

316th Statutory Meeting of the General Council

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11 June 2022

Aberdeen 2040



Aberdeen 2040 Interdisciplinary Challenges



Recent highlights

- Queen's Anniversary Prize for Soil Science
- Fifth in the UK for overall student satisfaction – NSS 2021
- UK rankings in the current academic year:
 - QS - 27th
 - Times Higher - 22nd
 - Guardian - 20th
 - Times and Sunday Times - 20th
- UK University Strategy of the Year – Higher Education Strategic Planners Association 2021

Challenges and priorities for the year ahead

- Global economic & political uncertainty
- Inflation
- Flat-cash budget for the Scottish Funding Council for the next five years
- International student recruitment
- Rebuilding research capacity
- Regional and global partnerships
- Recruitment of extra academic and professional service staff
- Investment in physical and digital infrastructure

SCIENCE TEACHING HUB

University of Aberdeen in Aberdeen

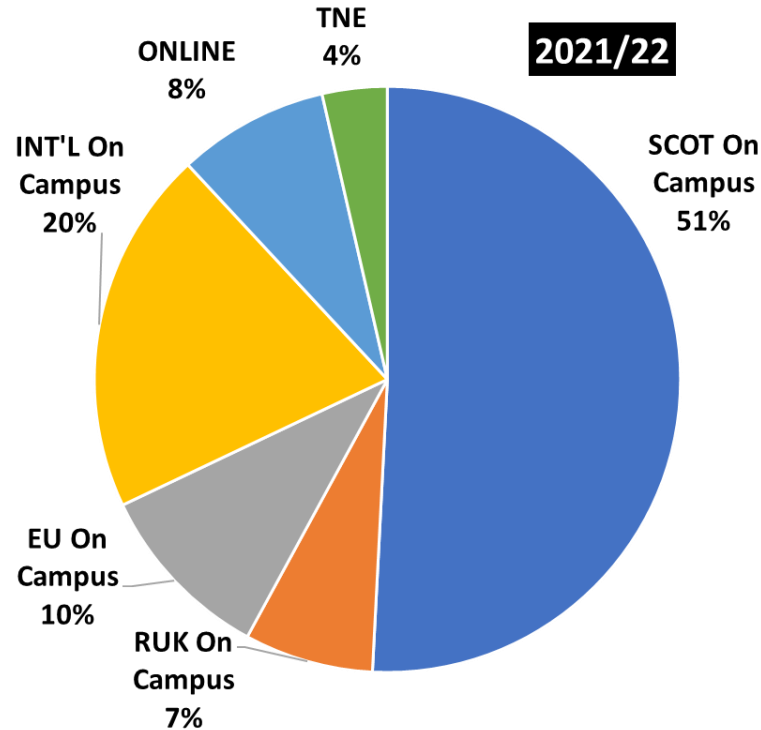
Estates Development

Investment in a number of buildings on campus to modernise our teaching and learning spaces, including construction of a new £37m Science Teaching Hub.

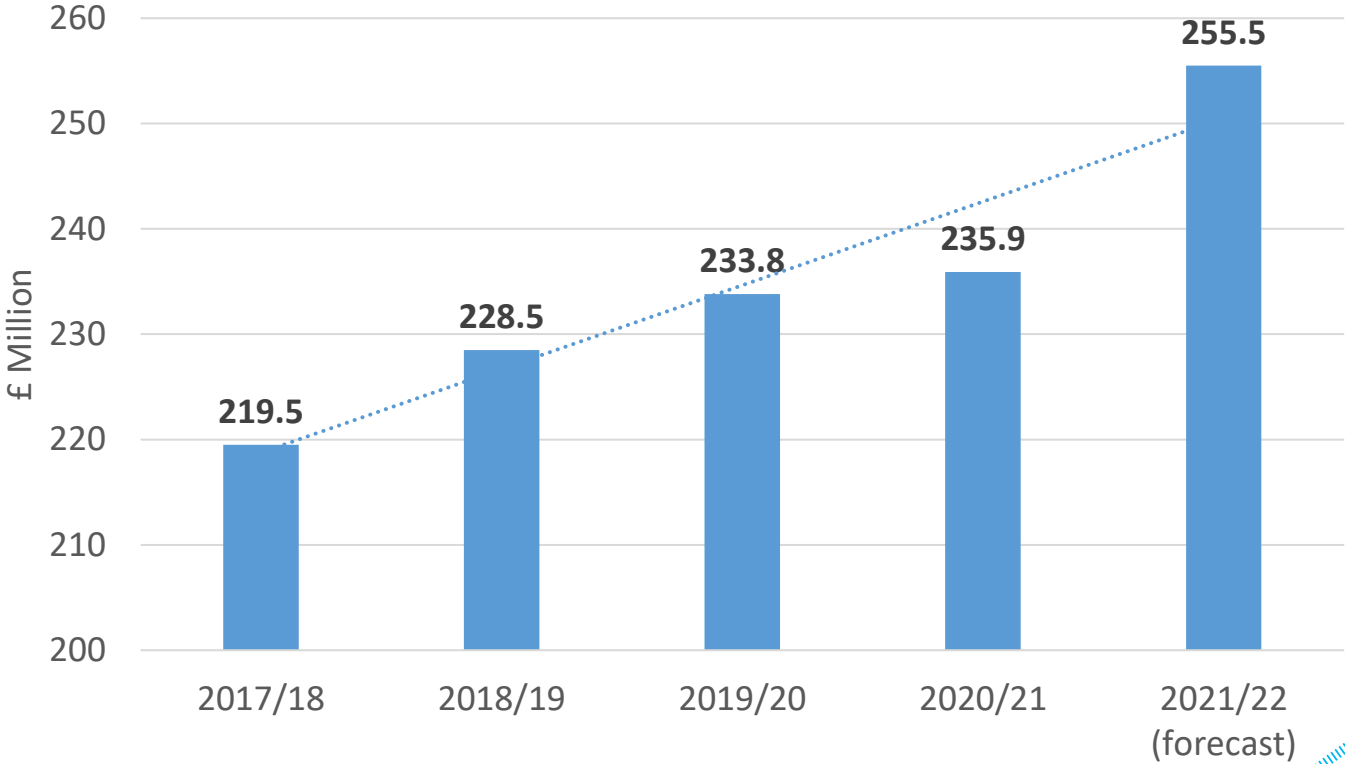


Student population

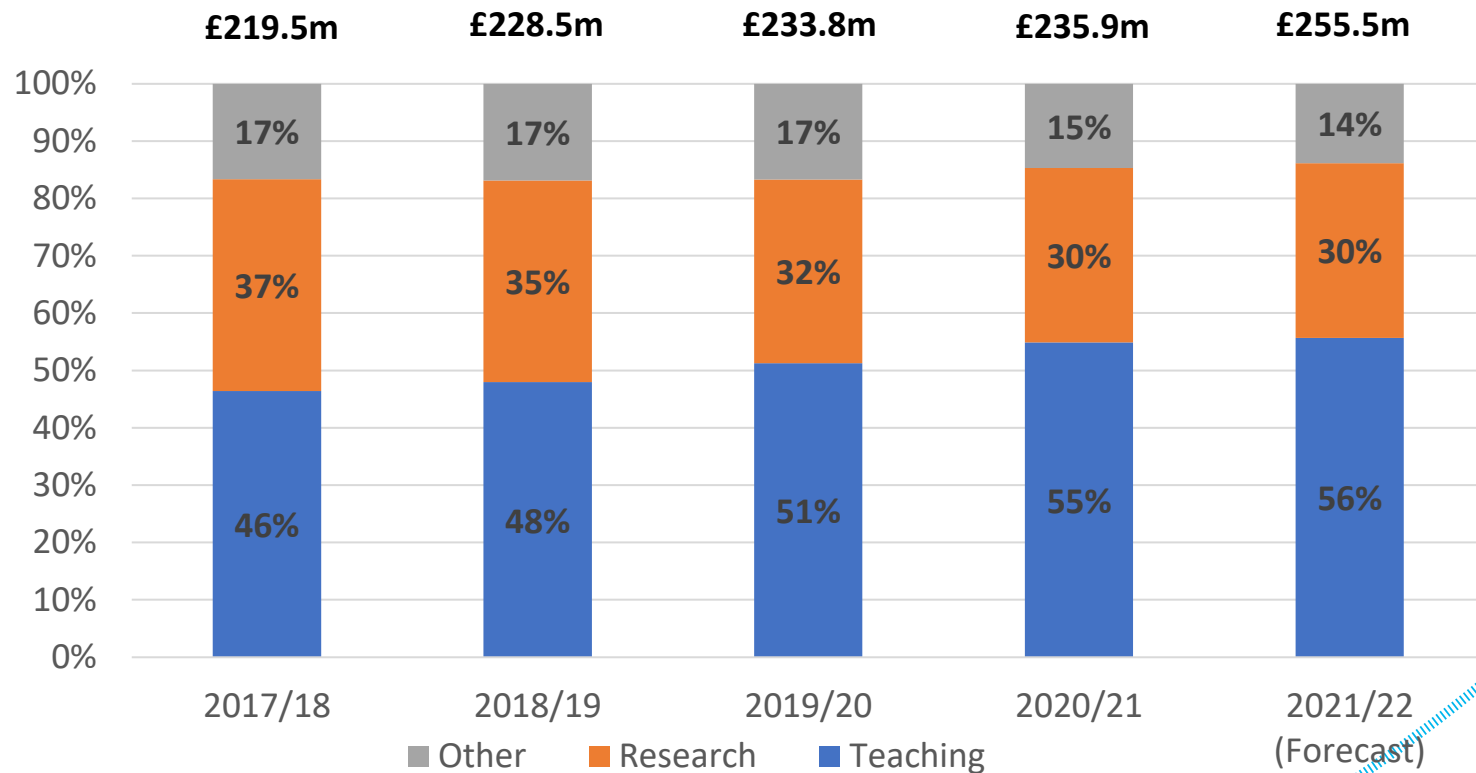
Student Fee Region Distribution



Total Revenue for 2017 - 2022



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Open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others.

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King's Quarter Project

General Council Meeting

Project Manager: Claire Akparanta

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Introduction

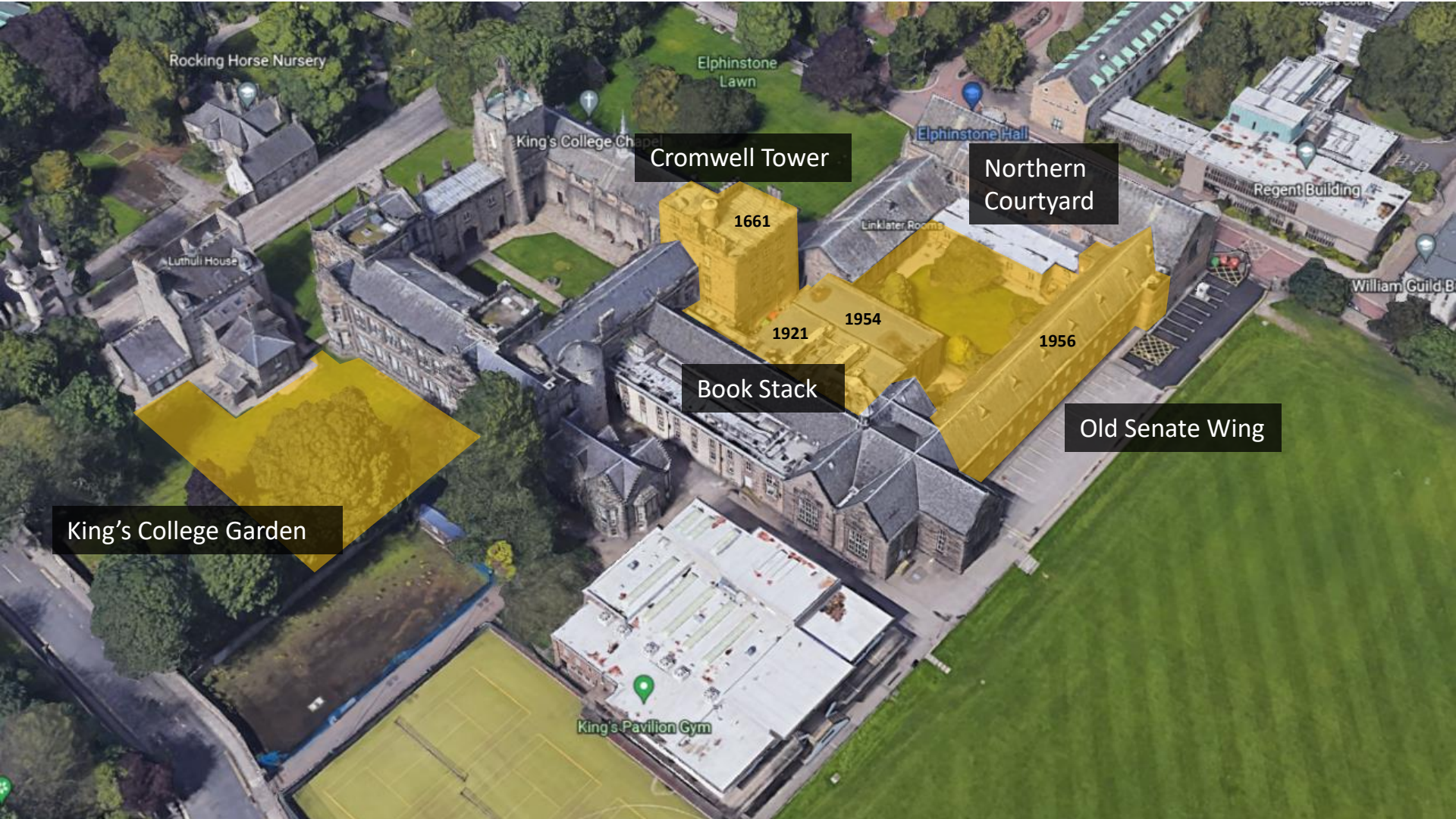
- Background
- Proposals
- Key benefits and challenges
- Questions
- Tour

Context

- Initiated January 2019
- Key objectives:
 - To improve the student experience and to help facilitate planned growth in the student population, notably at PGT level and particularly the international student cohort.
 - To markedly enhance and repurpose buildings in key parts of campus, particularly the historic core.

Remit

“To deliver transformational teaching and learning spaces in Old Aberdeen, providing a modern, adaptable, interdisciplinary, high quality teaching environment suitable for multiple Schools to use in the delivery of both UG and PGT teaching. The Project must lead to enhanced teaching capacity to support objectives for growth, while revitalising historic buildings at the heart of King’s Campus. Specifically, this overarching aim must be delivered through the innovative modernisation of Cromwell Tower, the Book Stack, and the Old Senate Wing.”



Rocking Horse Nursery

Elphinstone
Lawn

King's College Chapel

Cromwell Tower

Elphinstone Hall

Northern
Courtyard

Regent Building

Luthuli House

Linklater Rooms

William Guild B

1661

1921

1954

1956

Book Stack

Old Senate Wing

King's College Garden

King's Pavilion Gym



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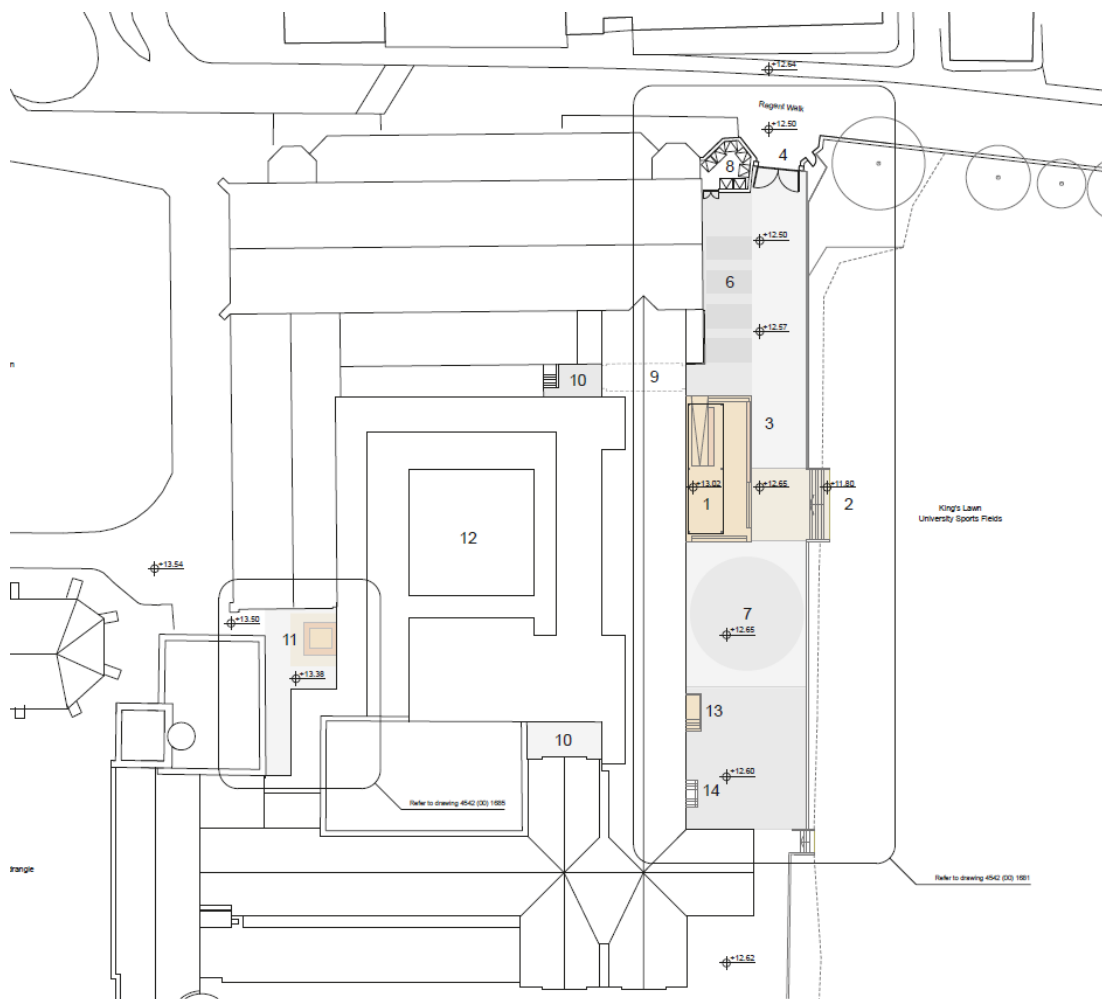
Luthuli House

Linklater Rooms

1921

1954

King's Pavilion Gym



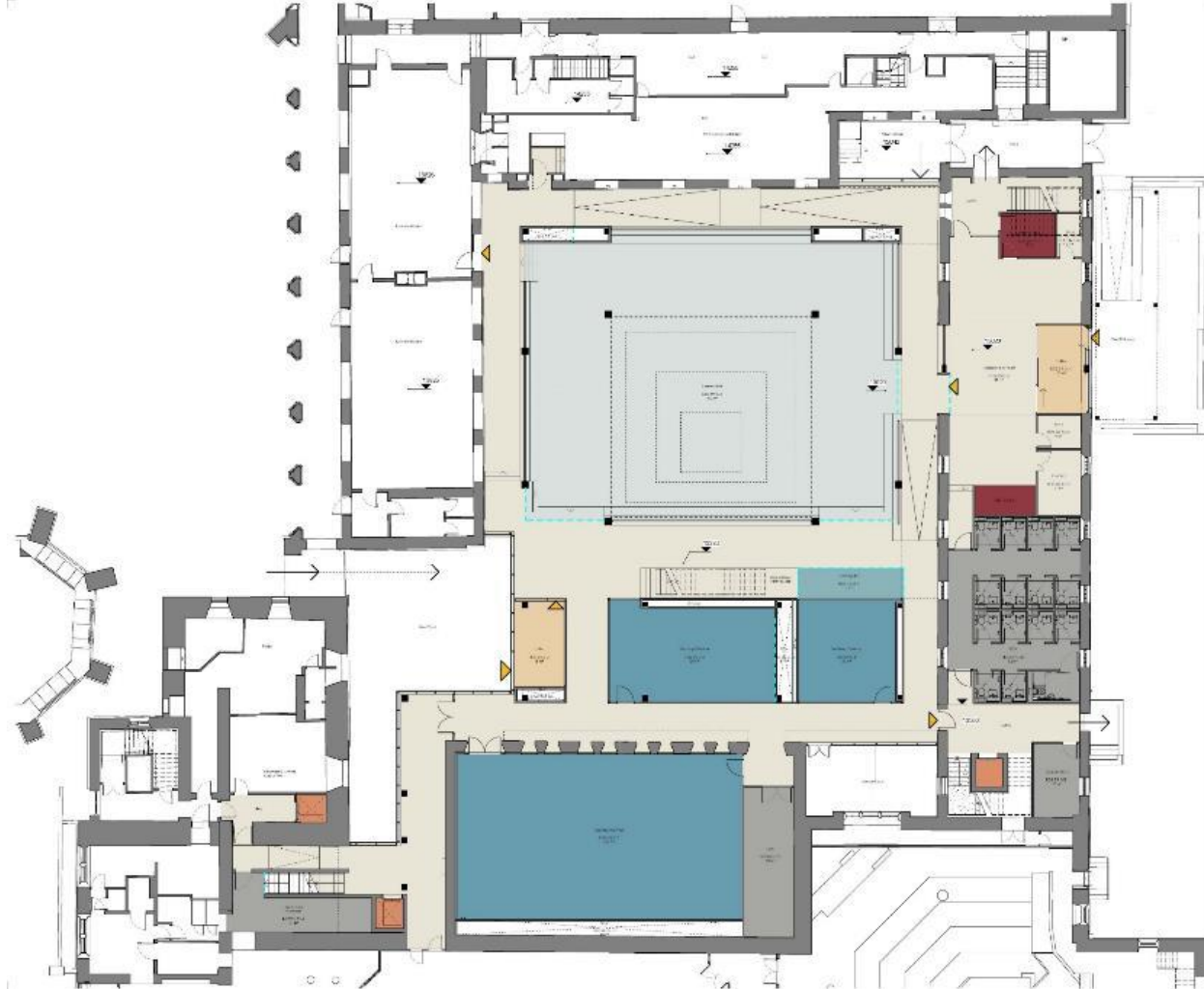
Proposed Partial Site Plan



Proposed Eastern Entrance



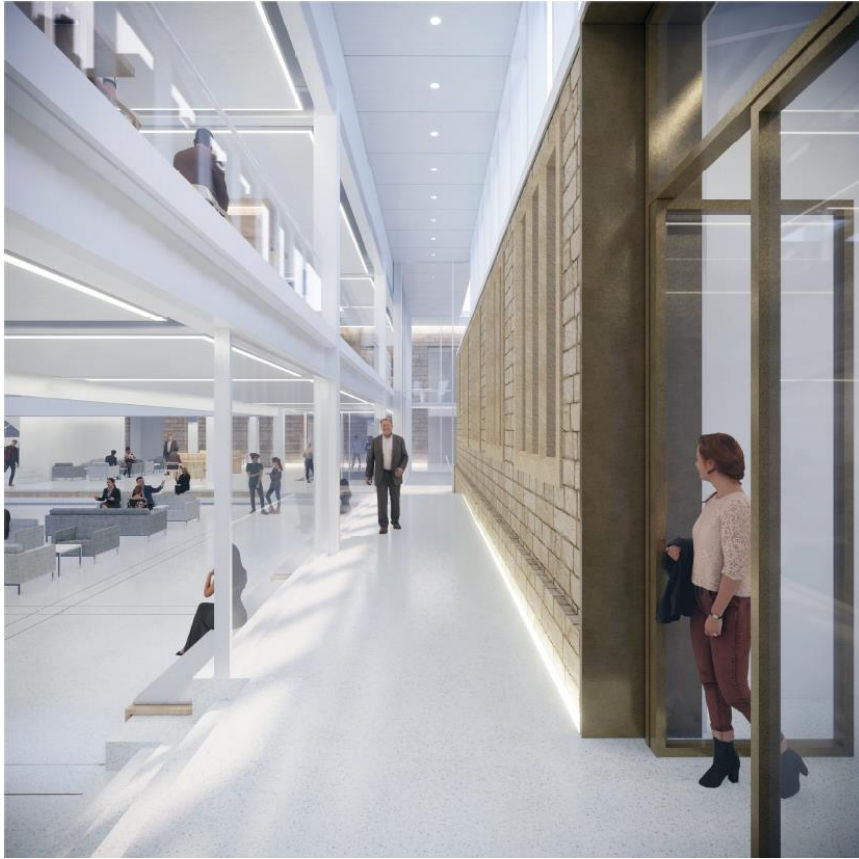
Proposed Western Entrance



Proposed Ground Floor Plan



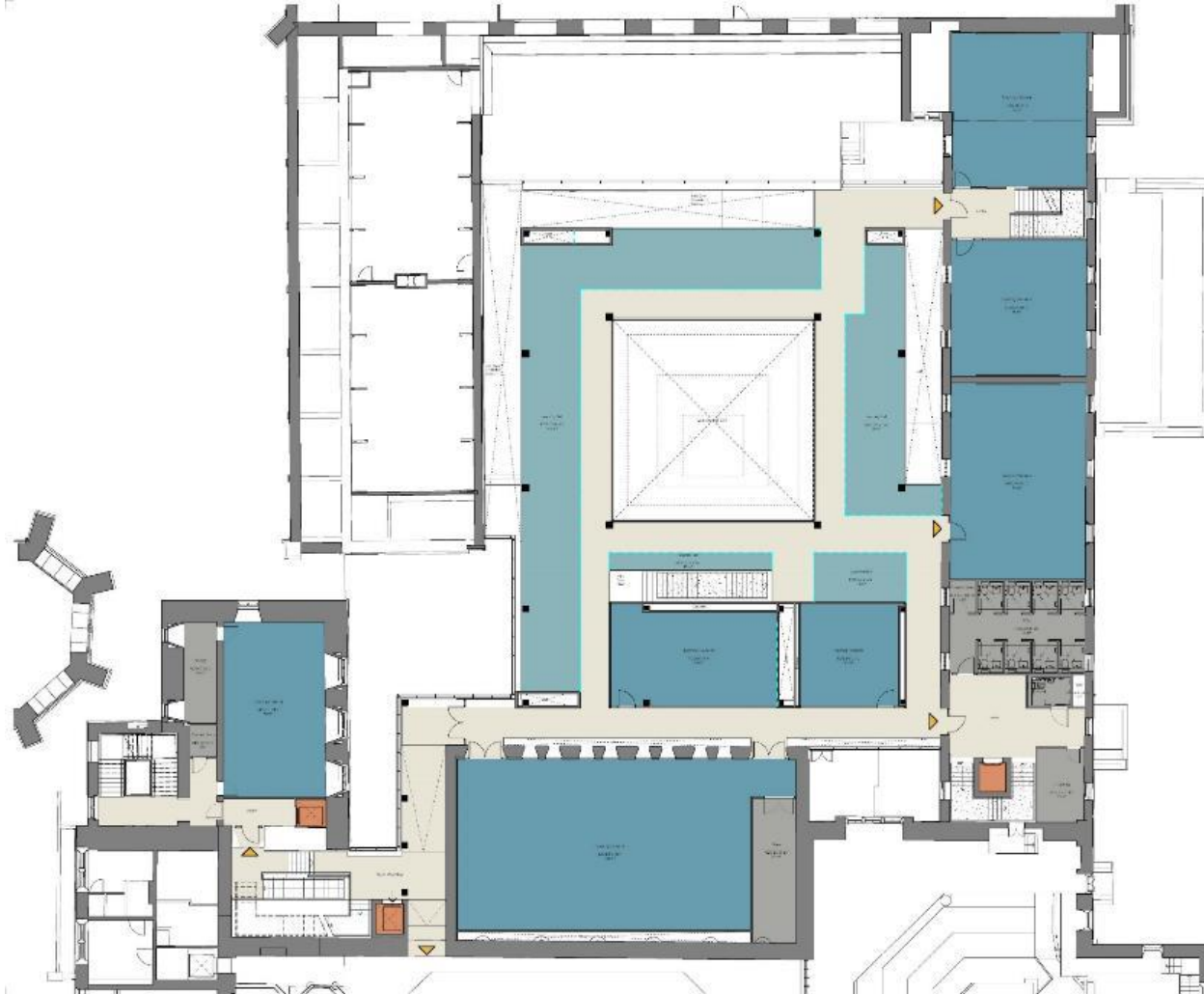




Connection to Linklater Rooms



Circulation Core

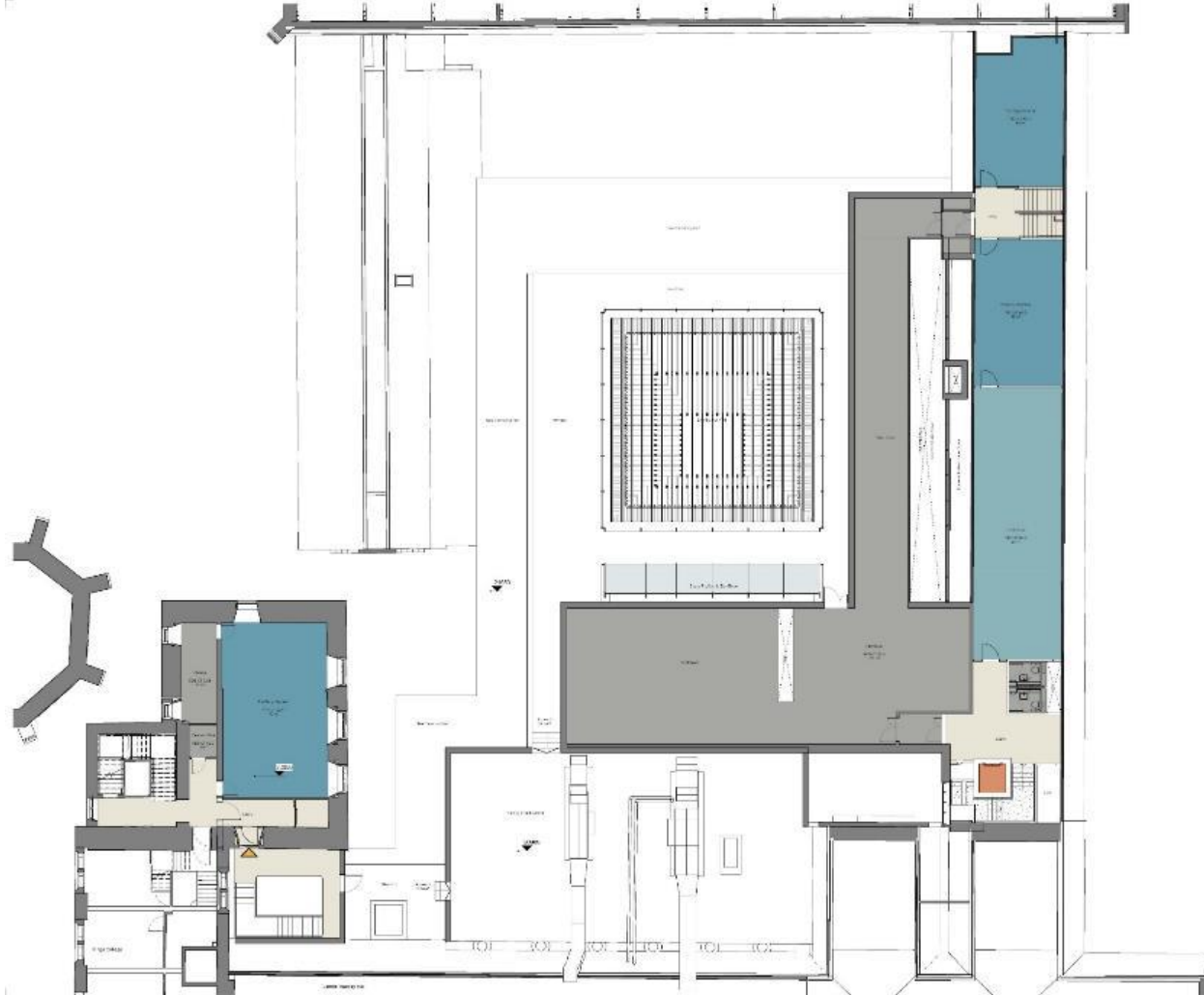


Proposed First Floor Plan

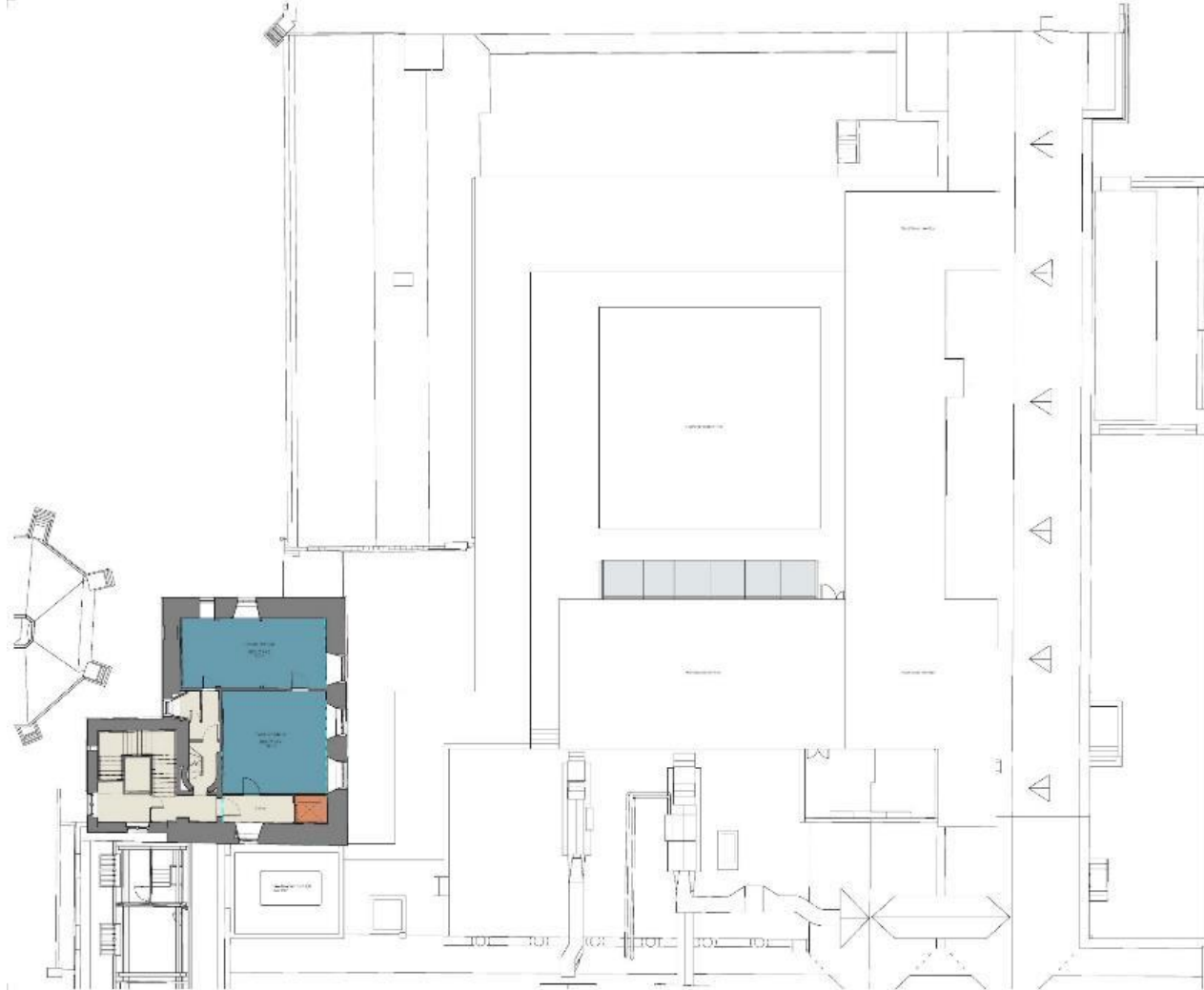






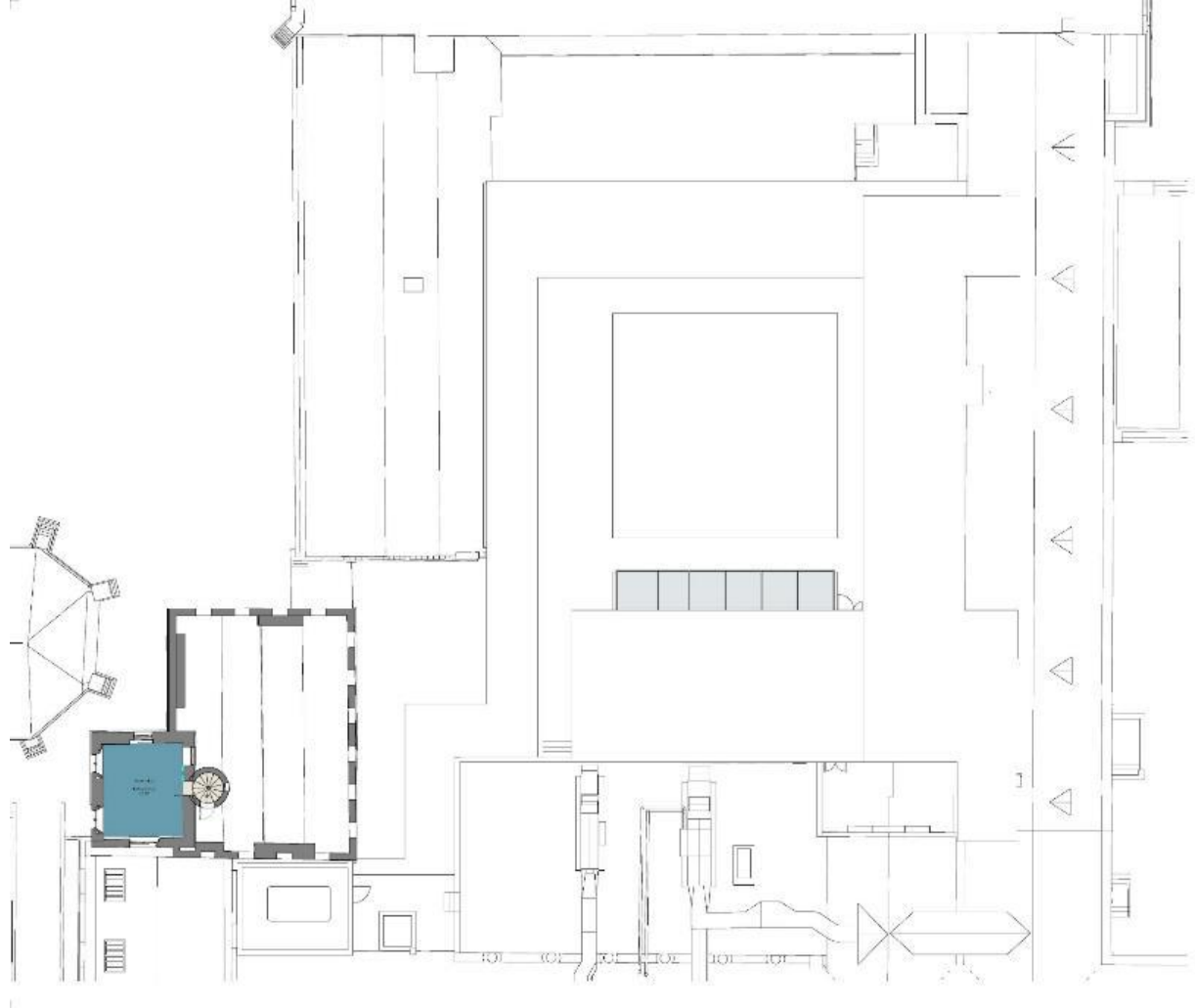


Proposed Second Floor Plan

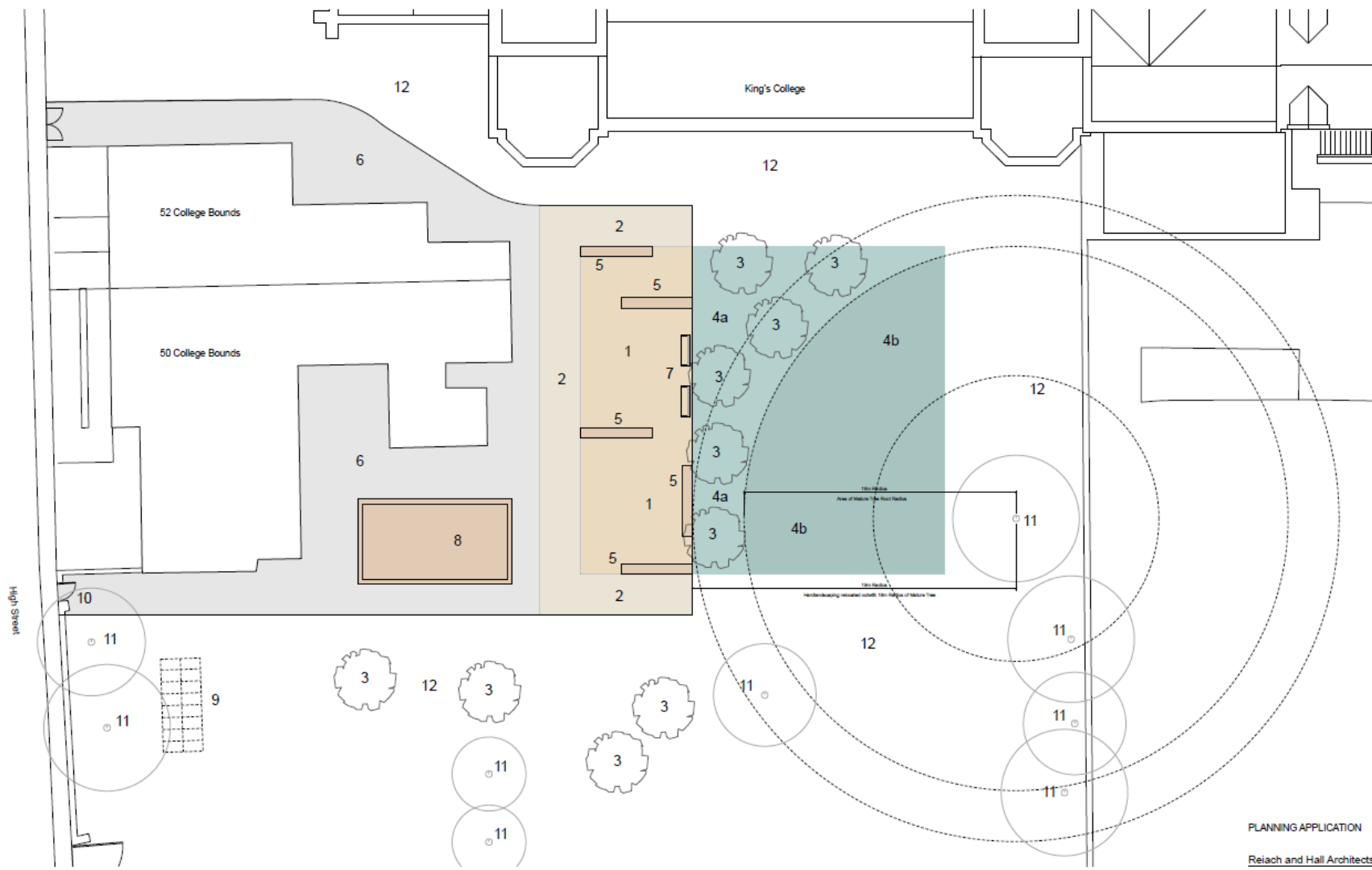


Proposed Third Floor Plan





Proposed Fourth Floor Plan







Key Benefits

- 3420 m2 of new teaching, learning and social space.
- Over 500 m2 of enhanced teaching space.
- Brings to life under-utilised space in the historic core.
- A teaching environment which supports diversified approaches to pedagogy.
- Enhanced student experience and reputation.
- Ability to attract and retain staff and students.

Challenges



- Geo-political issues
- Local demand
- Historic buildings

Schedule

- Technical design stage commenced – May 2022
- Tender main contractor – Autumn 2022
- Commence construction - Summer 2023
- Target building opening - Start of 2025 academic year

Thank you



- Please meet at the main entrance following the meeting for a tour of the buildings in scope.
- Questions