

Kidderminster Town Hall

Project Overview

This exhibition summarises the initial design proposals for the refurbishment of Kidderminster Town Hall. The design proposals illustrated here are in the early stages and we welcome your comments & feedback.

In October 2021, WFDC with Kidderminster Town Council was awarded funding to complete the refurbishment and regeneration of the Town Hall. Glenn Howells Architects were successfully appointed following a design competition bid. The architects have worked closely with members of Kidderminster Town Council to understand the key requirements, ambitions, and vision for the Town Hall regeneration. During each design stage, the architects have also collaborated with heritage experts, Donald Insall Associates, to ensure that all the historic aspects of the Town Hall are retained and repaired for many years of future enjoyment.

The ambition of the project team is for the Town Hall to become known and used as a community meeting and cultural venue rather than just a concert and events centre as at present. In recent years, the Town Hall has not been used to its full potential and there has been a narrowing of audiences which means that many people in the local community have failed to benefit from the facility or can see the relevance of the Hall to their lives. Therefore, the fundamental objective underpinning proposals is that Kidderminster Town Hall will cater for all the community, providing a range of activities, events, performances, learning opportunities and reasons to meet at the venue irrespective of age or background.

It will be open daytime and evenings, throughout the week and weekend, unlike at present when the public spaces are only open for an event. Strategically, this will also increase footfall and support town centre business activities.

Key project objectives -

- Consideration of access, circulation and security for all to feel welcome and safe.
- Upgrading of performance/event venues and the back of house functions, in order to attract a range of high quality productions to the Town Hall.
- Rear vehicle access for visiting productions to load/unload with access to the stage.
- A new courtyard meeting space at the heart of the Town Hall, uniting the two sides of the building.
- Front of house refurbishments to enhance the visitor experience for all.
- To reimagine the variety of existing spaces within Kidderminster Town Hall, which if adapted and used creatively can increase the range of events and activities offered.
- To refurbish and protect the buildings historical assets, to allow them to be enjoyed and appreciated by generations to come.
- To contribute to the revitalisation of Kidderminster at town centre, district and area wide levels.



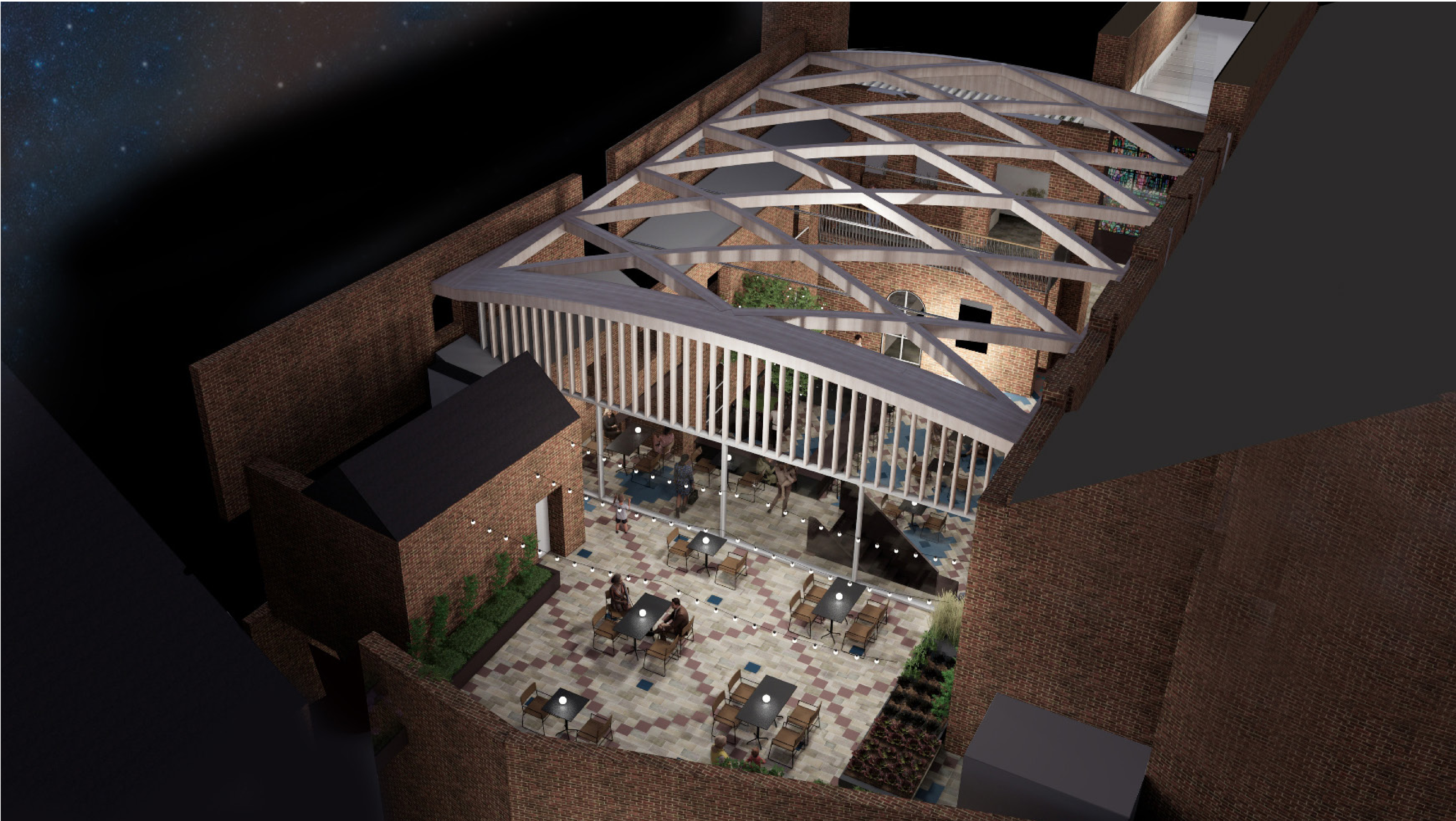
Town Hall Entrance



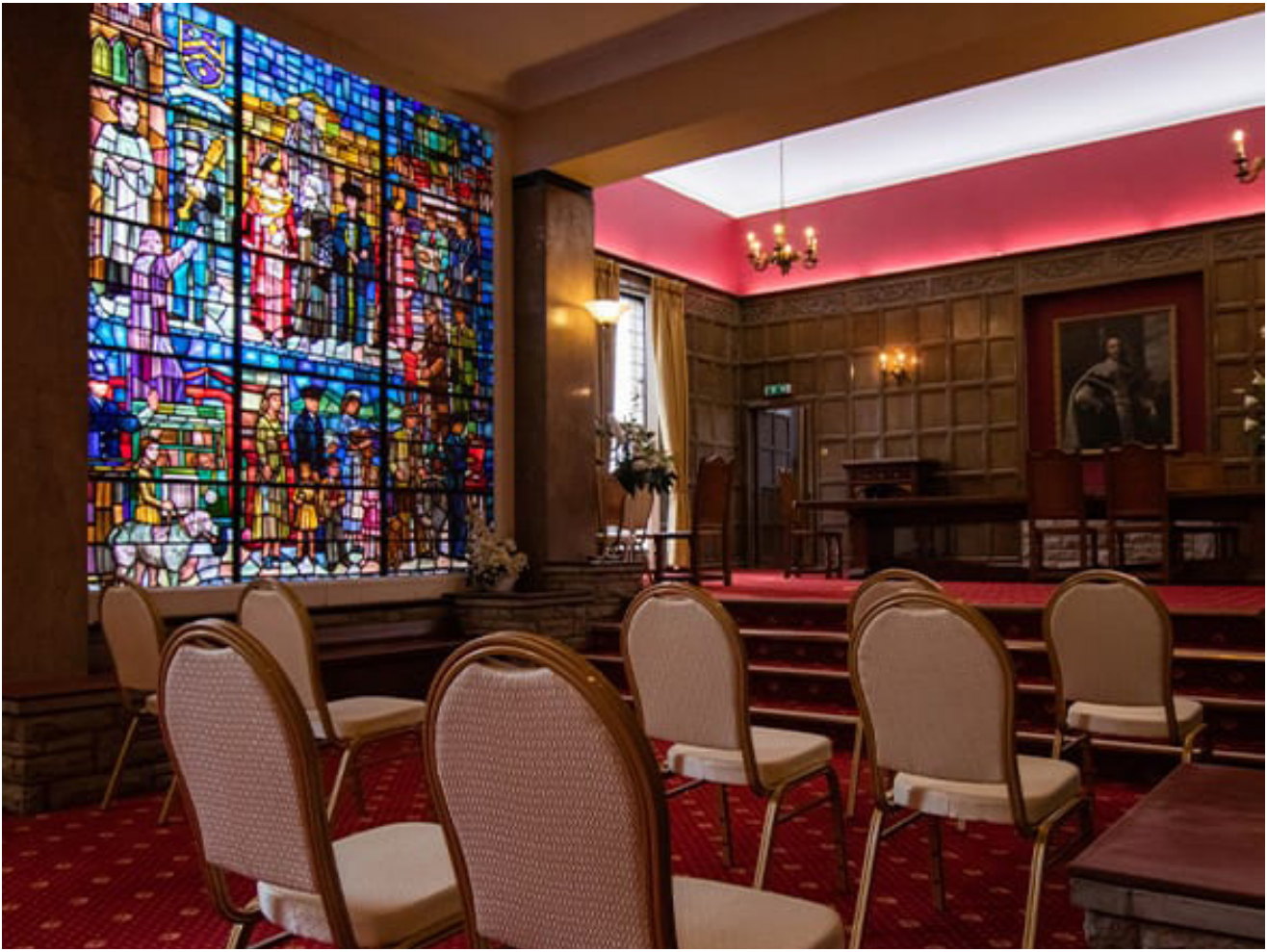
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Event Space



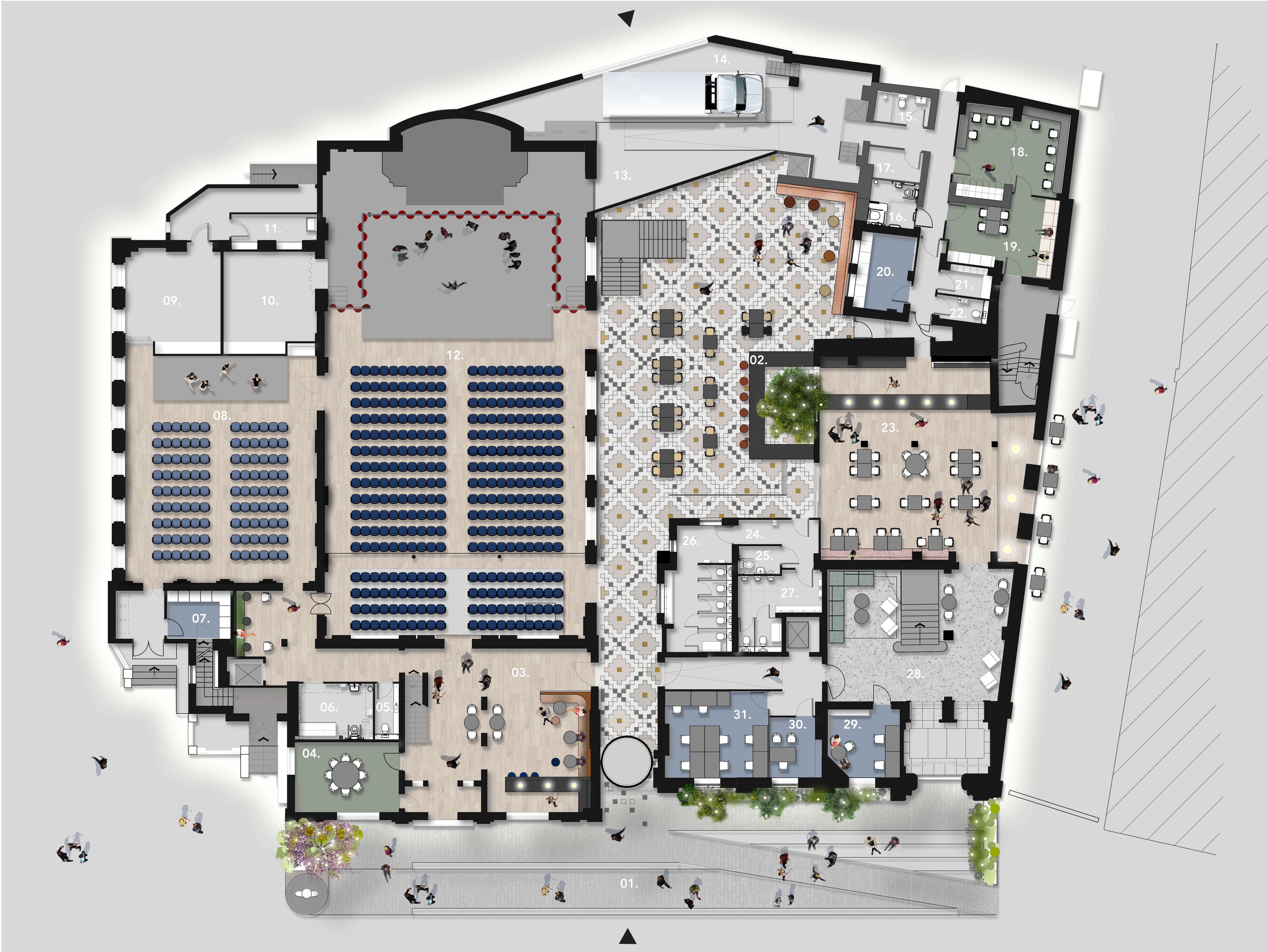
Above: Current King Charles Room
Right: Proposed Event Space (First Floor)



Ground Floor Plan

Proposed

- 01 - Podium Entrance
- 02- Central Courtyard**
- 03 - Entrance Foyer/Bar**
- 04 - Flexible room/Future additional office
- 05 - Gender Neutral WC
- 06 - Changing Places WC
- 07 - Catering Kitchen
- 08 - Corn Exchange**
- 09 - CE Store Room
- 10 - 'Stage Right' & Store
- 11 - Cleaners Store
- 12 - Music Hall**
- 13 - 'Stage Left' & Backstage
- 14 - Lower Service Area/Vehicle bay
- 15. WC & Shower
- 16. Acc. WC & Shower
- 17. Stair to Courtroom dock
- 18. Dressing Room/Hair & make-up
- 19. Green Room
- 20. Cafe prep kitchen & store
- 21. Cafe staff changing room
- 22. Cafe staff WC
- 23. Cafe/Bar**
- 24. WC lobby
- 25. Accessible WC
- 26. Female WC
- 27. Male WC
- 28. Civic Entrance Lobby**
- 29. Registrar main office
- 30. Registrar office/Shared meeting room
- 31. Council staff office



First Floor Plan

Proposed

- 32 - Foyer stair landing
- 33 - Reading room/Flexible room
- 34 - Lift lobby
- 35 - Accessible WC
- 36 - Music Hall Gallery**
- 37 - Upper King Charles room**
- 38 - Lower KC room/wedding/event space**
- 39 - Balcony overlooking courtyard
- 40 - Civic lobby stair landing
- 41 - Mayors Parlour**
- 42 - Council Chamber**
- 43 - Multi Faith Prayer/Reflection room
- 44 - Court Room**
- 45 - Flexible Room
- 46 - Walled Garden**
- 47 - Garden Store

