

In addition, the building requires renovating internally as a response to the brief set by Cheshire West & Chester's Libraries team to meet the changing demands of the modern library and the potential for how the library of the future could function.

Finally, the project seeks to improve the day-to-day running costs of the library by enhancing the thermal performance of the building's fabric to modern standards where possible with a sensitive response to the heritage aspects.

- ## LEGEND

	Staff Area		Plant / Comms
	Public Library		Storage
	Study Area		Out-of-Hours Area
	Employment & Skills		Circulation
	WC / Toilet		

Floor Plan | *Proposed Ground Floor Layout*



Floor Plan | *Proposed First Floor Layout*

02 PROPOSED FACADE

There are elements of the building envelope which clearly require repair works to ensure that the building is fit for its future use whilst preserving the historic features related to the buildings listed status.

The following repairs & restoration works have been considered to the buildings fabric:

- Re-roofing of pitched & flat roofs
- Replacement of all rainwater goods
- Timber repairs to the facade and refinish
- Replacement of brick infill panels & lime render
- Repair and replacement of windows
- Restoration of historic external doors
- Removal of outbuildings within courtyard
- New facade to conceal flat roof element
- Improved means of escape
- Replacement of historic roof lights

The redesigned rear facade, has been inspired by the scale, form and regulation of the existing library building. The design can be broken down into 4 distinct elements:

- 1. Surrounding Element** - The surrounding element projects from the facade, and is inspired by the dark projecting nature of the slate roofs which enclose and wrap the timber frame of the existing building.
- 2. Inner Framework** - The secondary projection serves as the 'structural framework' for the proposed facade and is inspired by the timber frame supporting the roofs which project from the primary timber frame which form the facade.
- 3. Linear Frame** - The proposed in-fill cladding of the rear facade has been broken down into a rhythm and modularity that matches the size and scale of the timber frame.
- 4. Solid In-fill** - The final element of the proposed rear facade is the larger in-fill cladding panels which much like 03, are inspired by the in-fill panels of the existing buildings elevations and lime rendered panels.

In terms of materiality, it is proposed that the facade is comprised of two types of metal cassette cladding which are sympathetic to their surroundings.

The darker tone is inspired by the blacks colour of the adjacent timber frame, however a dark brown palette is proposed to harmonise with the neighbouring brick facade which projects significantly past the facade and existing library building.

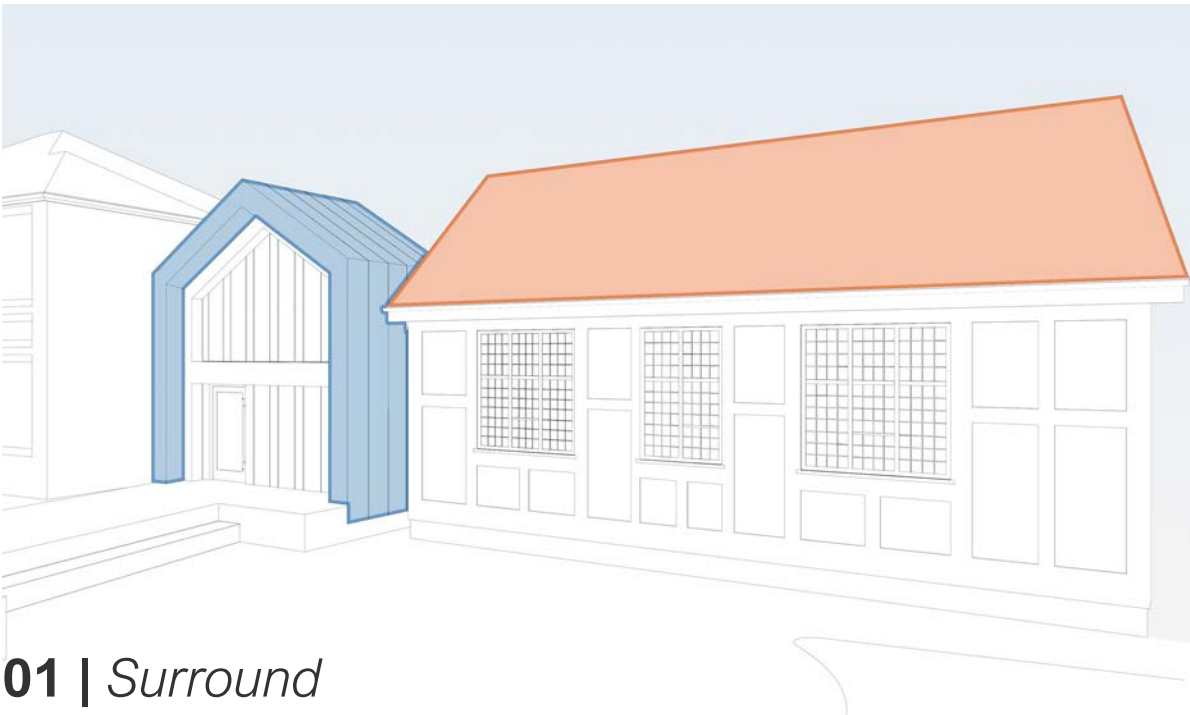
The in-fill element is inspired by the brick tones of the existing facade and also the brickwork plinths upon which the building's timber frame currently sits.



Elevation | Proposed Front Elevation



Elevation | Proposed Rear Elevation



01 | Surround



02 | Framework



03 | Linear



04 | Solid



Visual | Approach to the Out-of-Hours Entrance along Albion Road



Visual | Approach to the Out-of-Hours Entrance along Albion Road from Barons Quay



Visual | View towards the Out-of-Hours Entrance from Albion Road



Visual | Proposed External Space to the Rear of the Library



Artists Impression | Main Entrance Foyer



Artists Impression | Main Library Space



Artists Impression | Children's Library



Artists Impression | Employment, Skills & Learning Reception Area