



The Existing May Day Green

The existing building on May Day Green was built as part of the last major development project within the town.

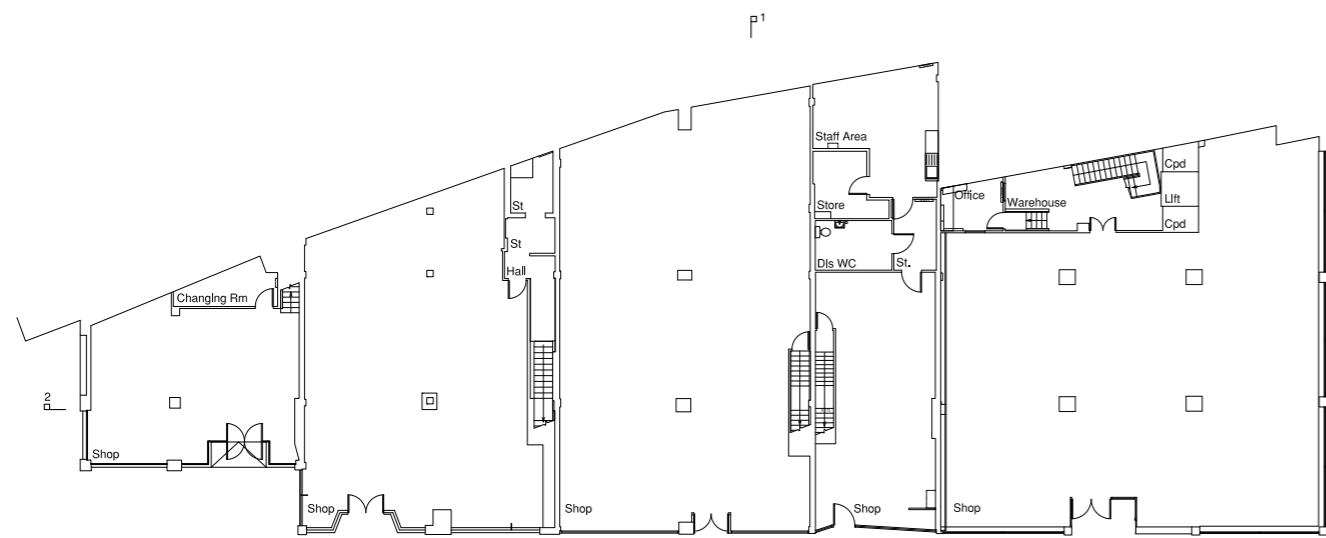
It comprises a series of shop units at ground floor with a storey of storage on 1st floor. The first floor is accessed from a vehicular ramp from Eldon Street.

It shares a party wall with the 5 storied 19th Century sandstone terrace on Burlington Arcade and the 20th century building further towards Queen Street and the southern edge of May Day Green.

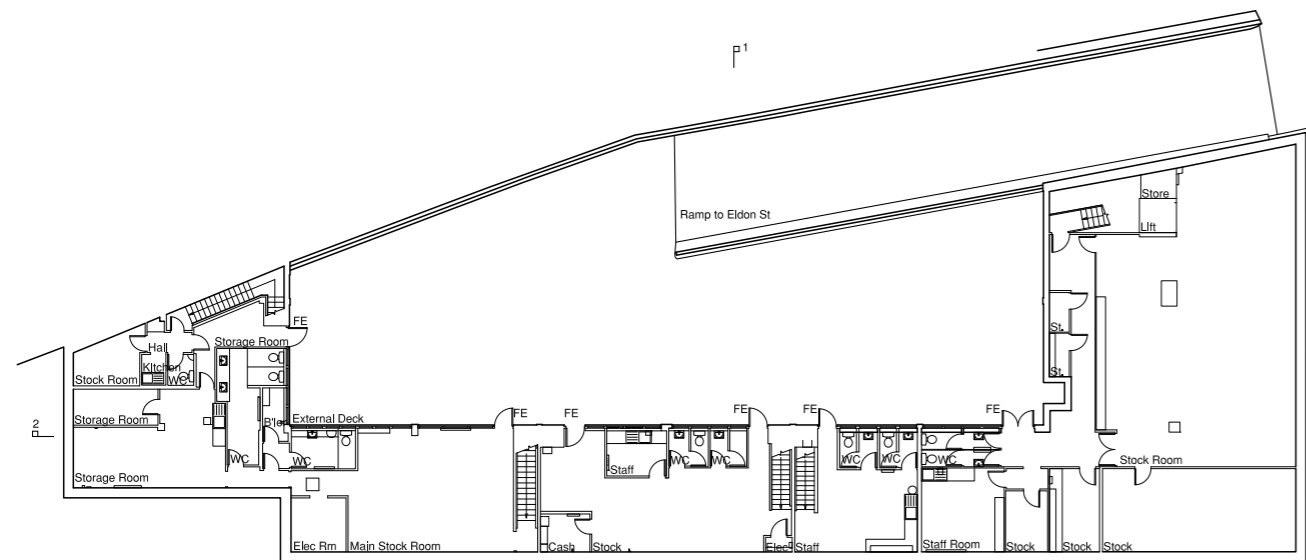
The building is concrete framed with a cladding of brown bush hammered concrete to the upper floor and red brick to the ground floor. Shop fronts are generally glass set in painted aluminium frames.



Existing Plans, Sections & Elevations

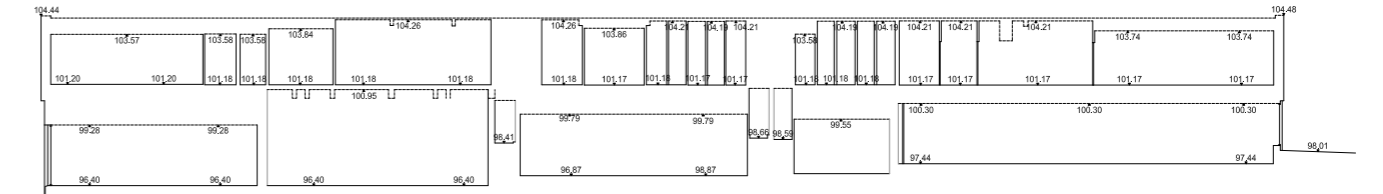


Existing Ground Floor Plan

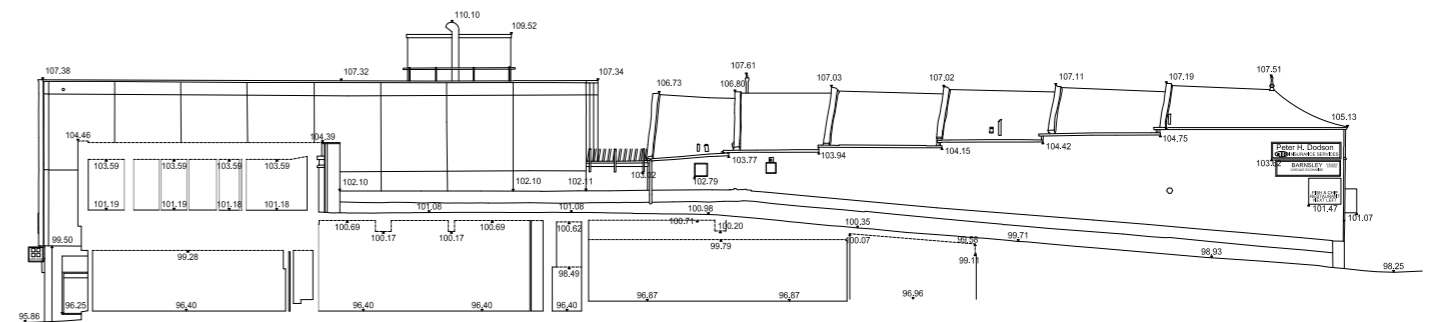


Existing First Floor Plan

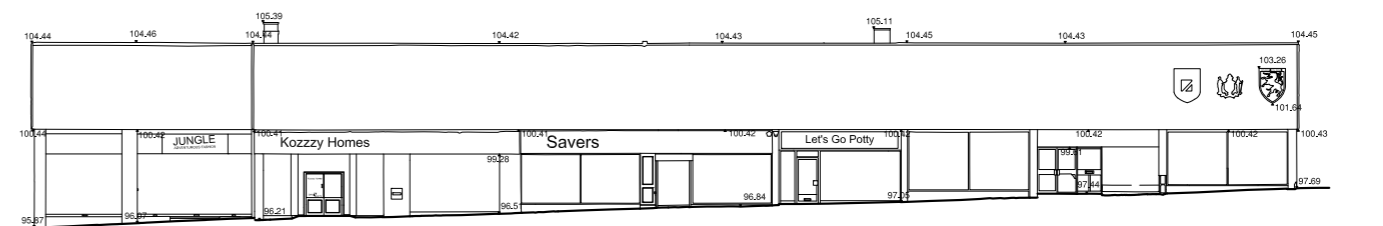
Section 1



Section 2



Section 3

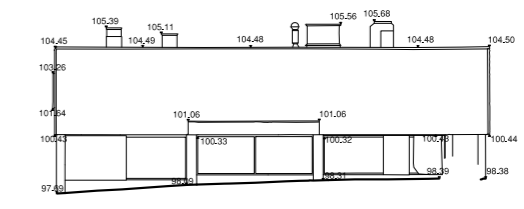


Reference Datum 94m

Elevation 2

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Elevation 1



Reference Datum 95m

Elevation 3



3. Community & Consultation



The vision

The vision for the Barnsley New Public Library has emerged from an extended period of consultation with a wide variety of people and groups with an interest in the project. This process was critical to ensure that the Council’s vision for the library is aligned with the requirements and aspirations of those who will use it.

This vision can be summarised as follows; ‘The Barnsley New Central Library will be a vibrant and inspirational space that will be flexible to meet the future needs of the town. It will provide the highly valued book and reading experience alongside modern technology and facilities for creative arts. A new range of events and activities using the library and external public spaces will attract more visitors, especially younger people to the library and town centre.

The Library will work with other council services and partner organisations to provide access and support to an even wider range of information and advice and attract a wide range of library users. It will be a showcase for the cultural life of Barnsley and play a key role in ‘Intelligent Barnsley’, linking the town centre with digital infrastructure.

The Library will be designed to operate in evenings and weekends with the potential to be a major destination for town centre visitors.’

Key aspirations of the brief

In addition to the vision statement the following principles emerged from detailed briefing workshops held with the Library Stakeholders Design Group which have informed the basis for the design brief;

Not just like for like

The new library should not simply replace previous or current facilities

Efficient

Both as a building and as a service / operation

Flexible

The ability to adapt to new services and ways of doing things now and in the future

Accessible

For all users whatever their ability

Enjoyable

Both to visit and to use

Size

Large enough to be a place that Barnsley can be proud of but not so large that it is difficult and costly to manage

Consultation

Consultation has been an intrinsic part of the design process. The Council established a Library Stakeholder Design Group at the outset to guide the development of the design brief and provide valuable comment and critique of the project as it progresses towards realisation.

Timeline

The following are consultation events that have been held to specifically discuss the Library in addition to events dealing with the wider Better Barnsley Town Centre regeneration project.

Equality Conference Consultation	21.06.14
Equality Forum	07.07.14
All Members Briefing	17.07.14
Staff Briefing Sessions	05.09.14
	16.09.14
	23.09.14
West Meadows Primary	19.09.14
Disability Equality Forum	30.09.14
Civic Trust Consultation	16.10.14
Retailer Consultation	22.10.14
Deaf Forum Walkabout	10.11.14
My Barnsley Too Forum	20.11.14
Barnsley Voice (retailers) Forum	09.12.14
Stakeholder Presentations St.1	12.12.14
Tour De France Legacy Group	15.01.15
Blue Light Liaison	16.01.15
Rockley Rotary Club	28.01.15
Town Centre Walkabout	25.02.15
Barnsley Voice Retailers	17.03.15
Civic Trust Workshop	26.03.15
Local Access Forum	15.04.15
Design Panel	21.04.15
Taxi trade Liaison meeting	07.05.15
Library Stakeholder Group	19.05.15
Sensory Impairment Group	22.05.15
My Barnsley too - Transport Event	10.06.15
Blind & Visually Impaired Group	02.07.15
DMC Staff & Tenants Walkabout	23.07.15
Wednesday Voice Self Advocacy Group	29.07.15
Barnsley Motorcycle Action Group Consultation	11.08.15
Taxi Consultation	16.09.15
Blind Group	17.09.15

6pm Youth Council Consultation	21.09.15
Library Stakeholders	05.10.15
Wednesday Voice Self Advocacy Group	07.10.15
Barnsley Urban Renaissance Design Panel	13.10.15
Accessible Environment (Visually Impaired Grp)	29.10.15
Barnsley Economic Partnership walkabout	23.11.15
Taxi Trade Liaison consultation	25.11.15
Sheffield School of Architecture walkabout	04.12.15
Town Hall open day public consultation	05.12.15
Accessible Environment (Visually Impaired Grp)	14.01.16
Young Addaction workshop	30.03.16
Accessible Environment (Visually Impaired Grp)	07.04.16
Better Barnsley Young Ambassadors walkabout	11.04.16
Hunningley Primary School visit	13.04.16
BEP Town Centre sub group walkabout	25.04.16
Library Stakeholders	27.04.16

Ongoing

Public Consultation at the Better Barnsley Town Centre drop-in shop has been a constant source of valuable feedback to the design team. Further to this the stage 3 design has been presented on exhibition boards in the current library facility at Wellington House in central Barnsley for all the visitors to see.