

# SOLAR ACCESS ASSESSMENT

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### 1.1 Development Site

The site is located east of Park Avenue, across from Mark Taylor Oval. Residential development bounds the site to the north, east and south. Surrounds of the site are a combination of low to mid-level residential development, with the neighbouring oval providing predominantly open area to the west.

**Figure 1 Site Location**



Image: Nearmap, 12 November 2019

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## 1.2 Proposed Development Description

From the plans provided the proposed development contains the following.

- Two levels of basement car parking;
- Five 6-storey buildings (Buildings A-E);
- Ground level with building lobbies, communal open space and residential apartments;
- Level 2-4 with single storey residential apartments; and
- Two storey residential apartments across levels 5 and 6.

## 2 Solar Access

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### 3 Solar Access Analysis

The 3D CAD file, listed below, provided by Linx Constructions Pty Ltd was utilised to conduct the solar analysis (Refer **Figure 2**):

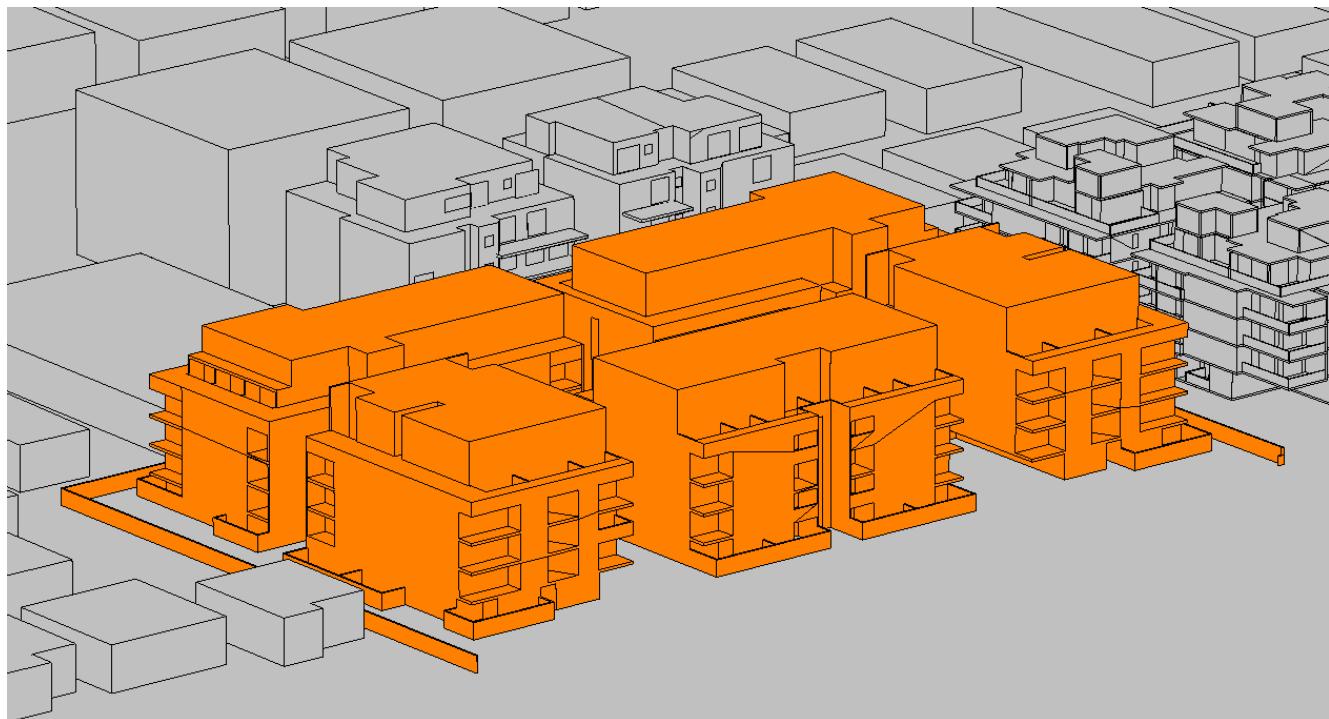
- waitara 3d model updated 3march2021.dwg, received 22 March 2021

Additional surrounds were added to the model to incorporate elements which may impact the solar access assessment.

SLR revised the 3D model for the proposed site based on drawings provided on 06.10.2021.

SLR used DA architectural plans DA00 D – DA17 D, prepared by Aleksandar Projects and dated 29.09.2021, (provided 19.10.2021) to review the internal layout of apartments for the Waitara Site.

**Figure 2 3D Model of Proposed Site and Surrounds**



## 4 Results

SLR imported the AutoCAD 3D model into ECOTECT and sun's eye view diagrams were generated for each 15-minute interval between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on the Winter Solstice (21 June). These can be seen in attached **Appendix A**.

### 4.1 Solar Access to Apartments

Results of solar access to living rooms and private open spaces of apartments for the proposed 22-32 Park Avenue, Waitara development on June 21 (winter solstice) between the hours of 9.00 am and 3.00 pm inclusive are summarised in the table below, detailed results can be found in **Appendix B**.

**Table 1 Solar Access Summary using 2 hour criterion between 9.00am to 3.00pm on June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Building	Number of Apartments	Number of Apartments with at least 2hr of direct sunlight	Percentage of Apartments with at least 2hr of direct sunlight
A	39	30	76.92%
B	43	31	72.09%
C	24	17	70.83%
D	35	27	77.14%
E	24	17	70.83%
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>73.94%</b>

**Table 2 Solar Access Summary for “no direct sunlight” criterion between 9.00am to 3.00pm on June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Building	Number of Apartments	Number of Apartments without direct sunlight	Percentage of Apartments without direct sunlight
A	39	4	10.26%
B	43	4	9.30%
C	24	2	8.33%
D	38	0	-
E	24	2	8.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7.27%</b>

### 4.2 Solar Access to Public Open Space

In assessing solar access to Public Open Space within the proposed development, SLR has determined the most appropriate location for the principal usable part of the communal open space. To maximise solar to the principle communal open space, SLR recommend that the space be located in the area defined in **Figure 3**.

**Figure 3 Recommended Area for Principle Usable Communal Open Space**



Assessing solar access to the proposed principle Communal Open Space yielded the results shown in **Table 3**, demonstrating the spaces capacity to meet a minimum of 50% direct sunlight to the principal usable part of the communal open space for a minimum of 2 hours between 9 am and 3 pm on 21 June (mid winter).

**Table 3 Available Solar to Principle Open Space**

Time	Availability of Solar to Communal Open Space
900	0.00%
915	0.00%
930	0.00%
945	0.00%
000	5.02%
1015	29.66%
1030	50.34%
1045	65.97%
1100	82.13%
1115	92.76%
1130	98.46%

Time	Availability of Solar to Communal Open Space
1145	92.85%
1200	81.16%
1215	67.56%
1230	52.90%
1245	38.45%
1300	22.85%
1315	3.08%
1330	0.00%
1345	0.00%
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## 5 Conclusions

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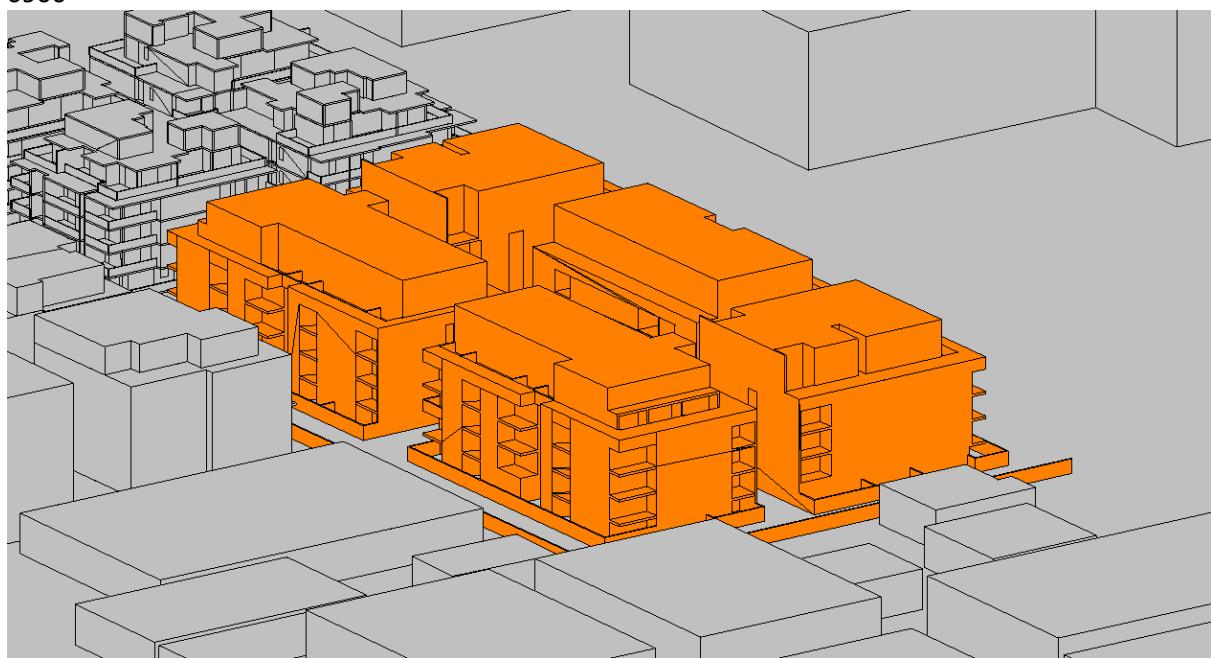
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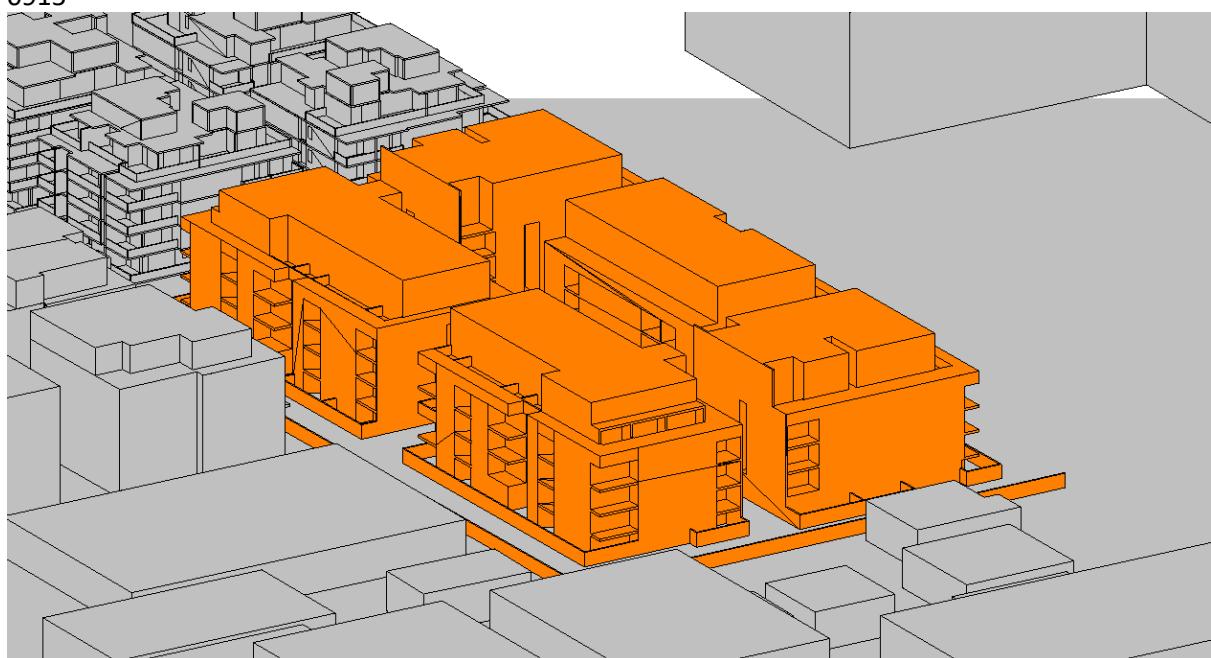
# **APPENDIX A**

## **Sun Eye Views**

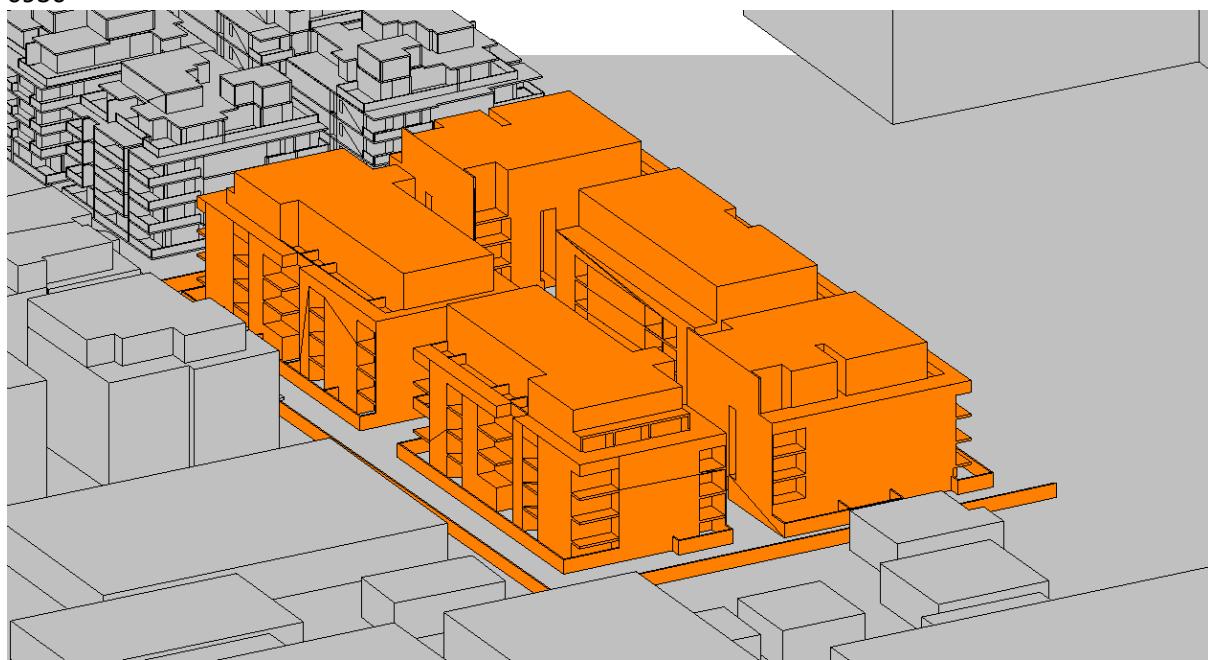
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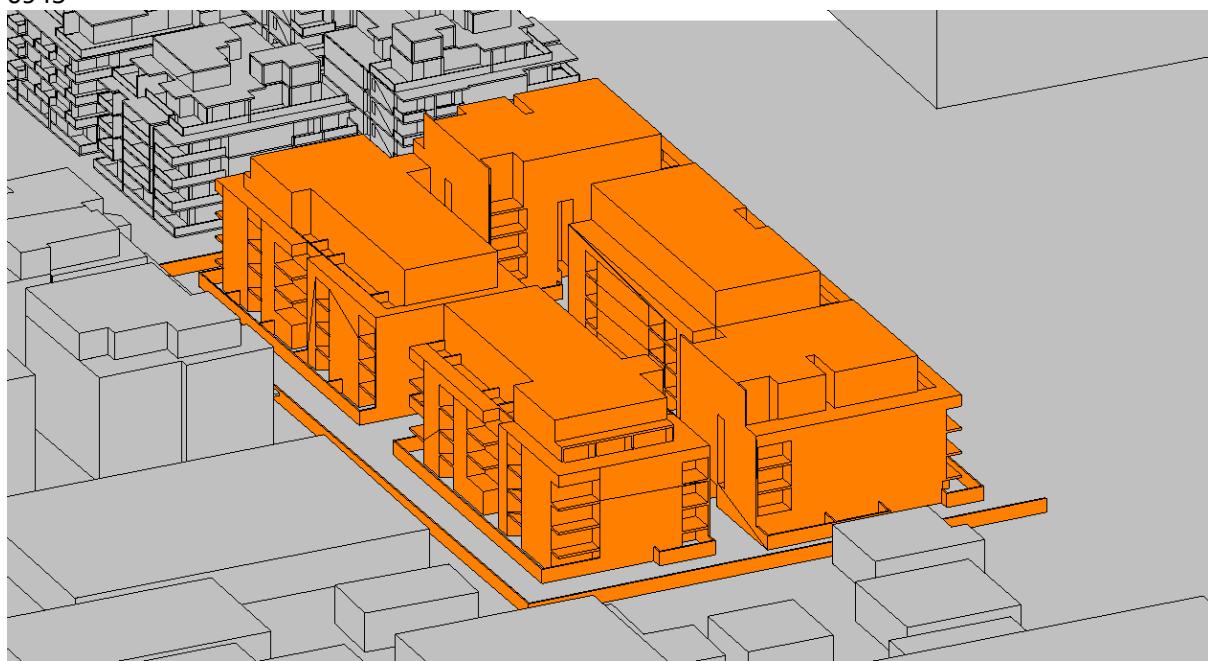
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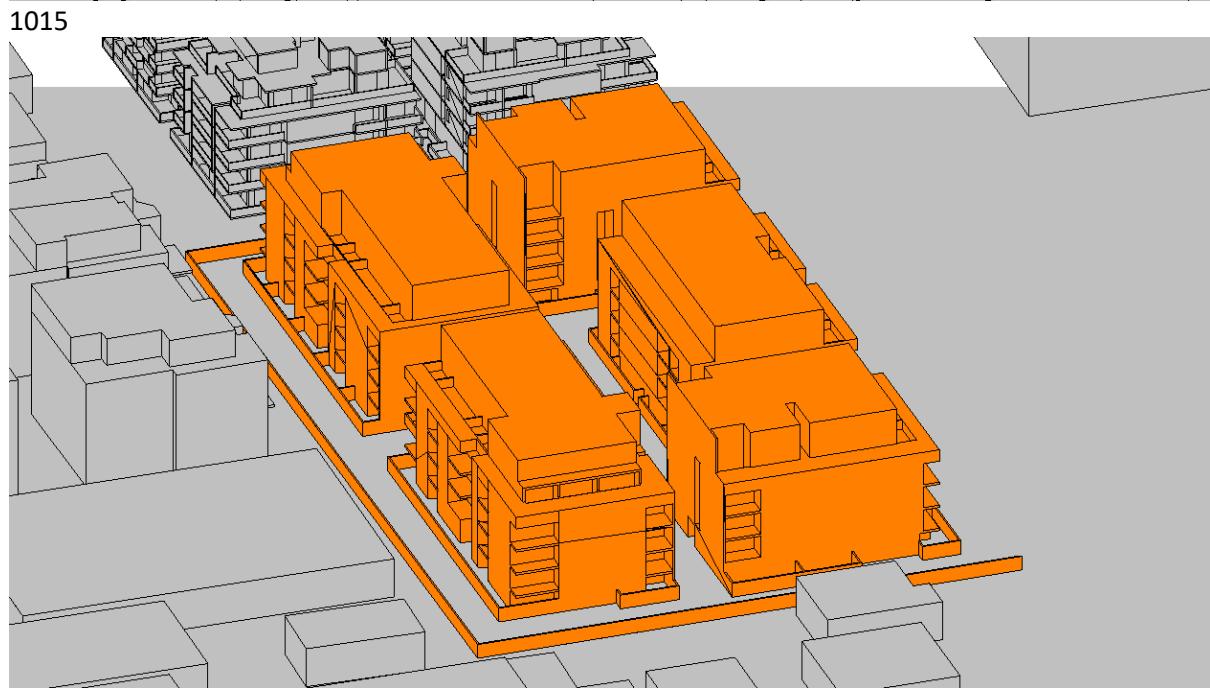
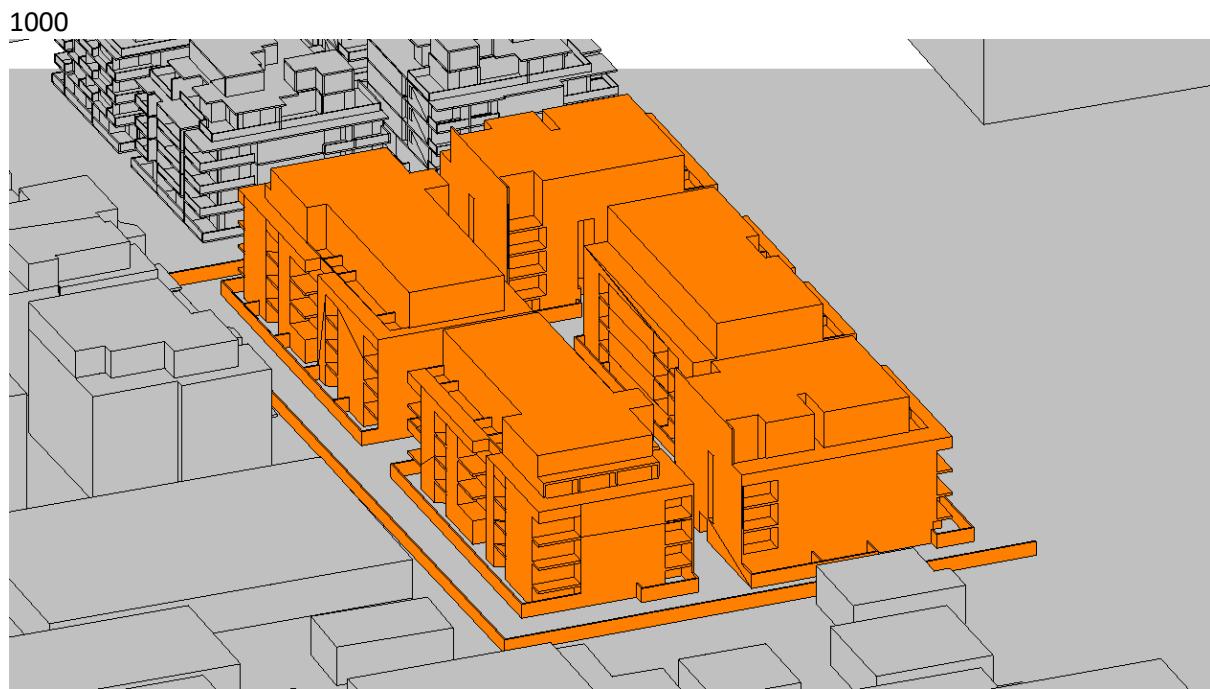


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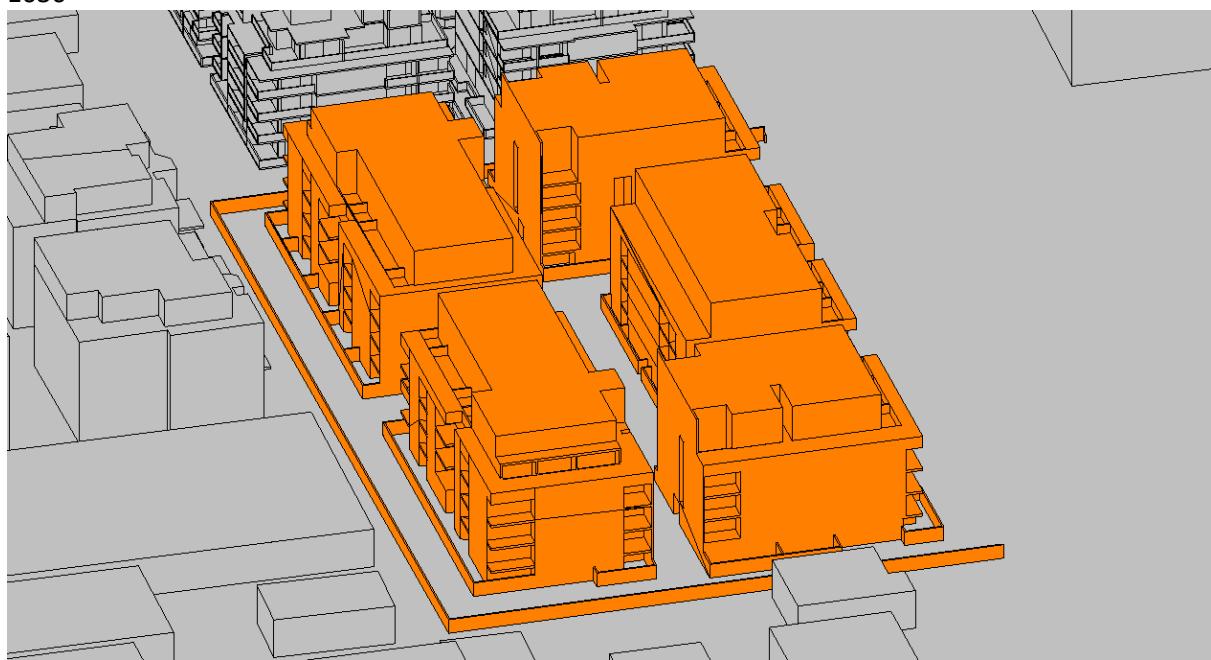


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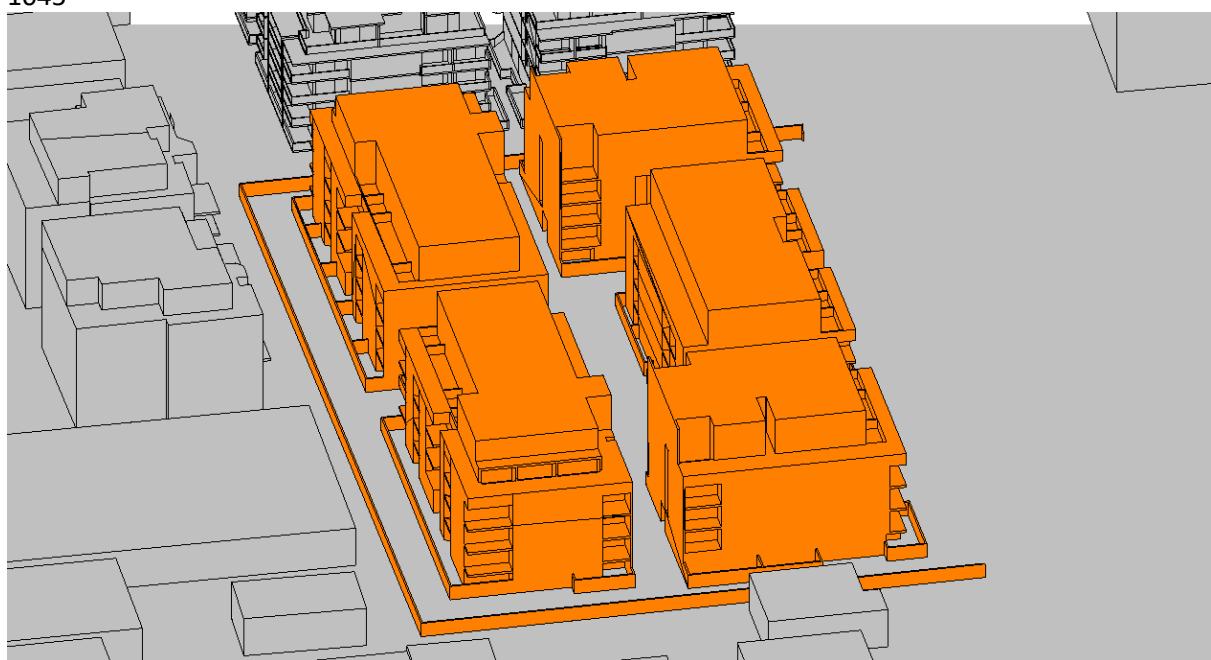




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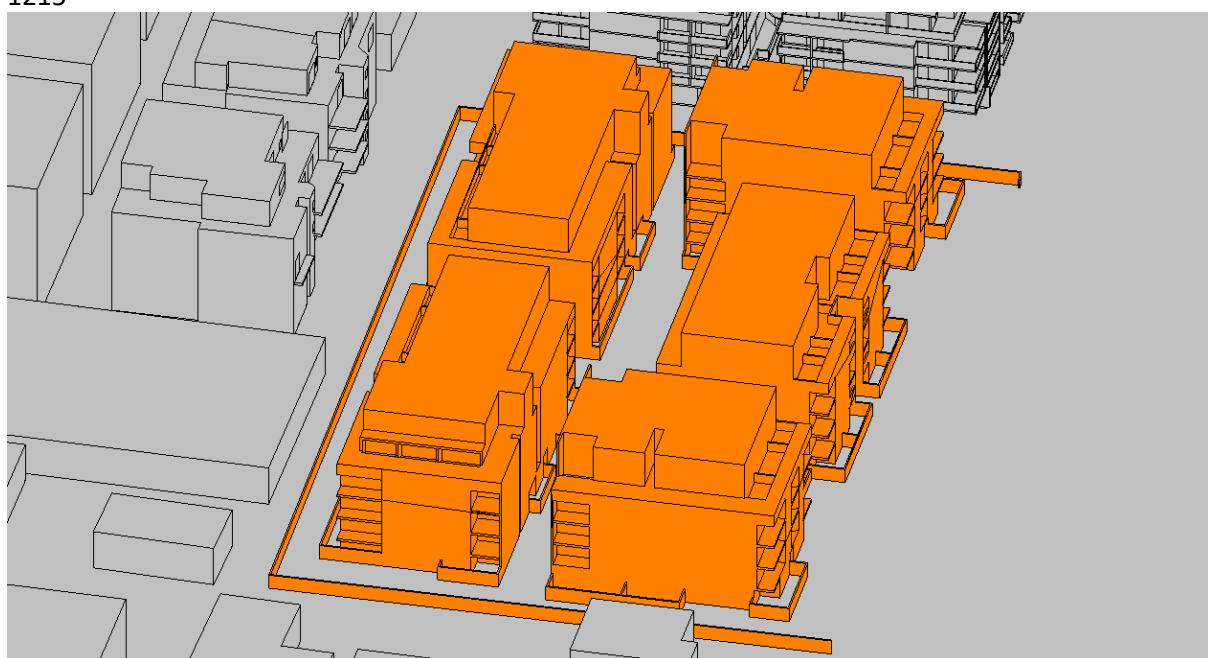
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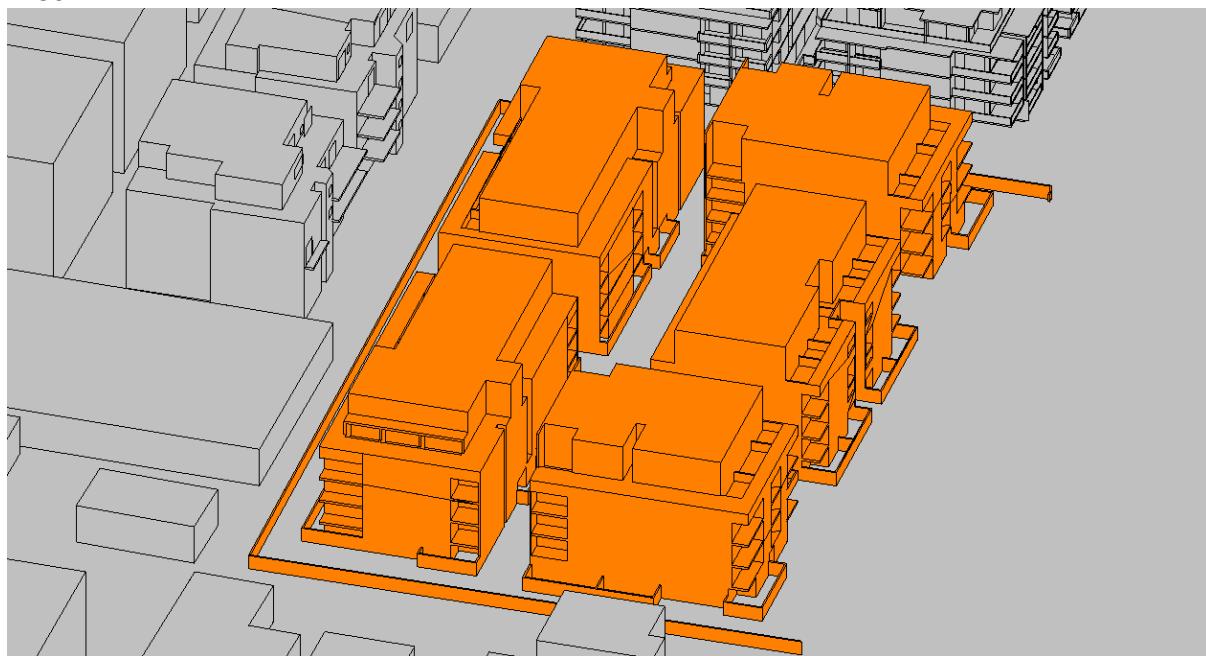
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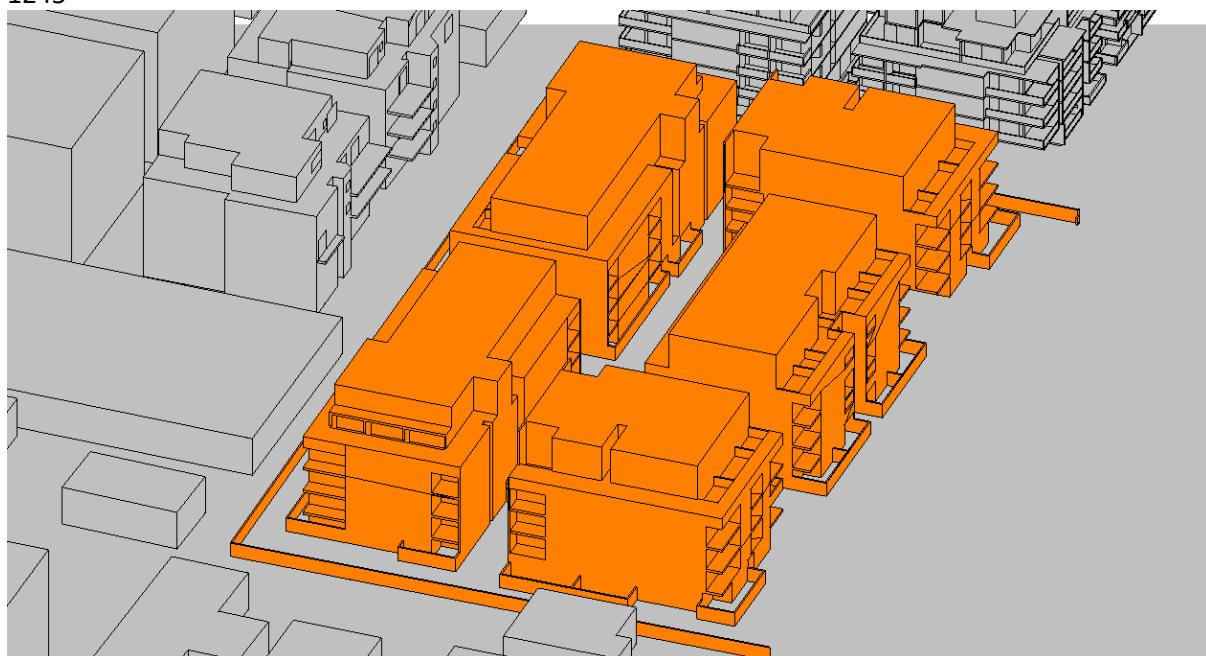
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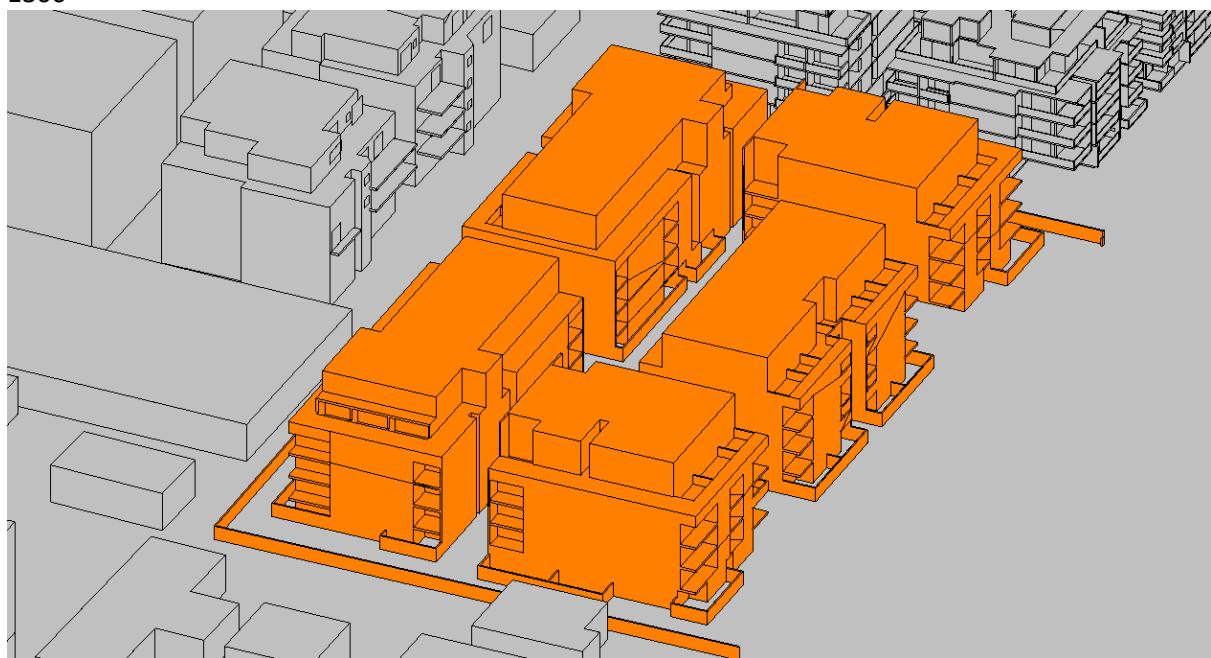
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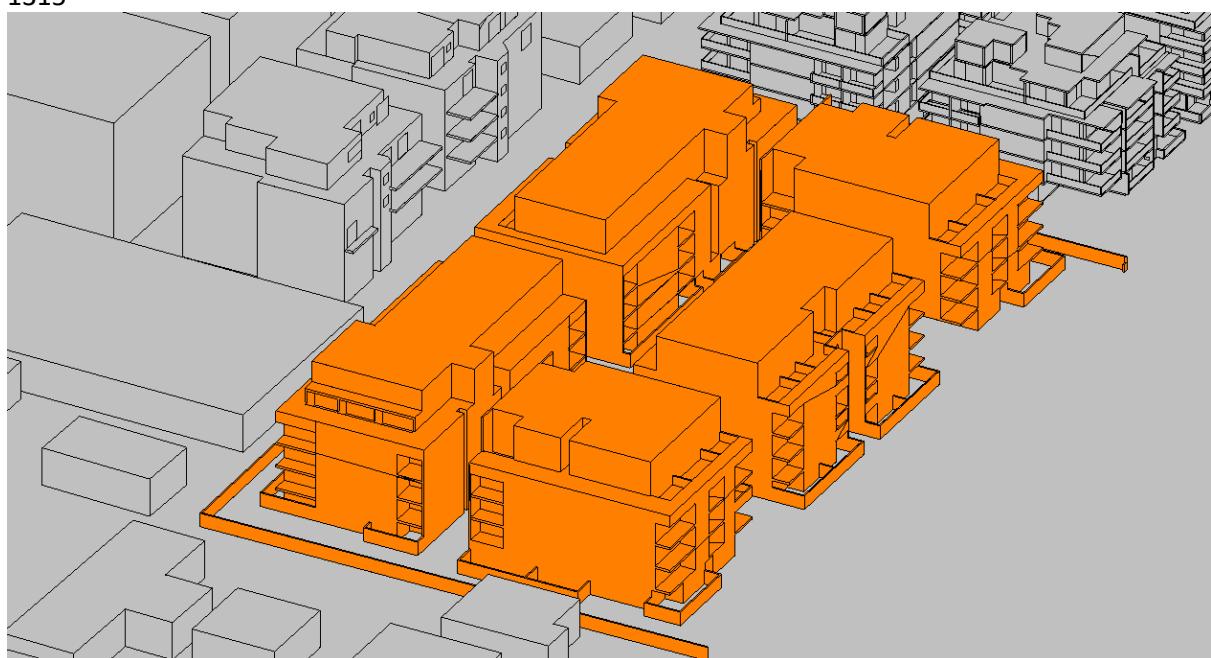
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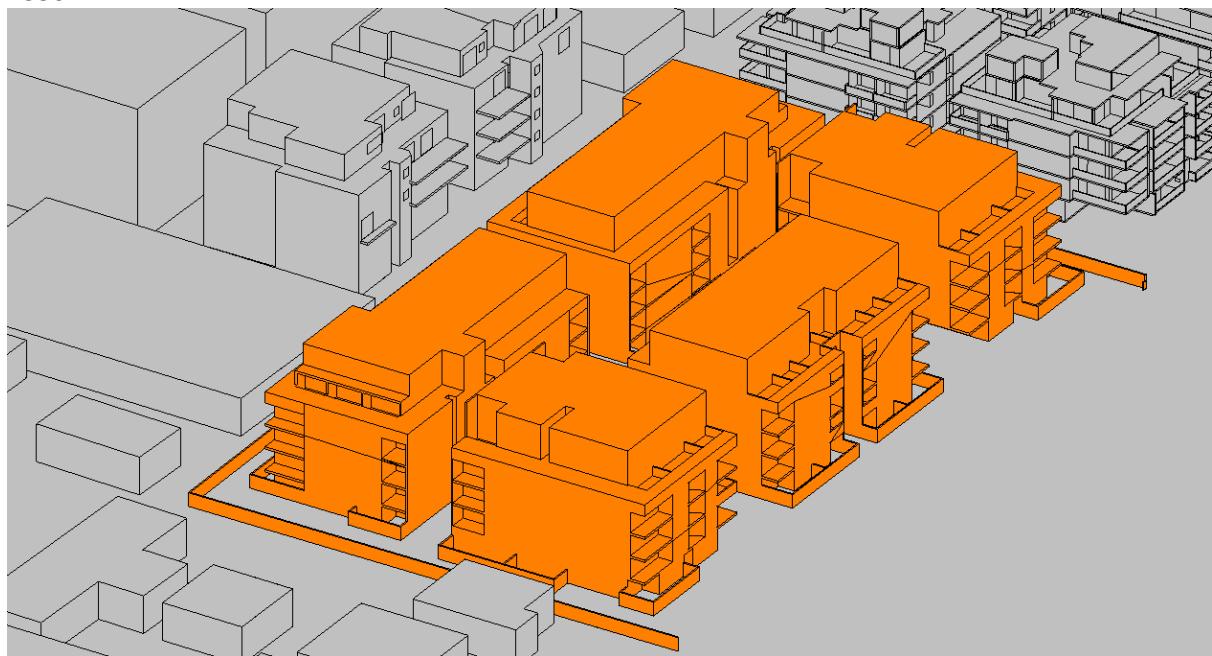
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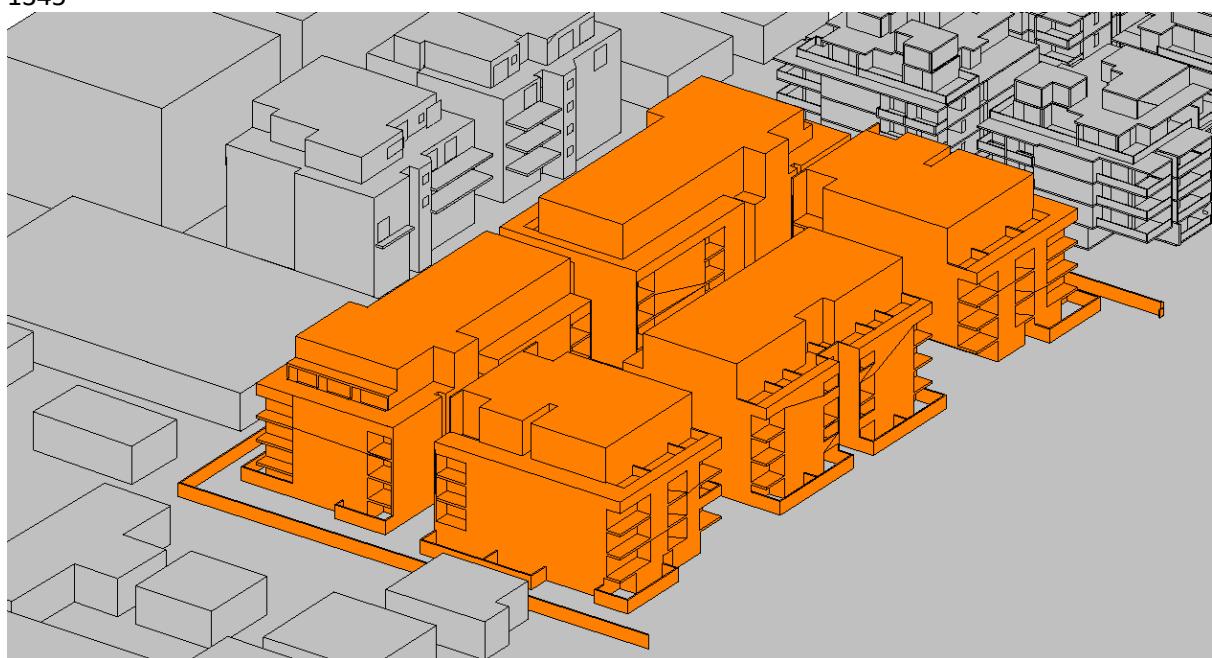
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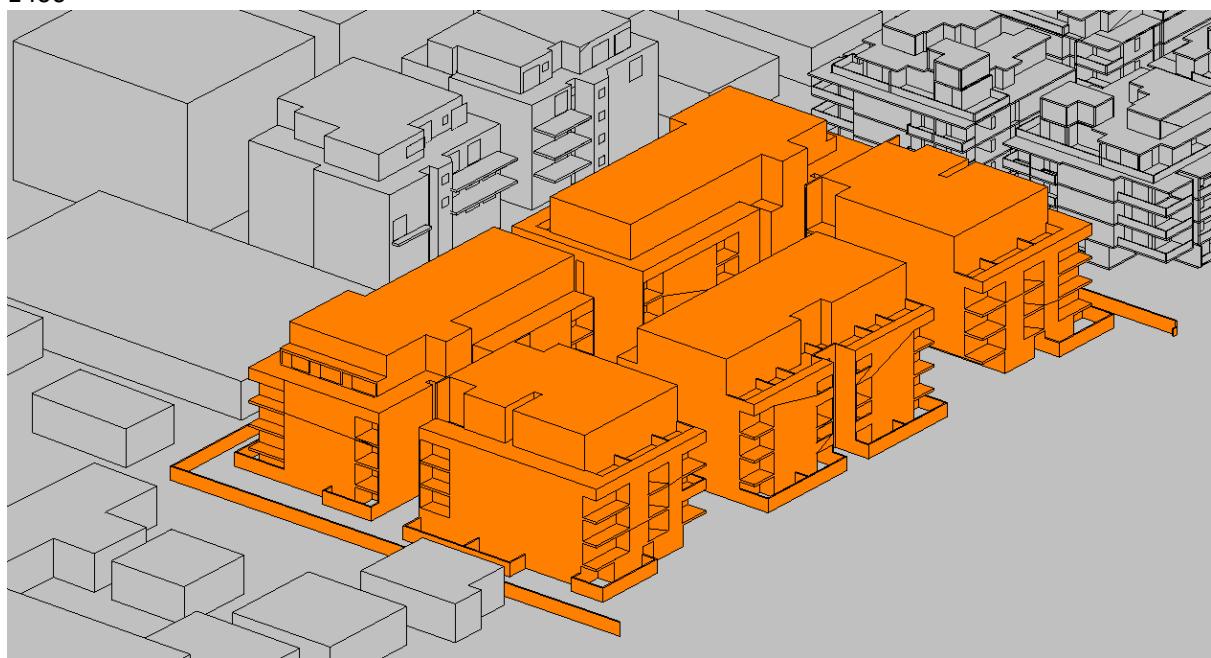
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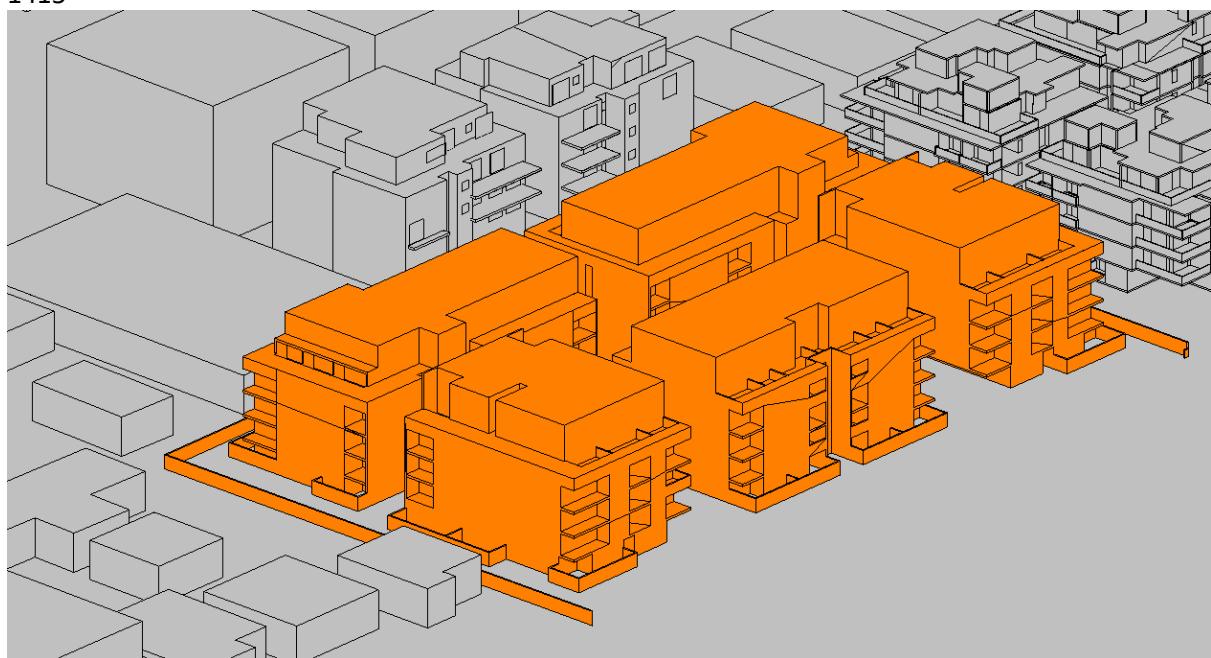
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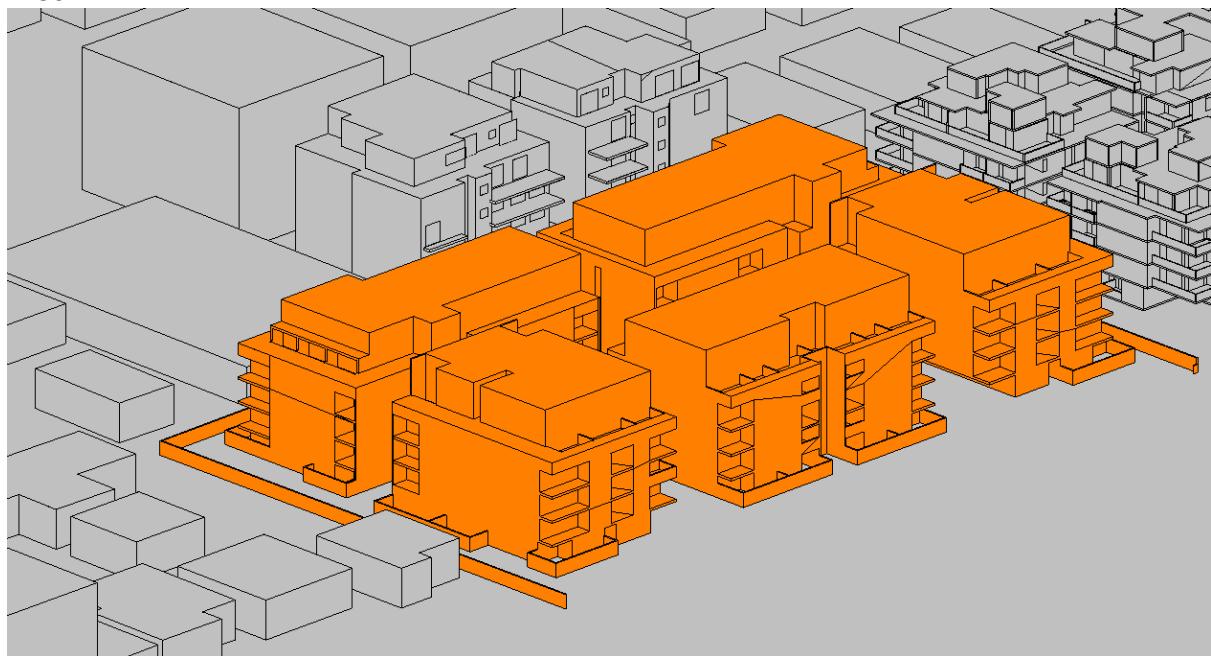
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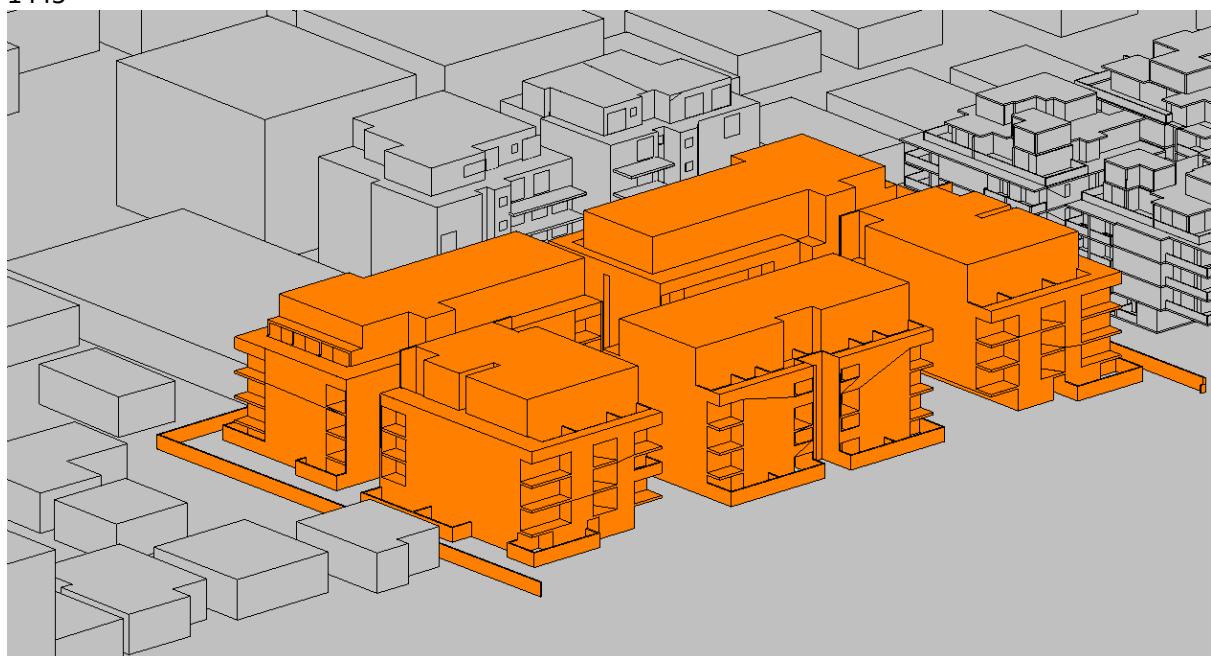
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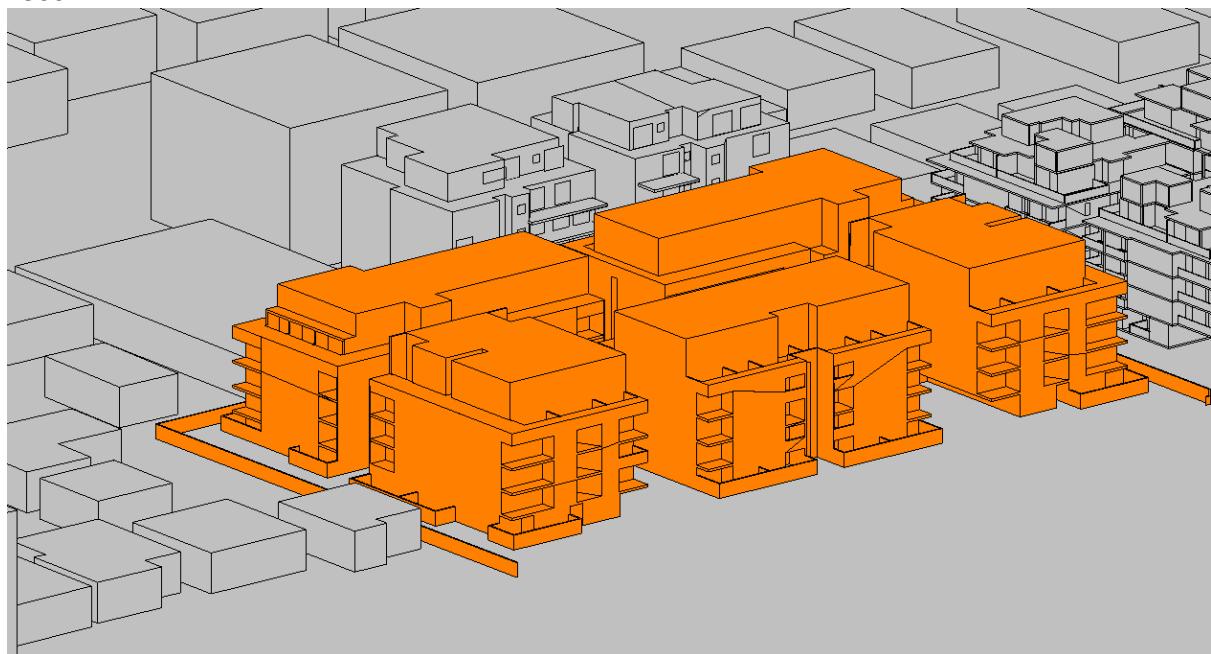
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# APPENDIX B

## Solar Access Calculations







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