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## Sustainability Conference

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# Higher Education Project Showcase: Design & Innovation

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# BABBAGE BUILDING UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH



UNIVERSITY OF  
PLYMOUTH



# UNIVERSITY NEEDS AND AMBITIONS

- ADDRESS POOR CONDITION OF BUILDING
- PROVIDE BETTER OFFER IN COMPETITIVE ENGINEERING SECTOR
- CO-LOCATE VARIOUS RELATED FACILITIES IN ONE BUILDING
- PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CROSS-DISPLINARY WORKING
- CREATE A STRONG SENSE OF PLACE AND CAMPUS IDENTITY
- DELIVER BEST-PRACTICE BUILDING PERFORMANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

1973



1995



2023



2019



# HEADLINES

## NEW ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FACILITY

10,600m<sup>2</sup>

- 6400m<sup>2</sup> (60%) Extensive Refurb
- 4200m<sup>2</sup> (40%) New Build

## MATERIALS

- Retained existing concrete frame
- Steel Frame Extension
- Structural composite panel with ceramic cladding or Masonry veneer

## COST

- Approx £34,000,000
- Blended rate of £3,200 /m<sup>2</sup>

## PROGRAMME

- FCBS Appointed Dec 2019
- Planning Award Dec 2020
- RIBA S4 under PCSA Commenced Sept 2020
- Start on-site Sep 2021
- PC Dec 2023





# PREVIOUS NEW-BUILD PROPOSALS BY OTHERS





# BRIEF

## School of Engineering, Computing & Mathematics

- STEAM<sup>2</sup>
- DigiFab: Design and Realisation Lab
- Virtual Engineering and Immersive Visualisation Laboratory
- Heavy Structure Laboratory
- Geotechnics Laboratory
- Materials Analysis and Characterisation Laboratory
- Composites Laboratory
- Control and Autonomous systems Laboratory
- Energy and Sustainability Laboratory
- Large Specialist Computing Laboratory
- Precision Manufacturing: Fabrication and Material Processing.
- Wolfson Nanotechnology Centre

## School of Art, Design & Architecture

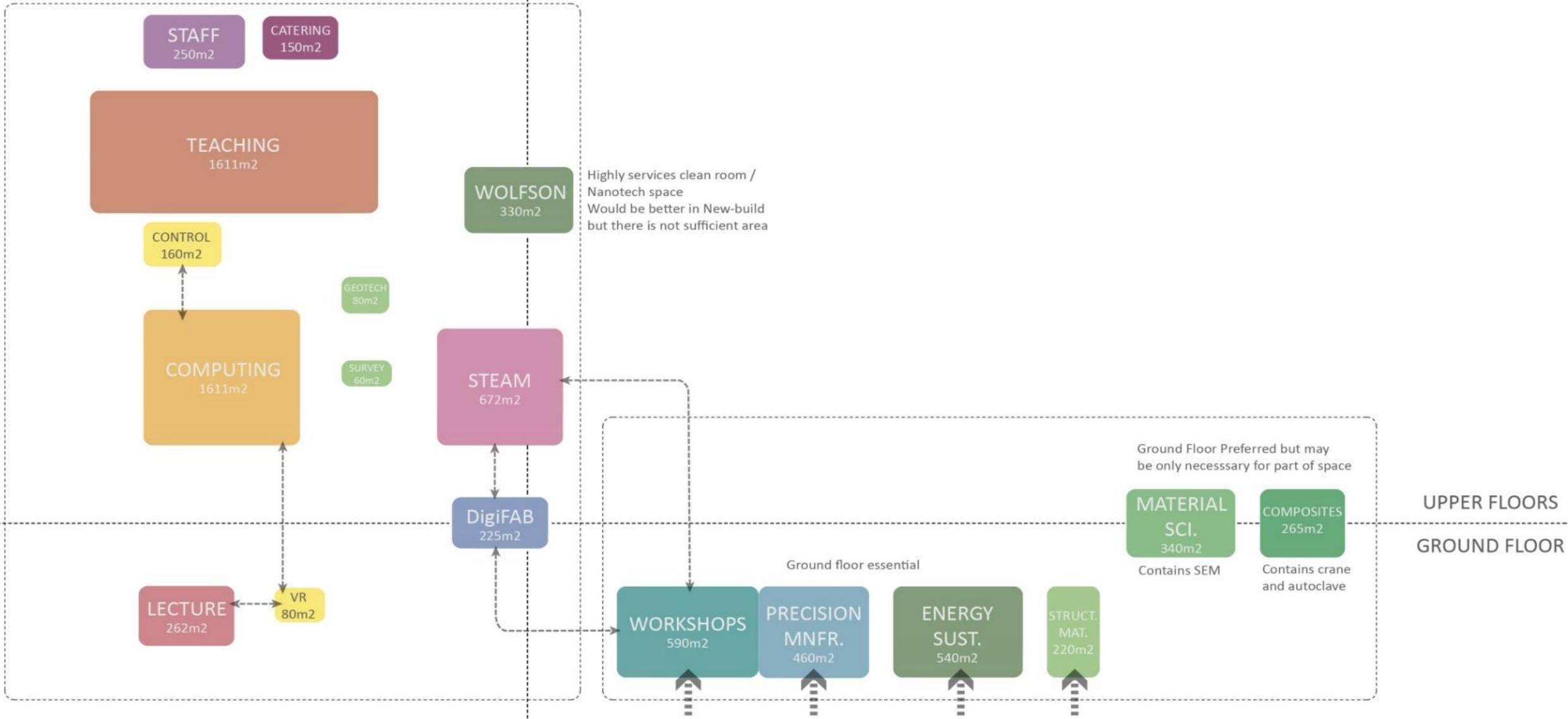
- Wood Workshops
- Metals Workshop
- CNC Suite
- CAD Suite

## Shared

- General Teaching
- Innovative Teaching
- Lecture Theatre
- Open Social Learning
- Cafe

# EXISTING BUILDING

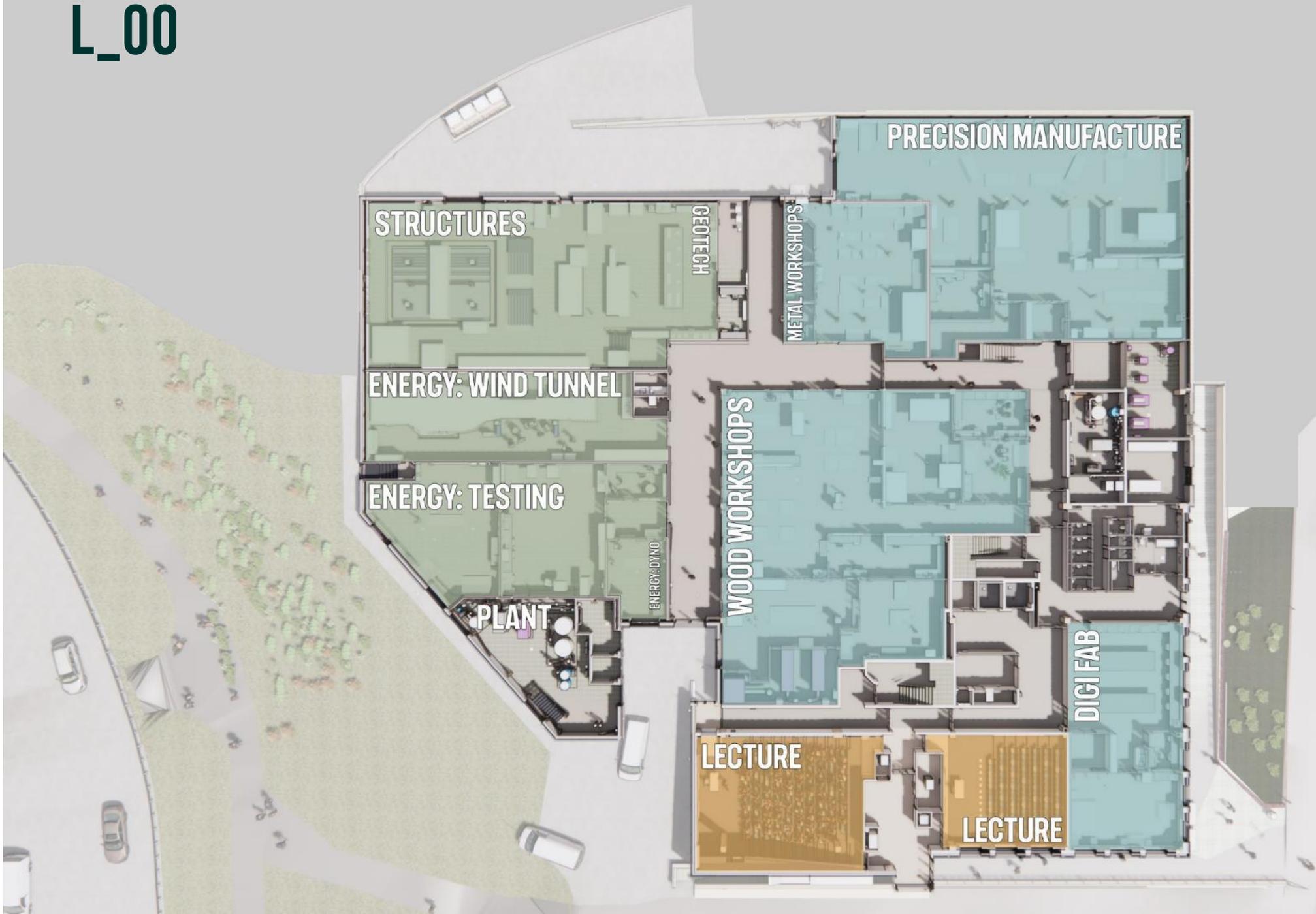
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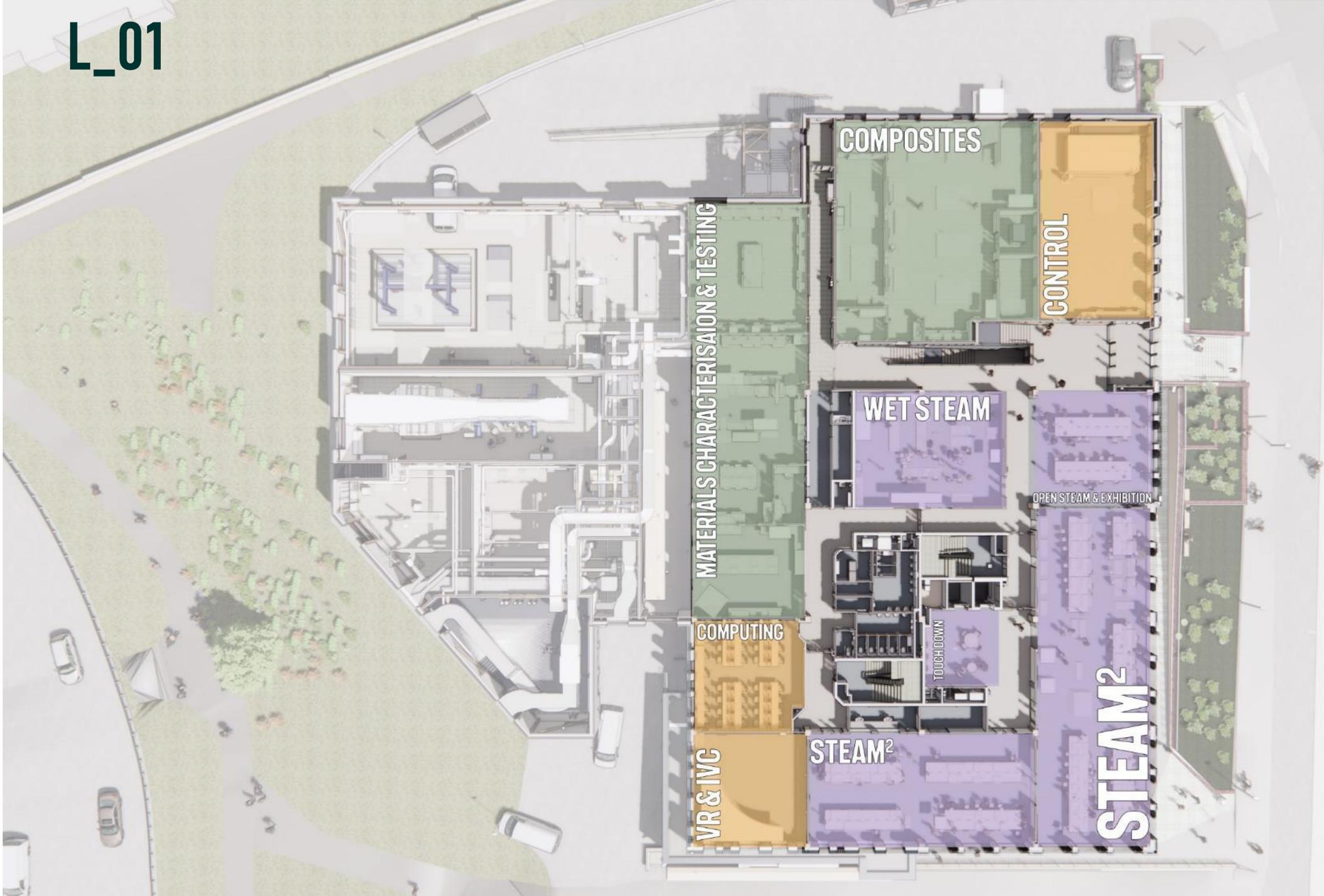
4850m<sup>2</sup> NET space can work in existing  
Of which 1227m<sup>2</sup> would be better as part of new build

2415m<sup>2</sup> NET space defined as New Build Necessary

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MATERIALS CHARACTERISATION & TESTING

COMPOSITES

CONTROL

WET STEAM

OPEN STEAM & EXHIBITION

COMPUTING

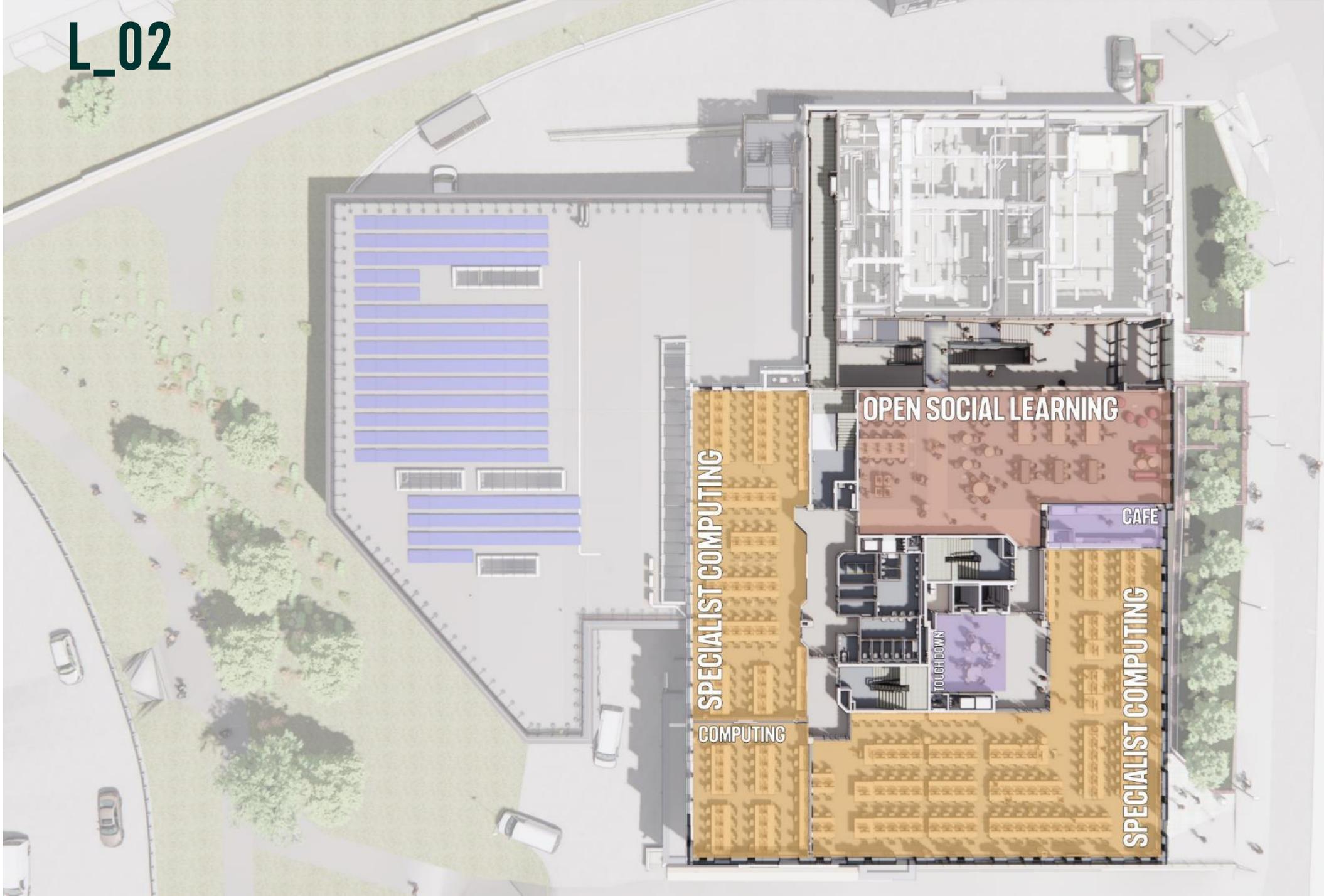
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VR & IVC

STEAM<sup>2</sup>

STEAM<sup>2</sup>

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SPECIALIST COMPUTING

OPEN SOCIAL LEARNING

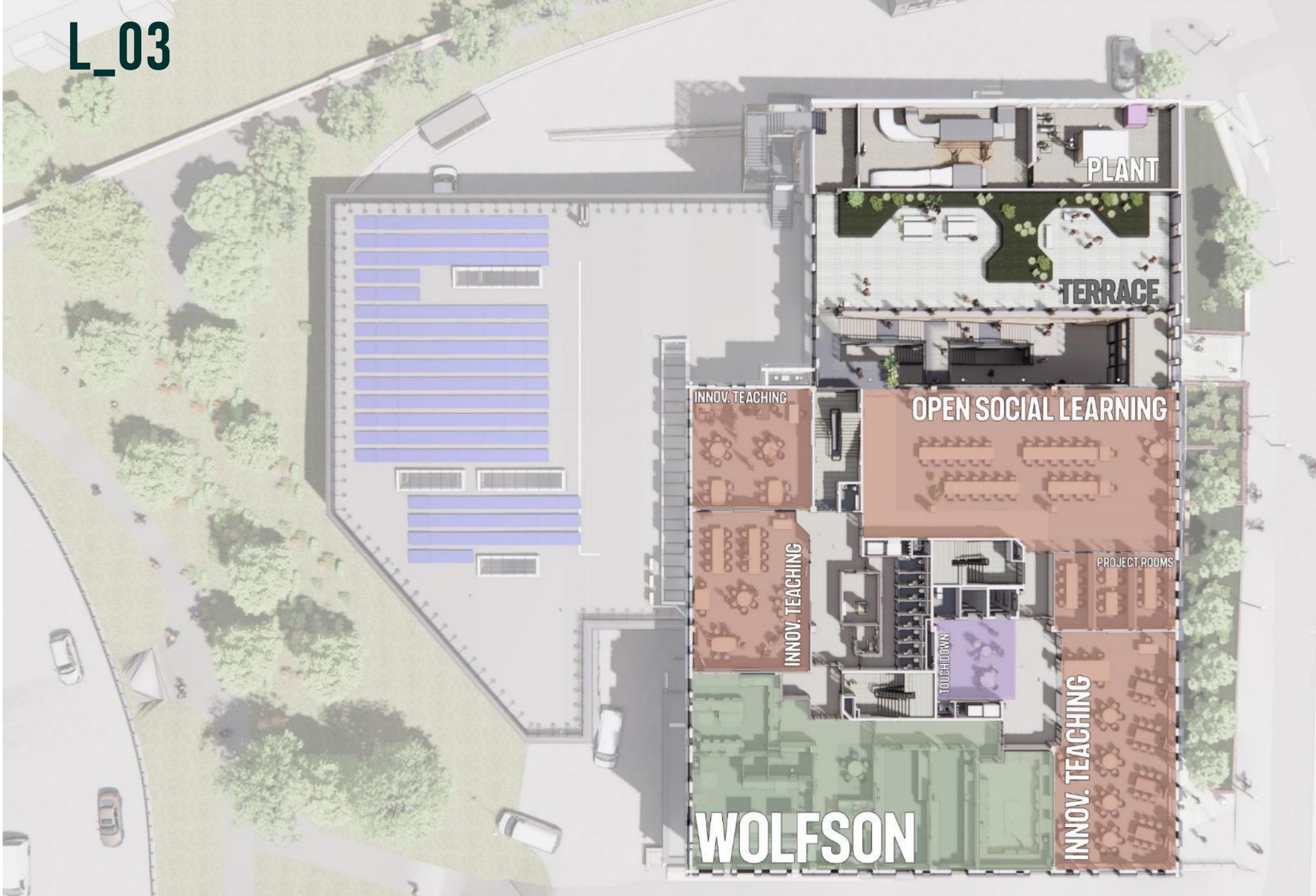
CAFE

TOUCHDOWN

COMPUTING

SPECIALIST COMPUTING

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INNOV. TEACHING

INNOV. TEACHING

WOLFSON

OPEN SOCIAL LEARNING

TOUCHDOWN

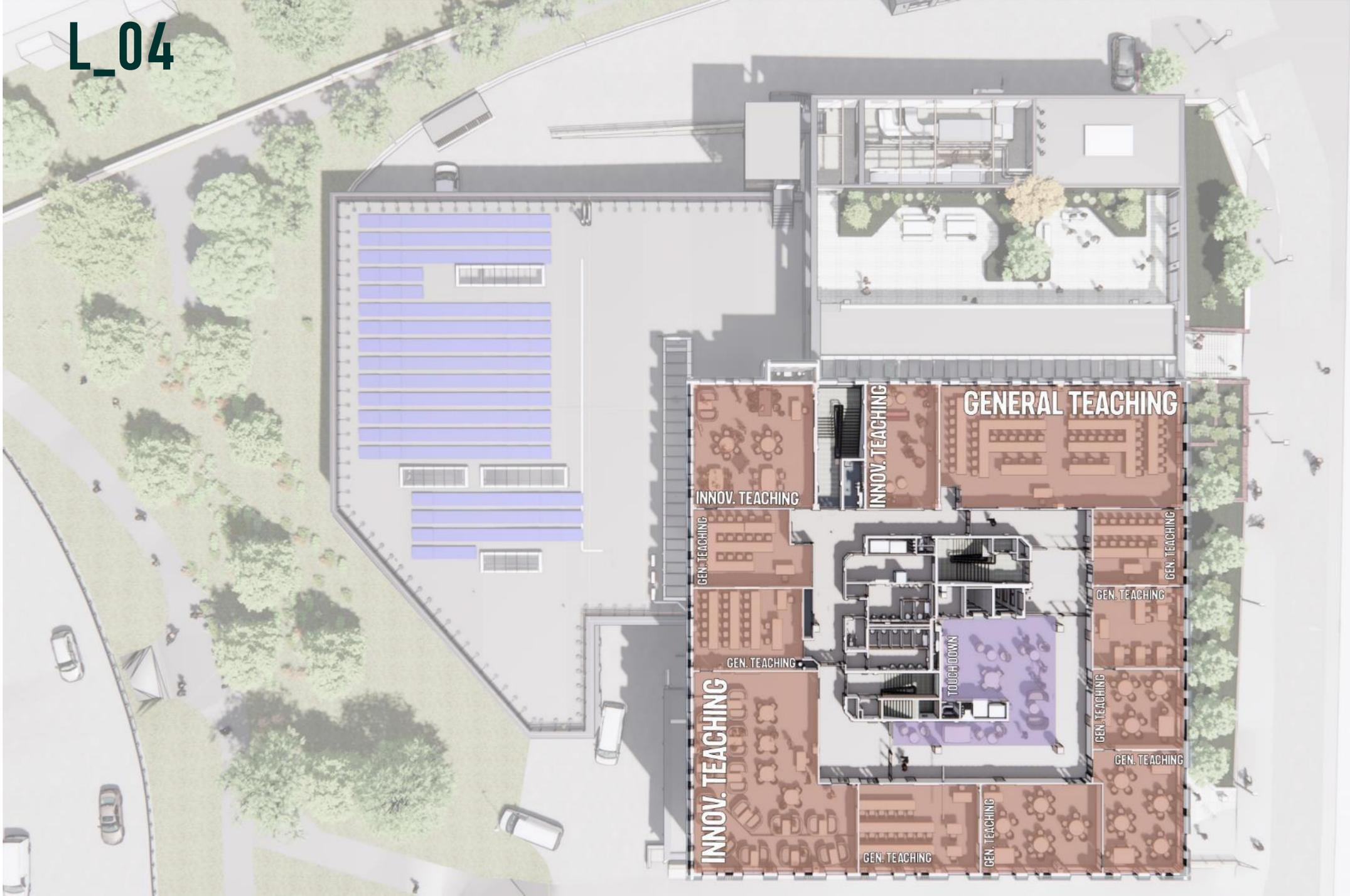
INNOV. TEACHING

PROJECT ROOMS

TERRACE

PLANT

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# ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES

1. PV Panels = 36,000KWH/yr
2. Ambient Loop heat distribution
3. Planned connection to heat network.
4. New high-performance façade
5. High efficiency MVHR
6. Balanced glazing levels
7. Excellent levels of daylighting



# ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES

Function and performance led design.

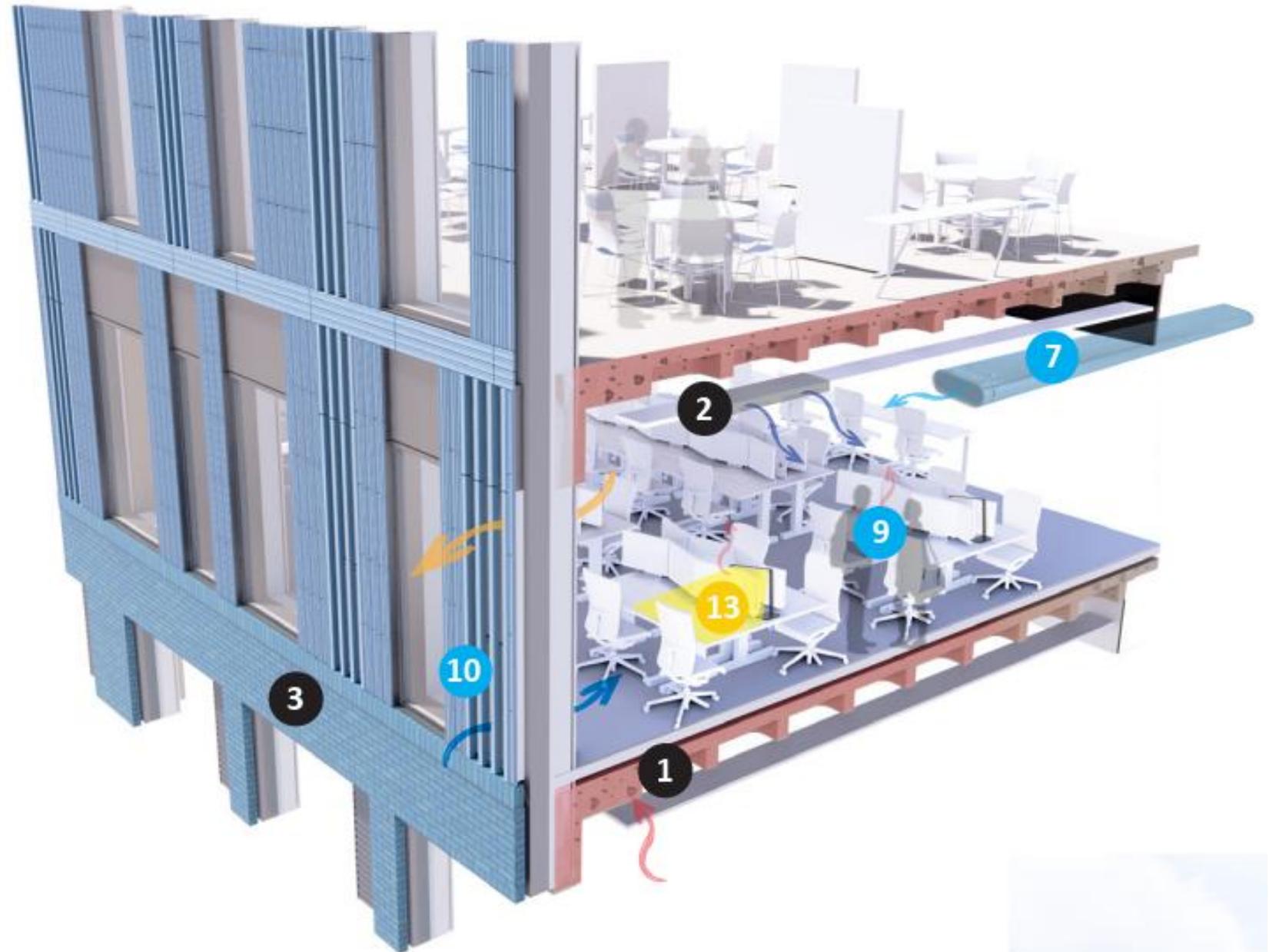
Ambitiously low space heating target drove mech-vent solution with heat recovery

Pragmatic, passive and lower cost solutions where possible

Balanced glazing, high thermal mass, night cooling.

Building solutions as learning tools (ie. performance monitoring)

Major embodied carbon savings through building re-use



# ENERGY

Predicted (BRUKL Model)

**79 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/yr**

Does not include laboratory  
and research loads

Actual measured total use

**96 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/yr**

Including all specialist loads



# OPERATIONAL CARBON

Modelled figures

Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Pre Refurbishment

**56.5 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>**

Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Post Refurbishment

**43.35 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>**

**23% REDUCTION**

**DESPITE MUCH MORE ENERGY INTENSIVE USE**



# EMBODIED CARBON

Upfront Embodied (A1-A5)

**381 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>**

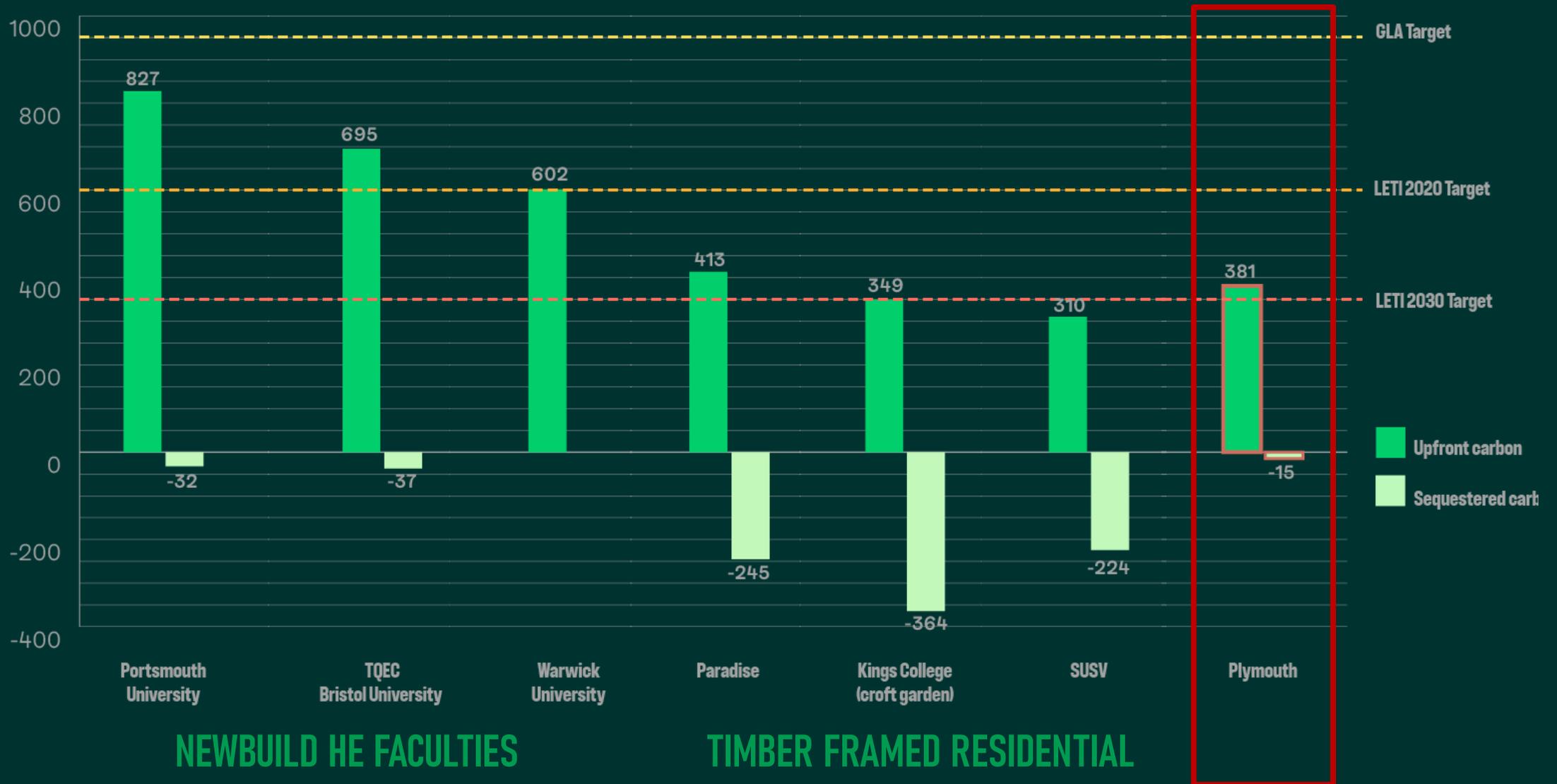
Lifecycle Embodied (A1-5,B1-5,C1-4)

**520 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>**



# Comparison...

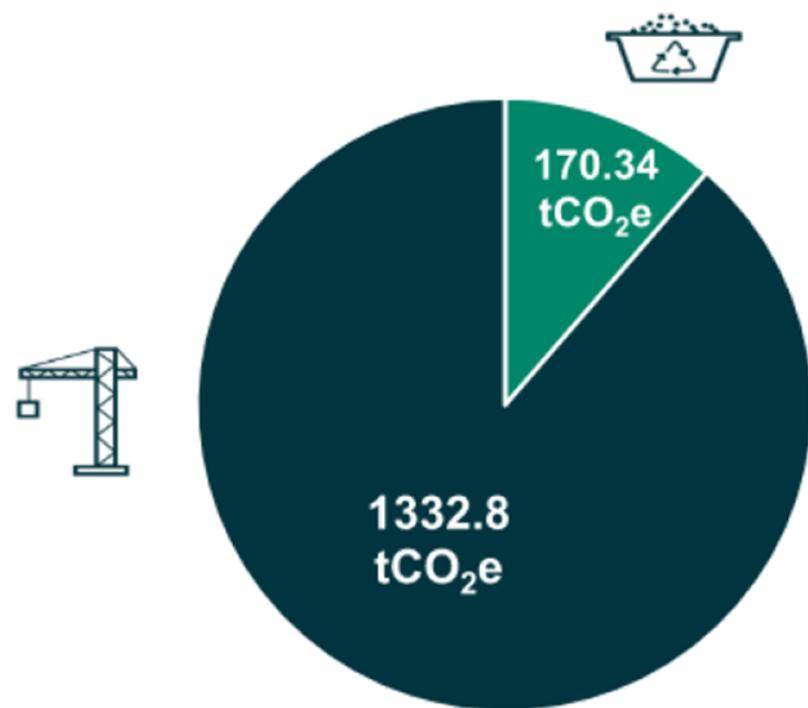
Upfront Embodied Carbon (A1-A5)



## Embodied Carbon Assessment – Methodology

### Existing Babbage Building Summary

Structural Embodied carbon saved from retaining the Babbage building (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)



■ Demolition of existing Babbage building

■ Constructing a new building in place



1,768 one-way flights from London to New York



3,480 barrels of oil consumed



486 average family cars running for 1 year

# OLD BUILDING



# NEW SCHOOL



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# NEW SCHOOL



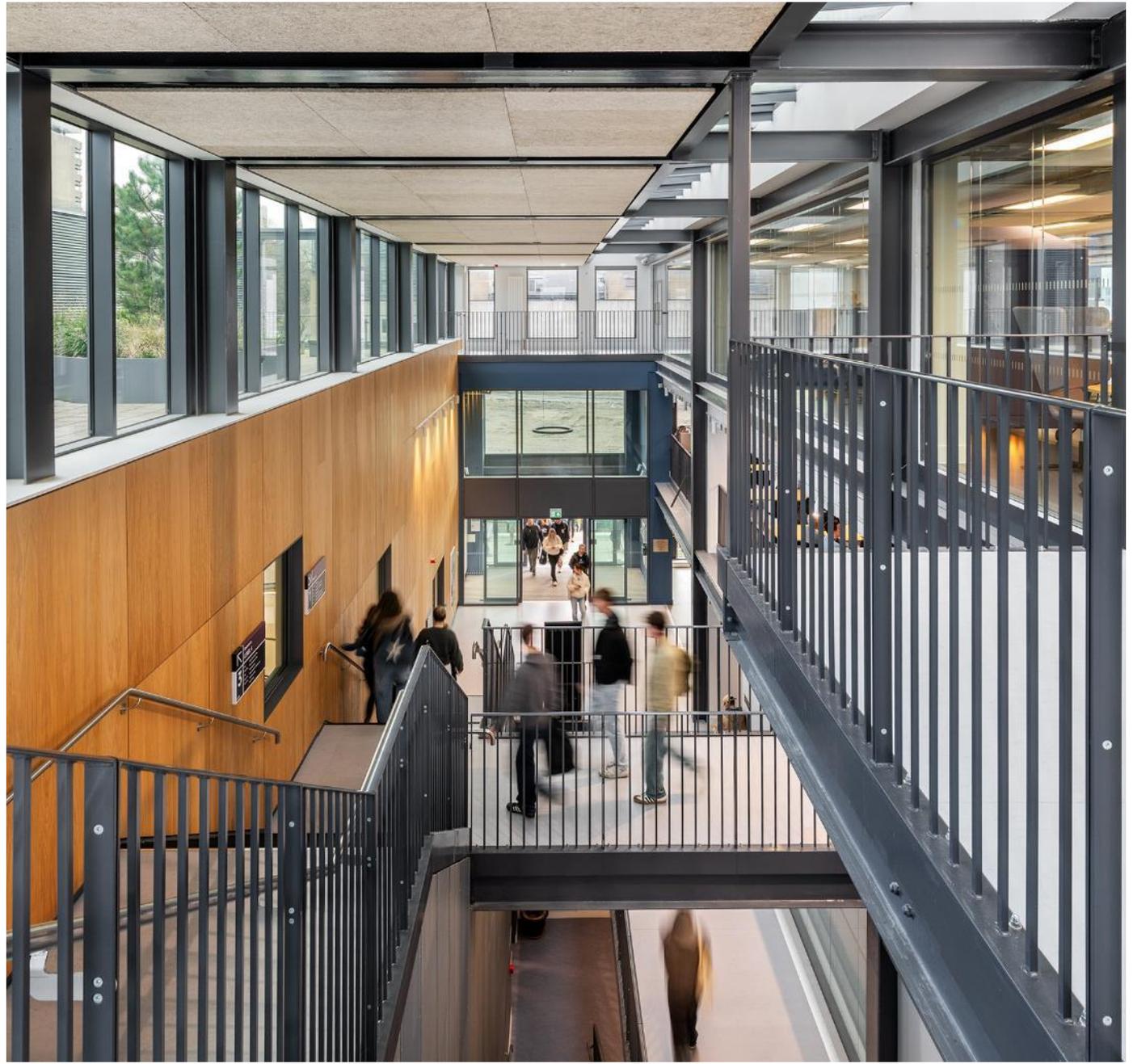
# OLD BUILDING



# NEW SCHOOL





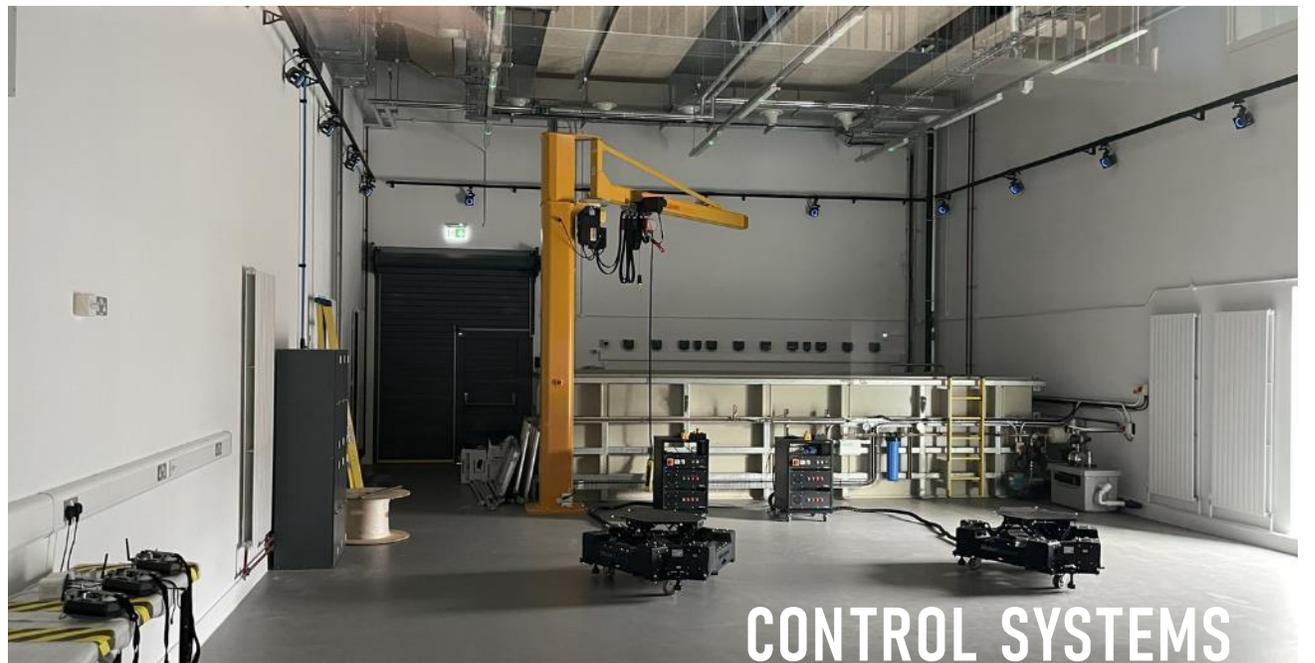




**SOCIAL LEARNING**











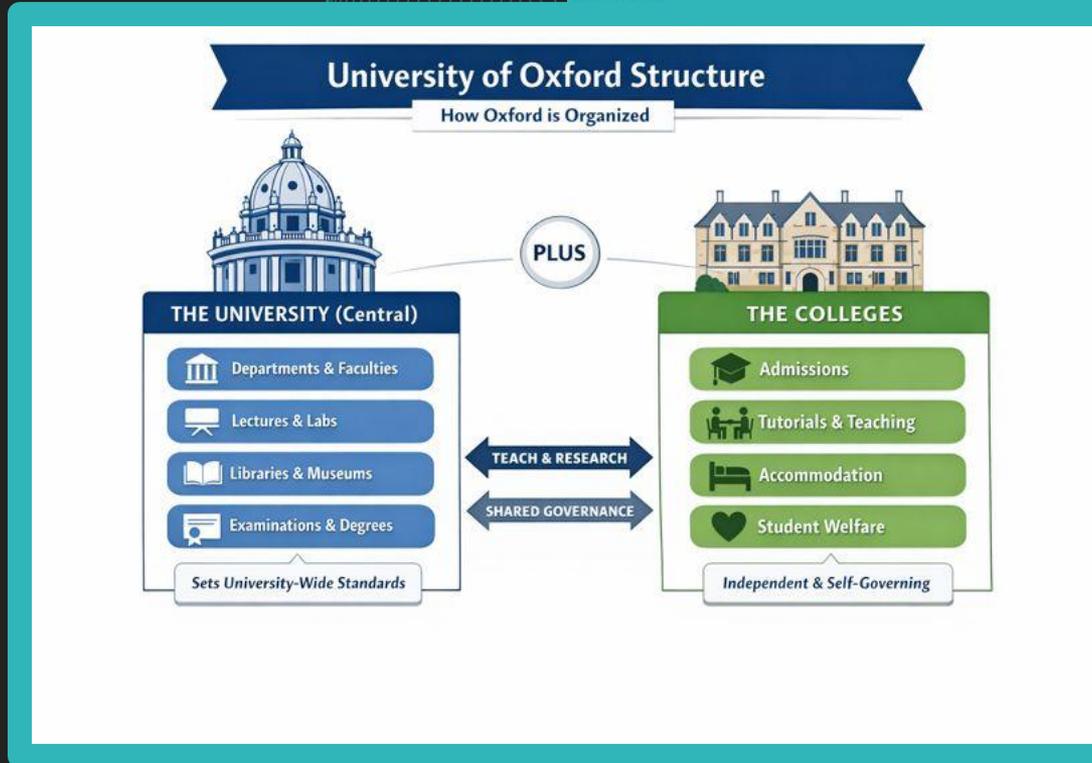
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# St Peter's College Castle Bailey Quad



# Background



# The Driving Factors



## NET ZERO CARBON & BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN BY 2035

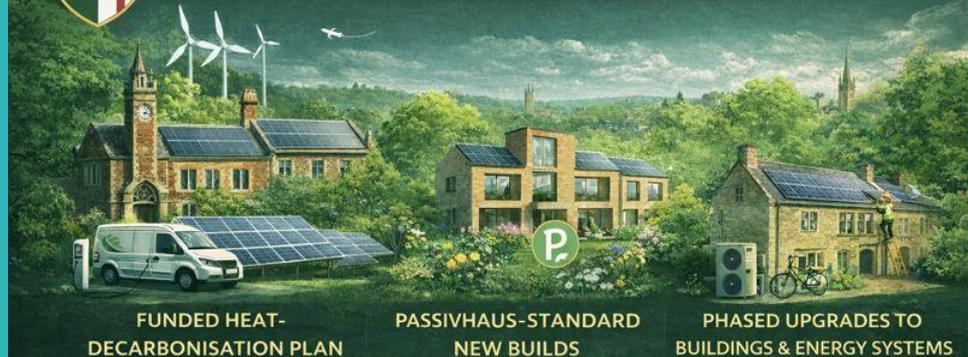


Oxford University aims for **net zero carbon** and **biodiversity net gain** by 2035, supported by **estate decarbonisation**, **travel reduction**, **sustainable investment**, and **£200m** in dedicated funding.



ST PETER'S  
COLLEGE

## NET ZERO CARBON BY AROUND 2035



St Peter's College is pursuing **net zero carbon** across its estate by around **2035**, backed by a **funded heat-decarbonisation plan**, **Passivhaus-standard new builds**, and **phased upgrades to buildings and energy systems**.



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**THANK YOU AND**

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**OVER TO OLIVER**

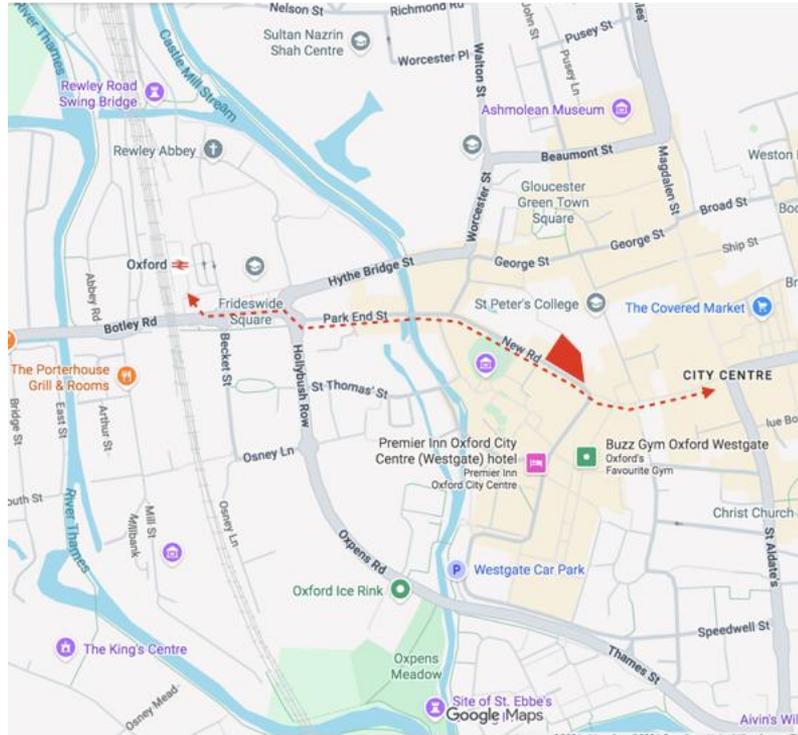


# St Peter's College, Oxford

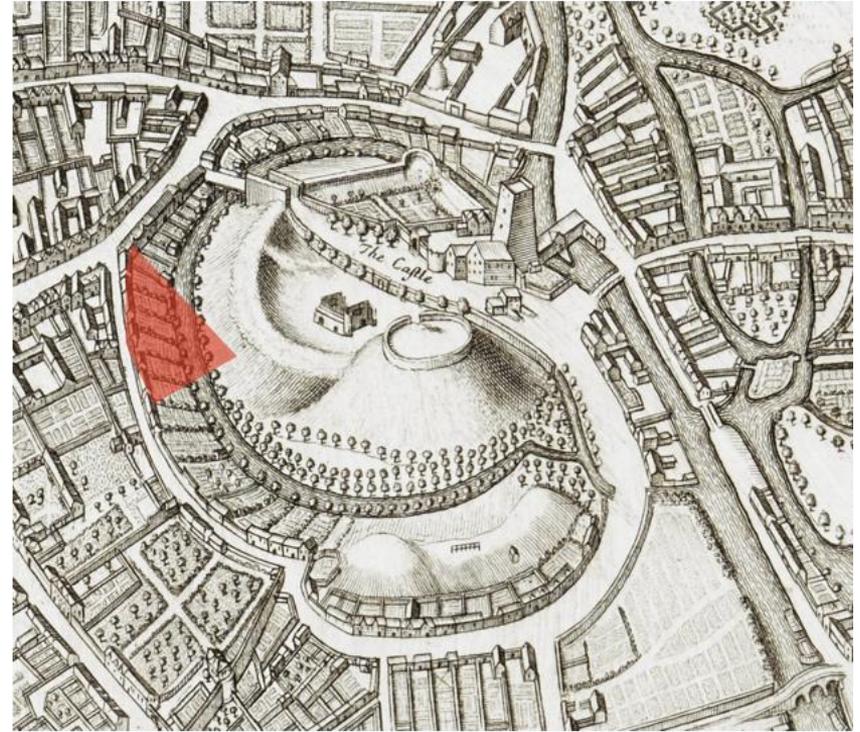
Castle Bailey Quad, Student Residences

## CONTEXT

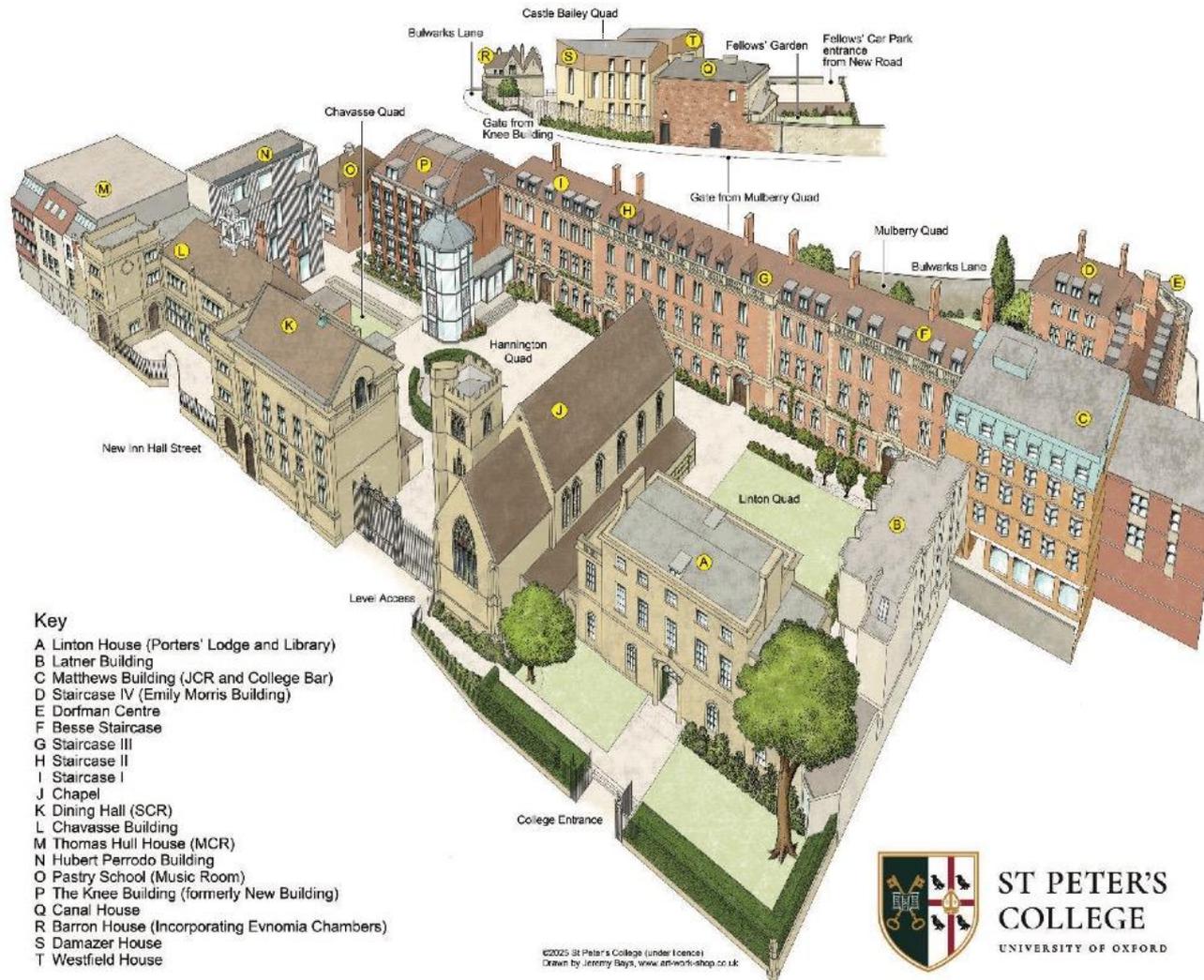
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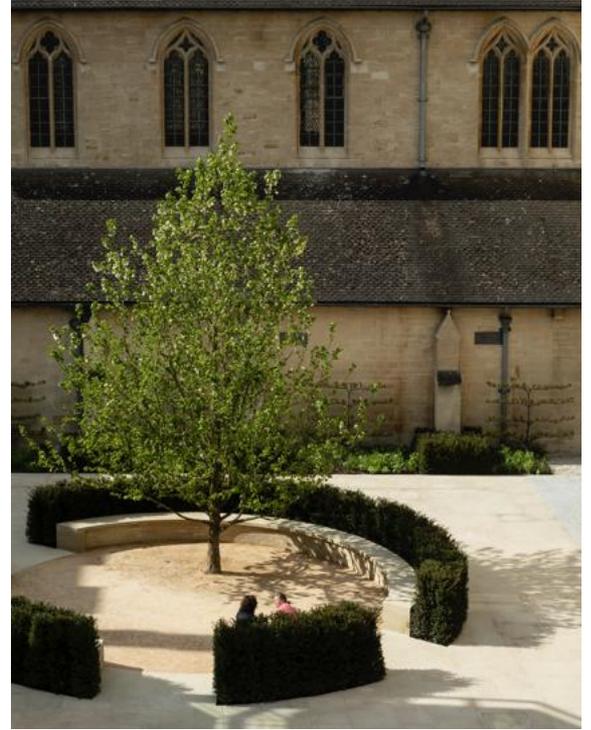
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**ST PETER'S  
 COLLEGE**  
 UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



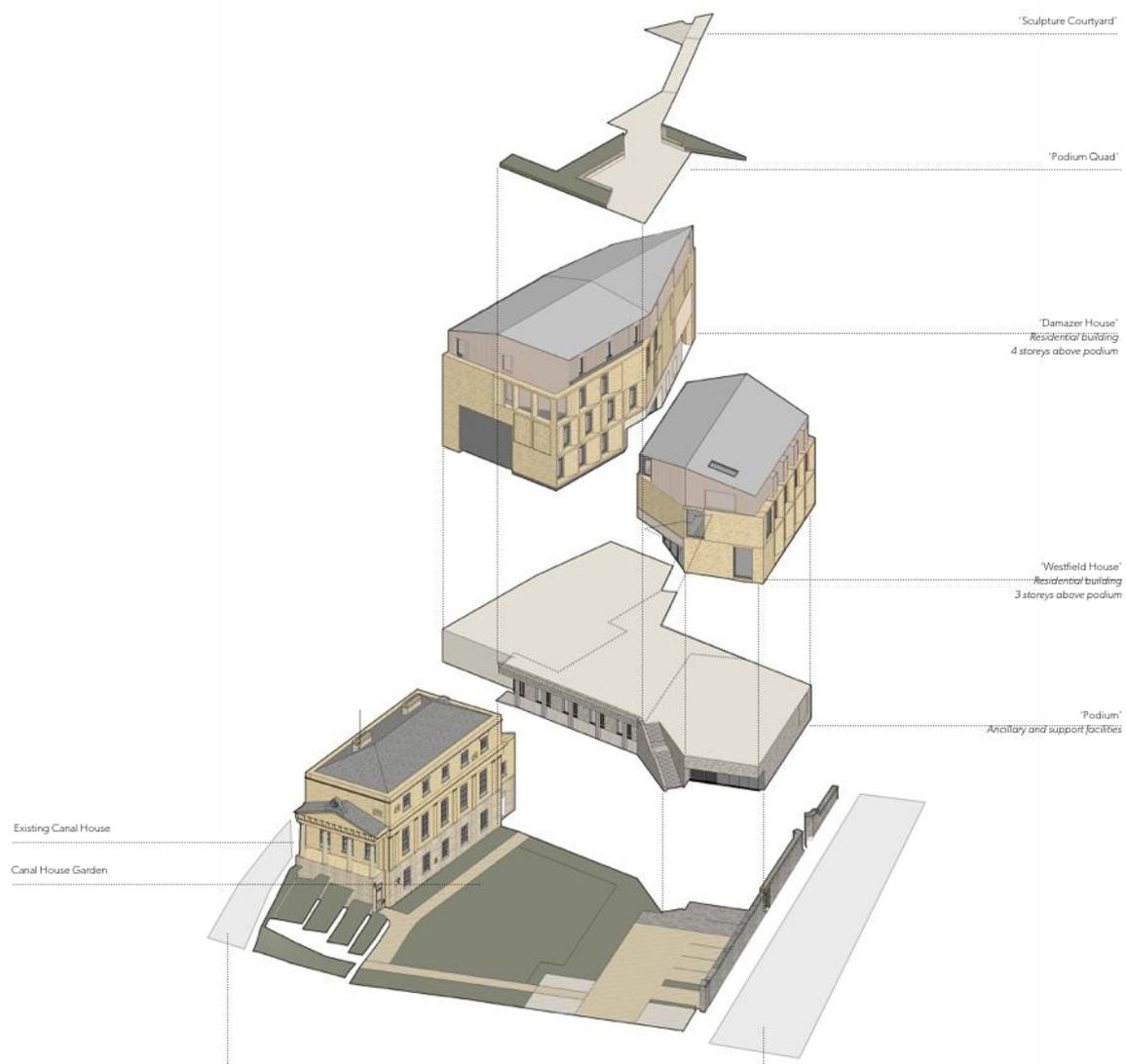


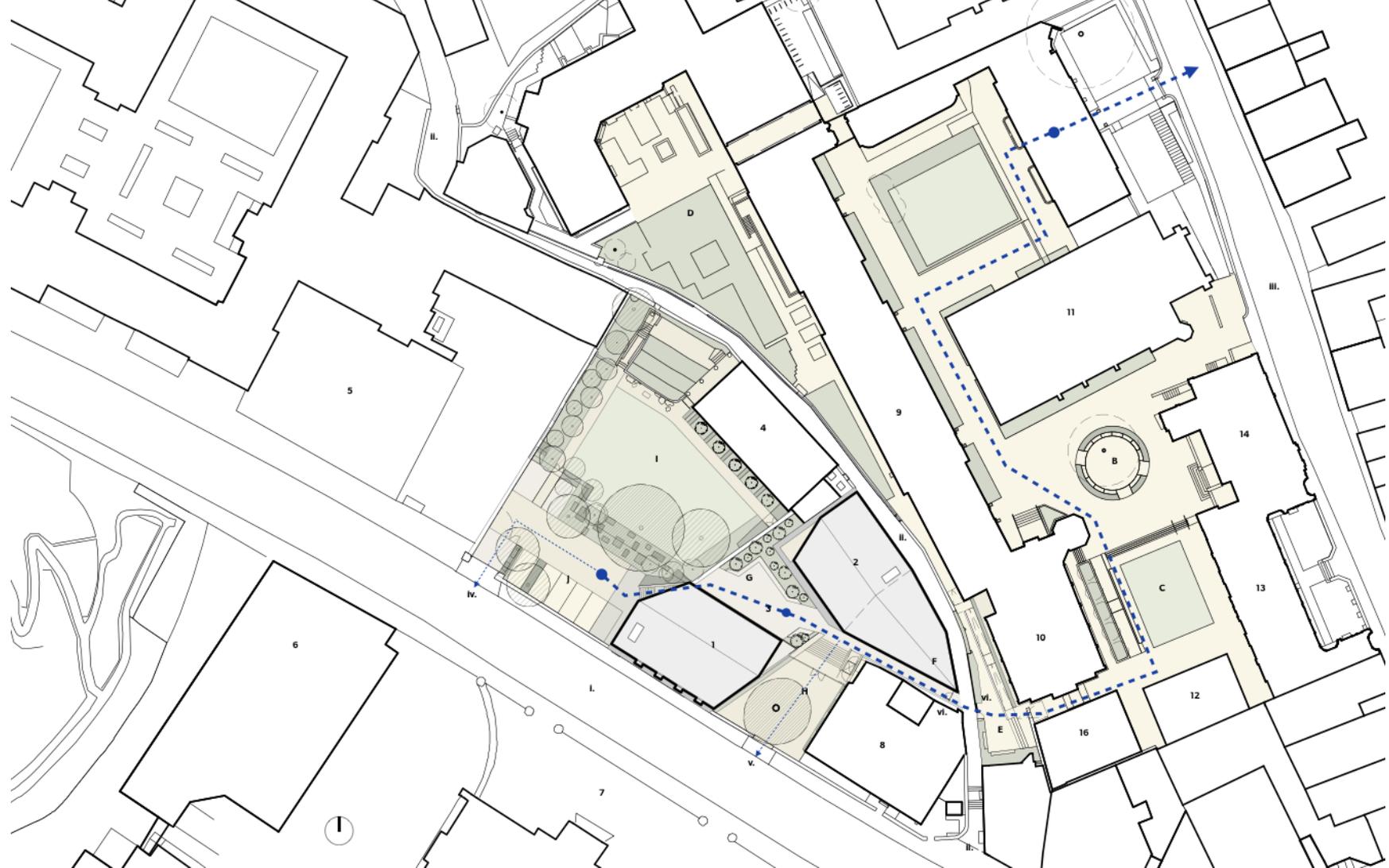


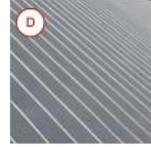


DESIGN

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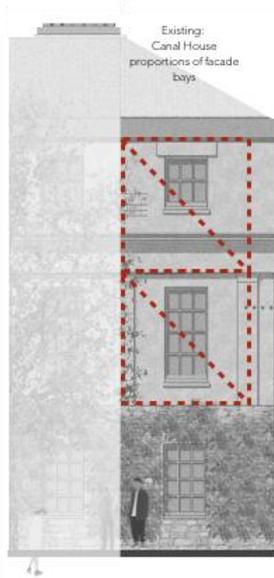
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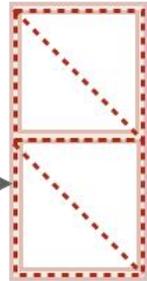
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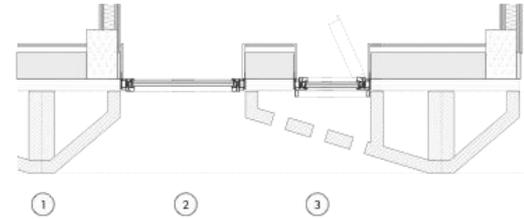
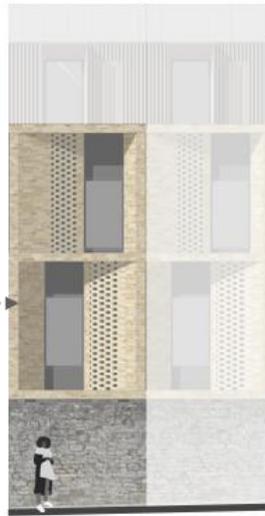
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Proposed:  
Similar proportions derived  
from bedroom grid &  
adjustment of perceived  
storey height



Overlaid - informal  
composition of offset  
angled elements



Key

1. Brick pilaster
2. Aluminium window system (Grey powder-coated).
3. Hit and Miss brickwork with opening vent behind.





Floor plan level 1

- ★ Building Entrances
- ★ Lift
- Servicing/Plant room
- College facility
- Communal facility
- Accommodation

- 1. Study bedroom
- 2. Accessible study bedroom
- 3. Kitchen
- 4. Accessible kitchen
- 5. Laundry & store
- 6. Common room

- 1. WCs
- 2. Workshop
- 3. Office
- 4. Store
- 5. Plant
- 6. Cycle store

- 1. Refuse & Recycling
- 2. External colonnade.
- 3. Fellow's Rooms
- 4. 'Set' - warden's flat







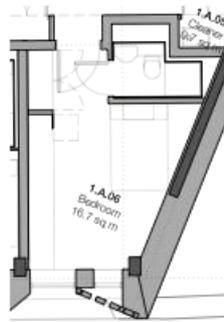
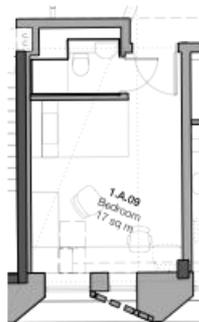
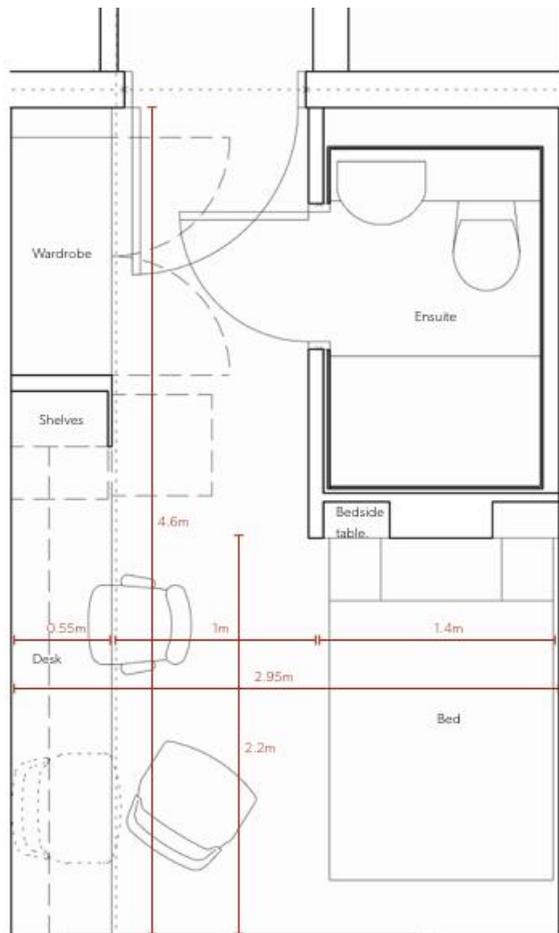
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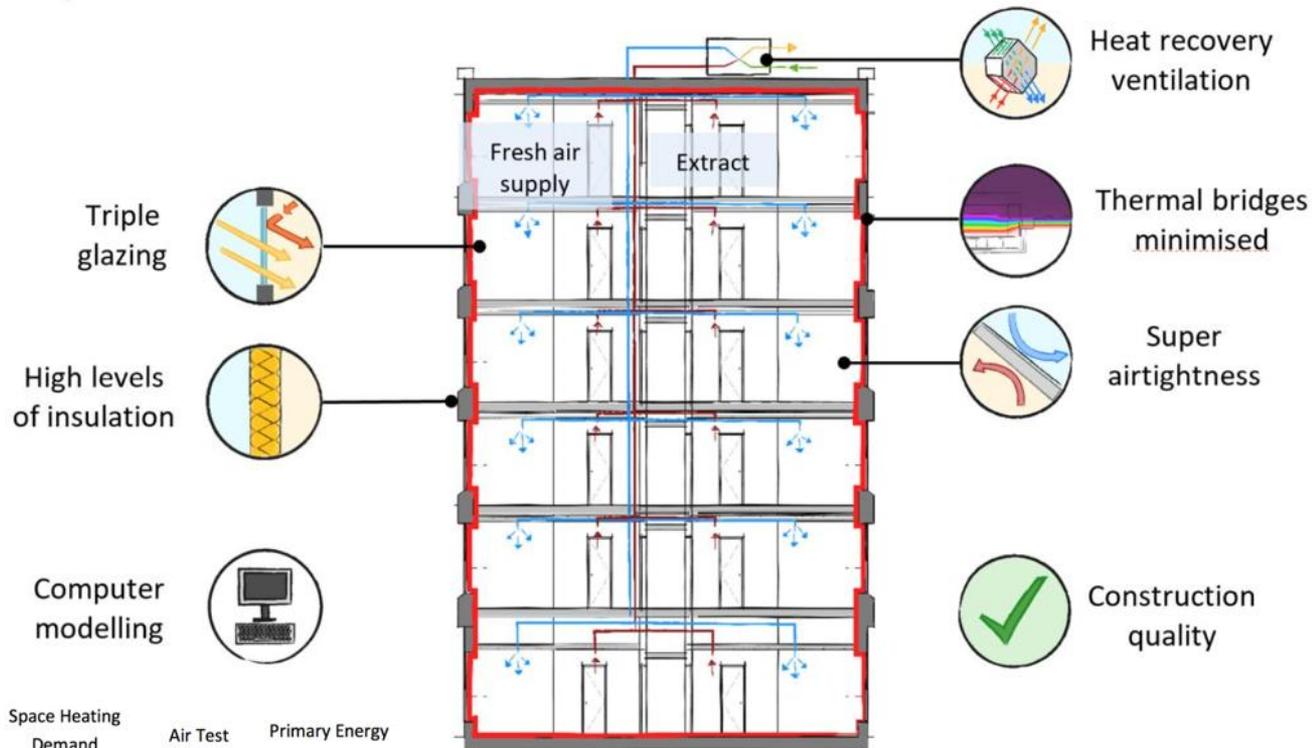
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Examples of the alternative bedroom layouts

## PASSIVHAUS (Low Energy Building)

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Space Heating Demand      Air Test      Primary Energy



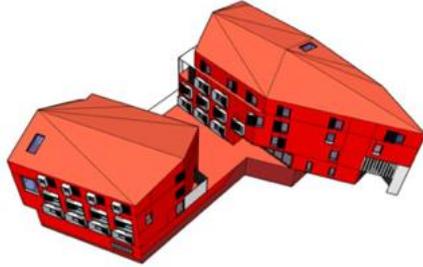
NOTE! For this project we are targeting 0.6m³/m²/hr, with an allowable limit of 1m³/m²/hr

Figure 1: Key features of a Passivhaus

### 3 Strategy Summary

The Passivhaus strategy for the project is summarised below. The data presented here is that currently within the PHPP model.

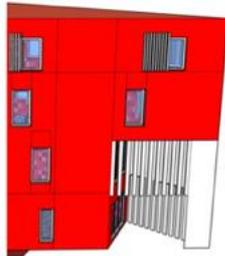
#### Building Model Results



#### Form Factor

2.13

TFA  
1622m<sup>2</sup>



#### Walls

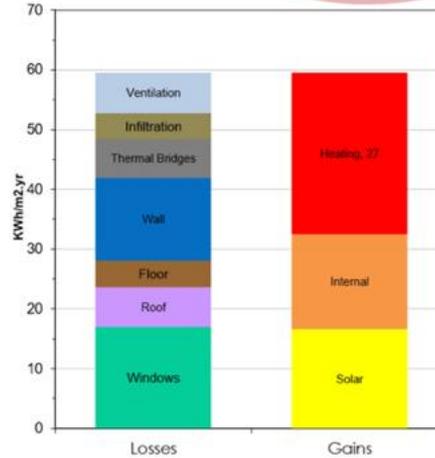
U=0.16

W/m<sup>2</sup>/K

Average

#### Space Heating

27 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/yr



#### Windows & Doors

U=0.73

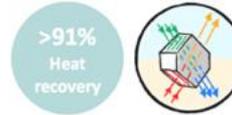
W/m<sup>2</sup>/K

0.81 including thermal bridges.

g=0.47

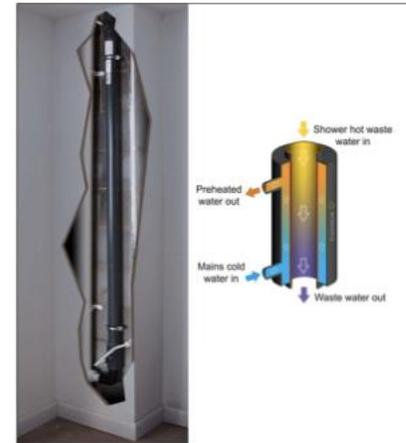
#### Ventilation

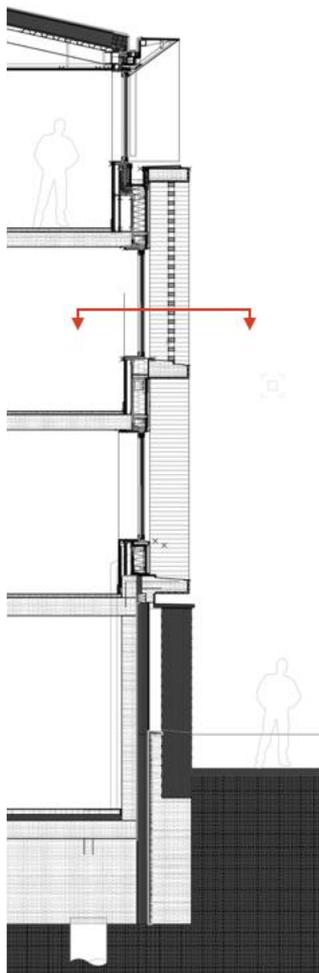
Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery



For central AHU

#### Heat recovery



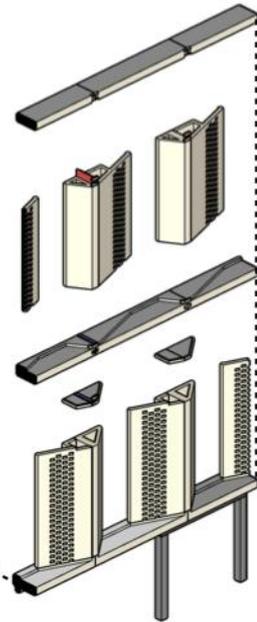
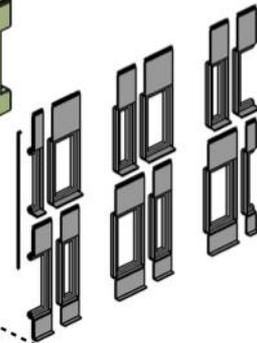
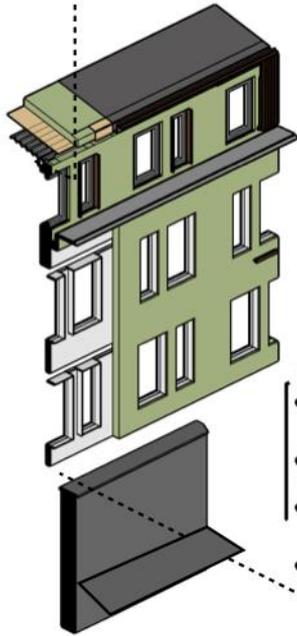
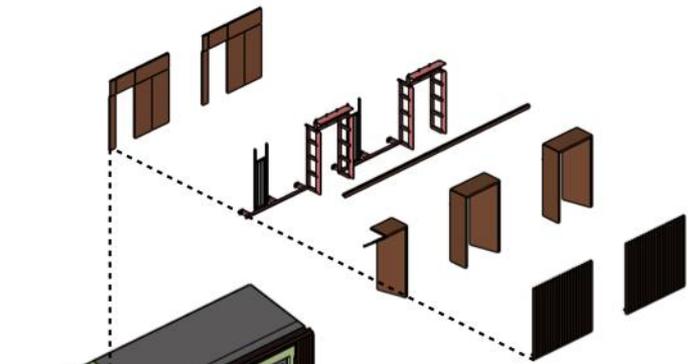


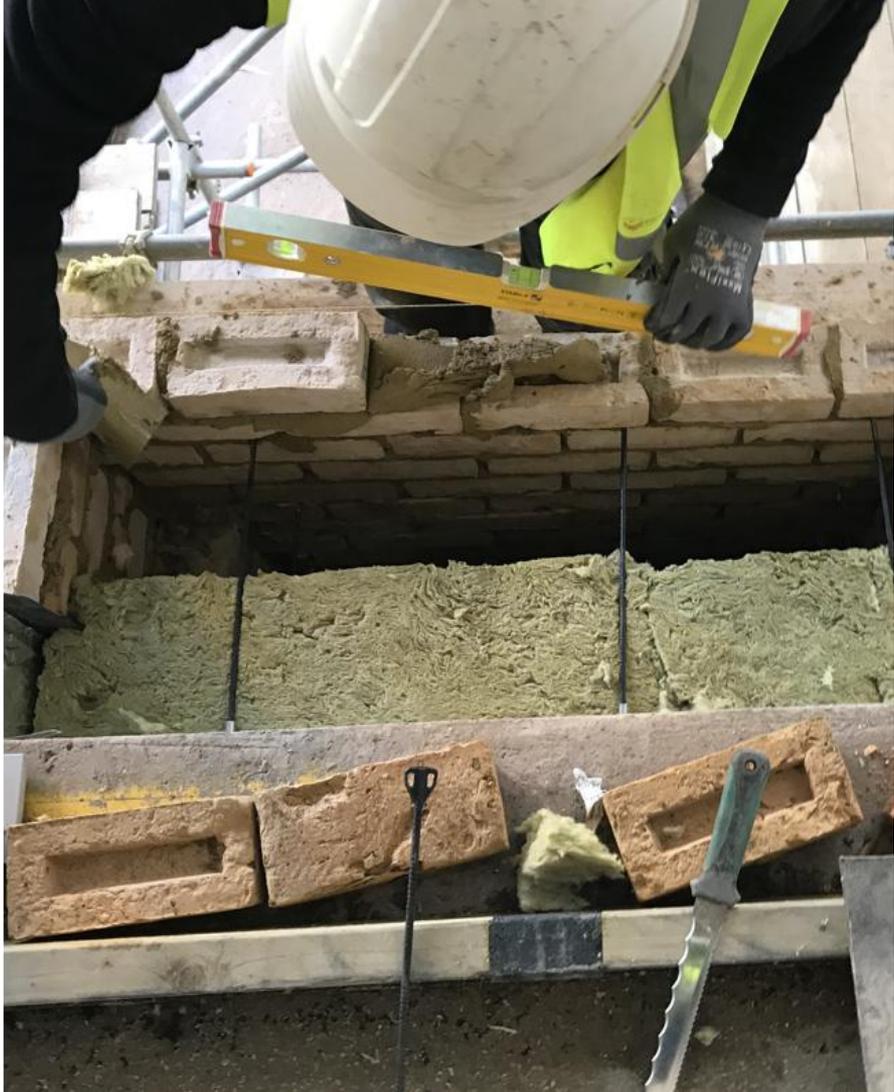
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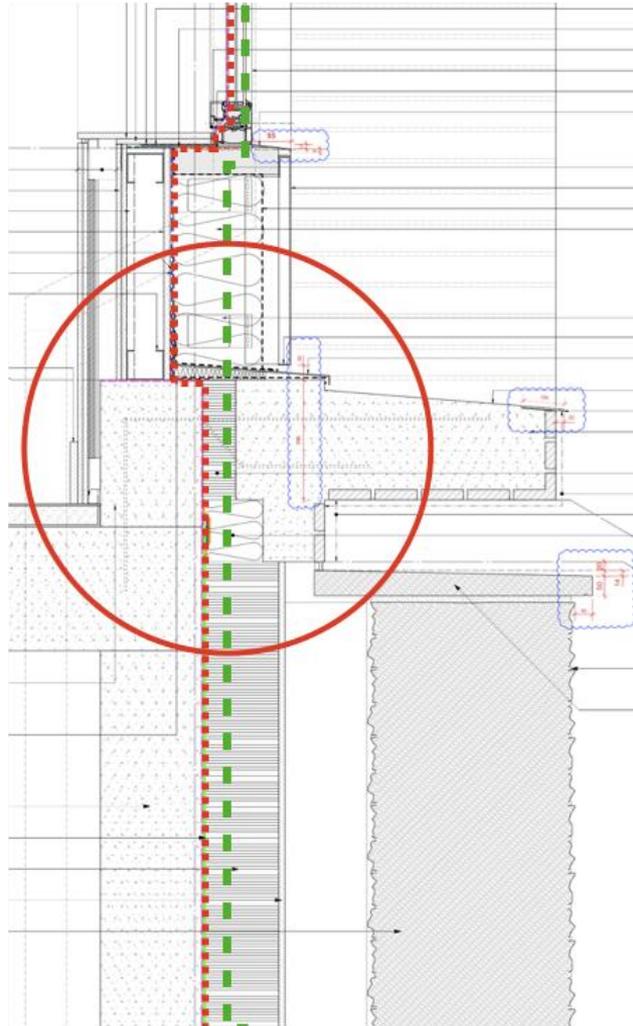
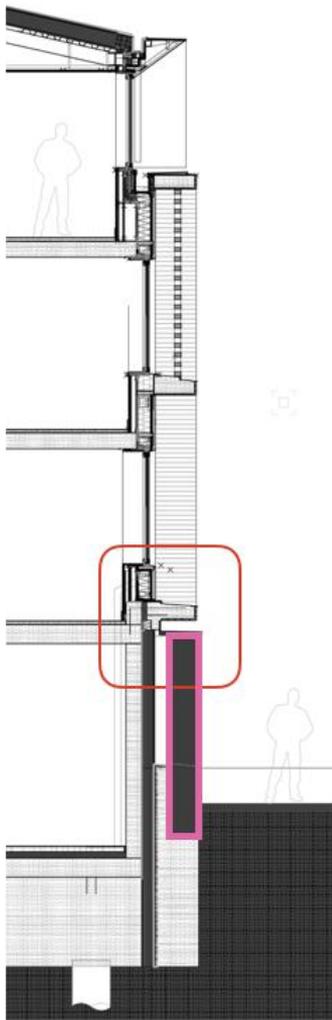


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FINISHED BUILDING

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ENTRY TO SITE



No parking

Blue parking sign with a white 'P' and a blue square.

Blue parking sign with a white 'P' and a blue square.



STOP





DESIGNENGINE  
ARCHITECTS

