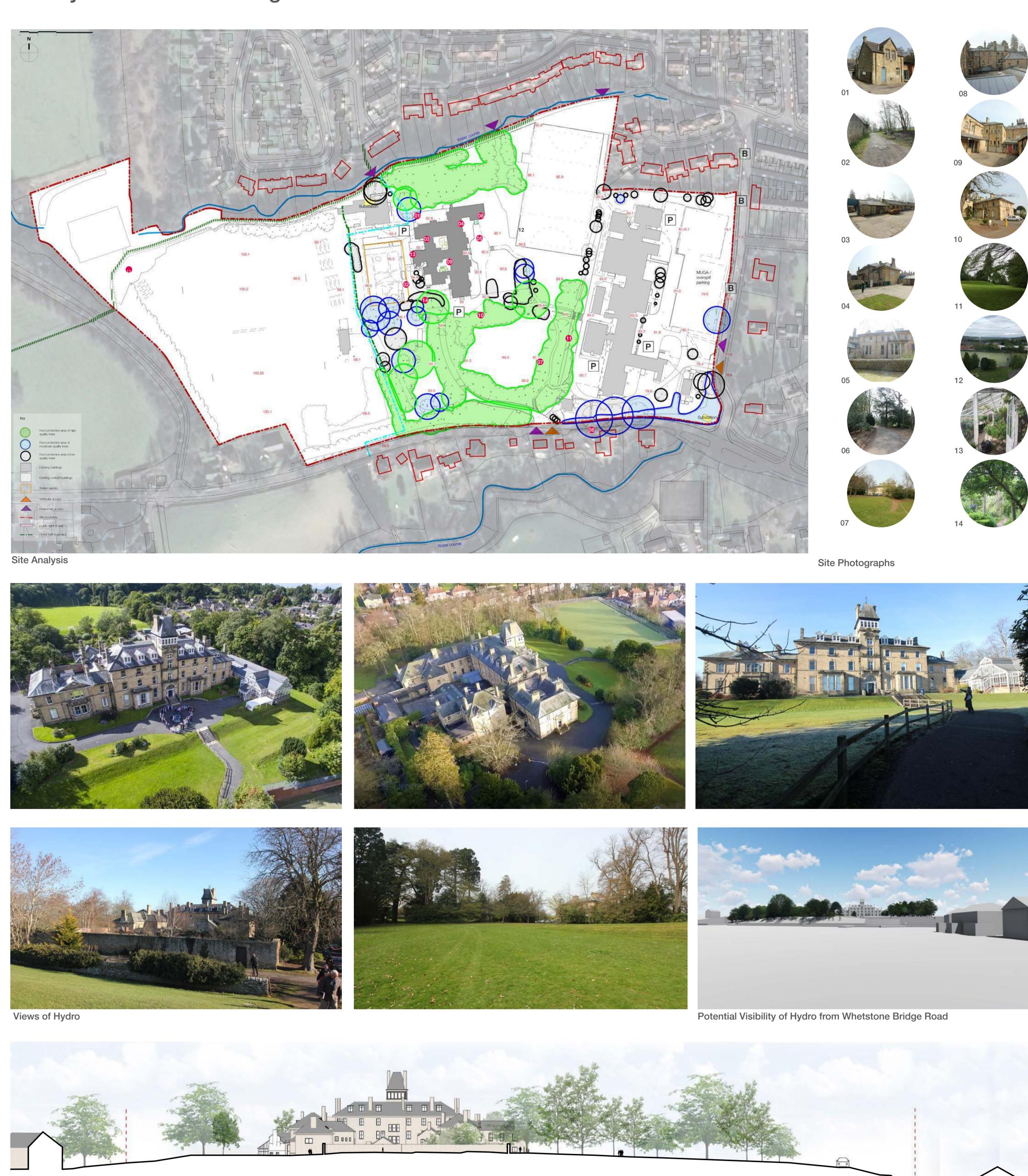
The Hydro and the Existing Site













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History of the Hydro and its Setting









Historic Images

1860 Westfield House was built as a private residence by William

The building was bought by well known local business man John Hope Angus Temperley in Jr for £11,000. Hope and an Italian style which his associates formed was popular at the time Tynedale Hydropathic Estabishment Company in transform Westfield House into a luxurious retreat

A significant extension to the north of Westfield House saw the creation of the Hydro building, accomodating up to 100 guests. The sprawling gounds included bowling greens, croquet and tennis lawns, and walking trails. Pioneering of its time, the new Hydro had a rooftop observatory and ventilation

system. Walled gardens were used to supply the

hotel kitchen with fresh produce. Cows, sheep, pigs

and chickens were also kept

In 1907 the Hydro's winter gardens were completed by an Edinburgh firm who also built the temperate house at Kew Gardens. The winter gardens sold 'shilling teas', pastries made by a French chef and had a live orchestra playing in the background. Visitors could relax and take in the



Due to financial difficulties, the

building was sold on.

However, throughout the 30s

it continued to be a popular

venue for dinner dances and

events, and the winter

gardens continued to be well

The beginning of the war saw the purpose of the Hydro change significantly. Over 200 children evacuated from Stannington Sanatorium were moved into the Hydro until 1945. During this time part of the building was also used as an Army bakery, supplying barracks in Fenham and elsewhere.

After the council bought the building and renovated it, Northern Counties Teacher Training College moved in, with the Hydro and its winter garden gradually falling into





A slate roof replaced the glass panes of the wonter garden and it was given a new concrete floor to serve as a Sixth Form study room, examination hall and later a dining hall.



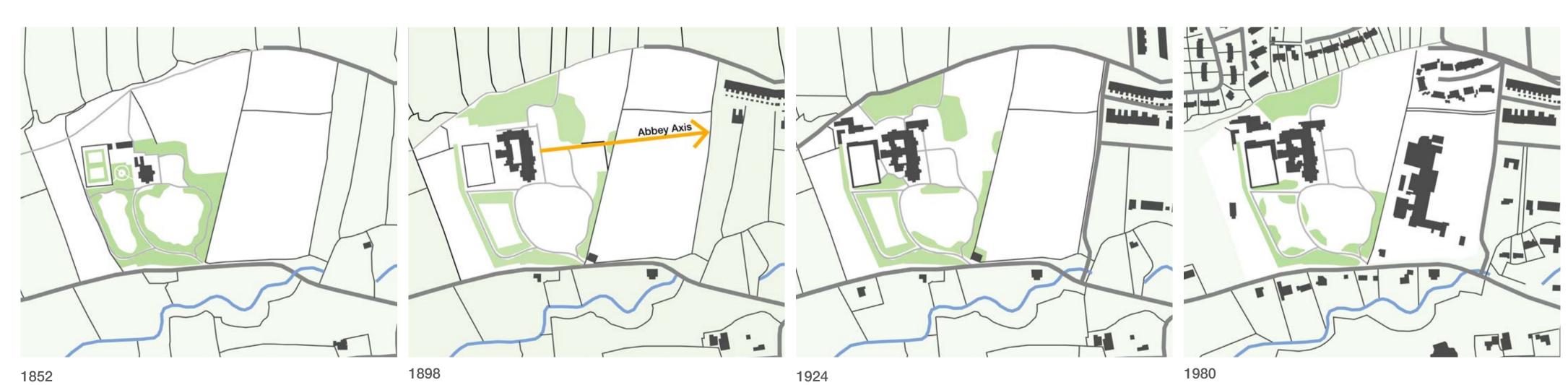
Queen Elizabeth High School pupils took part in a project funded by Barclays to renovate the Hydro's dilapidated walled garden and

greenhouse

Site Timeline



Heritage Assets













Key Design Drivers

Make the most of the unique site

- Restore the position of the Grade II-listed Hydro in the landscape.
- Enhance its setting, including mature trees, which creates calm, purposeful atmosphere.
- Work with the topograhy and ensure full accessibility.
- Be mindful of the Green Belt and Conservation Area.
- Provide easily supervised, external spaces for each age group.
- Improve sports provision.
- Enable the wider community to benefit from the exceptional facilities.

Celebrate the best of the past while looking to the future

- Make best use of this heritage asset.
- Connection between the old and the new is critical.
- Create an inspiring learning environment for students.
- Provide facilities that can flex to accommodate future needs.
- Enable staff to develop their collegiate teamwork still further.

- Maximise operational efficiencies, so that resources are focused on education.
- Celebrate the school's ethos which values education in its broadest sense: including creative and performing arts, sport and other opportunities.
- See the whole building as a curated space.
- Design buildings that are as sustainable as possible.

Two schools, one site

- Maintain each school's distinctiveness while creating a clear sense of identity.
- of progression through the different phases of their educational journey.
- Middle School pupils should feel part of a smaller school with own entrance, play and social areas.
- Ensure Year 5-6 have dedicated spaces of appropriate scale.
- Enable Years 7-8 to routinely access specialist facilities in High School.
- High School to have dedicated entrance and exterior spaces.

- Consider the importance of Year 9 as the transition year, with new students joining.
- Provide study and social space for Sixth Form which reflects their place as role models.
- Provide a single main entrance for staff and visitors.

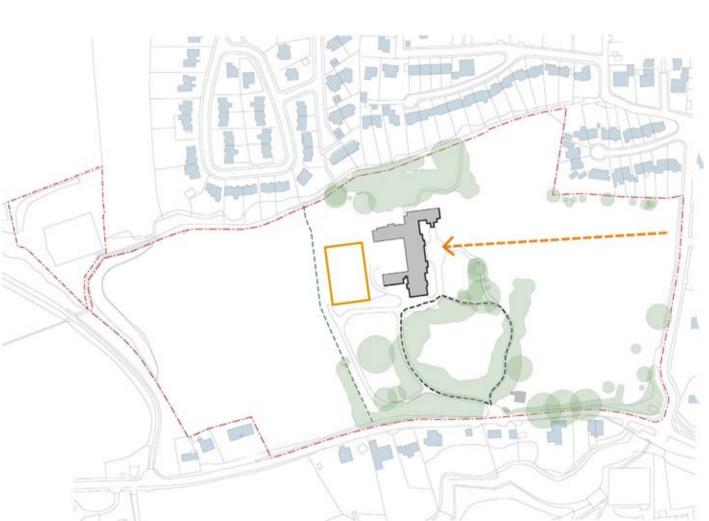
Deliver the right added value

- Much more than a typical school box.
- Each age group should feel they have a "home of their own", with a clear sense Deliver 2000sqm more than the standard Schedule of Accommodation to meet the Trust's curriculum requirements.
 - Most 'bang for your buck'.

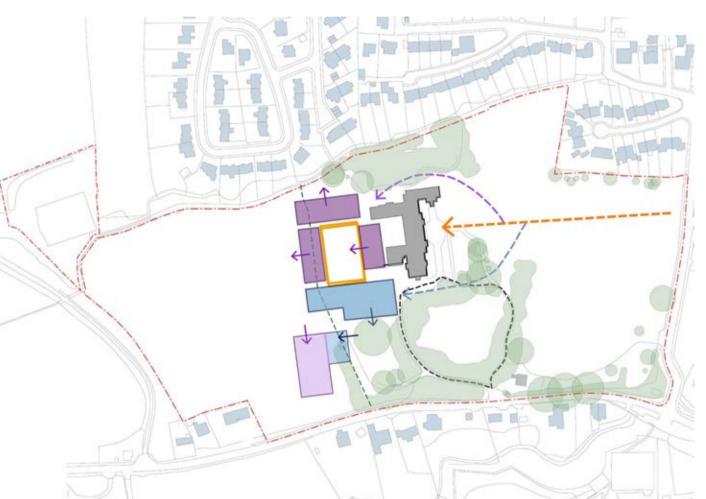
Minimise disruption to the Schools and neighbours during construction



1. Identification of key historic assets



2. Selective demolition and tree removal forming development zone and revealing the Hydro



3. Walled Garden form retained. Clearly defined Middle and High School approaches and blocks defined



4. Dedicated external provision wrapped around teaching blocks



5. Sports pitches located beyond



6. Key infrastructure created

Key

- 1. The historic asset's setting enhances and reinforces the axial approach, opening up views of the building from site perimeter, with a single visitor and staff entrance located at the route terminus
- 2. Dedicated Middle and High School entrances providing a clear separation of the two schools on arrival and departure at the start and end of the school
- 3. Dedicated sixth form entrance into winter garden reinforcing the aspirational role of the sixth form and sense of progression
- 4. Individual building entrances for years 5-6 and 7-8 providing direct access to dedicated external play and social spaces
- 5. External play and social spaces wrapped around building perimeter with court and pitch provision beyond
- 6. Separation between middle and high school external spaces clearly defined by physical boundaries
- 7. Reduced scale of middle school at two stories creates a clear sense of identity on arrival which is suited to the younger cohort
- 8. Layout allows middle school classes to be wrapped around east and south perimeter avoiding overlooking into and from high school 9. Separate middle school and high school sports block entrances with no
- cross over of students during school day whilst maintaining the ability to open up full facility for community use
- 10. Middle school links to allow access to specialist High School teaching spaces designed to avoid crossover between years 5-6 and High School Students
- can be easily accessed from either Middle School or High School 12. New build set well back from significant east and south elevations of Hydro

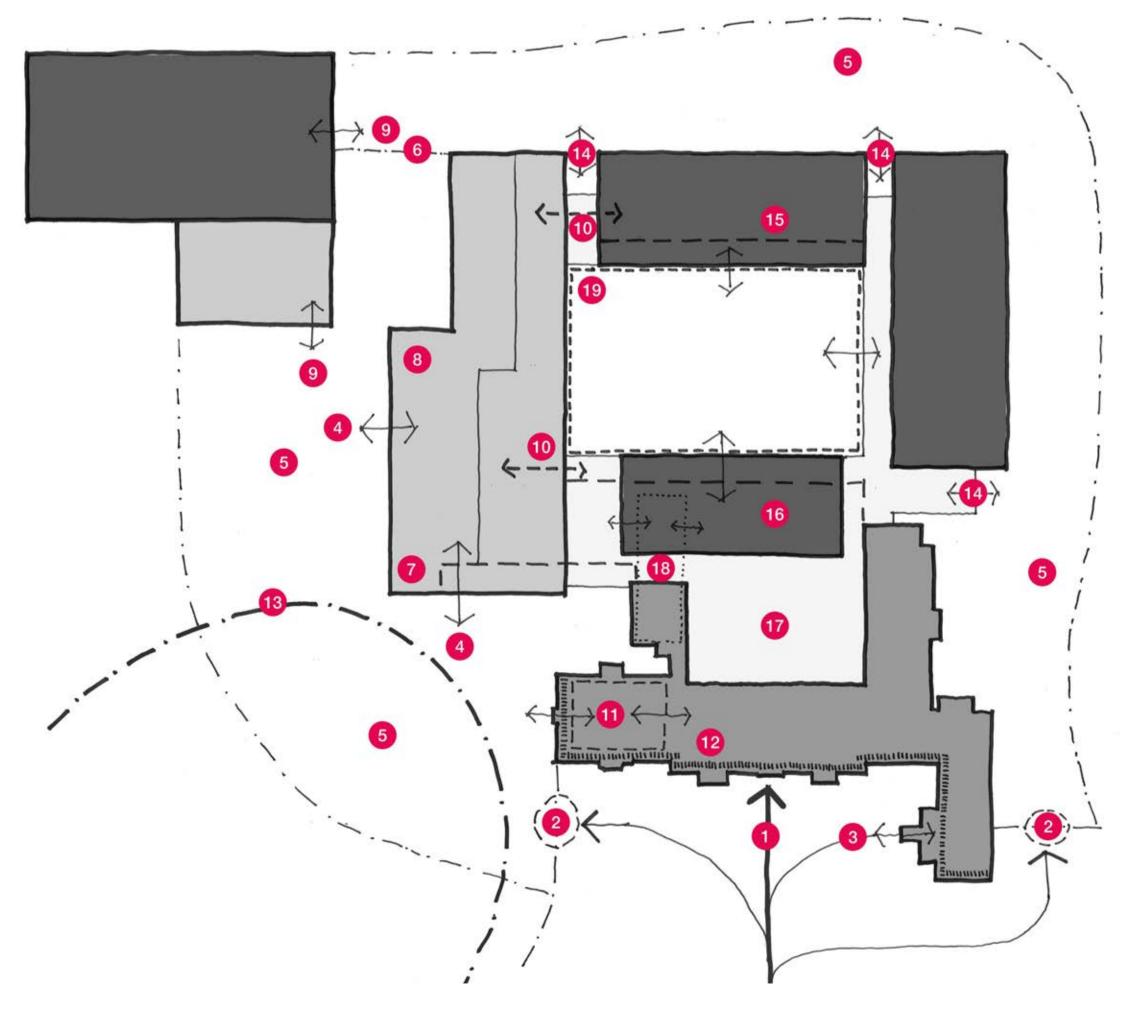
11. Westfield House utilised for senior leadership and curriculum teams which

- and Westfield House to minimise impact on heritage asset and existing trees
- 14. Building entrances for year 9, 10 and 11 providing direct access to each year group base and reinforcing the sense of progression
- 15. Cloister formed to walled garden perimeter, linking blocks and providing

13. Route of historically significant Westfield House coach loop retained

- extensive covered external space 16. Theatre, halls and dining centrally in close proximity to Hydro to support
- community and extended use 17. Low level links formed at junction to Hydro to minimise impact on historic
- asset 18. Centrally located, single kitchen which can serve both school dining areas

19. Historically significant Walled Garden footprint and proportions retained.



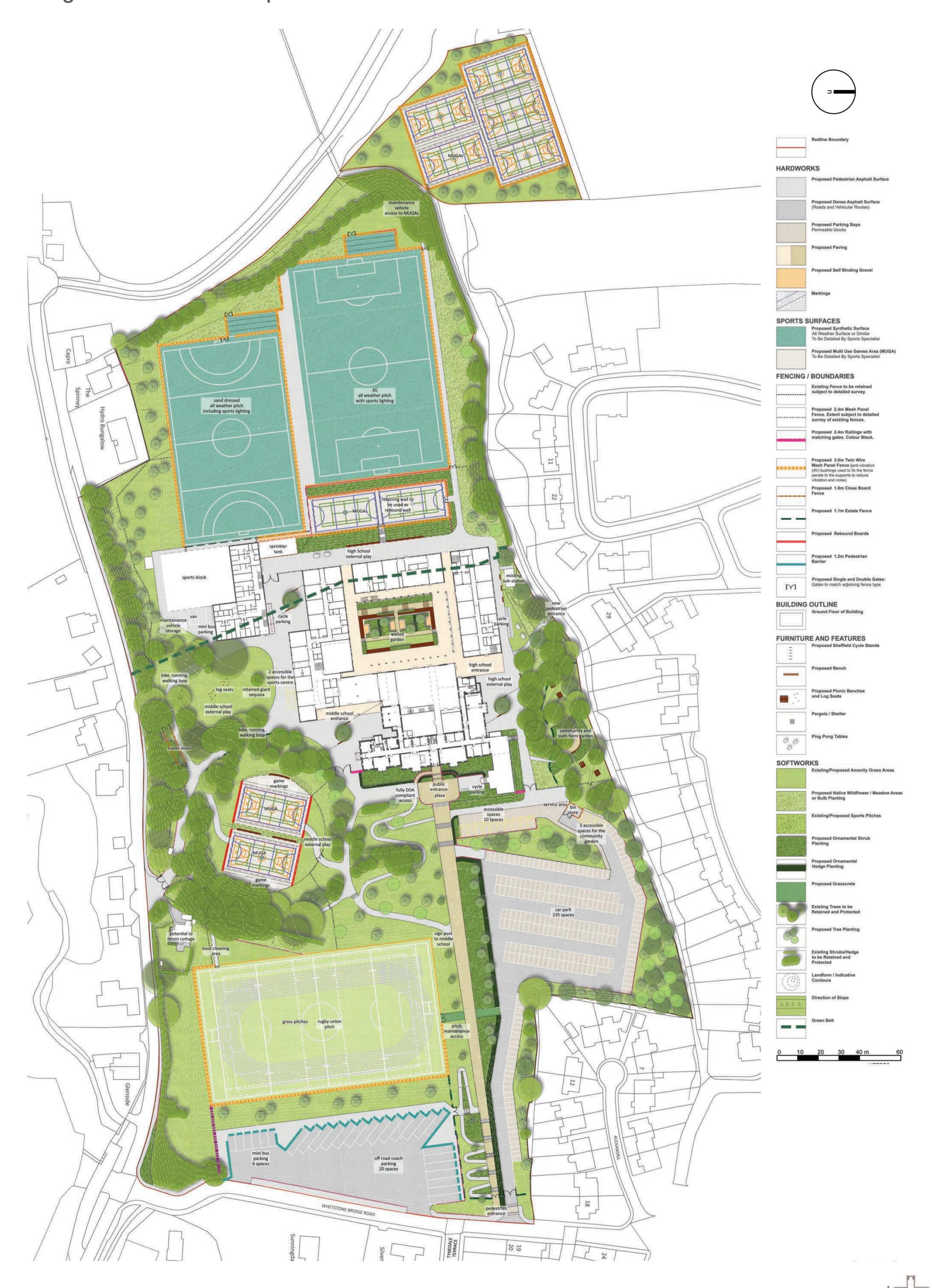
Building concept diagram

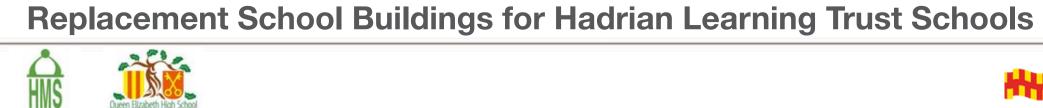






Making the Most of the Unique Site

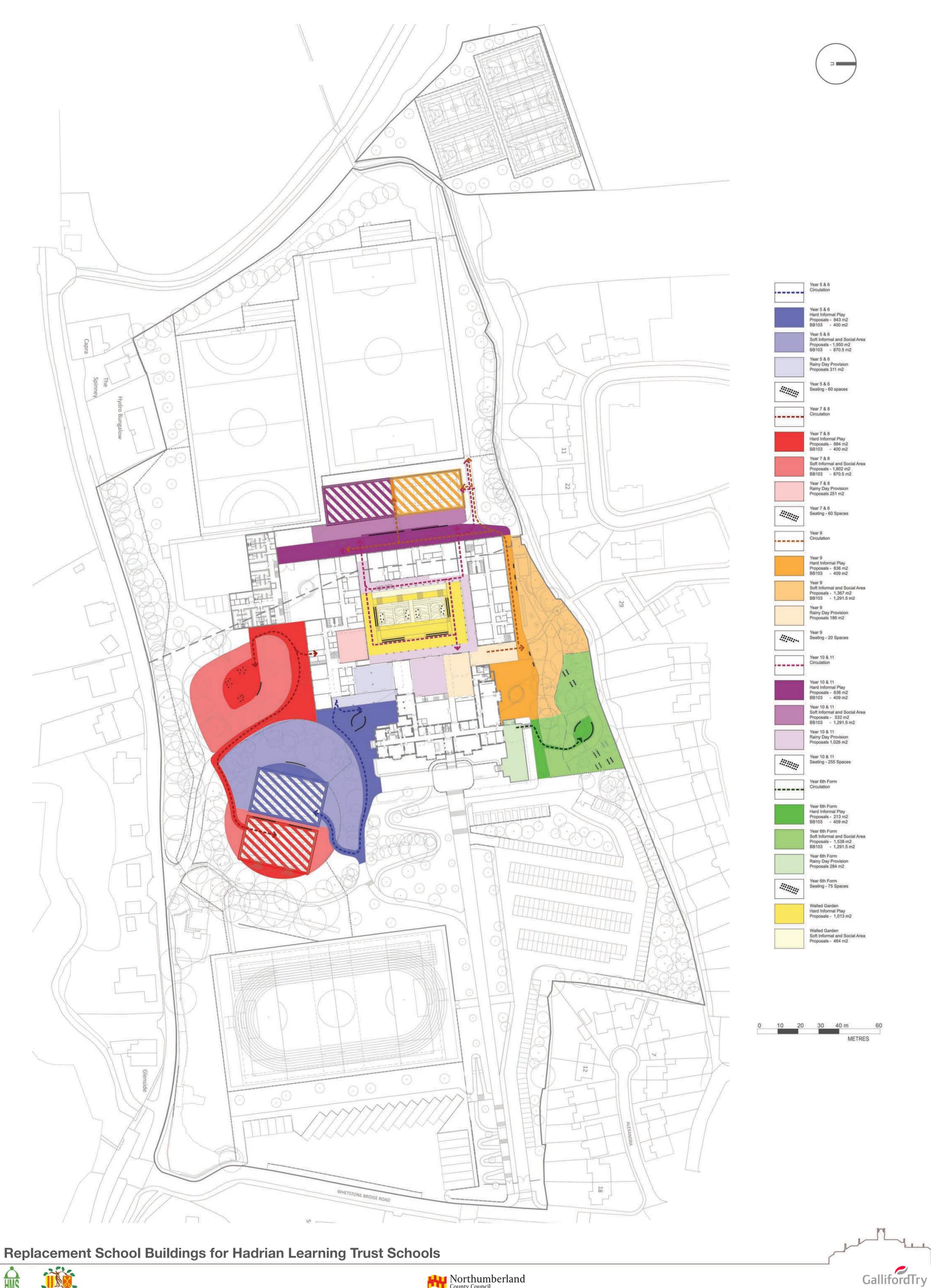








Separate External Play and Social Areas for Each Age Group







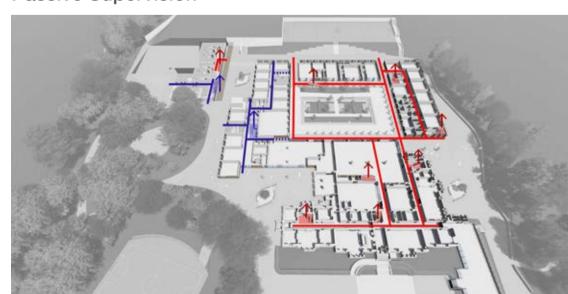
Ground Floor Plan







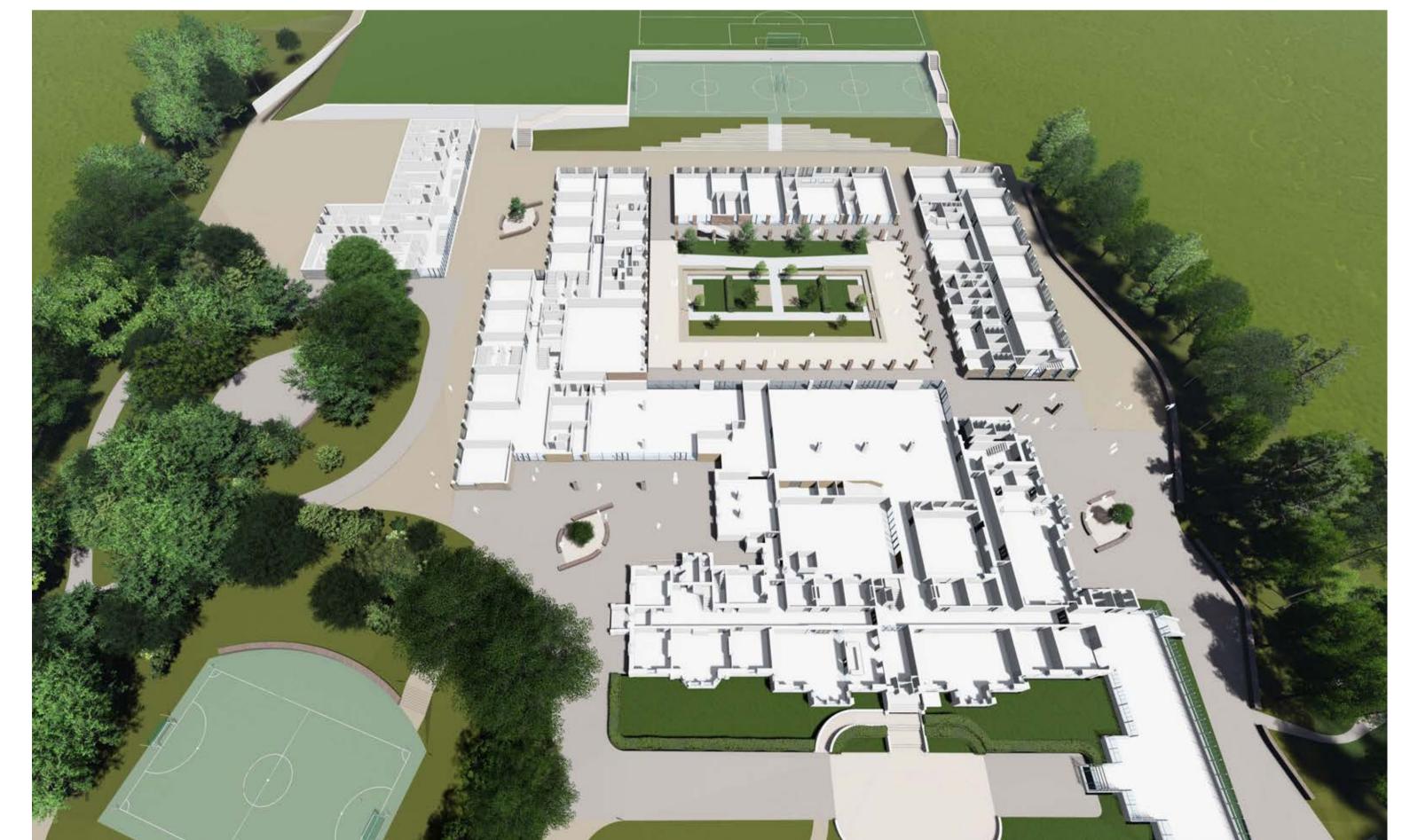
Passive Supervision



Circulation



Principal Community and Out of Hours Zoning



Ground Floor Sectioned Aerial View











First Floor Plan





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High School

Large Spaces, Halls, Social & Din

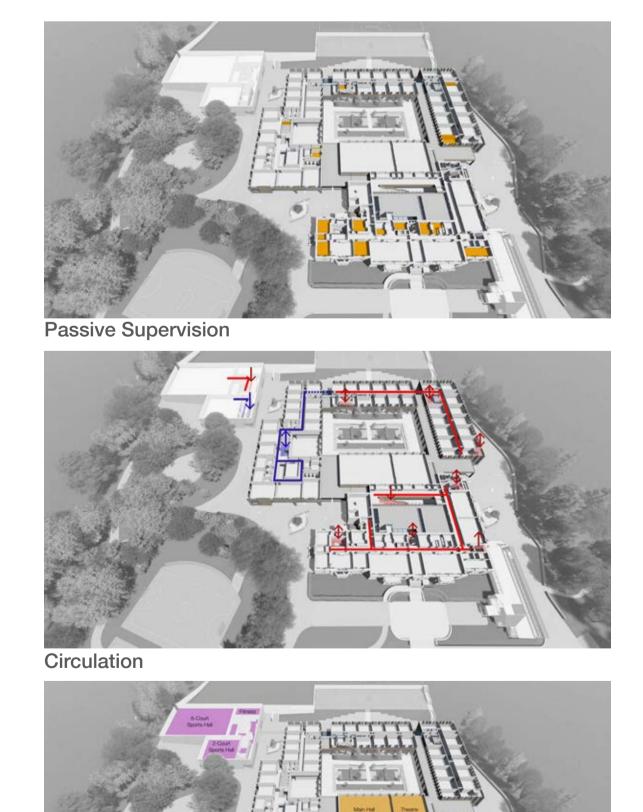
Learning Resource Centre

Middle School

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Staff and Admin Areas

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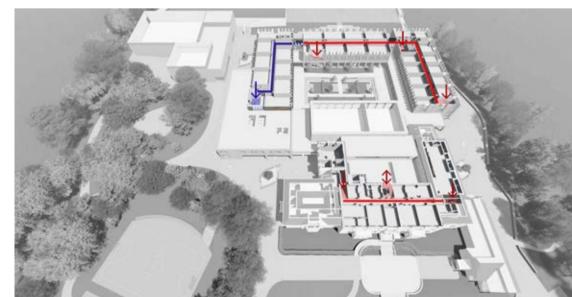


Second and Third Floor Plans





Passive Supervision



Circulation

Building Zoning



Second Floor Sectioned Aerial View

