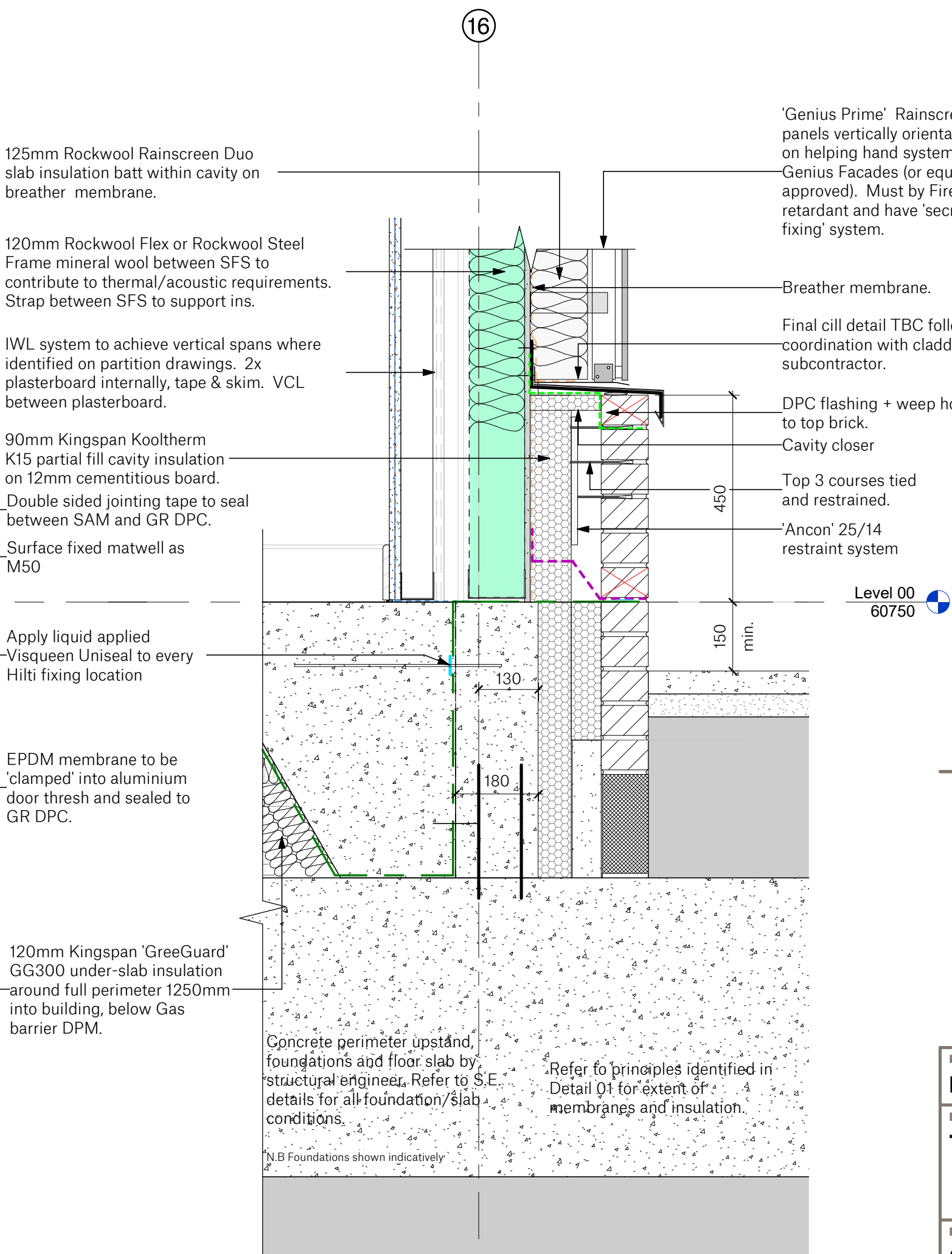
TAPED JOINT :
LOW RISK of hydrostatic water pressure



Slab Edge Detail 01



Slab Edge Detail 02



Slab Edge Detail 03

LEGEND

- Extent of SFS
- Visqueen Liquid Gas Membrane
- Visqueen ZEDEX CPT DPC (cavity tray)
- Visqueen GR DPC
- Visqueen GR SAM
- Visqueen Gas Barrier
- Visqueen GR Lap Tape
- VisqueenPro Double Sided Jointing Tape (50mm x 10m)
- Visqueen Double Sided Jointing Tape (100mm x 15m)
- Visqueen Treadguard 1500
- Visqueen Protect & Drain 12mm
- Visqueen Pro 300/500mm Detailing Strip on HP Tanking primer
- Visqueen Ultimate GeoSeal
- EPDM
- VCL
- Breather Membrane

NOTE:

Always refer to slab edge setting-out plans for location of slab edge offset from gridlines.

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Enclosure 2 – Photographs

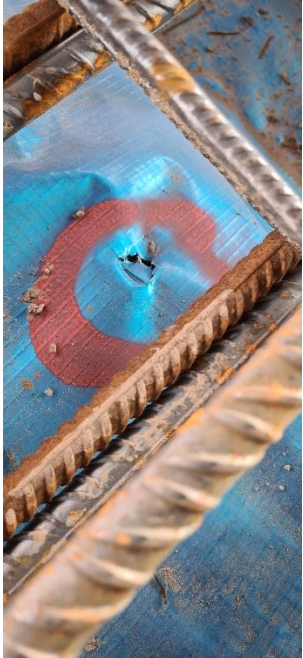
Visit 1 – 10 February 2022

1.	View of area showing partial membrane installation.	
2.	View of area showing partial membrane installation.	
3.	View of area showing partial membrane installation.	

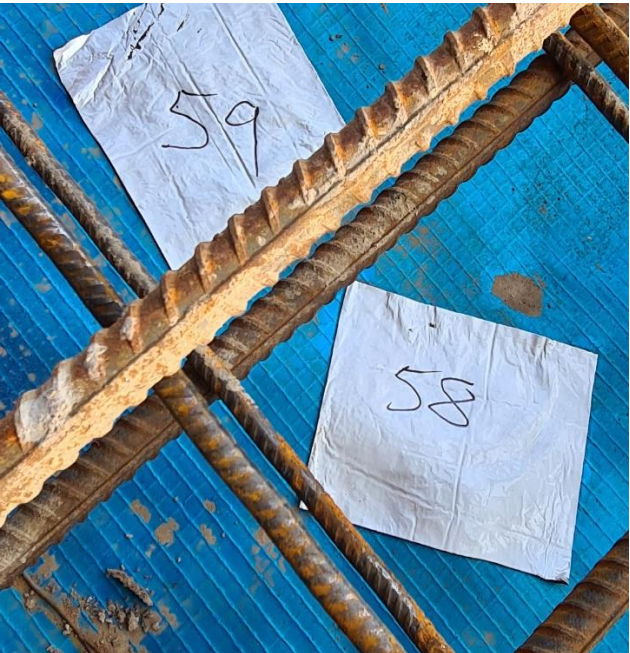
Visit 2 – 8 March 2022

4.	View of the dowel holes within the gas membrane, awaiting sealing with Axiom.	
5.	View of the stanchions confirming the Visqueen design has been followed accordingly.	
6.	View of ongoing work, showing sealed dowel entries on the left and centre of the site and to be sealed entries on the right.	

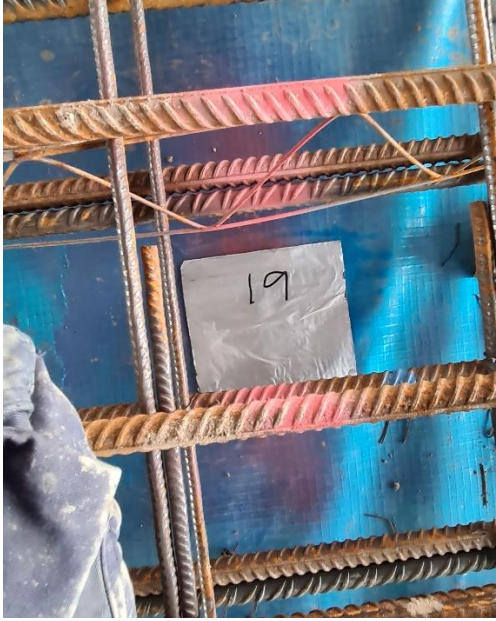
Visit 3 – 16 March 2022

7.	View confirming Visqueen membrane installation across the entire footprint of the plot (beneath the steel works).	
8.	Damage caused to membrane (1 of 59 identified during the site visit).	
9.	View confirming Visqueen membrane installation across the entire footprint of the plot (beneath the steel works).	

Photographs provided by Water8 Solutions

10.	Repair of damage caused by follow-on steel works (31 of 59).	
11.	Repair of damage caused by follow-on steel works (58 and 59 of 59).	
12.	Repair of damage caused by follow-on steel works (16 and 17 of 59)	

13.	Repair of damage caused by follow-on steel works (46 and 47 of 59)	
14.	Repair of damage caused by follow-on steel works (1 of 59)	

15.	Repair of damage caused by follow-on steel works (19 of 59)	
16.	View of damage caused by follow-on steel works (20 of 59)	
17.	View of damage caused by follow-on steel works (39 of 59)	

Above is a selection of relevant photographs, further photographs are available.