01 PROPOSED LAYOUT

The project seeks to repair & refurbish the Brunner Public Library. There is also an opportunity with the refurbishment to restore and reinstate many of the heritage features.

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.

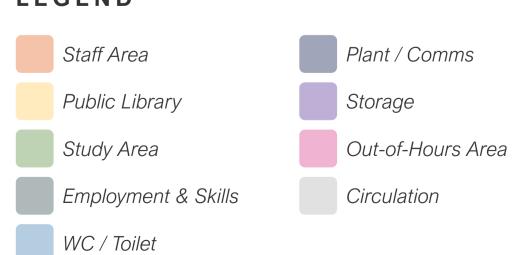
There is also an ambition for the library to extend the range of services on offer at the library with the inclusion of the Cheshire West & Chester Employment, Skills & Learning team, who will occupy space on the first floor of the building offering adult learning opportunities for those aged 19-65.

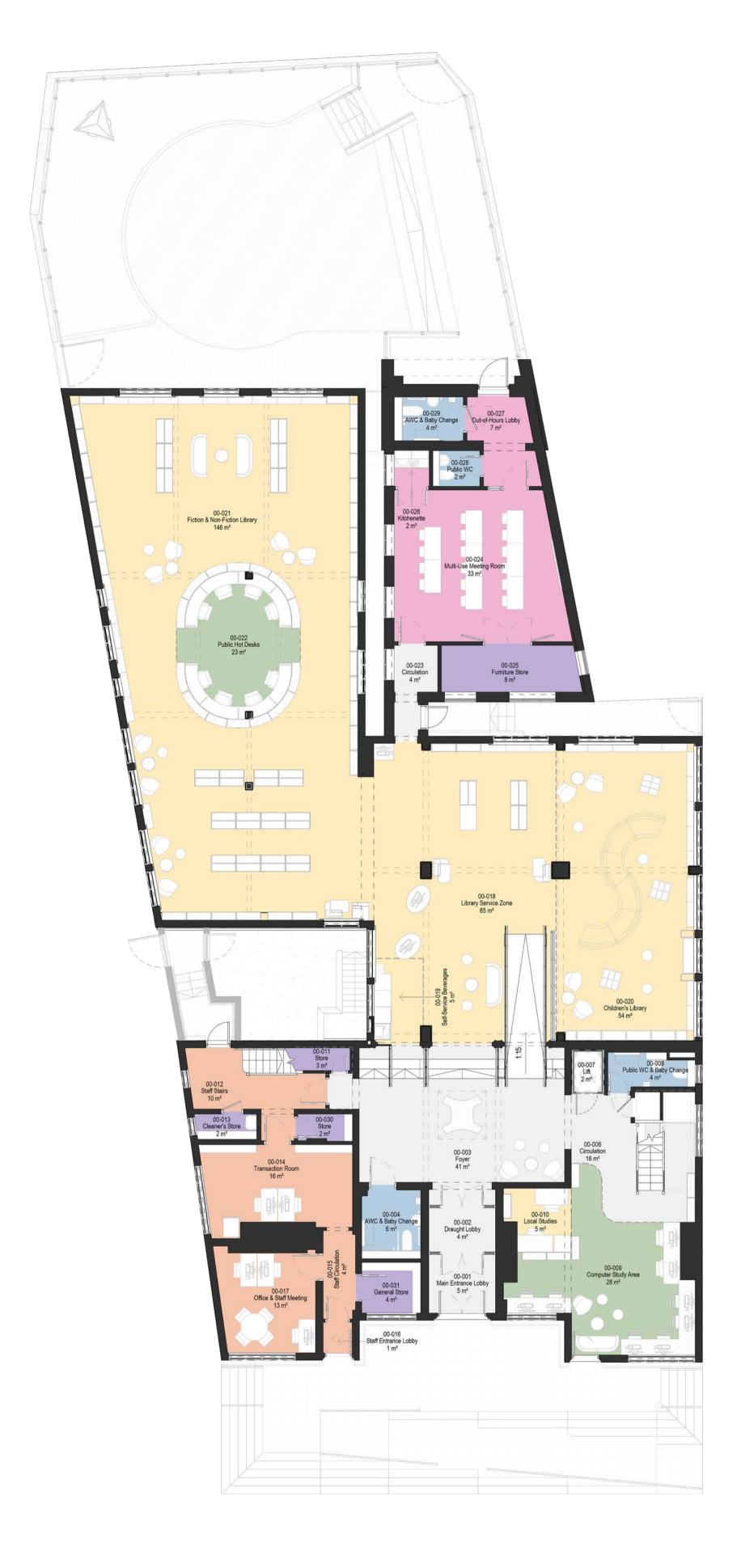
Finally, the project seeks to improve the day-to-day running costs of the library by enhancing the thermal performance of the building's fabric to modern standards where possible with a sensitive response to the heritage aspects.

The following improvements are proposed to the internal layout of the library space:

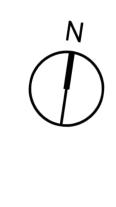
- 1. Improved main entrance and foyer area to increase visibility, way-finding and connectivity of spaces.
- 2. Enhanced inclusivity throughout the building, including level building access to the front and rear, platform lift providing access to the first floor and accessible toilet facilities to both floors.
- 3. Improved separation between public and staff spaces, enhancing security.
- 4. Existing rear extension redesigned to function independently from the main library space, which will enable the room to be used for hire for activities such as workshops and classes.
- 5. A new facade to the rear elevation for visitors accessing the new function space which will enhance the building's appearance when used out-of-hours.
- 6. Improved flexibility within the main library space to enable alternative furniture layouts, larger events and various user groups.
- 7. Introduced space on the first floor for the Employment, Skills and Learning team to operate their service.

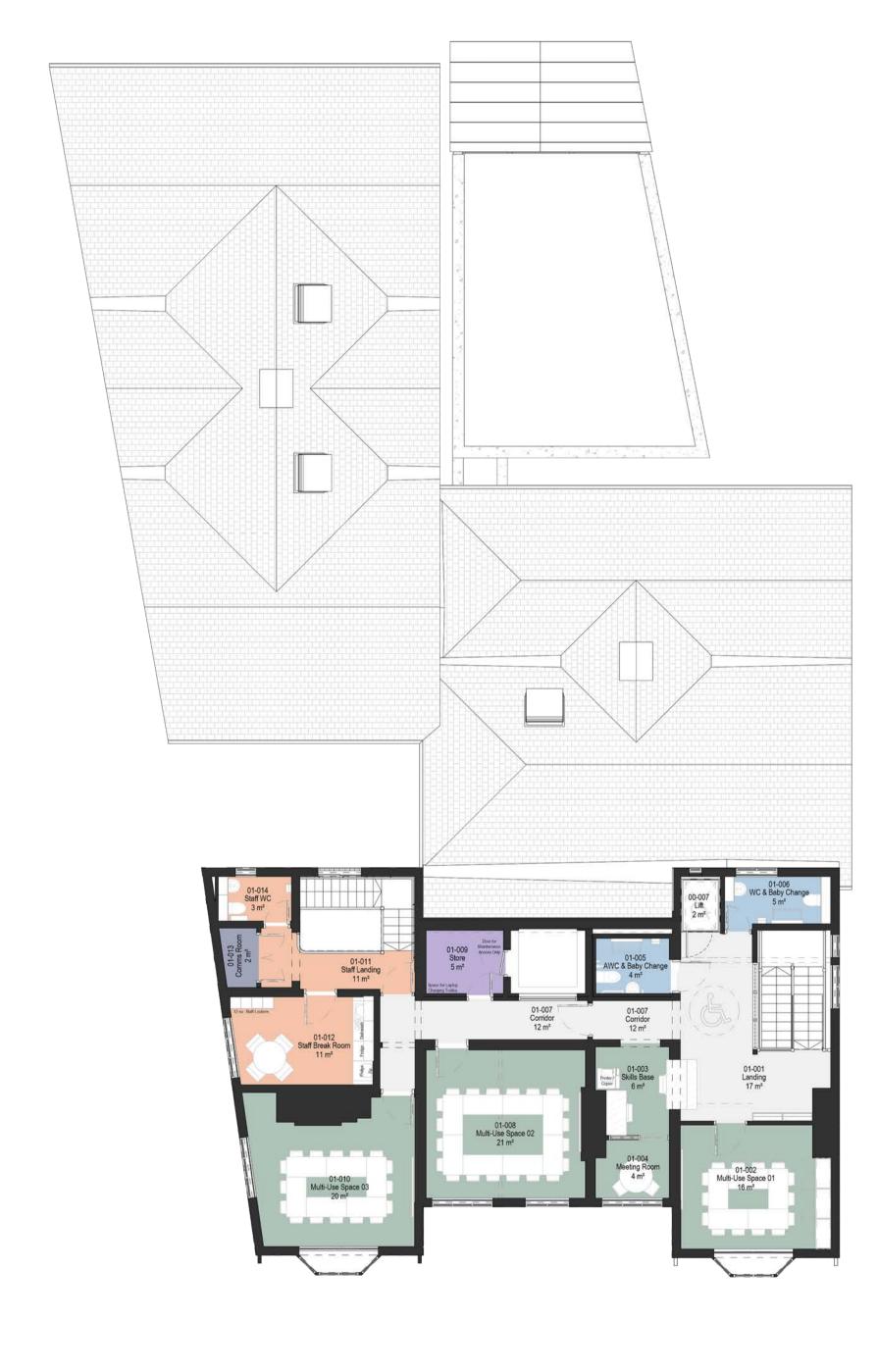
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02 PROPOSED FACADE

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.

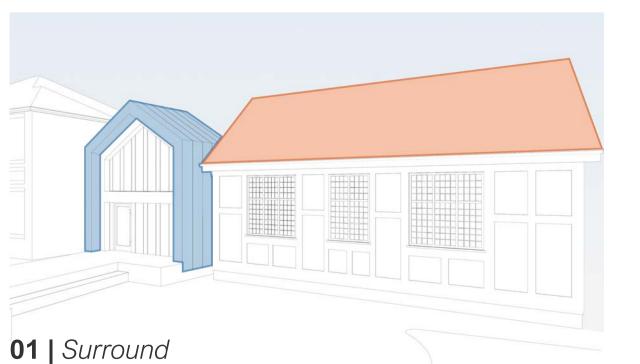
The in-fill element is inspired by the brick tones of the existing facade and also the brickwork plinths upon which the building's timber frame currently sits.

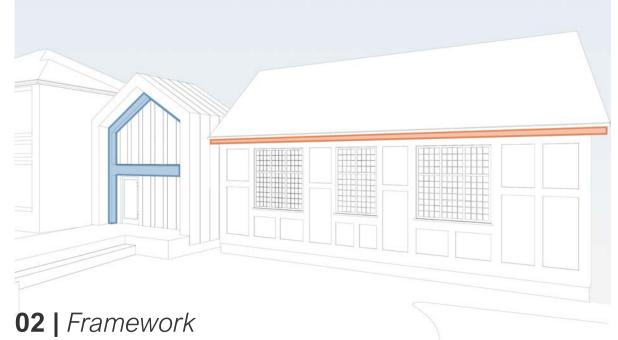


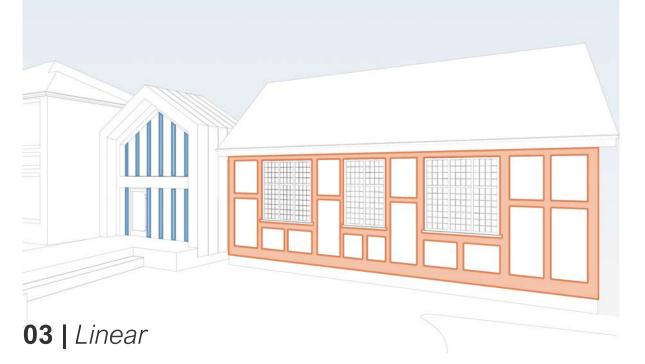
Elevation | Proposed Front Elevation

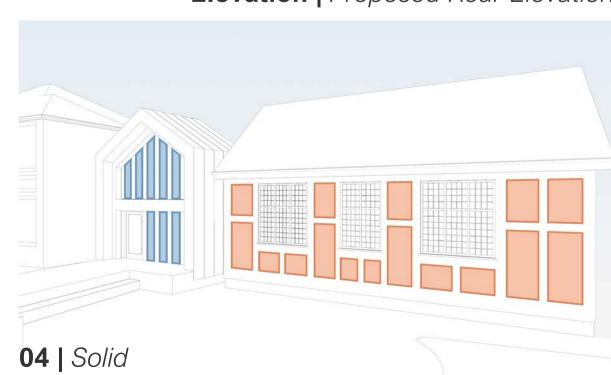






























Visual | Approach to the Out-of-Hours Entrance along Albion Road from Barons Quay



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



Visual | Proposed External Space to the Rear of the Library

















Artists Impression | Main Library Space

Artists Impression | Main Entrance Foyer



Artists Impression | Children's Library

Artists Impression | Employment, Skills & Learning Reception Area











