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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 HOPWOOD HALL COLLEGE OVERVIEW

Hopwood Hall College and University Centre provides a wide range of high-quality vocational and technical training from entry level to Higher Education to learners in the Borough of Rochdale, Middleton and beyond. We continually strive to ensure that all learners achieve their individual, educational and employment goals, whilst meeting the skills needs of the region.

As one of the leading general further education colleges in the region with over 8,000 students (including around 3,300 16–18-year-olds and 5,000 adults), we provide a wide range of full-time and part-time courses across our two campuses including employer responsive courses and Apprenticeships. We work closely with employers, local communities, partners, and stakeholders who form an active part in shaping our curriculum offer and the student experience.

Hopwood Hall College works with our community, we have a restless ambition to raise aspirations by encouraging and enabling people of all ages. We are a values driven organisation living by our values to provide inspiring learning opportunities for all to thrive in life, work, and make a positive impact across the region.

Our Values:

- Integrity
- Nurturing
- Enjoyment
- Ambition
- Sustainability



# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

## 1.2 THE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT FACILITY

The Animal Care department is based at our Middleton campus and is situated in two areas, Wardle building houses our small animals and focuses on delivery of Animal Nursing and Animal Care Technical programmes. Smallbridge is our outside area towards the rear of the campus and focuses on the delivery of Animal Care Work Based programmes and essential practical animal sessions for all of our students from entry level to Higher Education. It is essential that our students have experience of a large range of species in industry standard resources in order to succeed in their chosen careers including, livestock, small domestic animals, exotics and birds.

Students also benefit from commercial experience in our day boarding kennel which is operated in term time only and our cattery which is operated for the Blue Cross animal rescue and rehoming organisation. Learners at all levels are involved in the rehoming process from maintaining the Blue Cross website to meeting the public who are rehoming the cats.

We prepare learners for employment within the animal and land-based industries, for working in areas such as zookeeping, pet care services, animal welfare organisations, veterinary practice and wildlife and conservation. Learners hone their skills when working in our industry standard animal centre. 93% of our Animal Management students' progress to positive destinations.

Students take part in a variety of skills competitions including World Skills and termly internal competitions, as well as agricultural shows and gain work experience placements with a wide variety of employers. Students also support community events including our community day and our animal academy (5-day adventures for young people aged 13-16 with aspirations of working with animals).



# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

## 1.3 AN OVERVIEW OF T LEVEL FUNDING

### WHAT ARE T-LEVELS?

Delivered over a two-year period, T-Levels provide an excellent alternative to A-Levels and are aimed at 16 to 19-year-olds who would rather study work-related courses than traditional academic subjects.

T-Level students have the fantastic opportunity to progress to university or higher-level technical qualifications.

### WHAT DO T-LEVELS INVOLVE?

Students spend 80% of their time in the classroom and 20% on an industry placement, giving them the chance to experience a real workplace setting.

Shaped by employers, T-Levels benefit from the unique insights of industry leaders. This means leavers will be equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to get ahead in industry.

### FUNDING AWARDED

As part of the delivery of the new T level courses in animal management, the facilities need to be improved to provide state of the art, real working environment in preparation for when our learners take up future employment opportunities.

The college has successfully secured £1m of Department of Education funding to allow the college to make these improvements to these buildings. Improving the classrooms, IT facilities and the Dog grooming in line with essential course requirements. A condition of the funding is for the project to be complete at the start of the course in September 2024.

## Hear from our T-Level learners...

I feel so proud of myself – studying a T-Level is a big achievement! The other students in the class are so welcoming and the tutors really recognise you as an individual.

**Ludnela Andrade, T-Level Design, Surveying & Planning**



T-Levels have felt very fresh and exciting! I've made some great new friends along the way and the tutors have been so supportive. The best part is that the course is so varied. The practical elements mean that you're rarely sat down – we're always out doing stuff.

**Imogen Tudor, T-Level Supporting Adult Nursing**



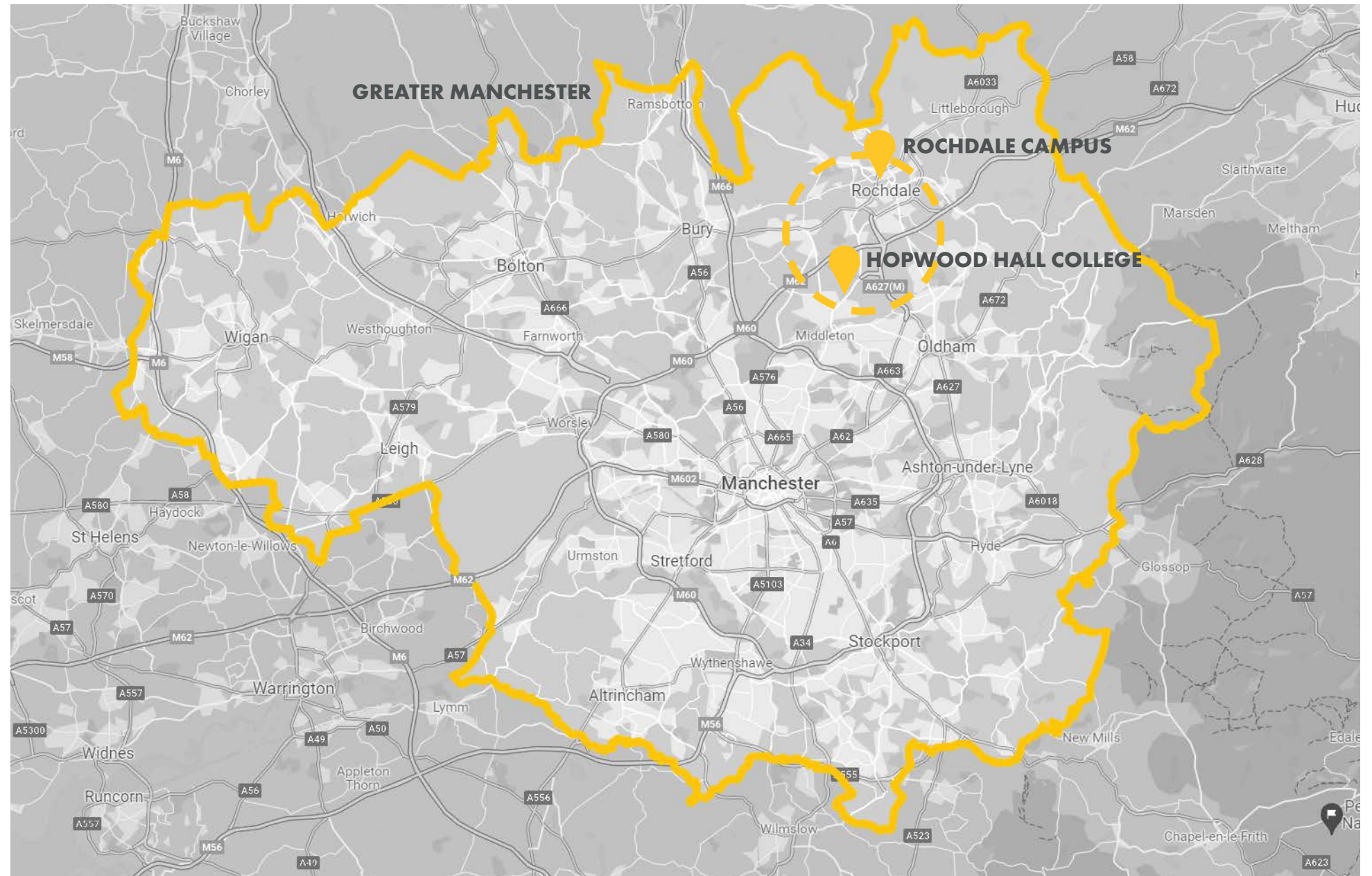
## 2.0 THE SITE

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### 2.1 THE WIDER CONTEXT

The site in Middleton is well located within Greater Manchester to provide a significant area with a quality facility for teaching the Animal Management curriculum.

Its semi-rural setting within a wider urban area enables the College to simultaneously harness an environment suitable for the Animal Management curriculum, and a densely-populated catchment area.



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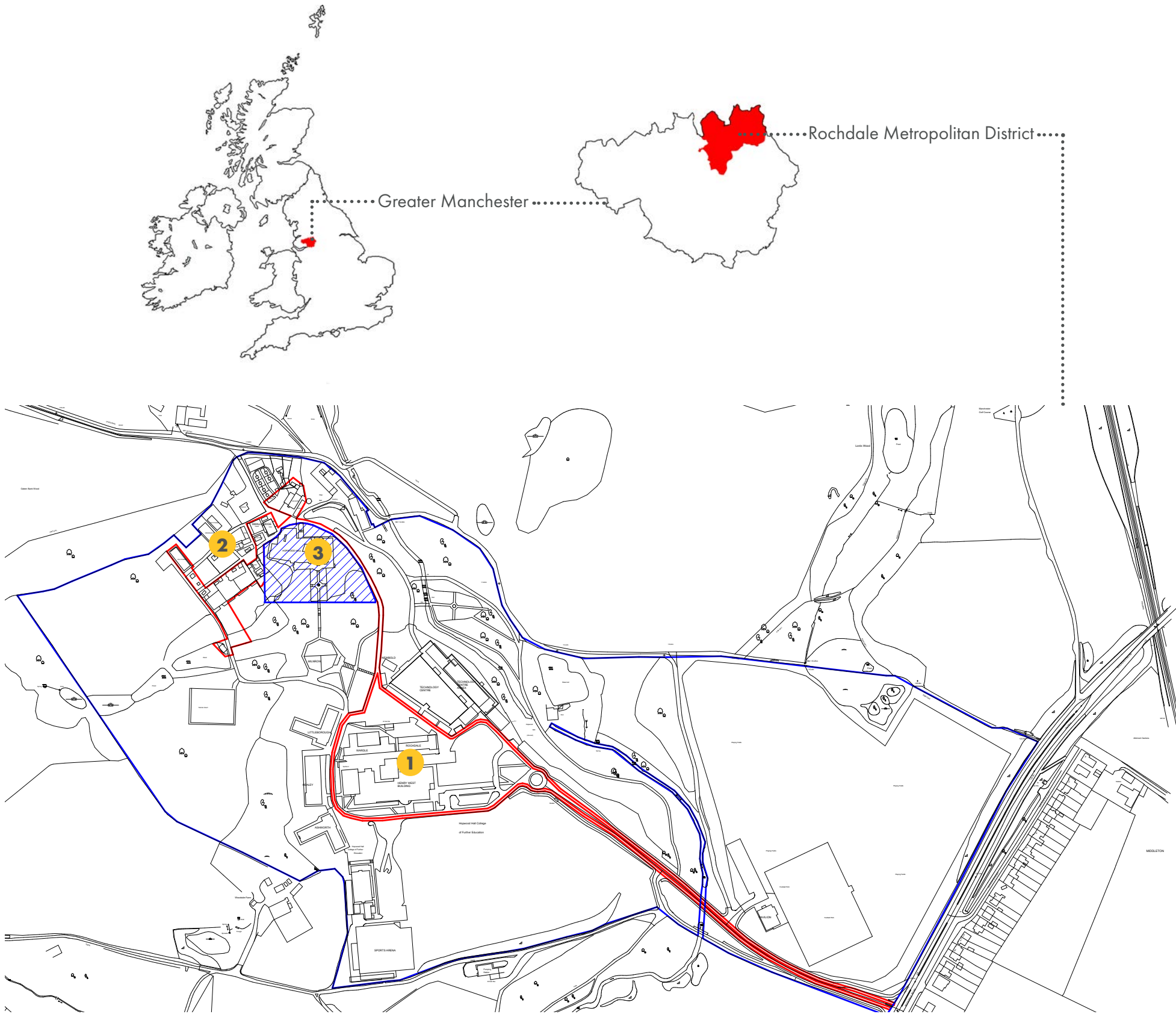
2.2 THE LOCAL CONTEXT

Hopwood Hall College is a provider of further and higher education with two campuses; one in Rochdale and one in Middleton, Greater Manchester.

The Animal Management area sits within the north-west part of the wider Hopwood Campus, which is accessed from Rochdale Road. The Campus lies to the north of Middleton.

KEY

- 1 Hopwood Hall College Central Building
- 2 Animal Management Site
- 3 Hopwood Hall
- Application Boundary
- Hopwood Hall College Ownership Boundary



Location Plan



2.0 THE SITE

2.3 EXISTING SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Smallbridge



The Barn



Meerkat enclosures



Paddock shelters



Polytunnel



Cattery

## 3.0 PLANNING BACKGROUND

### 3.0 PLANNING SUMMARY

#### 3.1 OVERVIEW OF HISTORY

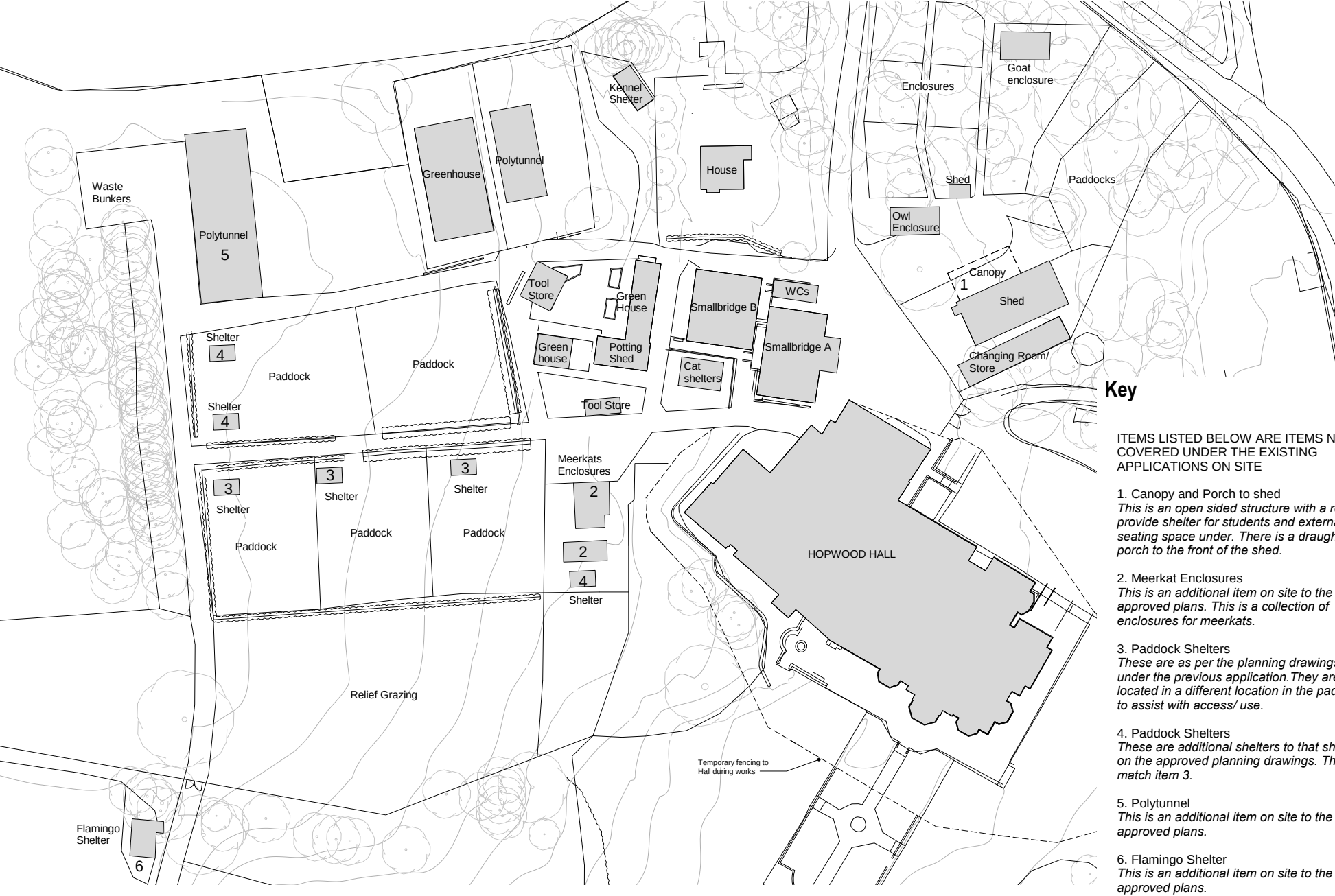
##### PREVIOUS APPLICATION

The current Planning Application was to increase footfall to the site and increase frequency of school and community use throughout the year. Also the application looked to seek to regularise some of the structures/ outbuildings on site.

##### FEEDBACK

There was feedback from the Local Planning Authority officers regarding the impact on Hopwood Hall from some of the existing structures and a request to lessen this negative impact.

**THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN DEC 2023 DUE TO A CHANGE IN CLIENT REQUIREMENTS, FUNDING BEING AWARDED AND PLANNING FEEDBACK.**



# 3.0 PLANNING BACKGROUND

## 3.2 PROPOSED APPLICATION

### COLLEGE OPERATION REQUIREMENTS

No need for change to commercial function.

### SUCCESSFUL FUNDING BID

DFE T-Level Funding awarded to the college late 2023 to improve the T-Level Animal Management facilities on site.

Opportunity to improve the facilities for students and course offering.

### PREVIOUS APPLICATION FEEDBACK

Opportunity to address the concerns raised by the Local Planning Authority officers on the existing application regarding impact on Hopwood Hall caused by some of the outbuildings on site and through some demolition/ refurbishment proposals in this new application look to improve the setting to the Hall.



## 3.0 PLANNING BACKGROUND

### 3.3 FEEDBACK

#### PLANNING AUTHORITY

A meeting was held 7/12/2023 between Seven and representatives of the Planning Authority - Rachel Carney Senior Planning Officer and Conservation Officer Christiana Shovlin.

Generally we ran through the proposal to withdraw the existing application and the works proposed under the funding. Discussions were around improvements being made that addressed concerns previously raised and that the proposals in principle were positive.

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A Public Consultation was held 16/01/2024 to run through the proposals. Representatives from Hopwood Hall Estate, The Friends of Hopwood and local farms were in attendance.

Scheme was presented by Seven and the College team, with questions answered.

Summary of some key points arising as below and summary responses in red were provided by Seven to Hopwood De Pree 24/01/2024.

- Soften off the barn with planting between barn and hall - **Allowance to be made and shown on plans.**
- Review proximity of dog yard with bridleway behind - **Confirmed as greater than 25m.**
- Hours of use for dog yard/ noise - **We understand the external yard will be home to 1 dog at once during the daytime, with dogs being inside for most of the day. There are 10 kennels internally for housing dogs through the daytime only. Also, the yard is circa 25m away from the path.**
- Concern over impact of construction traffic on works going on at hall – contractor working plan and accesses to be set out and collaboration with Friends of Hopwood to make sure this is all joined up and safe. - **To be reviewed and addressed as part of the construction phase plan at later stages.**
- Could the timber to the stair tower on Smallbridge be stained, or something be done to lessen its impact as its obvious when arriving at the hall. - **Noted and incorporated in proposals.**



# 4.0 PROPOSED SCHEME

# 4.0 PROPOSED APPLICATION

## 4.1 EXISTING SITE PLAN

KEY:

Existing Building/ Structure

Existing Tree Canopy (only shown for areas relative to works). Refer to ARB Report.

Existing Tree Root Zone (only shown for areas relative to works). Refer to ARB Report.



Key Plan



# 4.0 PROPOSED APPLICATION

## 4.2 PROPOSED DEMOLITION PLAN

KEY:

 Proposed demolition

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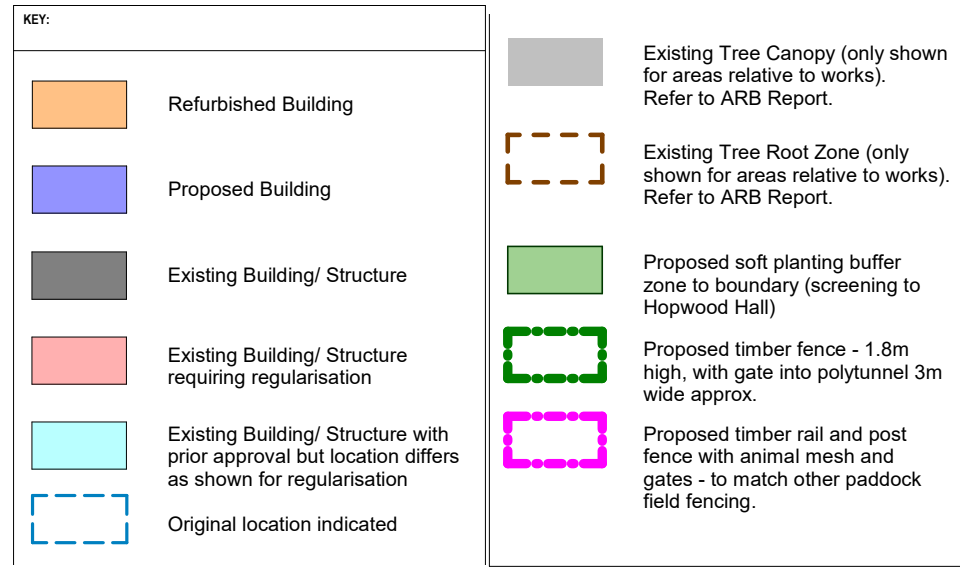


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4.3 PROPOSED SITE PLAN



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## 4.4 THE BARN AND CATTERY - EXISITNG PLANS

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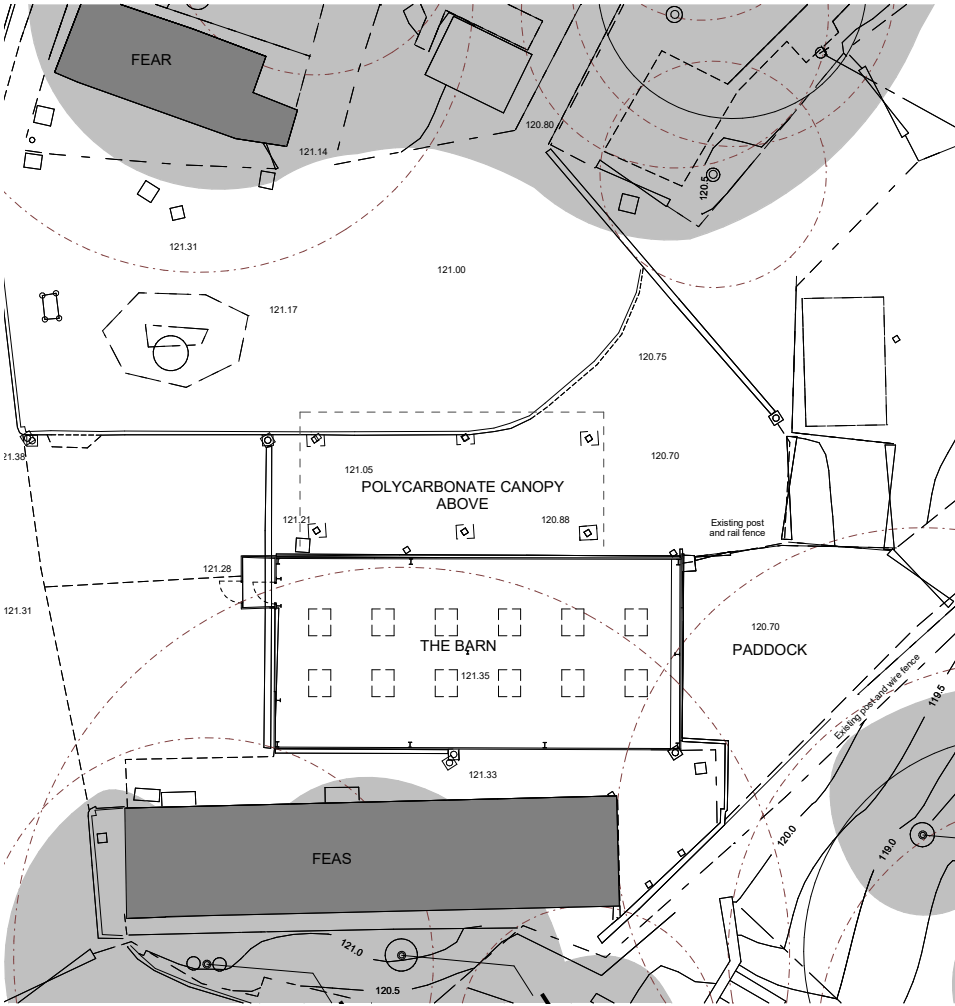
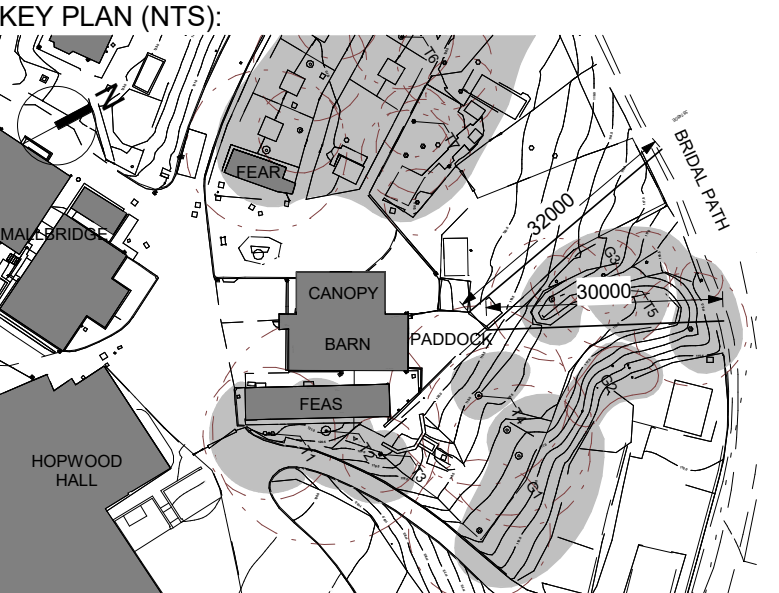
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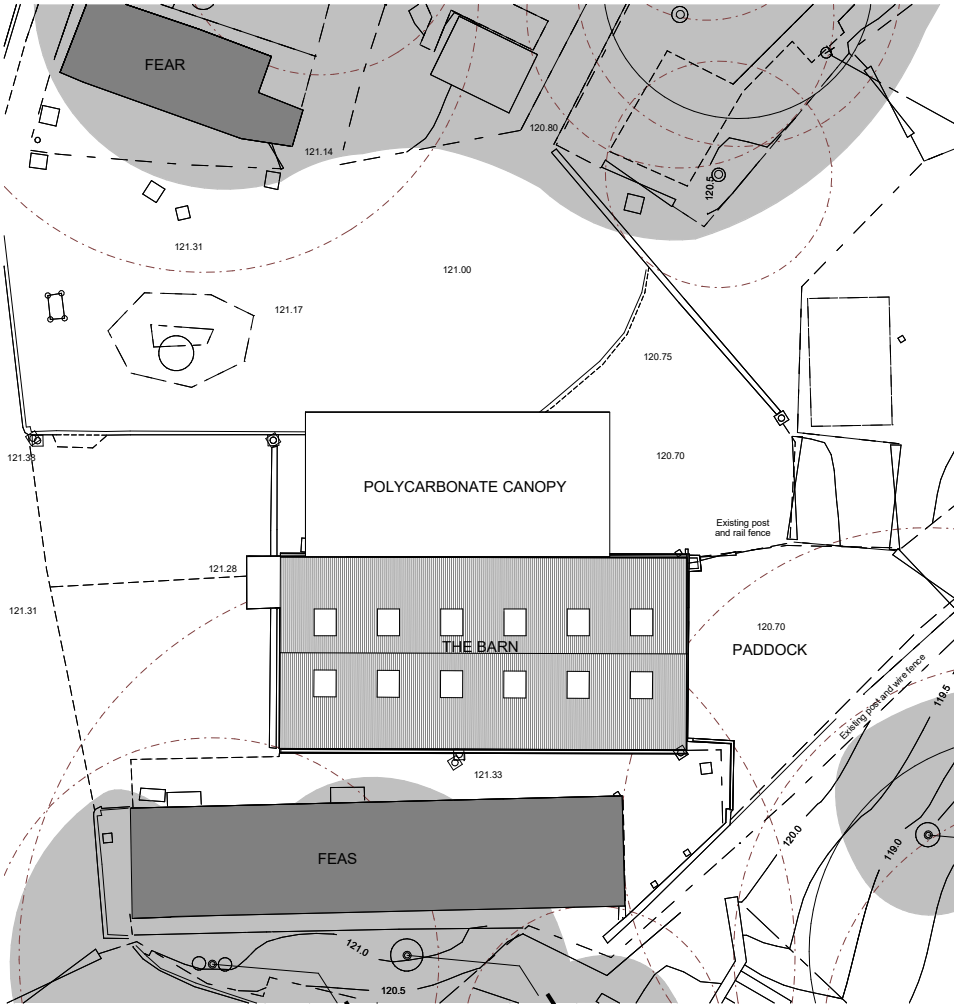
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Key Plan



Barn Existing Floorplan  
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Barn Existing Roofplan  
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4.5 THE BARN AND CATTERY - PROPOSED PLANS

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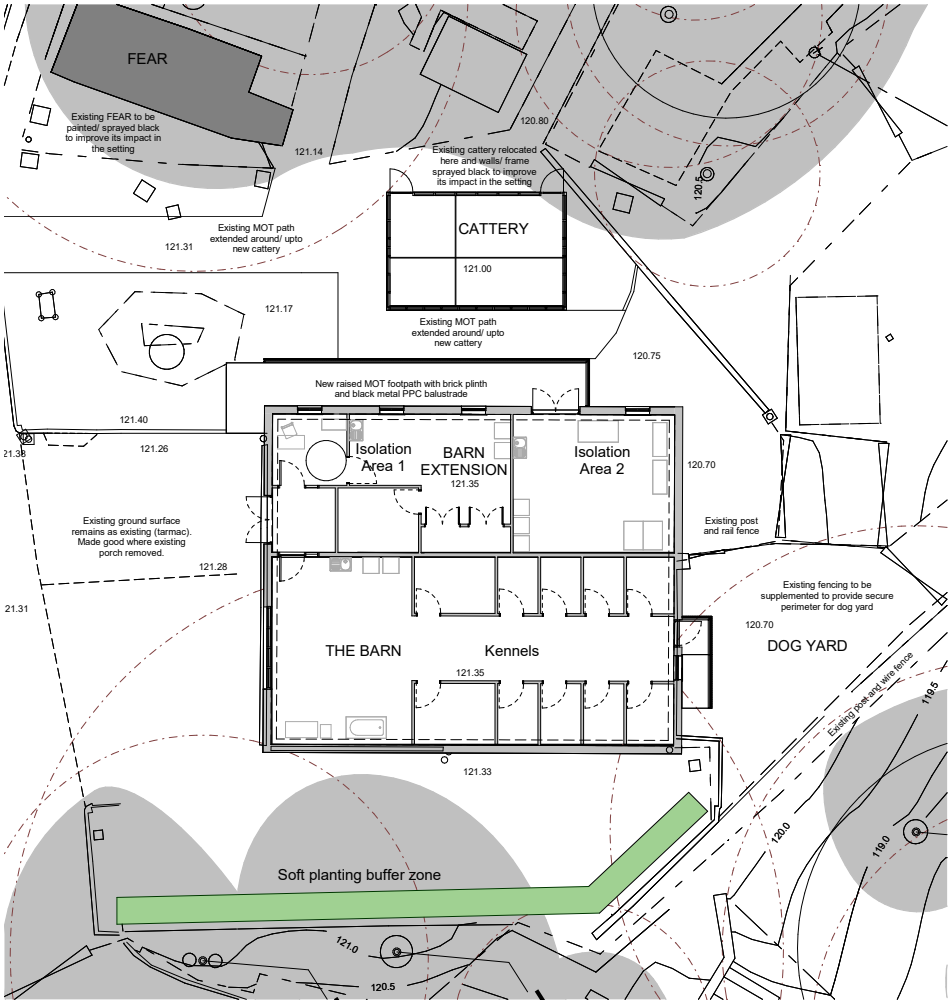
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Proposed soft planting buffer zone to boundary (screening to Hopwood Hall)

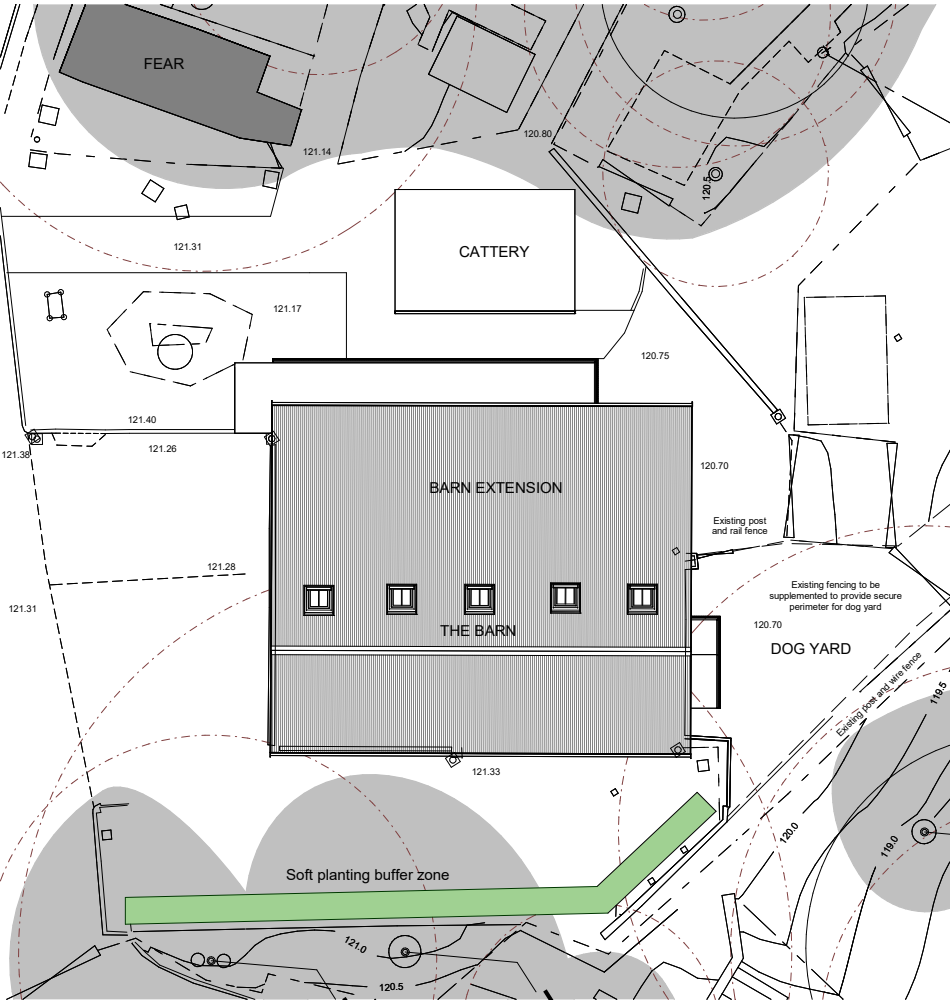
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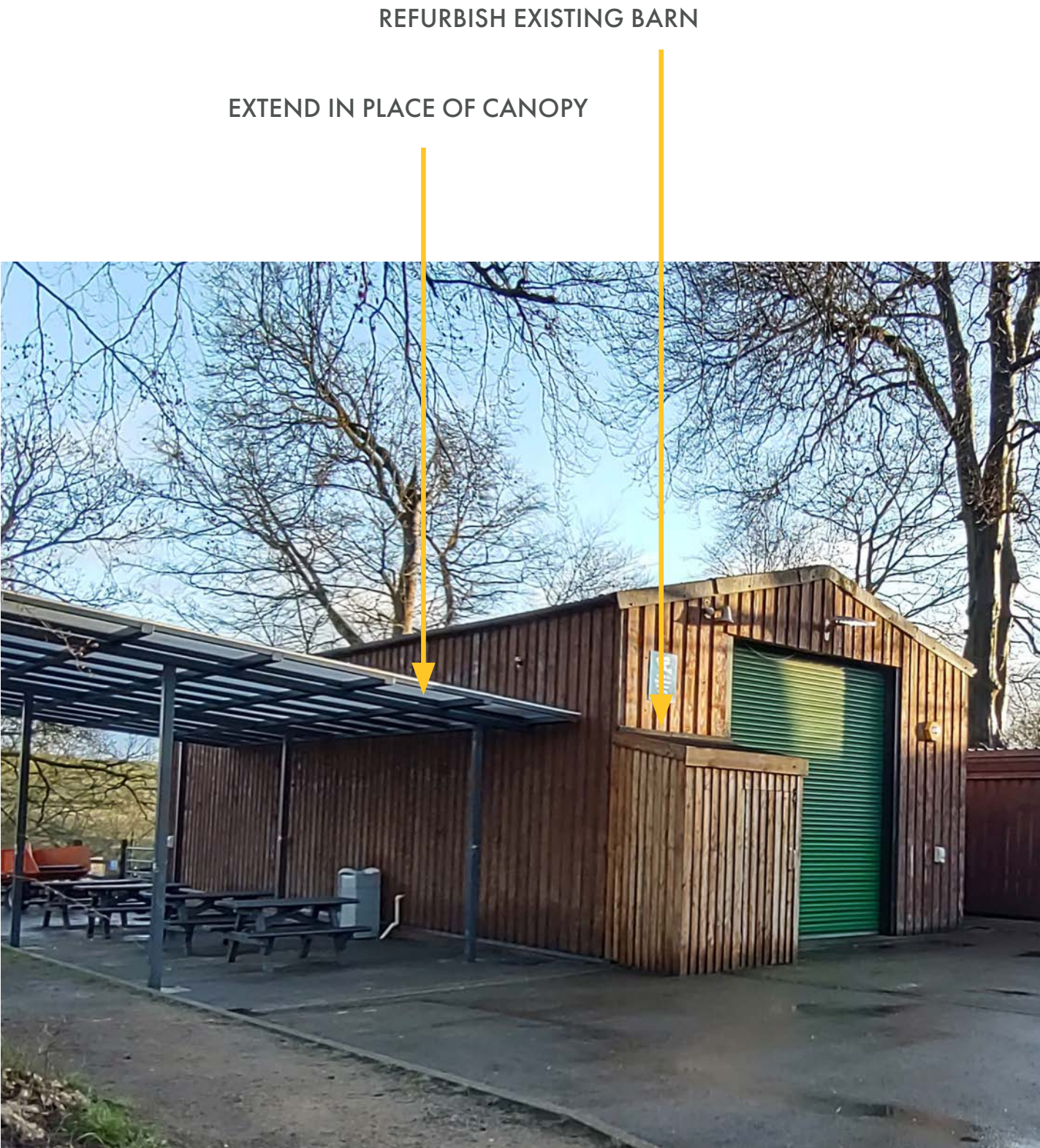
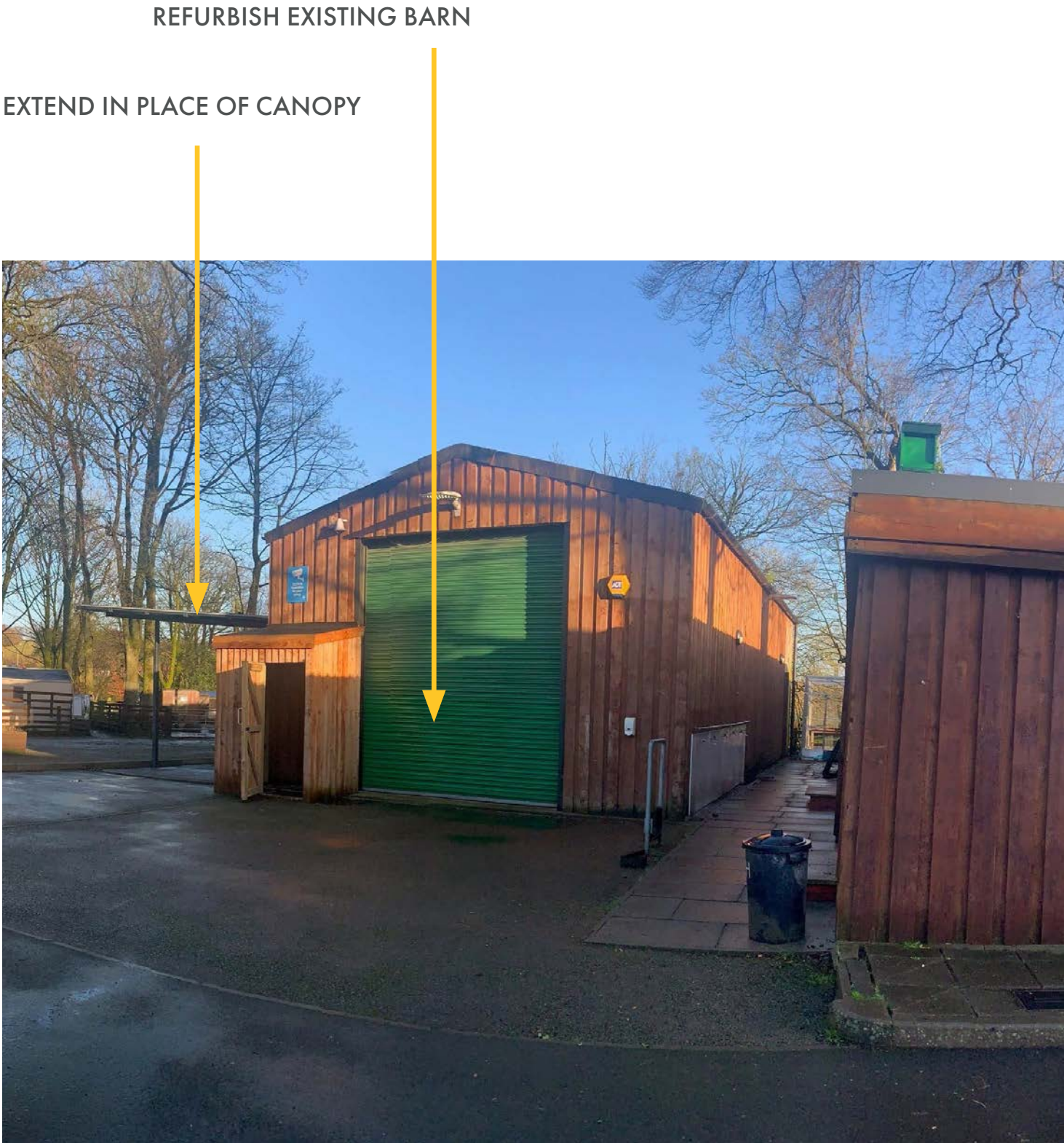
Barn Proposed Floorplan



Barn Proposed Roofplan

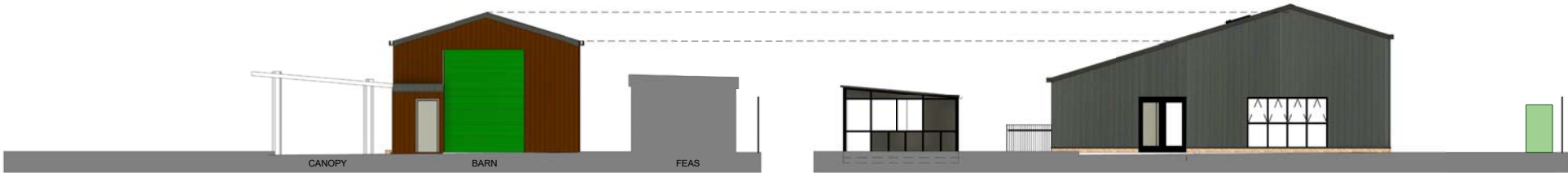
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4.6 THE BARN - EXISTING PHOTOS



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4.7 THE BARN AND CATTERY - ELEVATIONS

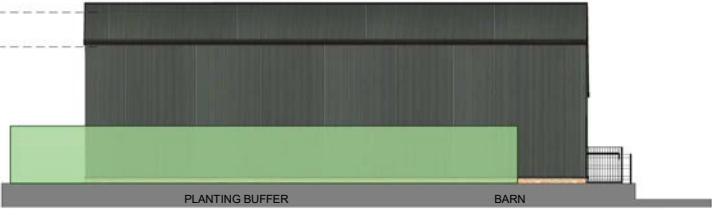


Existing Elevation SW  
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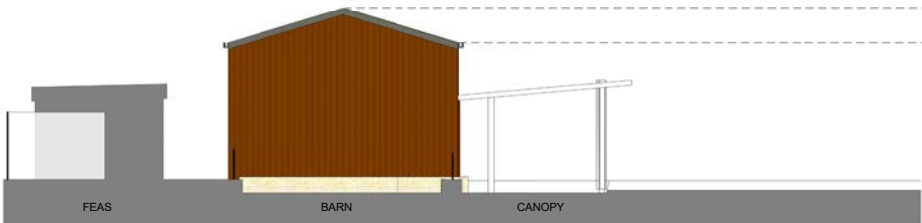
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Existing Elevation SE  
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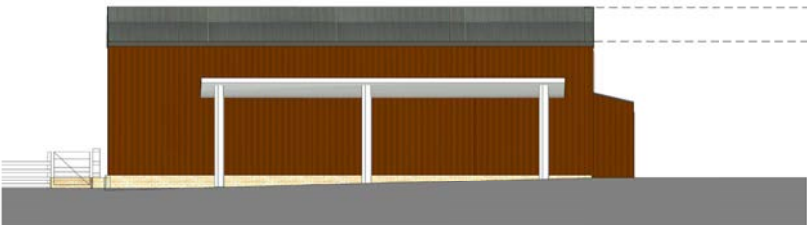
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Existing Elevation NE  
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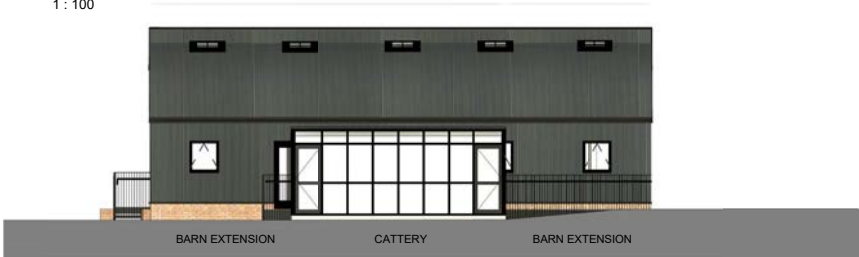
Proposed Elevation NE  
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Existing Elevation NW  
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Proposed Elevation NW  
1 : 100



Proposed Elevation NW (Cattery)  
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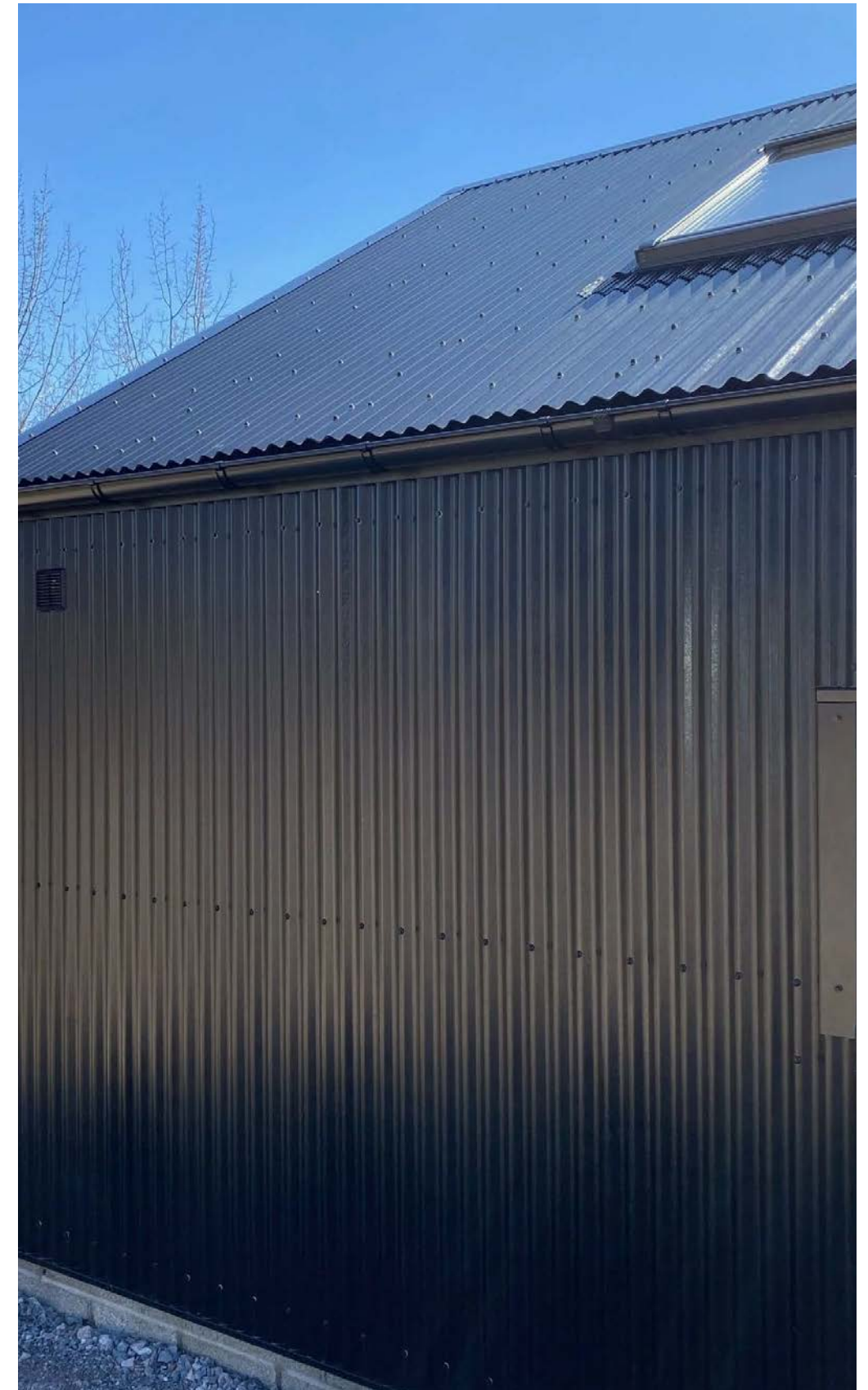
MATERIALS SUMMARY

Existing - Painted timber cladding with a metal roof to the main barn (all un-insulated). The canopy has a polycarbonate roof.

Proposed - New insulated envelope of sinusoidal black metal cladding (roof and walls) to the main barn onto existing structural frame, with a redbrick plinth. New black uPvc rainwater goods. Existing cattery structure relocated and frame/ walls/ rainwater goods to be sprayed black.

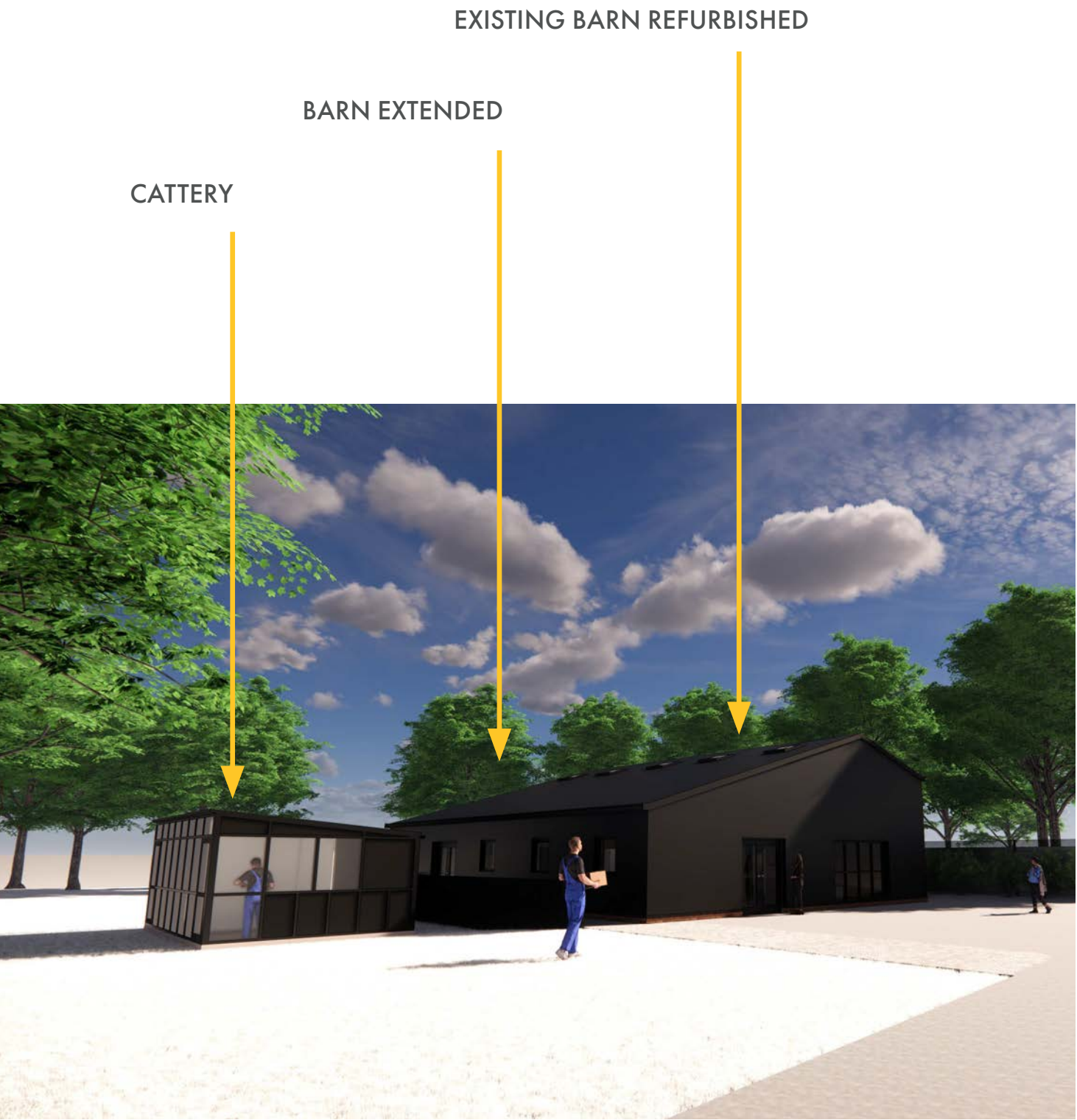
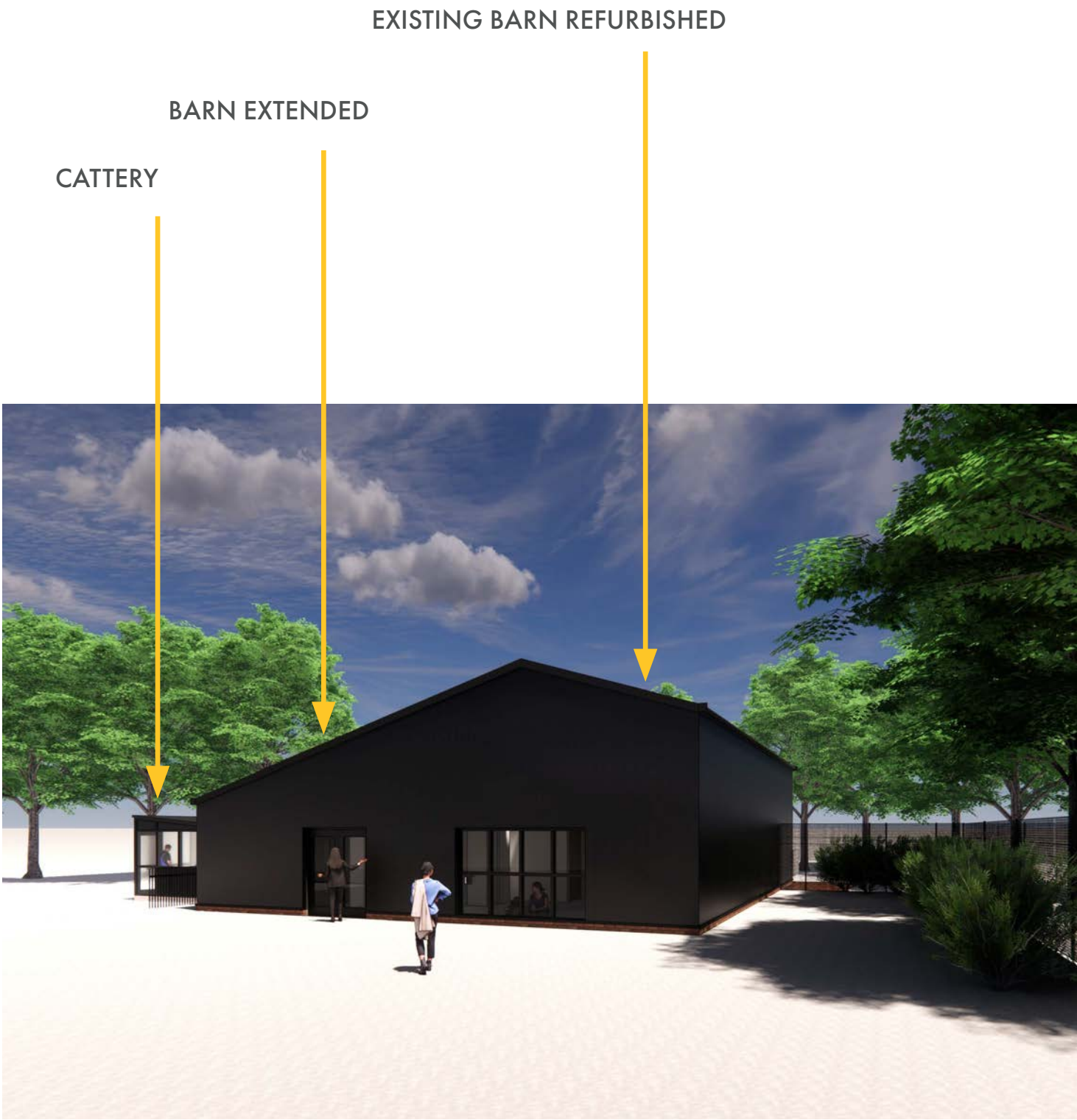
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### 4.8 THE BARN - MATERIAL PRECEDENTS



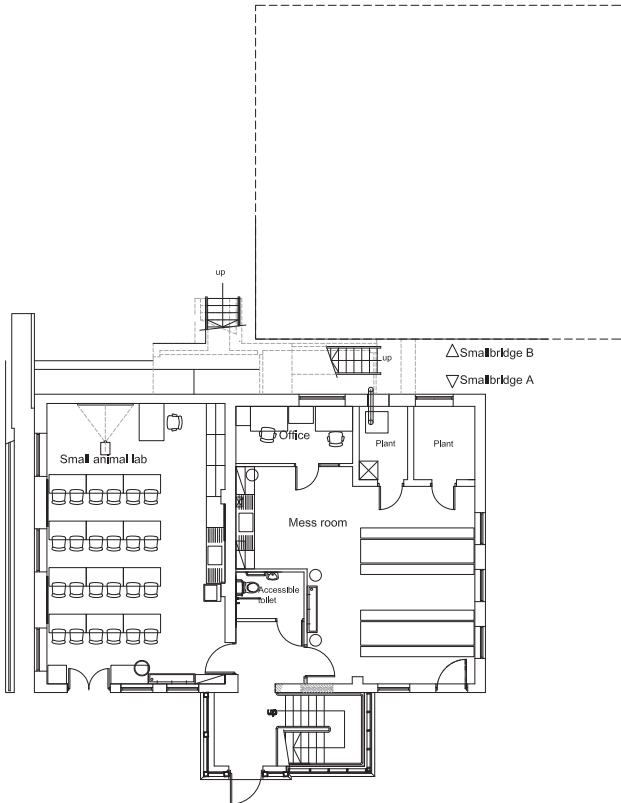
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4.9 THE BARN AND CATTERY - PROPOSED 3D VIEWS

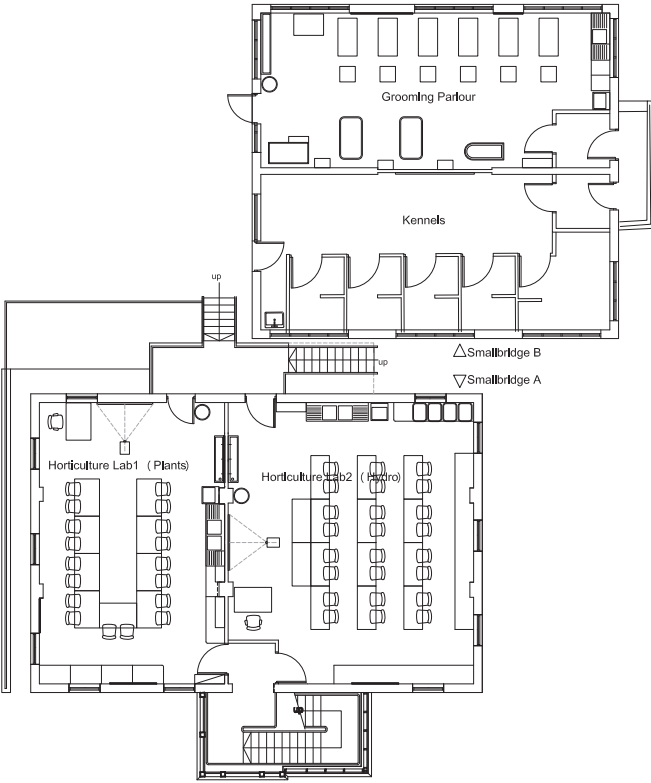


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4.10 SMALLBRIDGE - FLOOR PLANS



Existing Ground Floor Plan

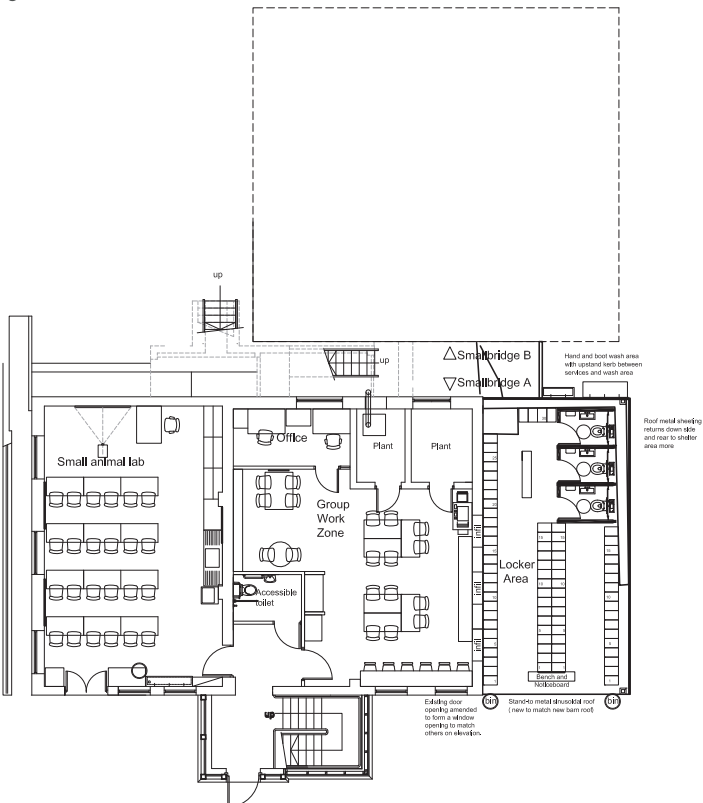


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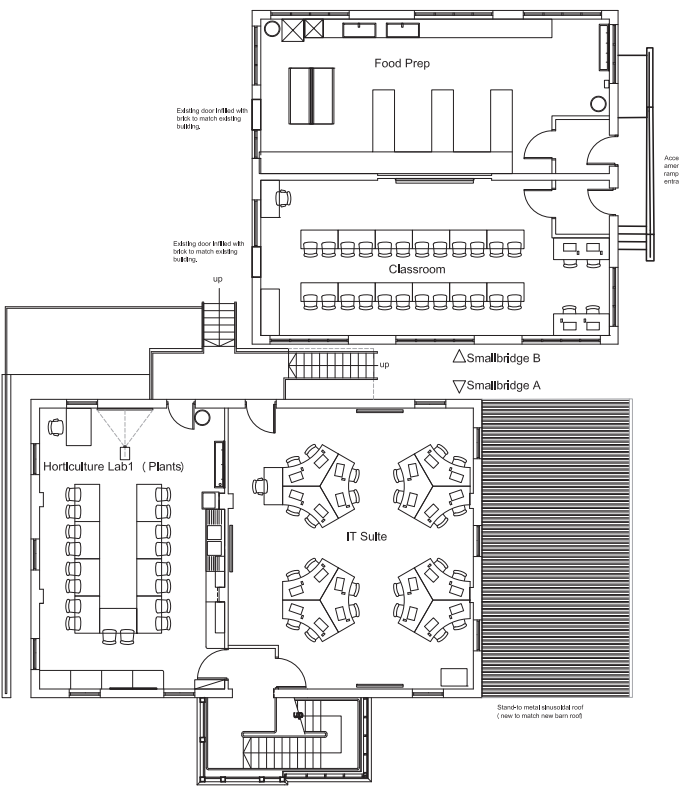
Existing Building Plans



Key Plan



Proposed Ground Floor Plan



Proposed First Floor Plan

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4.11 SMALLBRIDGE - EXISTING PHOTOS

WC BLOCK REMOVED AND NEW CANOPY

WINDOWS REMOVED TO SIDE



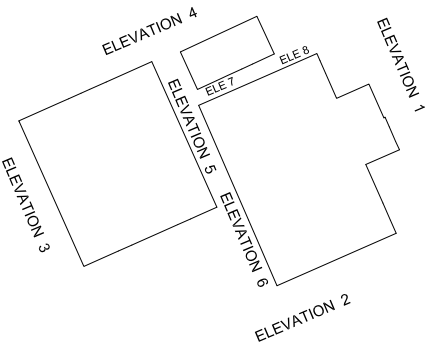
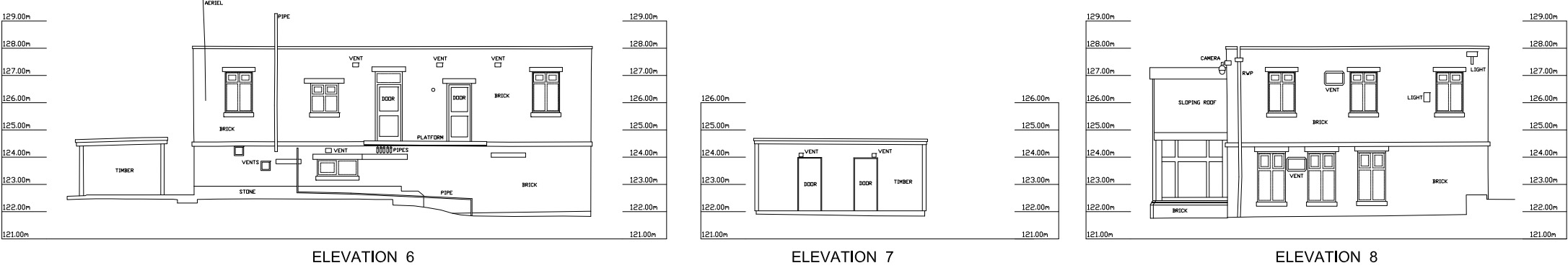
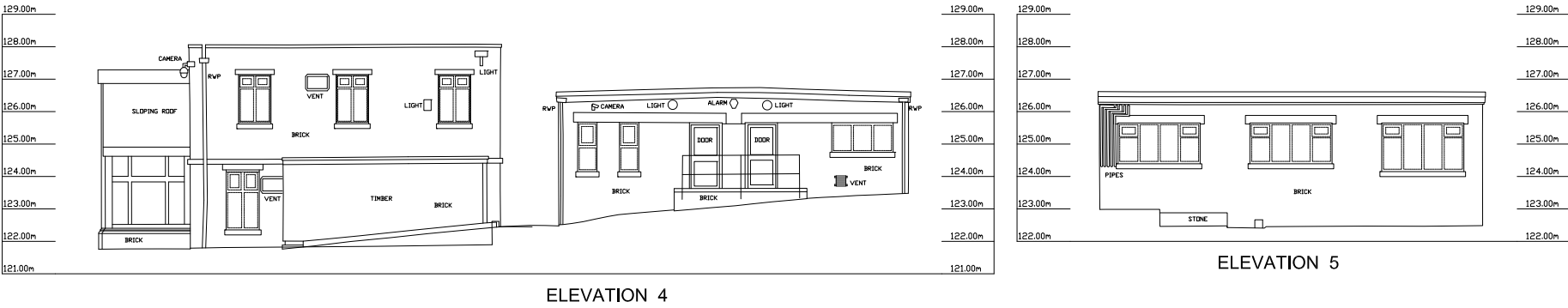
WC BLOCK REMOVED AND NEW CANOPY

CHANGE TO A WINDOW



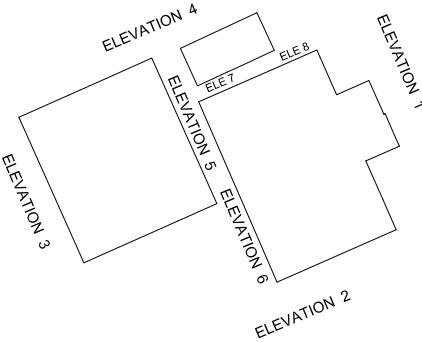
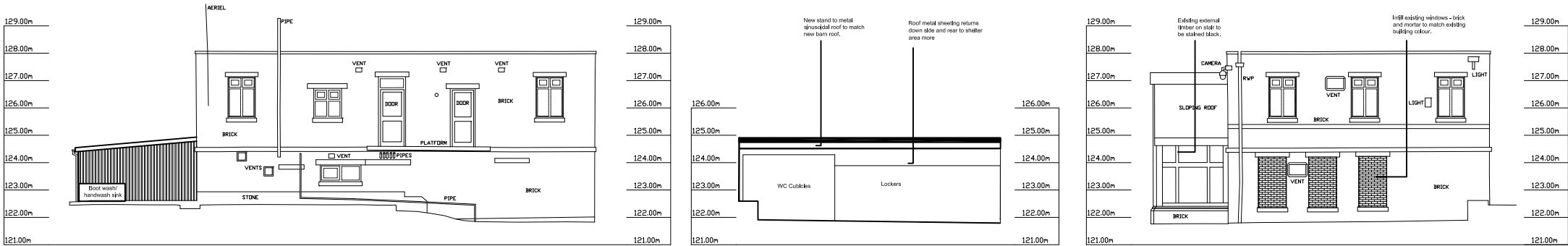
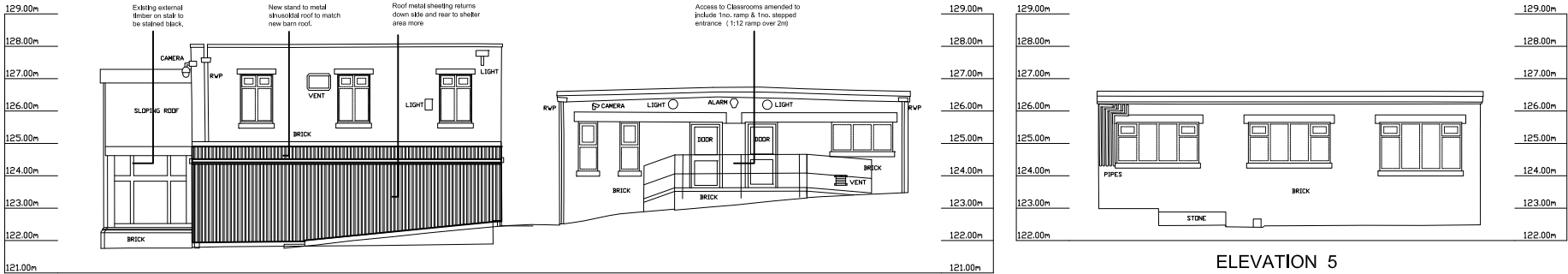
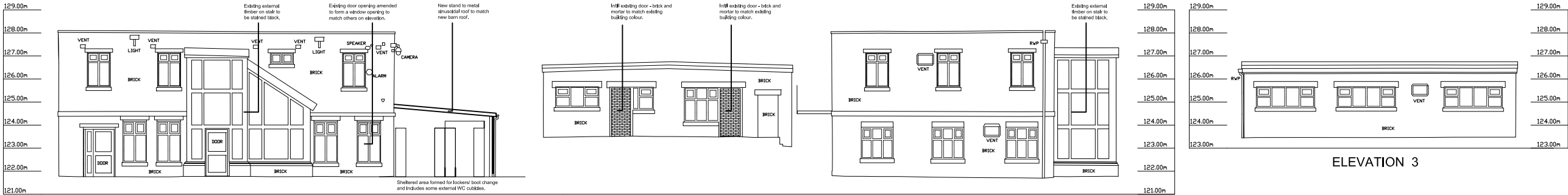
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4.12 SMALLBRIDGE - EXISTING ELEVATIONS



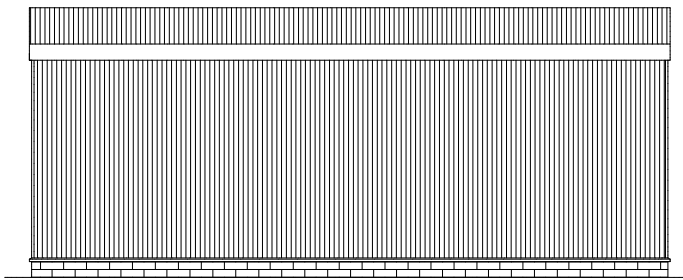
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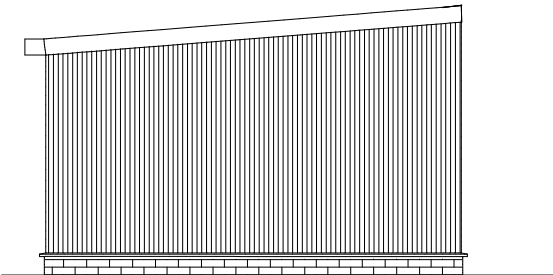


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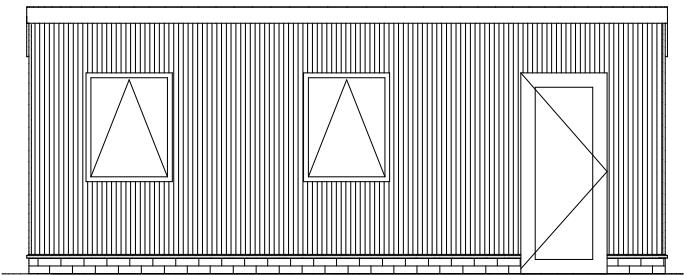


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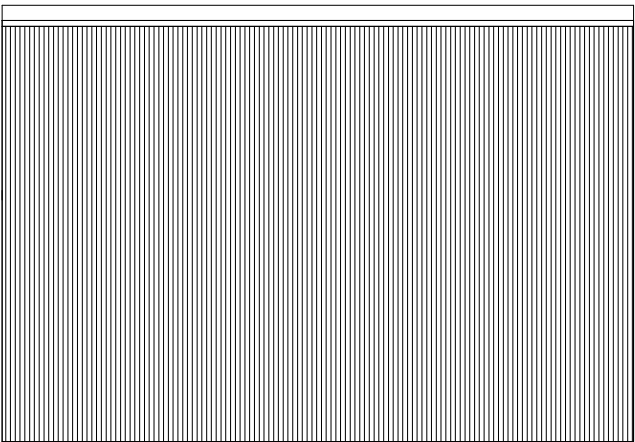


Side elevation

Sinusoidal black vertical metal cladding to walls and roof. Door and windows black uPVC. Black rainwater goods. Red brick plinth.



Front elevation



Roof plan

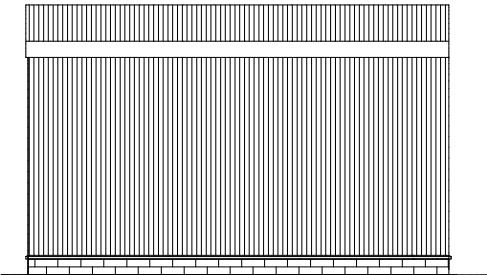


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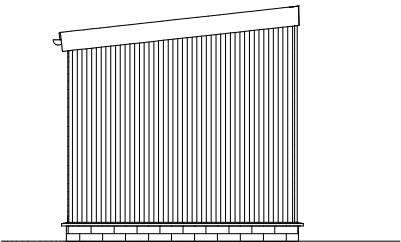
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4.15 ALPACA SHELTER - PROPOSALS

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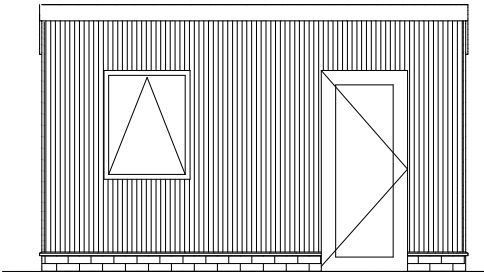


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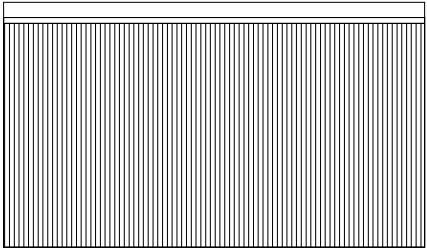


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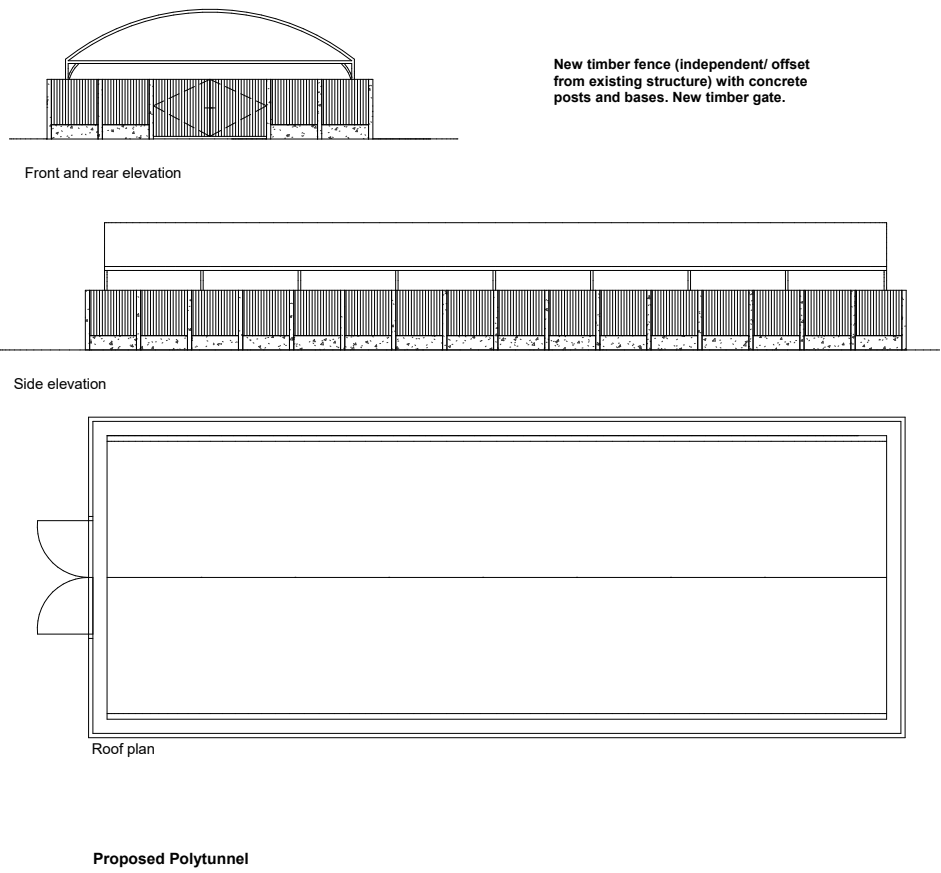
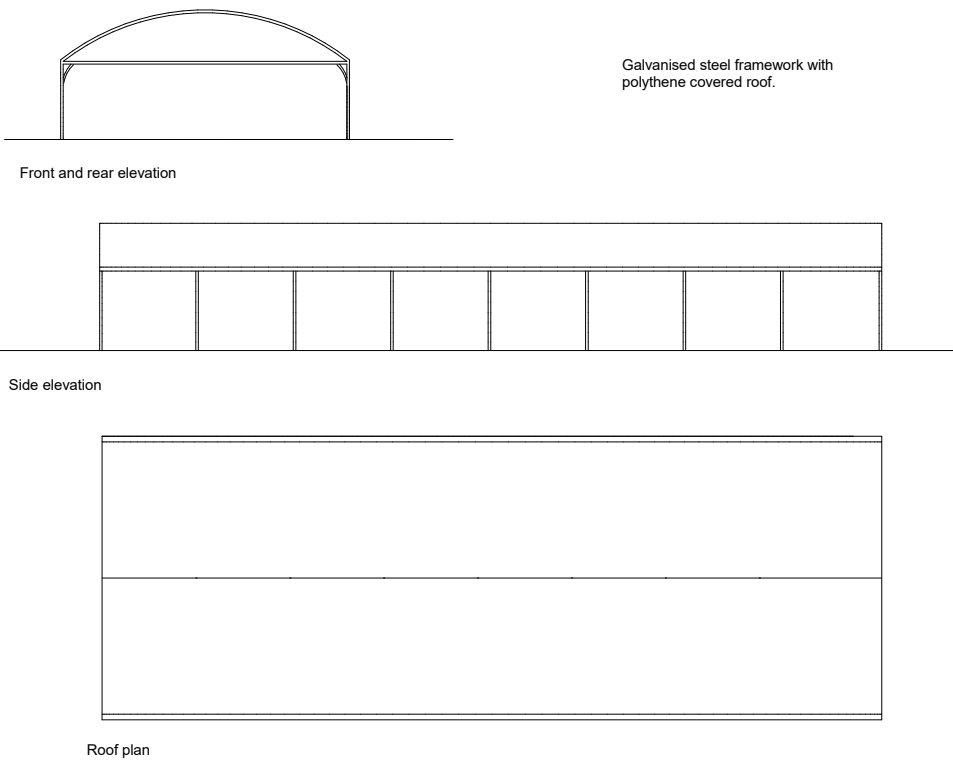
Roof plan



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## 4.16 POLYTUNNEL - DRAWINGS



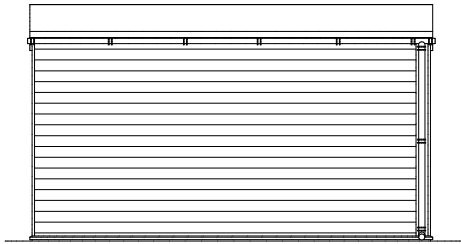
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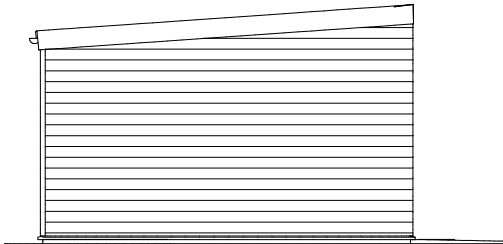
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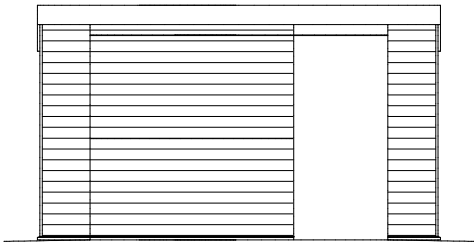


Rear elevation



Side elevation

Stained timber horizontal treated s/w boarding on concrete block structure. Openable hatch to front.



Front elevation

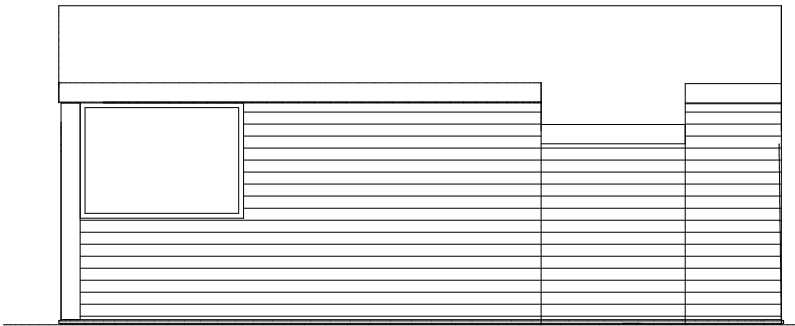


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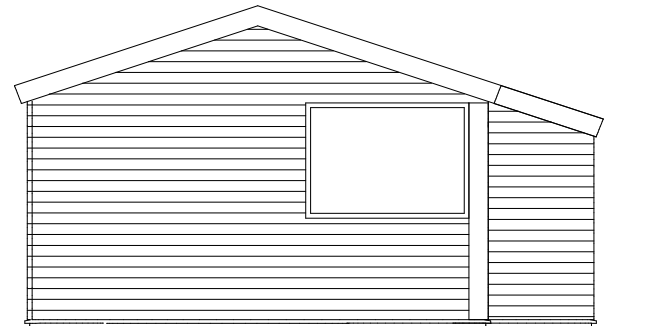
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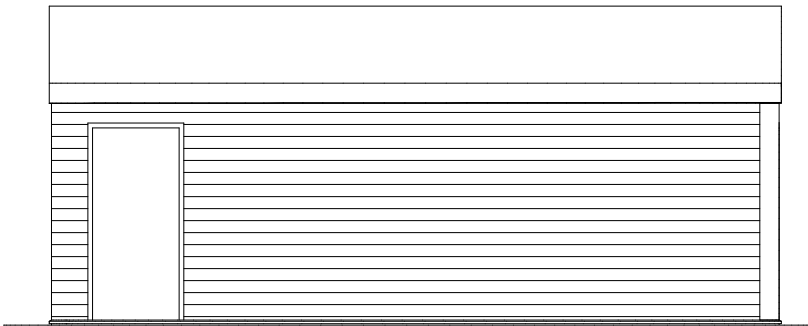
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Front elevation



Side elevation



Rear elevation



Roof plan

Stained timber horizontal  
treated s/w boarding

REGULARISATION ITEM



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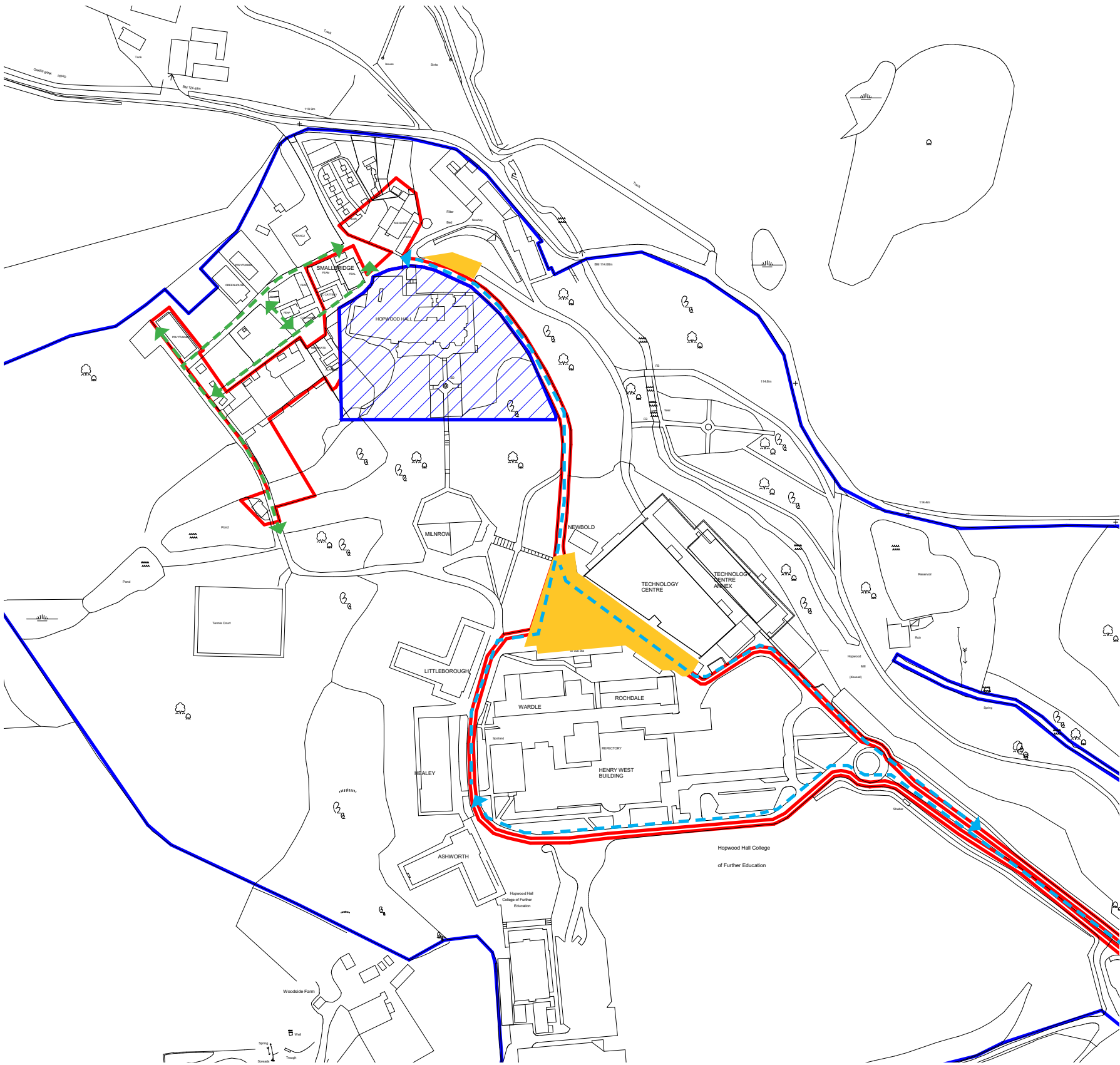
## 4.19 ACCESS AND PARKING

This application will use existing parking & drop-off arrangements and proposes no increase in student/ staff numbers, just improvement to the existing facilities to meet course requirements. Thus no additional pressure will be placed on the site.

There is a nearby college car park as part of the main campus parking that can be utilised by people attending the Animal Management Site. In addition there are a bank of parking spaces outside the front gate of the site area.

There is a gated secure compound for the site but behind the gate a central courtyard area provides opportunity for deliveries, drop off and general temporary access for vehicles.

The area has a current management strategy in place for vehicle access, maintenance and general use which wouldn't vary by the nature of this application.



### KEY

- Application Boundary
- Hopwood Hall College Ownership Boundary
- Parking provision existing on site for use
- Wider access routes to site for vehicles
- Internal access routes for site eg maintenance, servicing, deliveries

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# 6.0 HERITAGE IMPACT

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Please refer to separate Heritage Impact Statement submitted as part of the application for information.

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