



Renewal Programme

Methodist Church Radcliffe-on-Trent

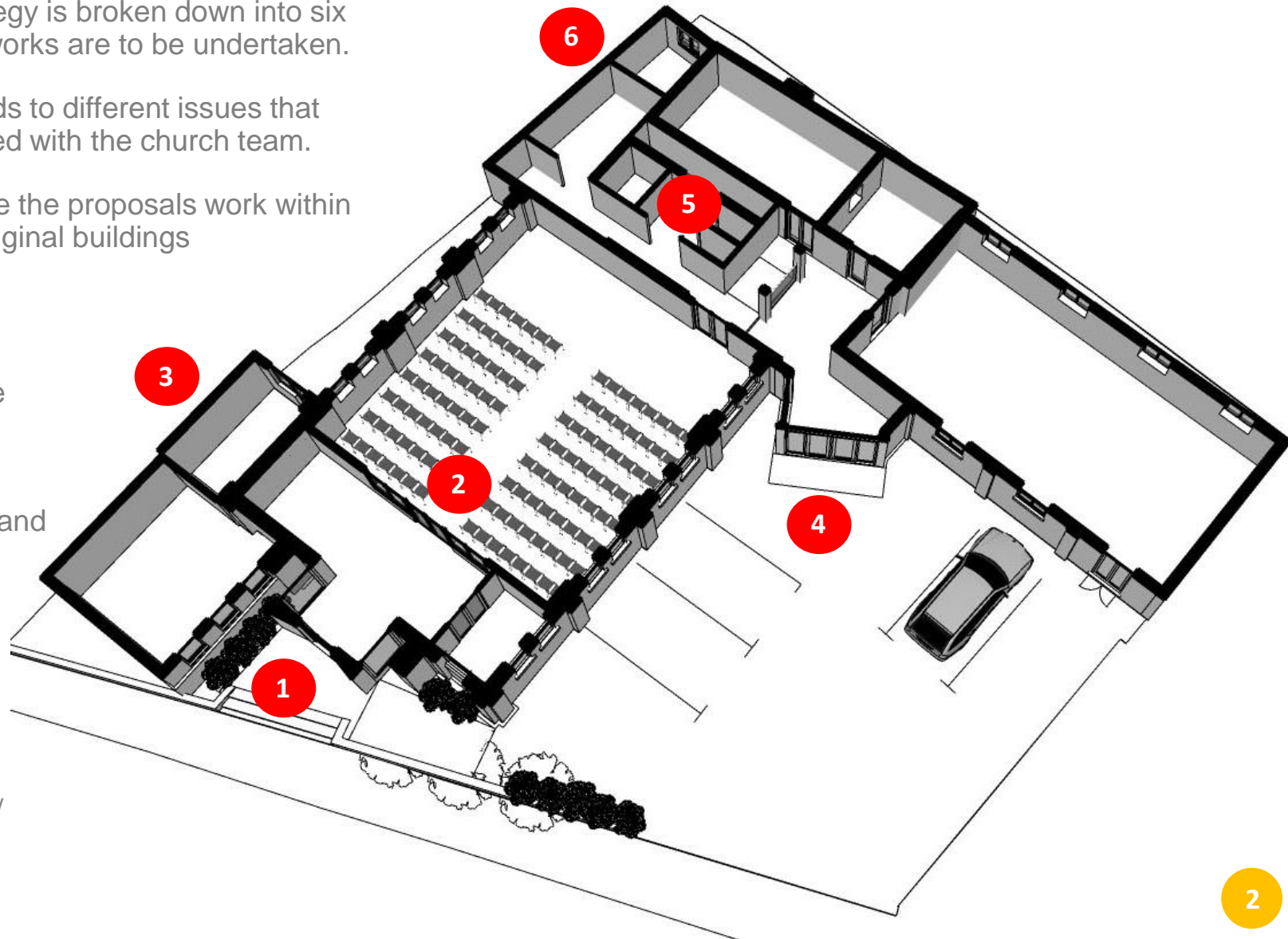
Methodist Church Renewal Strategy Overview

This renewal strategy is broken down into six key areas where works are to be undertaken.

Each area responds to different issues that have been identified with the church team.

Wherever possible the proposals work within the fabric of the original buildings

1. Main Entrance
2. Screen Wall
3. Prayer Room and Vestry
4. Car Park Entrance and Ramp Access
5. Washrooms
6. Store Rooms / Office Area



1 Main Entrance

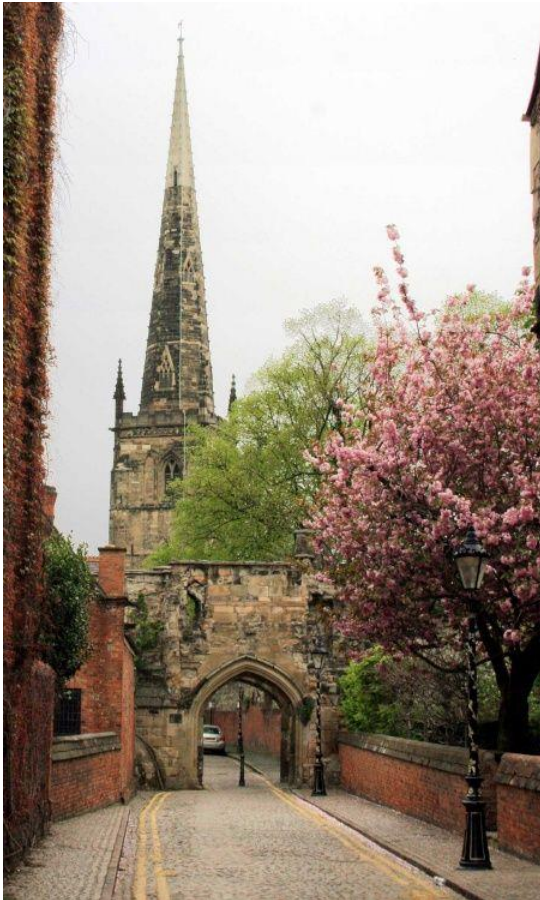
The design of the reconfigured main entrance into the Church Hall reflects the ceremonial and formal tradition of the congregation meeting for services together.

The simple form will have a strong presence along the Shelford Road and the choice of materials is contemporary to contrast to the original church behind.



1 Main Entrance

The tradition of the processional walkway into Churches and Cathedrals forms the inspiration behind this feature. These are set away from the building and mark the entrance to the site often forming part of the site boundary. In the design this form has been adapted to form the entrance itself.

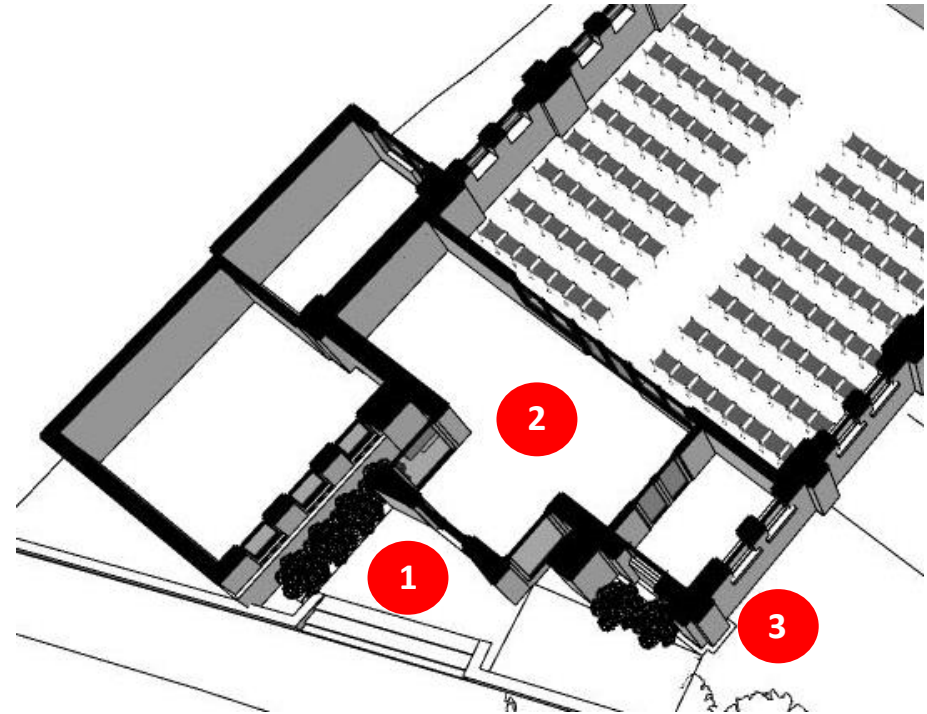
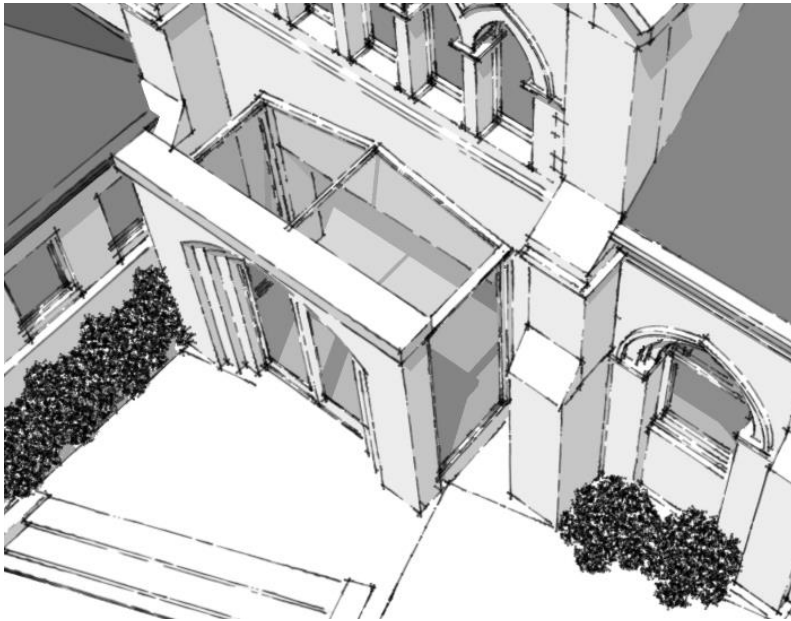


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The entrance (1) leads into a foyer which has been cleared of the existing heating installation.

To the side the introduction of a new wall (2) has created storage space and a staircase (3) has been introduced to access the area above.

This will improve the environment for meeting and greeting arrivals at church and access to the prayer room and vestry.



2 Replacement Main Hall Screen

The existing timber screen will be retained in its current location but it will be strengthened before being covered in plasterboard and decorated.

An new opening will be created within which a pair of double doors will be set within a glazed screen directly in line with the main entrance.

This will also allow members of the congregation who need to leave the main hall to connect with the events inside. A new stained glass window allows light from the original façade to enter the space.



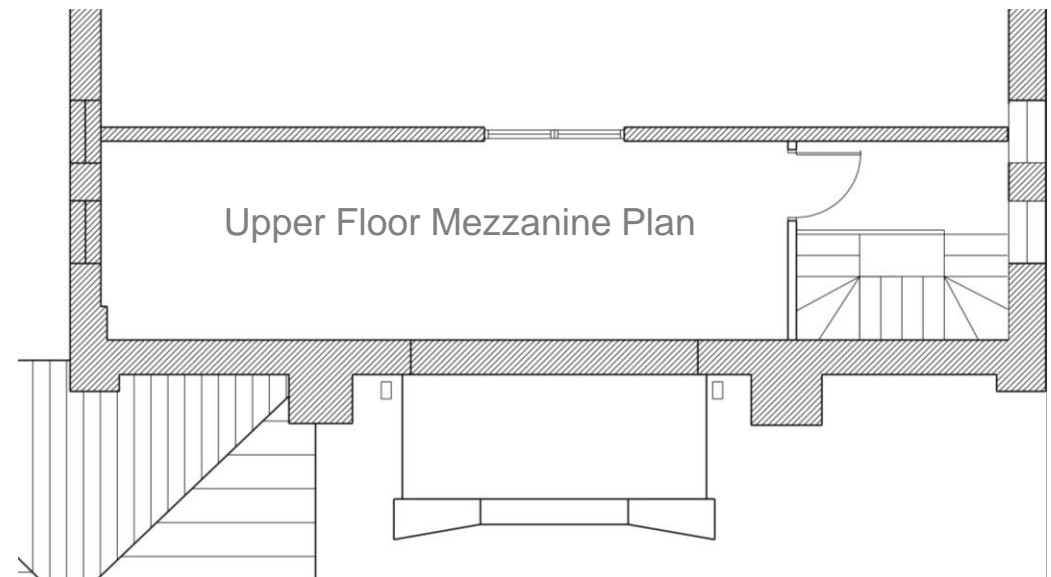
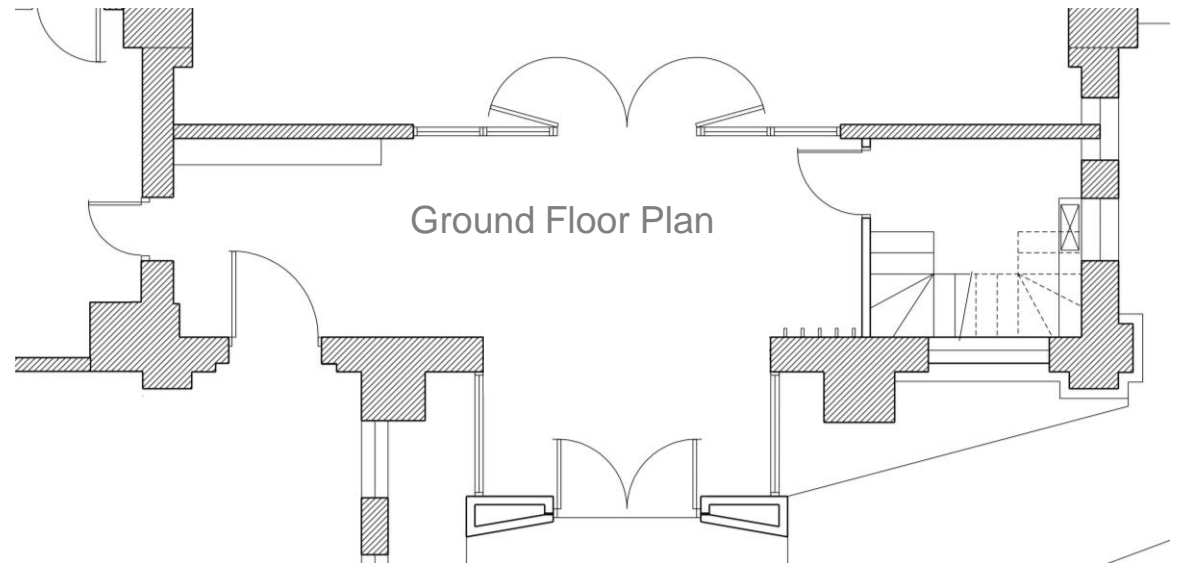
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The entrance lobby now incorporates a store area with an access stair to the room above.

Subject to discussions with the contractors mechanical engineer the upper room will also be used to house the replacement boiler for the main church hall and associated accommodation.

A stained glass window will allow light transfer into the church hall from the original windows.

Subject to improved accessibility, such as the installation of a lift, it would be possible to consider alternative uses for this space such as a meeting room for limited numbers of visitors.



3 Prayer Room and Vestry

The scale and layout of the existing Prayer Room seem to work well. The exposed roof structure also contributes to make this a positive and focussed space.

Internally this room will be re-plastered and redecorated and subject to costs we would like to replace the existing windows with new ones of the same size incorporating stained glass.

The timber cladding in the Vestry needs to be stripped before this room is also re-plastered and redecorated.

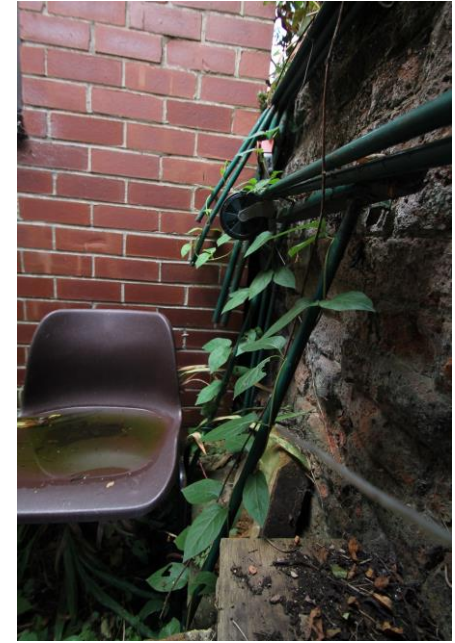


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Externally there are some essential maintenance works that need to be undertaken including cleaning out the space between the building and the retaining wall.

It would also be possible to renew the flat roof covering and set this to a greater fall to avoid water ponding.

The timber fascia will be removed as part of the works and the drainage system will be replaced with a simple gutter.



4 Car Park Entrance

The new glazed entrance has been orientated to provide a direct route between the two car parking bays and increase the visibility of this entrance from the street.

The design reflects the practical rather than ceremonial nature of this entrance and differentiates its importance in the hierarchy of spaces.

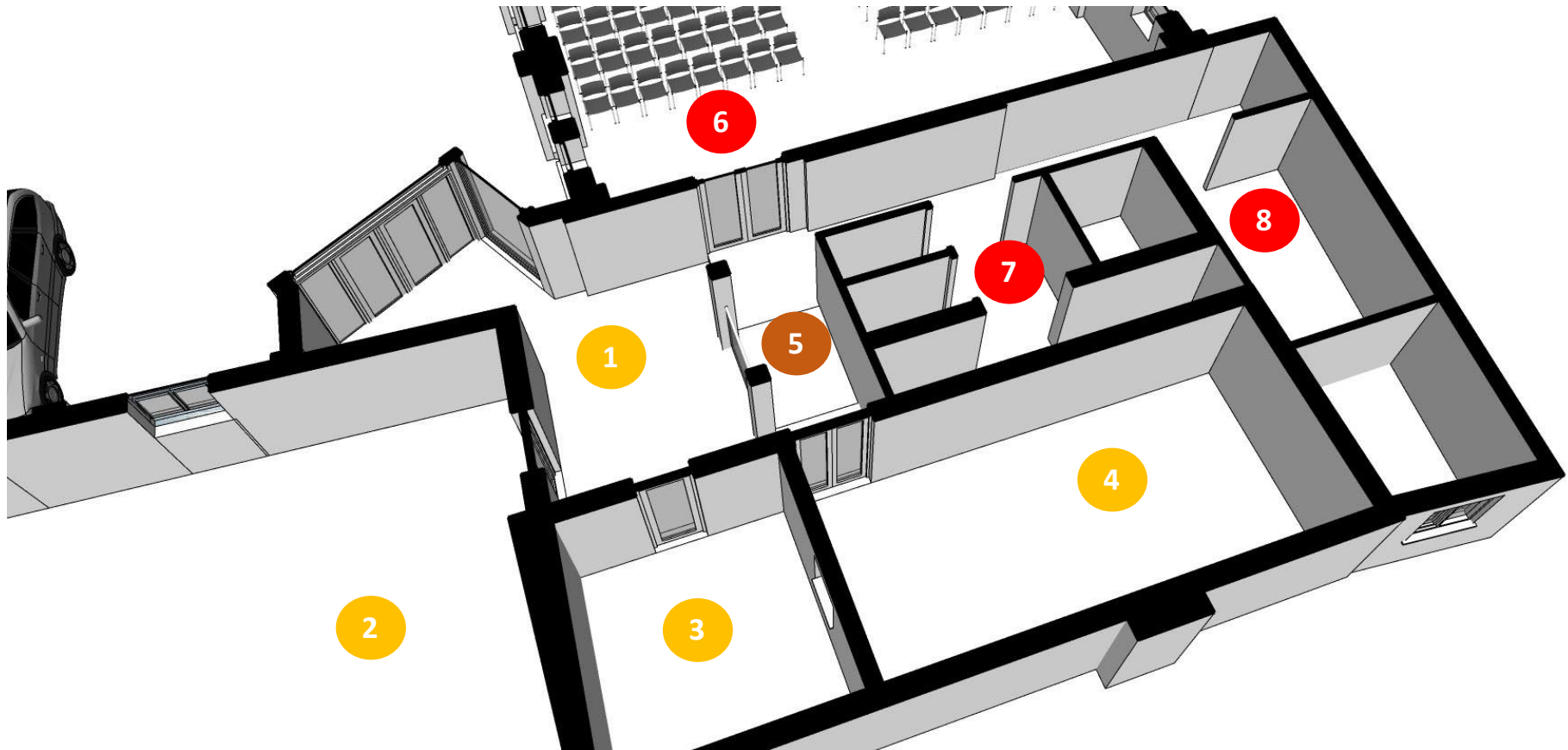


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- The new glazed entrance (1) from the car park provides access into the School Hall (2), kitchen (3) and Memorial Hall (4).
- A ramp (5) has been introduced to provide graded access to the Church Hall (6), the new toilets (7) and the store rooms (8) which are all set to the level of the Church Hall at 180mm above the entrance level.

 Entrance Level

 Church Hall Level



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The canopy and design reflect the way that this is the day to day entrance to the buildings and the overhanging entrance projection will incorporate lighting to assist visitors.

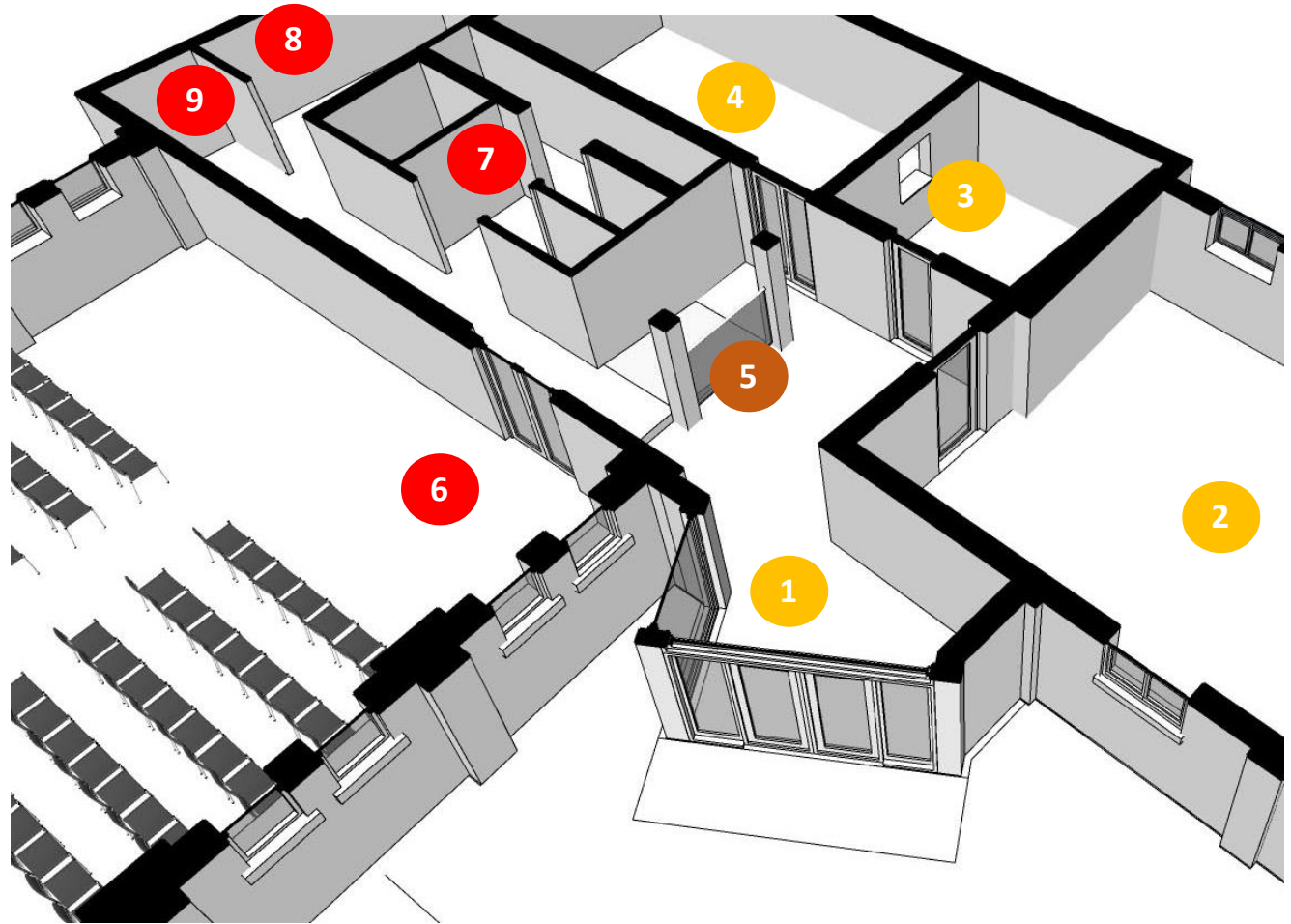
Beyond this a foyer area has been created by relocating the staircase to the first floor meeting room.

The foyer now has space for a ramp which leads round into the Main Church Hall.



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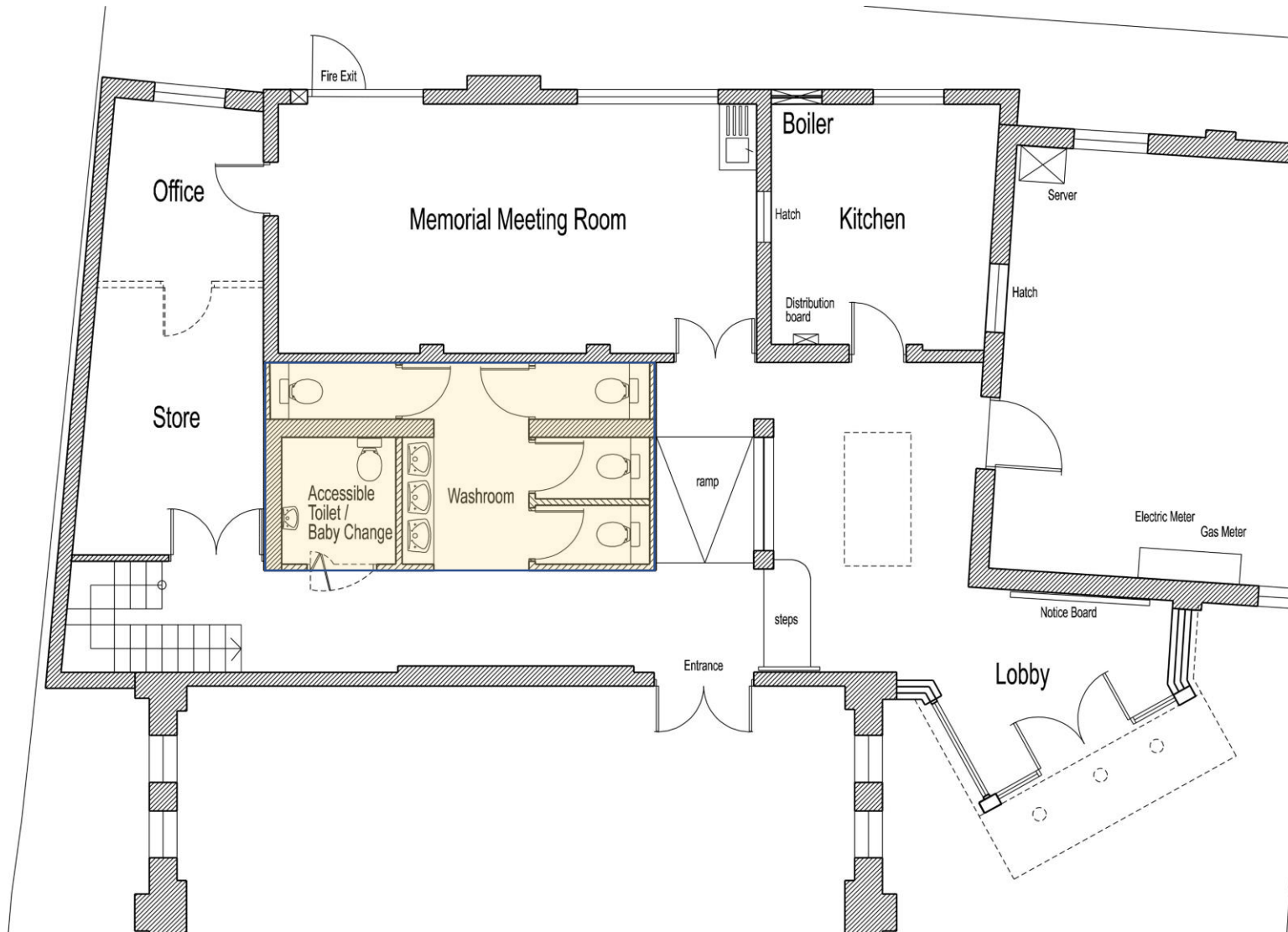


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5 Washroom facilities & Baby Changing

The reorganisation of the plan allows the introduction of a washroom with 4 fully enclosed cubicles as well as an accessible toilet with fold down baby changing facility.



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The washroom will have a shared sink with gender neutral toilet cubicles which are in many ways similar to guest toilets at home.

They will be totally private with solid partition wall construction and traditional close fitting internal doors.

This arrangement offers advantages in terms of children's safeguarding and access.



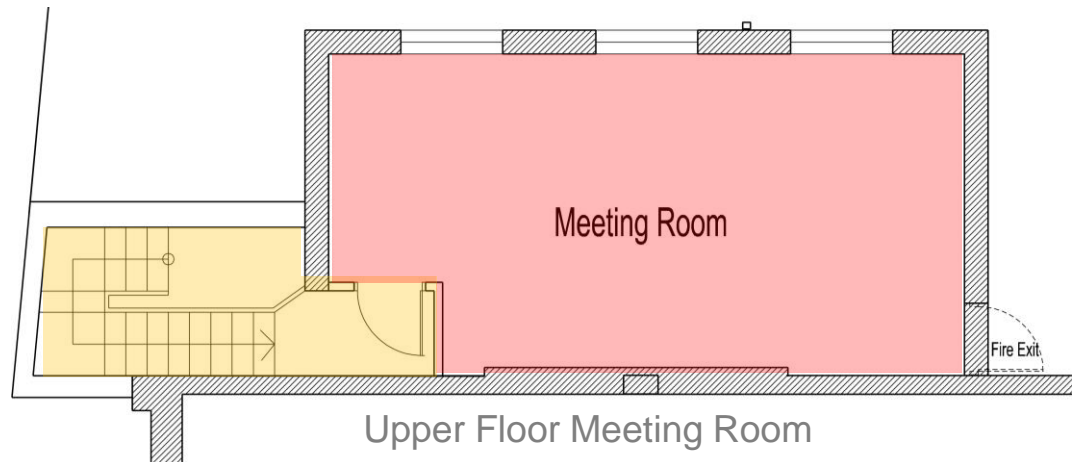
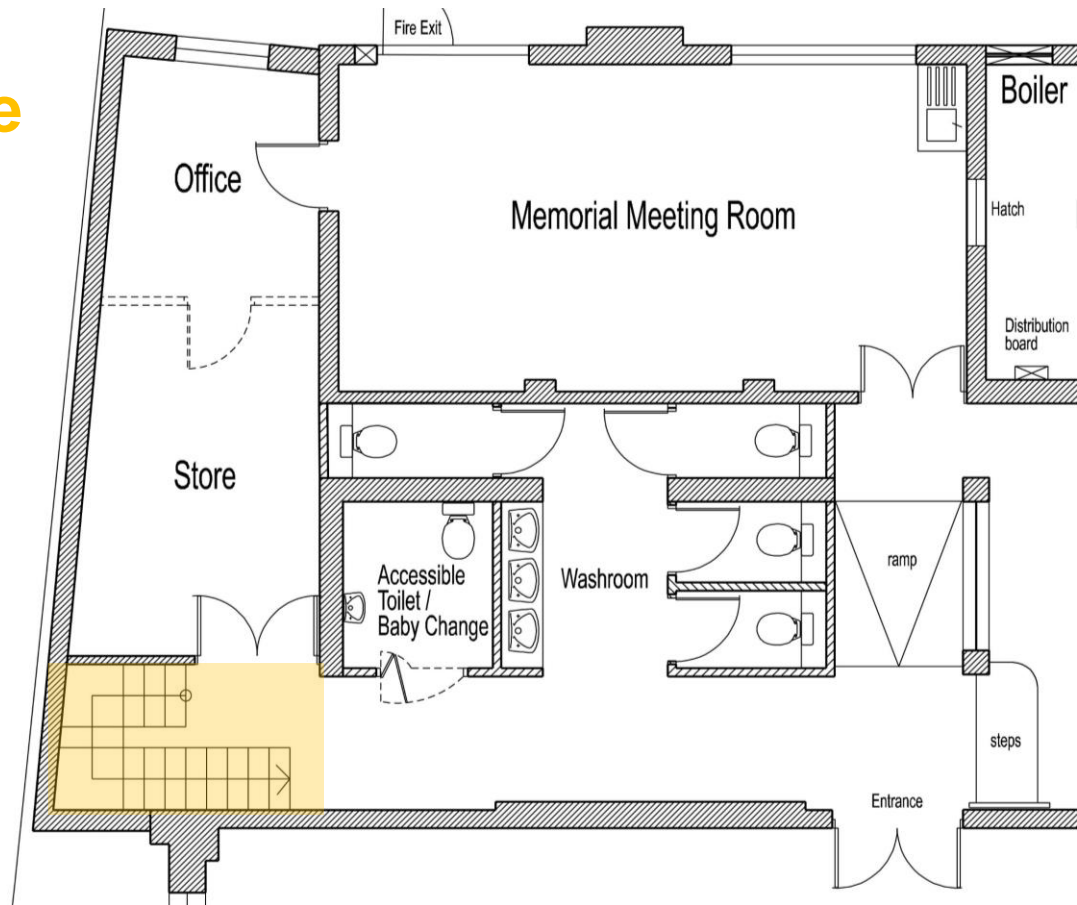
6 Store Rooms / Office

To create the space for the new ramp the staircase to the upper floor has been relocated to the far side of the building.

The condition of the existing flat roof will be reviewed and replaced if necessary.

The current toilet area will be cleared and part will be utilised as a store room off of the meeting room, and part as general store / back office space as required.

The upper floor meeting room will be redecorated but remains otherwise unaltered.

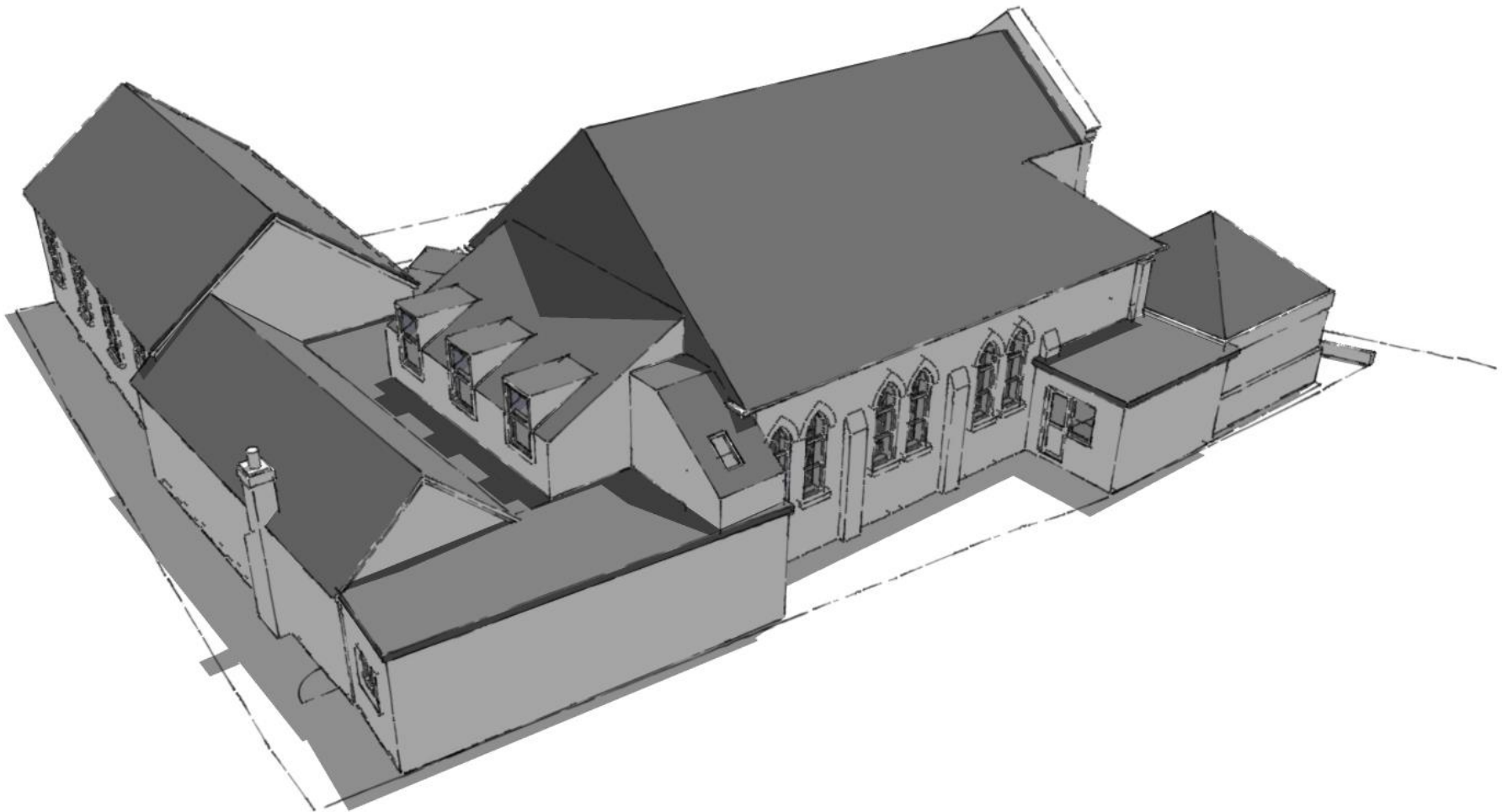


6 Stair Case and Store Rooms

The access staircase will extend above the current flat roof area and will be clad in light weight materials.

The existing flat roof will be recovered and the current roof lights removed to minimise the possibility of future leaks.

The pitched roof will be repaired where tiles have slipped down.





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