



WATFORD COLOSSEUM

RIBA STAGE 2 SUMMARY

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0.1 | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a concise summary report to outline the current RIBA Stage 2 proposals for the refurbishment of Watford Colosseum. The current proposals largely align with the original Stage 2 design submitted by ACG in September 2020, but have undergone a series of minor updates proposed by FCBS. These updates and the reasoning behind them are outlined in detail in the full Colosseum Stage 2 update report.

While the ACG Stage 2 report did not receive official sign off the proposals were generally accepted by all. The brief for the project remains unchanged, except for an enhanced aspiration to integrate the Colosseum building with the adjacent Town Hall to create a centre of cultural activity.





Be a catalyst for the regeneration of the new Masterplan as part of a **new “cultural hub”** bringing more footfall to the area.



Reinstate the original entrance and make it accessible for performances



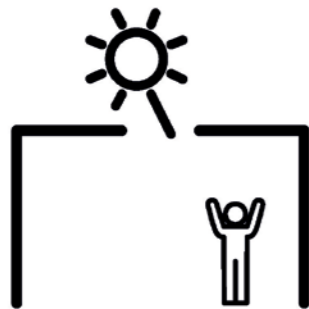
Resolve confusion between the primary and secondary entrances and remove ambiguity



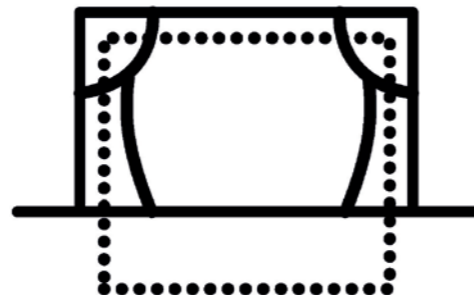
Introduce new external digital signage to advertise current events and improve wayfinding



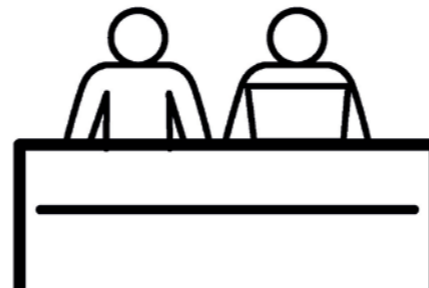
Retain the ‘extension’ entrance for daytime use to **bring in new revenue streams as a bookable studio and cafe**



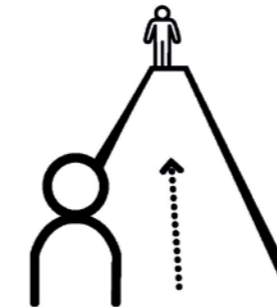
Convert the small hall into a bookable studio with light and ventilation for use as a more flexible space. Retain use as an events space for banqueting and small performances



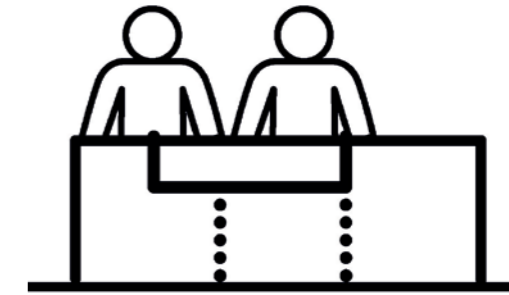
Reinforce or replace the existing stage structure, and provide additional loading capacity over the stage, to **improve performance versatility.**



Introduce bookable meeting spaces



Introduce a new wayfinding “ribbon” in the front-of-house areas to draw circulation through these spaces



Reconfigure the front of house areas to **provide new fixed and demountable bars, merchandise counters, drink shelves and seating areas**



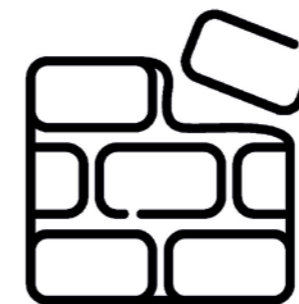
Focus on modernised **Mechanical, Electrical, Utilities and Public Health upgrades.**



Focus on **refreshed branding** to improve the visual identity and profile of The Colosseum.



Improve accessibility for staff, performers and visitors by introducing a new stage platform lift, a changing places facility and accessible bars and counters



Focus on **enhancing the building fabric**, including roofs, windows, wall and thermal efficiency.

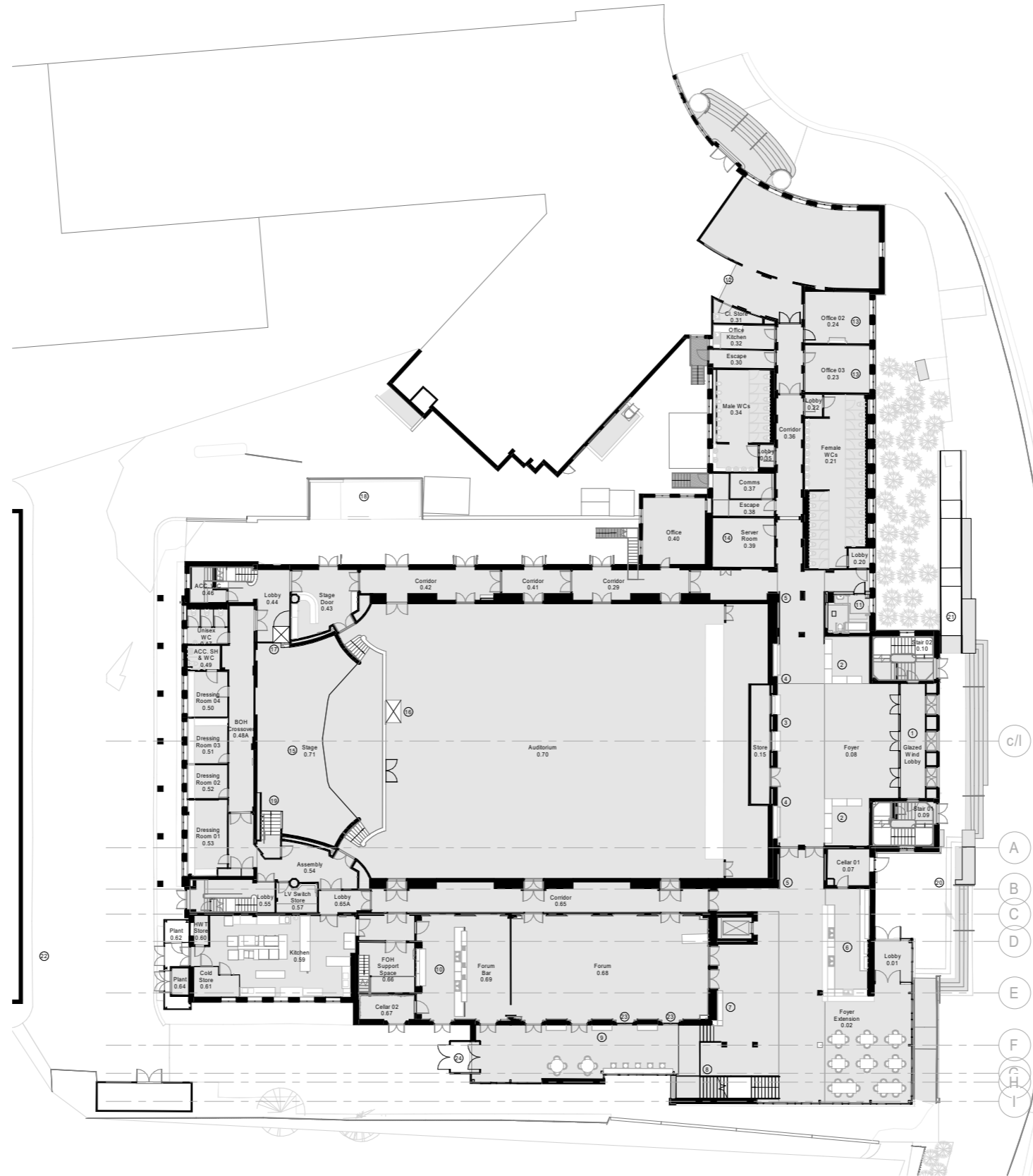


Focus on **regulatory compliance and upgrades** including Fire Safety, DDA Compliance and Sustainability.

GROUND FLOOR

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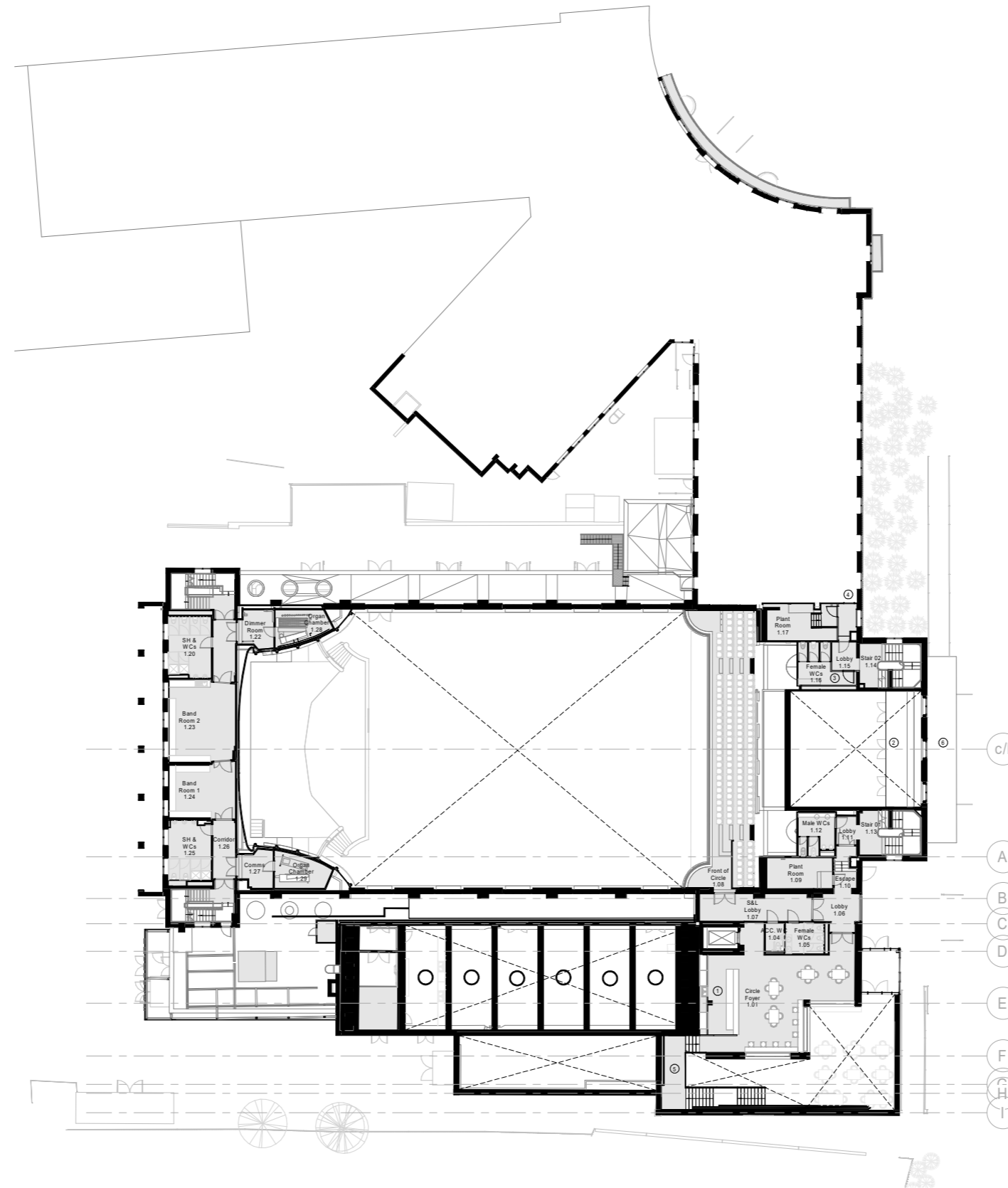


- ① NEW GLAZED WIND LOBBY
ONE DOOR TO BE AUTOMATED WITH PUSH PLATE
SOLID CEILING
- ② NEW DEMOUNTABLE MERCHANDISE COUNTER (BESPOKE JOINERY)
- ③ NEW GLAZED DISPLAY UNITS WITH CUPBOARD AT LOW LEVEL (BESPOKE JOINERY)
- ④ NEW BENCH SEAT WITHIN RECESS (BESPOKE JOINERY)
- ⑤ CORRIDORS/DOOR OPENINGS LINED WITH HARDWOOD TIMBER
- ⑥ NEW MAIN BAR AND CAFE (BESPOKE JOINERY)
- ⑦ NEW SHELVING UNIT FOR INTERMISSION DRINKS (BESPOKE JOINERY) WITH SOLID HARDWOOD FACING
- ⑧ NEW REARRANGED STAIR WITH NEW PARTITION AND DOOR UNDER STAIRS
- ⑨ TEMPORARY FOOD COUNTER LOCATION (FOOD COUNTERS ISSUED BY OPERATOR)
- ⑩ NEW FORUM BAR (BESPOKE JOINERY)
- ⑪ NEW UNDERSIZED CHANGING PLACES WC
- ⑫ NEW CONNECTION TO TOWN HALL
- ⑬ NEW MEETING ROOMS (BOOKABLE)
- ⑭ SERVER ROOM DECOMMISSIONED. POTENTIAL USE AS STORAGE
- ⑮ EXISTING STAGE STRUCTURE REINFORCED OR STAGE REPLACED. REFER TO SFK DRAWINGS.
- ⑯ NEW GET IN LIFT IN EXISTING LOCATION. REFER TO THEATREPLAN SPECIFICATION
- ⑰ NEW PLATFORM LIFT ON STAGE LEFT SIDE
- ⑱ LOADING BAY RECONFIGURED TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR LONGER VEHICLES
- ⑲ NEW STAIR, BALUSTRADE AND HANDRAILS (STAGE REPLACEMENT OPTION). REFER TO SFK INFORMATION
- ⑳ RECONFIGURED LANDSCAPING AND NEW LOW-LEVEL WALL
- ㉑ NEW RAMP AND LANDSCAPING TO PROVIDE DISABLED ACCESS AND RE-CENTRALISE THE MAIN ENTRANCE
- ㉒ NEW ACCESSIBLE PARKING BAY WITH HATCHING
- ㉓ REINSTATE PREVIOUSLY BLOCKED UP WINDOWS INTO THE FORUM
- ㉔ NEW DRAGHT LOBBY TO REAR ENTRANCE

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- ① NEW CIRCLE BAR (EXTENDED WITH ADDITIONAL SERVING CAPACITY)
- ② CEILING OVER NEW WIND LOBBY
- ③ NEW LAYOUT TO STAIR LOBBY AND FEMALE WC WITH NEW PARTITIONS AND DOOR
- ④ NEW TOWN HALL CONNECTION
- ⑤ NEW REARRANGED STAIR AND LANDING
- ⑥ CANOPY ROOF REFINISHED WITH ENHANCED ILLUMINATED SIGNAGE

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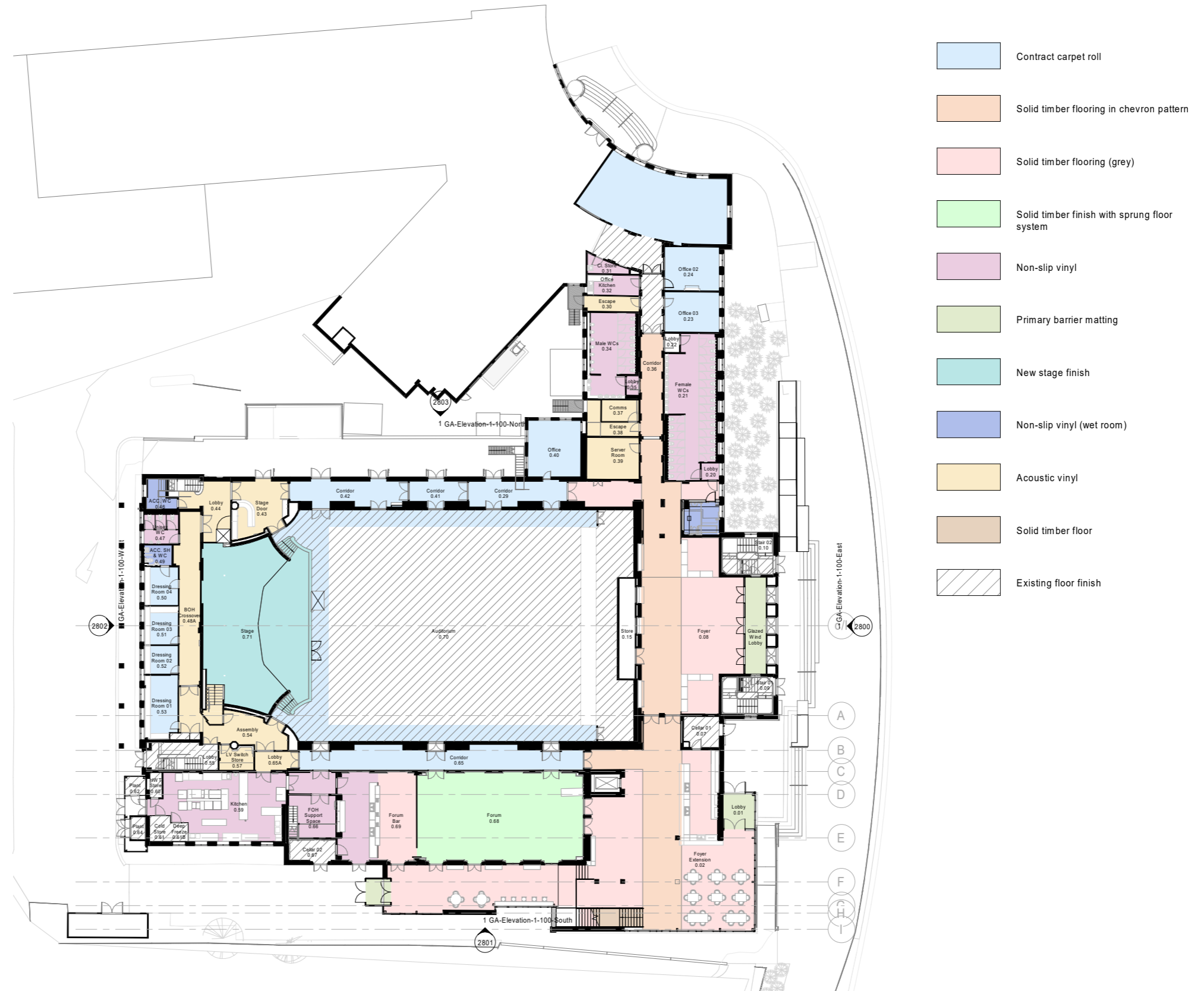
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Proposed ground floor finishes are indicated on the adjacent plan.

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