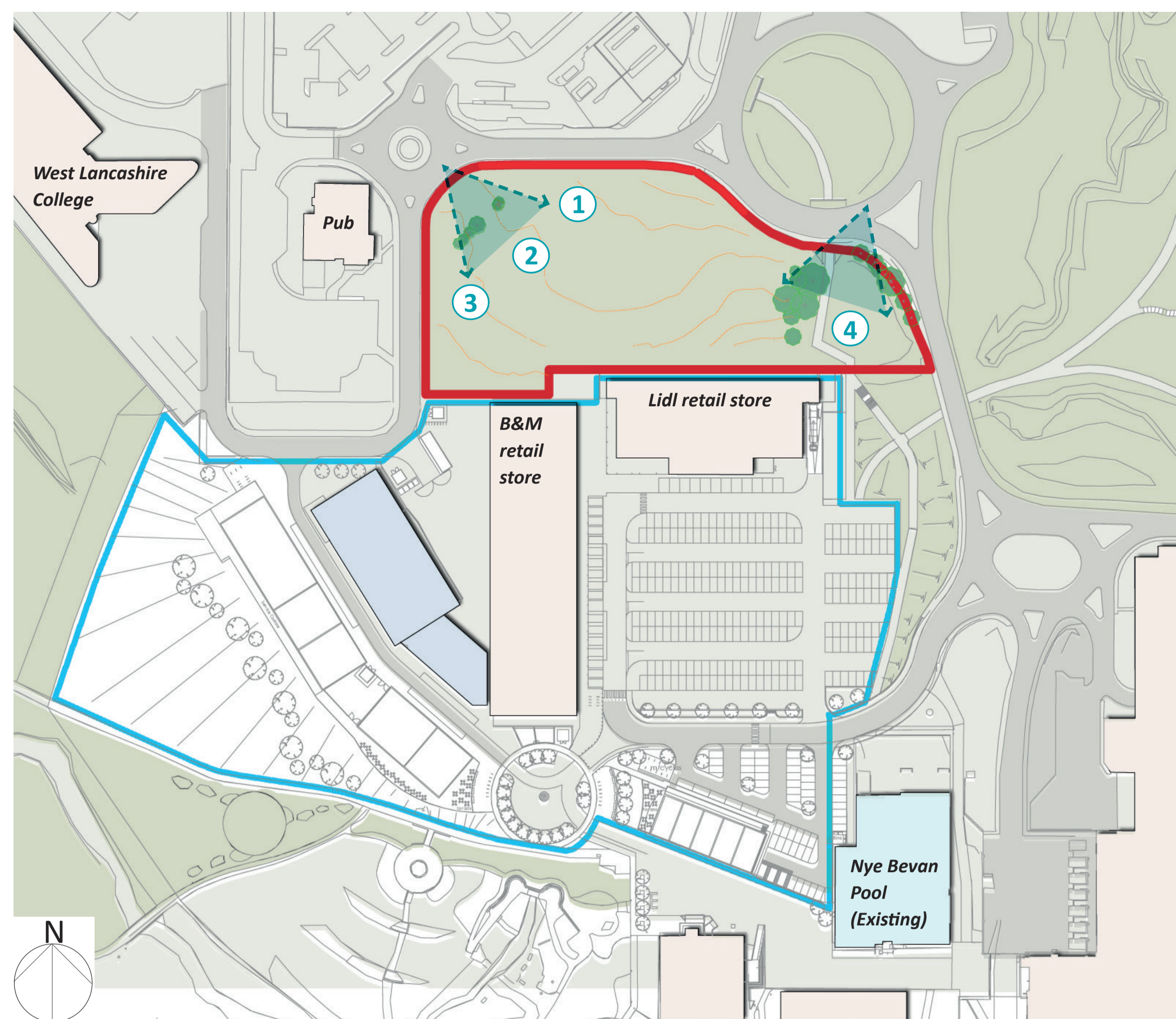


Skelmersdale Wellbeing and Leisure Hub - community engagement

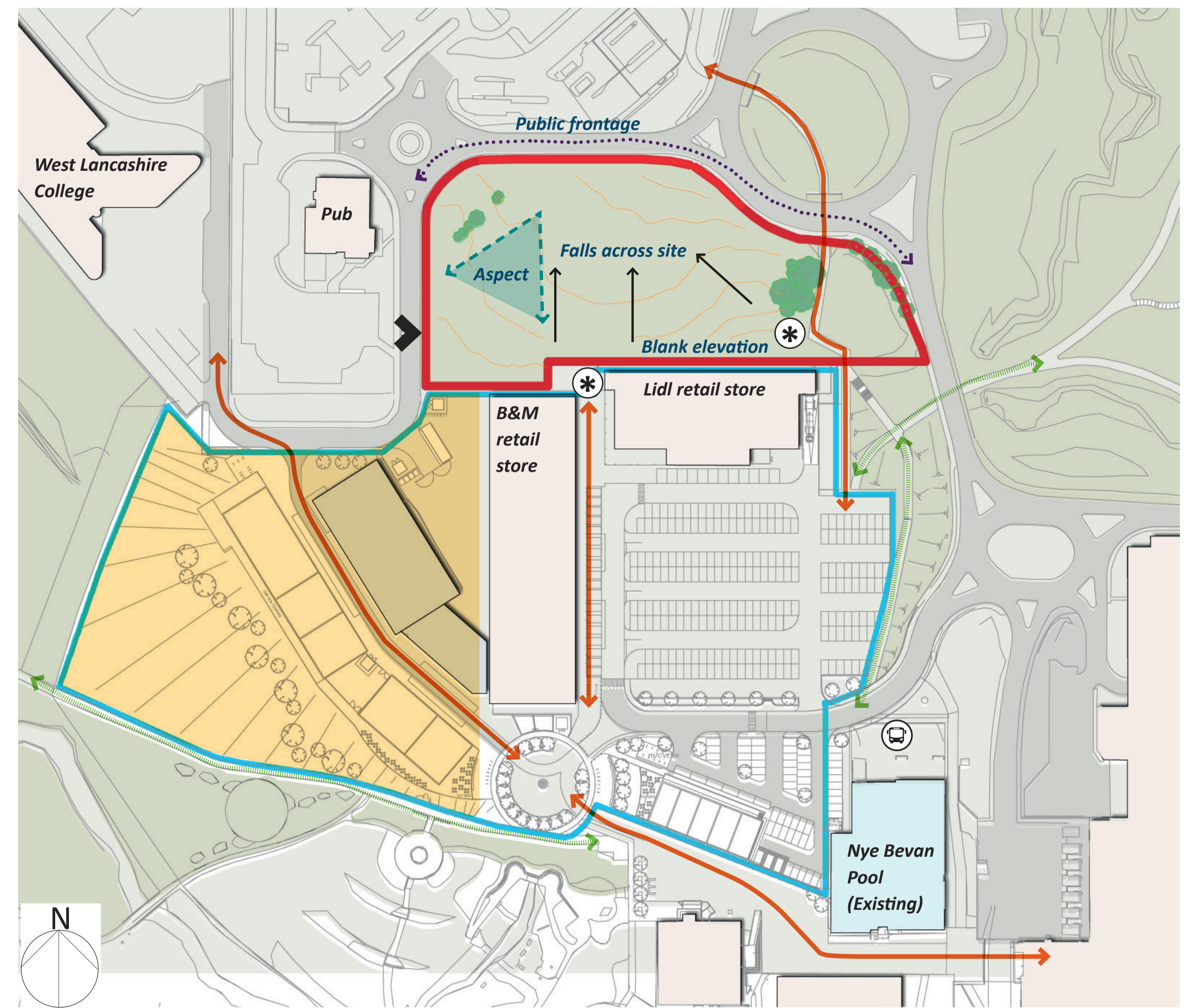
Thank you for viewing the proposals for a new Wellbeing and Leisure Hub in Skelmersdale and engaging in the vision for the site.

West Lancashire Borough Council has been developing exciting plans for a new Wellbeing and Leisure Hub in Skelmersdale, working with development partner Alliance Leisure. The new hub will replace the ageing Nye Bevan Pool and will provide modern fitness and leisure facilities to meet the needs of Skelmersdale and surrounding areas.

We are keen to hear your views on the proposal ahead of the planning application being submitted. All comments will assist and be addressed in a Statement of Community Involvement, which will be submitted with the planning application. All comments will be anonymous.



Site location plan



Site analysis - constraints and opportunities



Site photographs

- Access points
- Public Transport Links
- Vehicle entry
- Public footpath
- Cycle network
- Established Trees
- Development zone
- Nye Bevan Pool

Site location

Site description

The site is currently open space located between the existing Asda superstore and the new retail development to the South. The retail development links into the Concourse where the current Nye Bevan swimming pool is located. The existing footpath and cycle network passes through the site and presents an opportunity to link the new hub with the existing built context. Ingram way passes along the northern site boundary with good views to the south and the Tawd Valley park beyond.

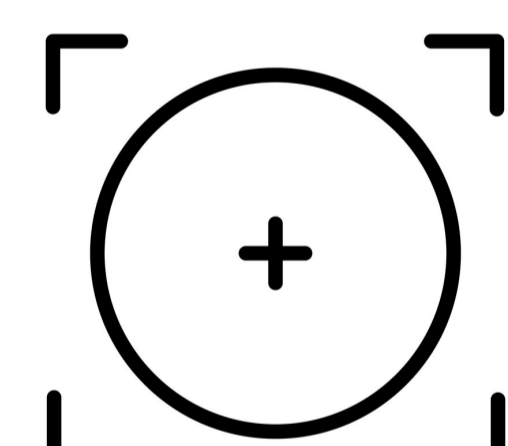


Local context

Key themes



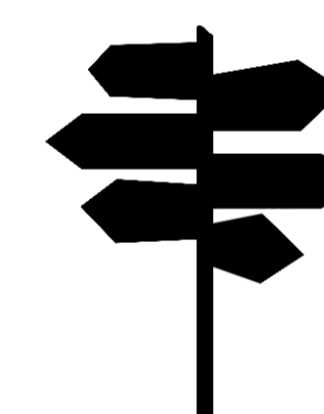
A place for wellbeing



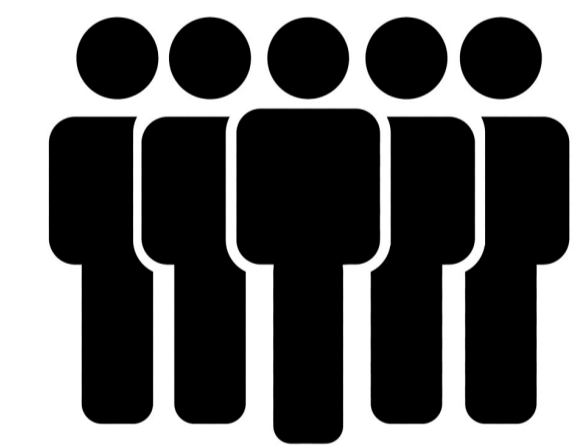
Community focal point



Connecting with Tawd valley Park



Way-finding

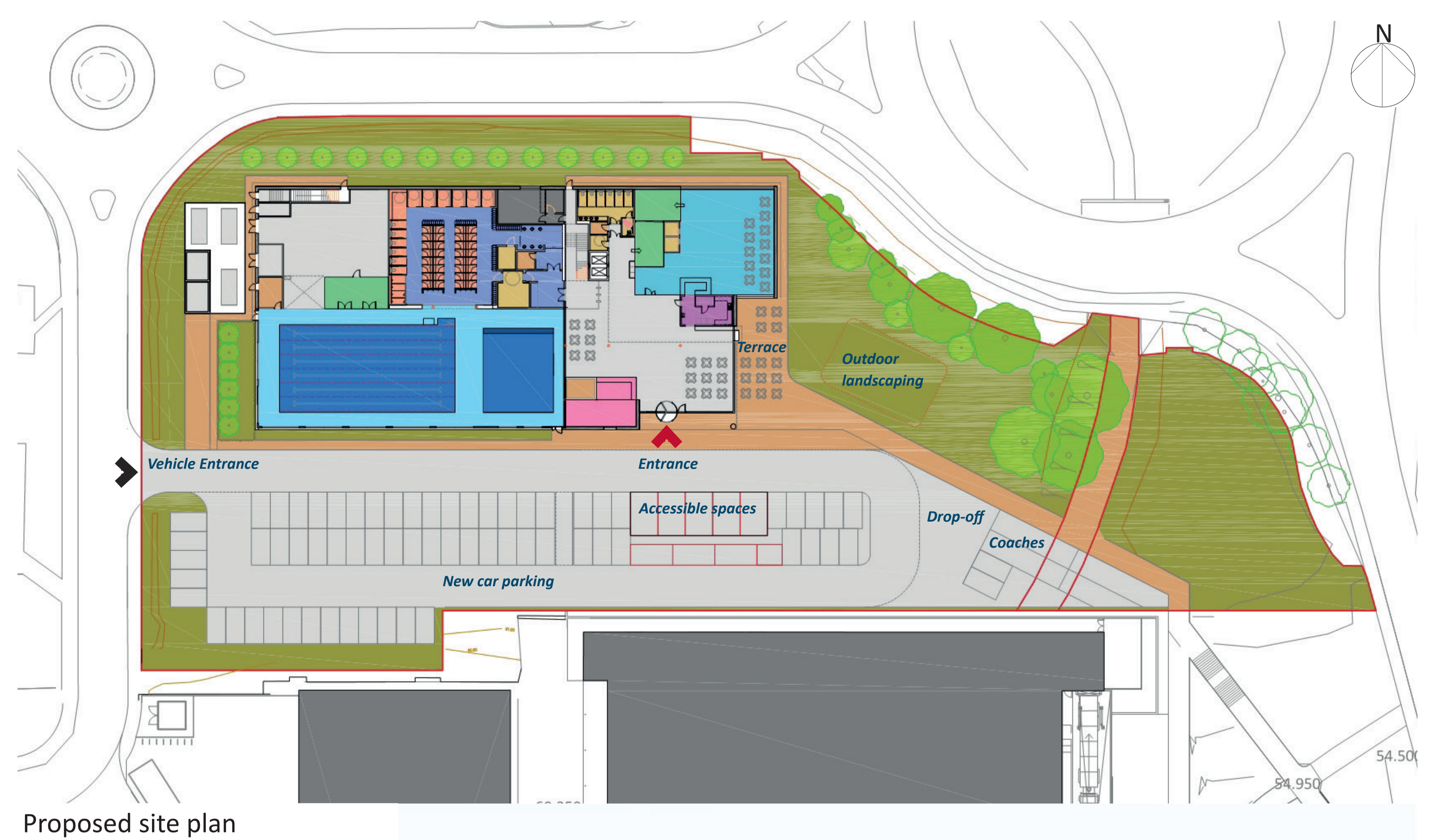


Inviting environment

Site plan

The proposed Wellbeing and Leisure Hub sits on the upper level of the site and presents a public face towards Ingram way. The pool hall is located to the south side of the building to benefit from passive solar gain, helping to reduce energy consumption. The fitness suite and gym are located on the 1st floor and each have dual aspect taking advantage of views towards Tawd Valley park to the south and views to the north.

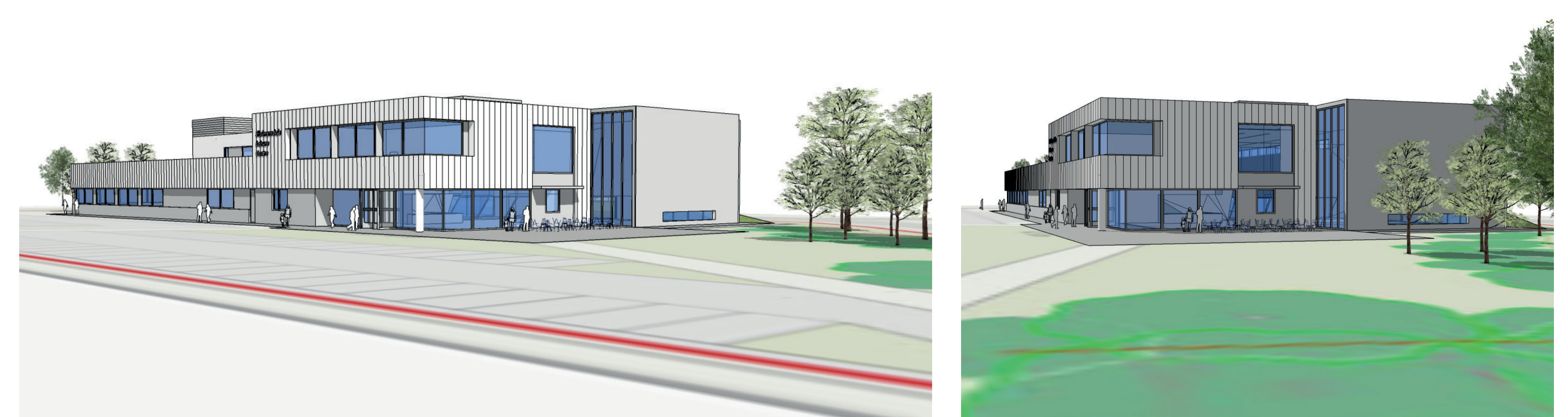
The proposed car park sits between the new hub and the existing retail units (Lidl and B&M) and links into the existing cycle and footpath network across the site. An external terrace with seating is proposed as part of a new cafe located inside the hub, which will also service the adventure soft play facility.



Proposed site plan



Proposed cross section



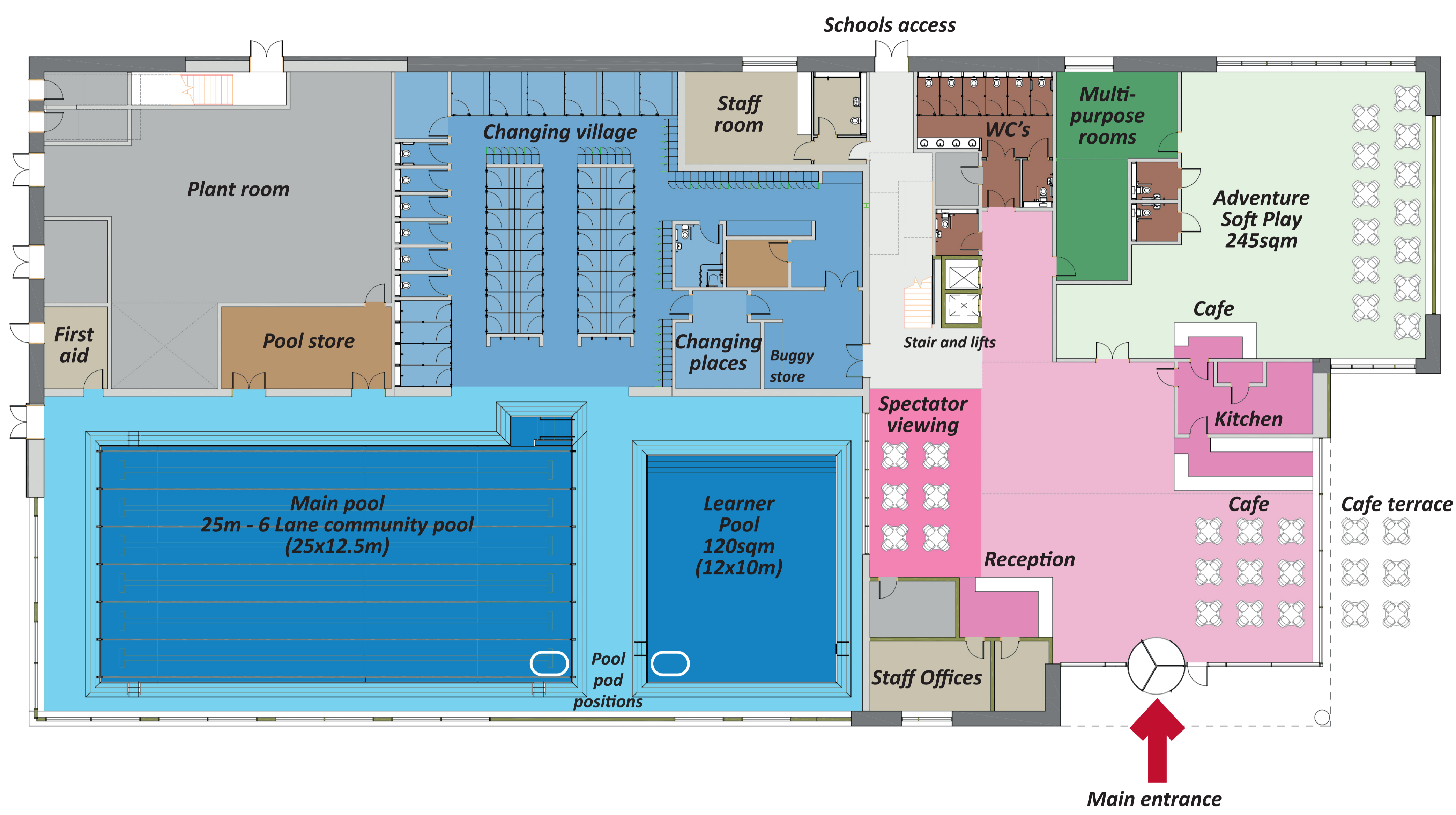
Indicative 3D Massing studies

LAYOUT AND FACILITIES

Floor plans

The new Wellbeing and Leisure Hub will provide state of the art spaces and great experiences for the people of Skelmersdale and surrounding areas. Helping people to be active and enjoy wellness for life. The proposed facilities include a 25m, 6 Lane pool, Leaner Pool, 110 station fitness suite, large fitness studio, immersive cycle/spin studio, a cafe, adventure soft play and associated changing. The layout places all of the pool areas, changing and cafe as well as associated storage and pool plant on the ground floor with fitness facilities at first floor.

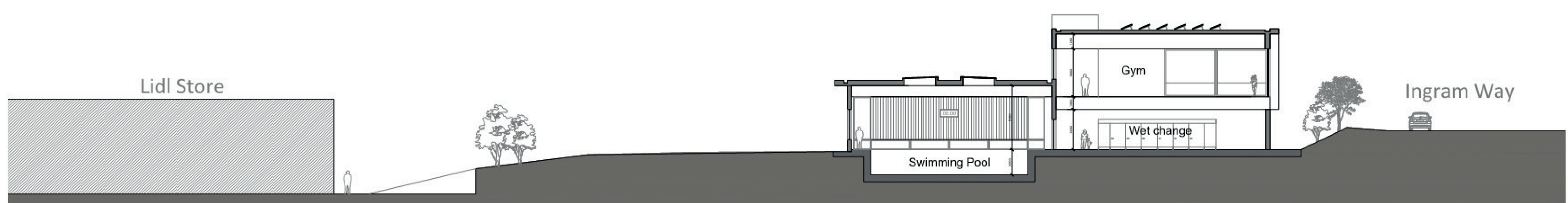
Ground floor plan



First floor plan



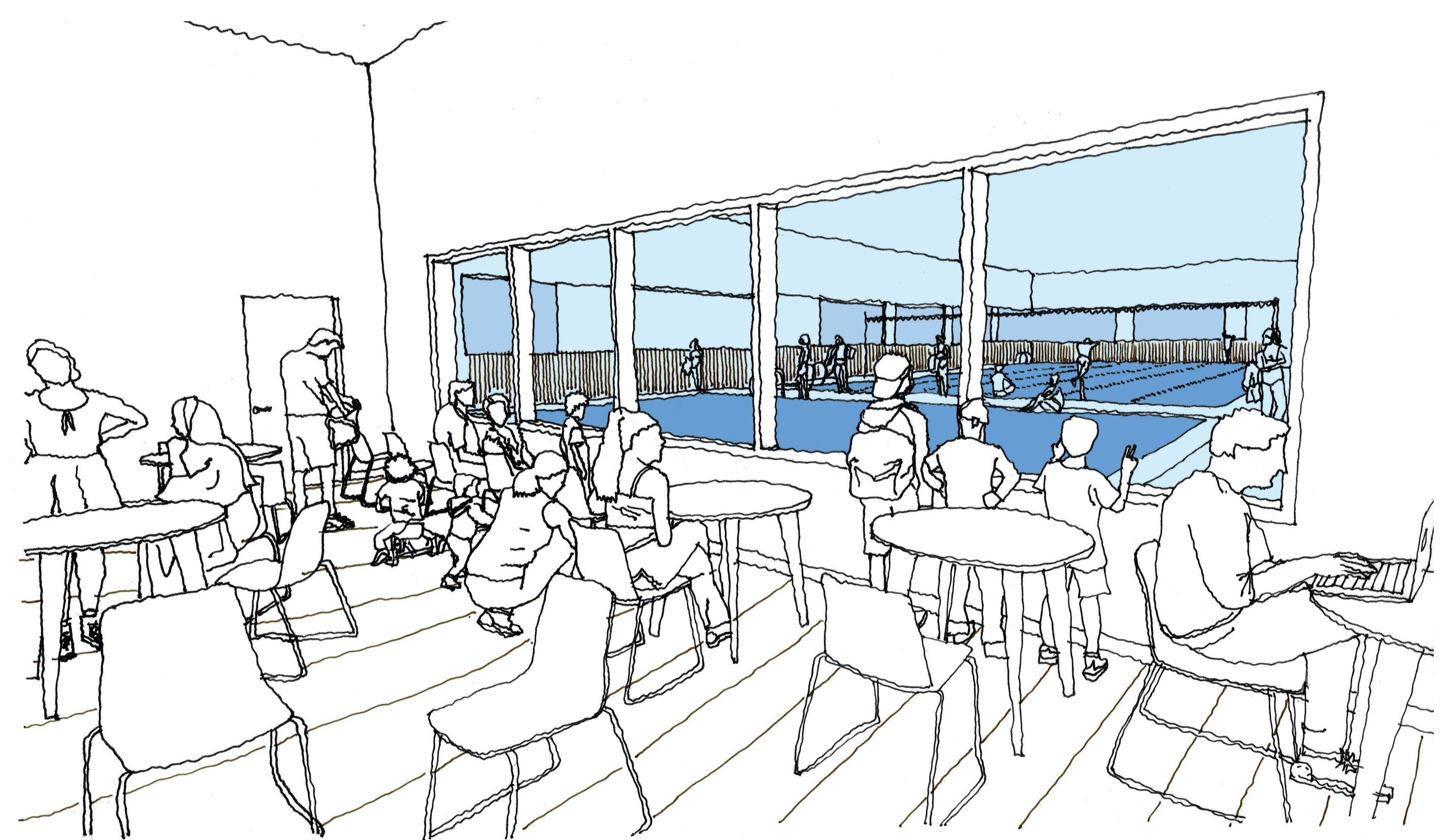
Site cross section



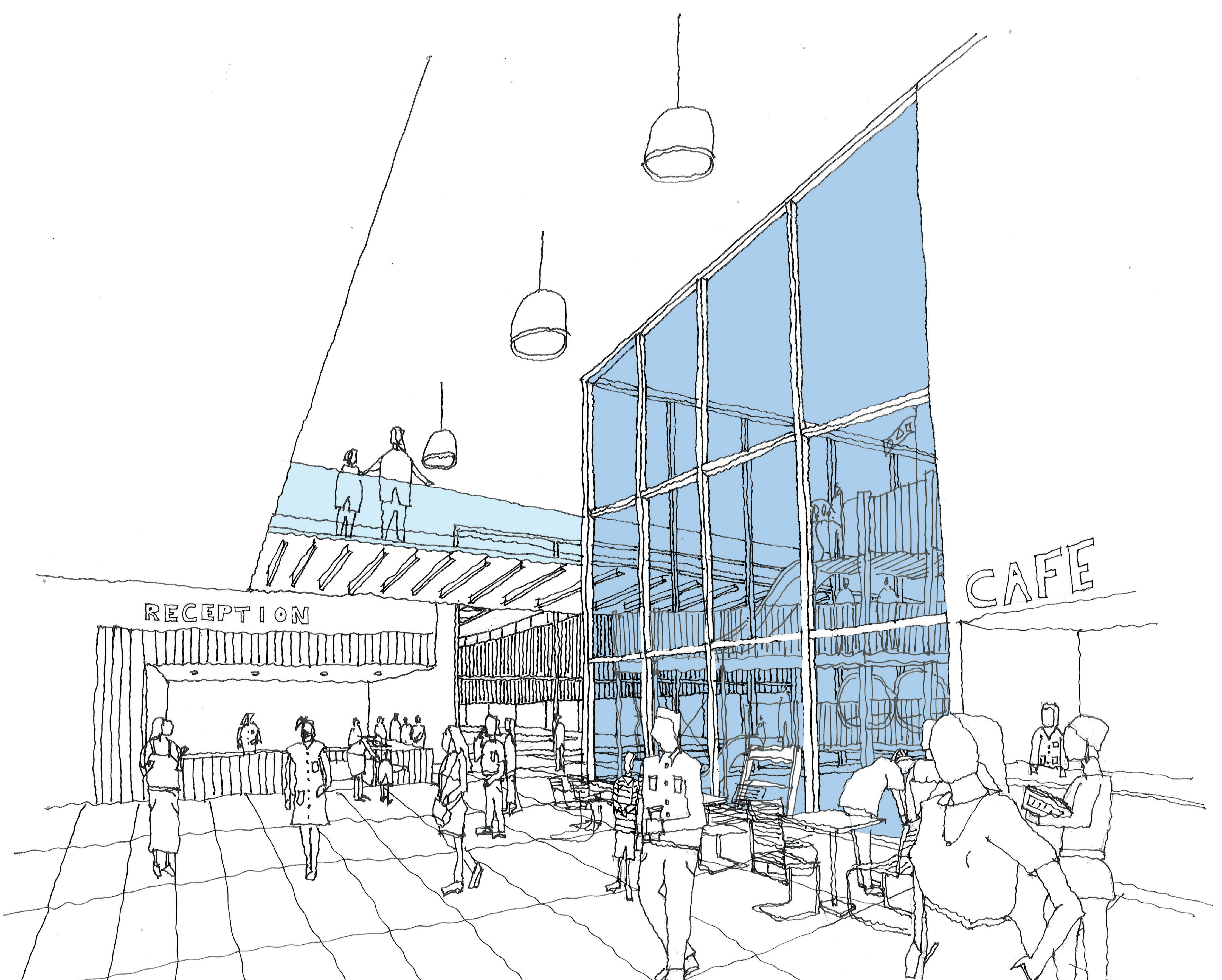
Sketches



Example of the look and feel for the pool hall



Pool viewing area



Entrance / reception / cafe

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE

Precedent imagery

The form of the building has been developed in response to site opportunities, environmental conditions and the function of the spaces inside. Window sizes and positions have been carefully considered to balance natural light internally and views outside. The proposed external materials reference the original 'Skelmersdale new town' development and Nye Bevan pool, with the aim to create a warm and inviting character for the new Wellbeing and leisure hub.



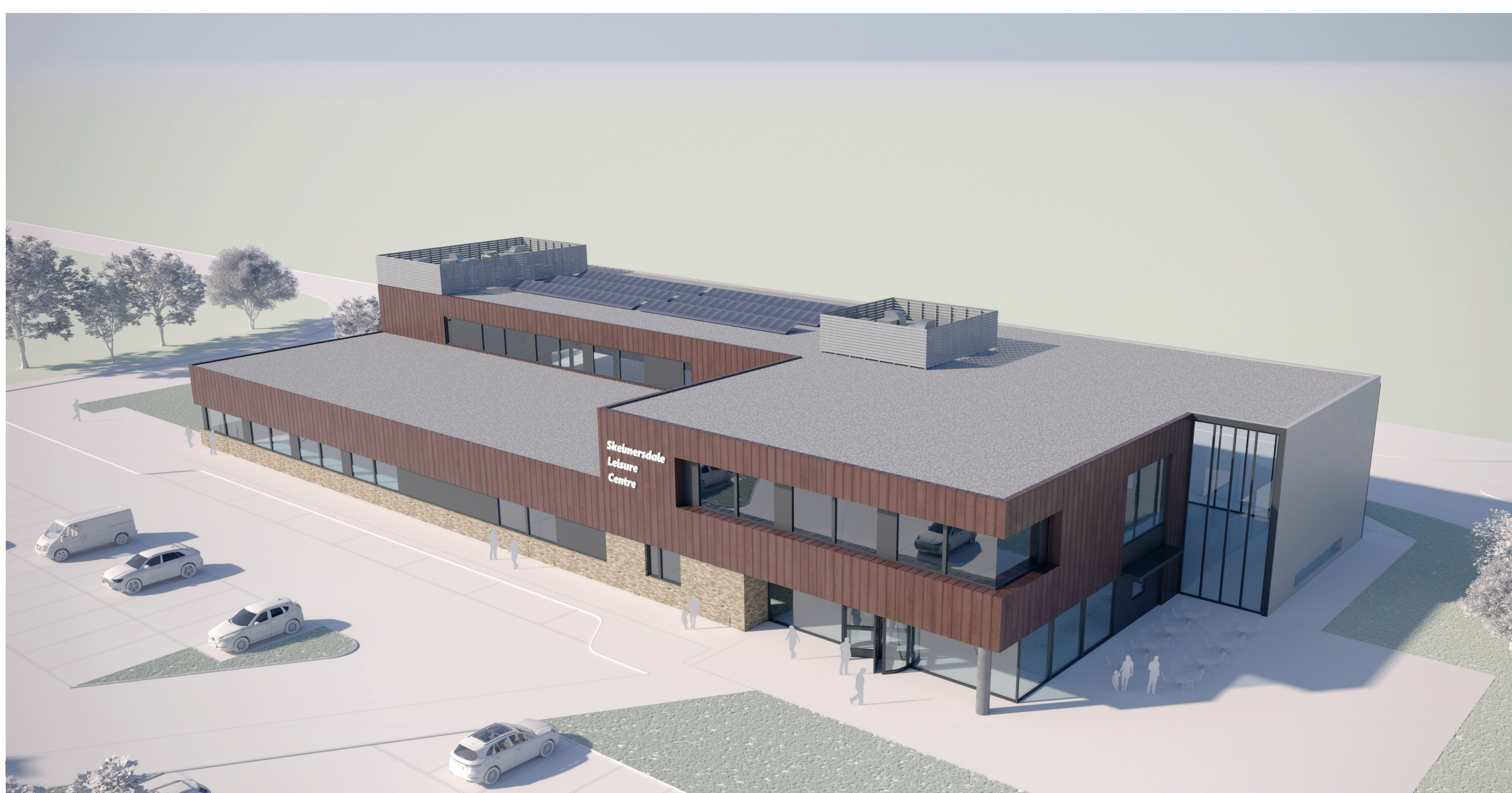
Provisional material choices with a mid-century character



Material inspiration



External view looking towards the main entrance



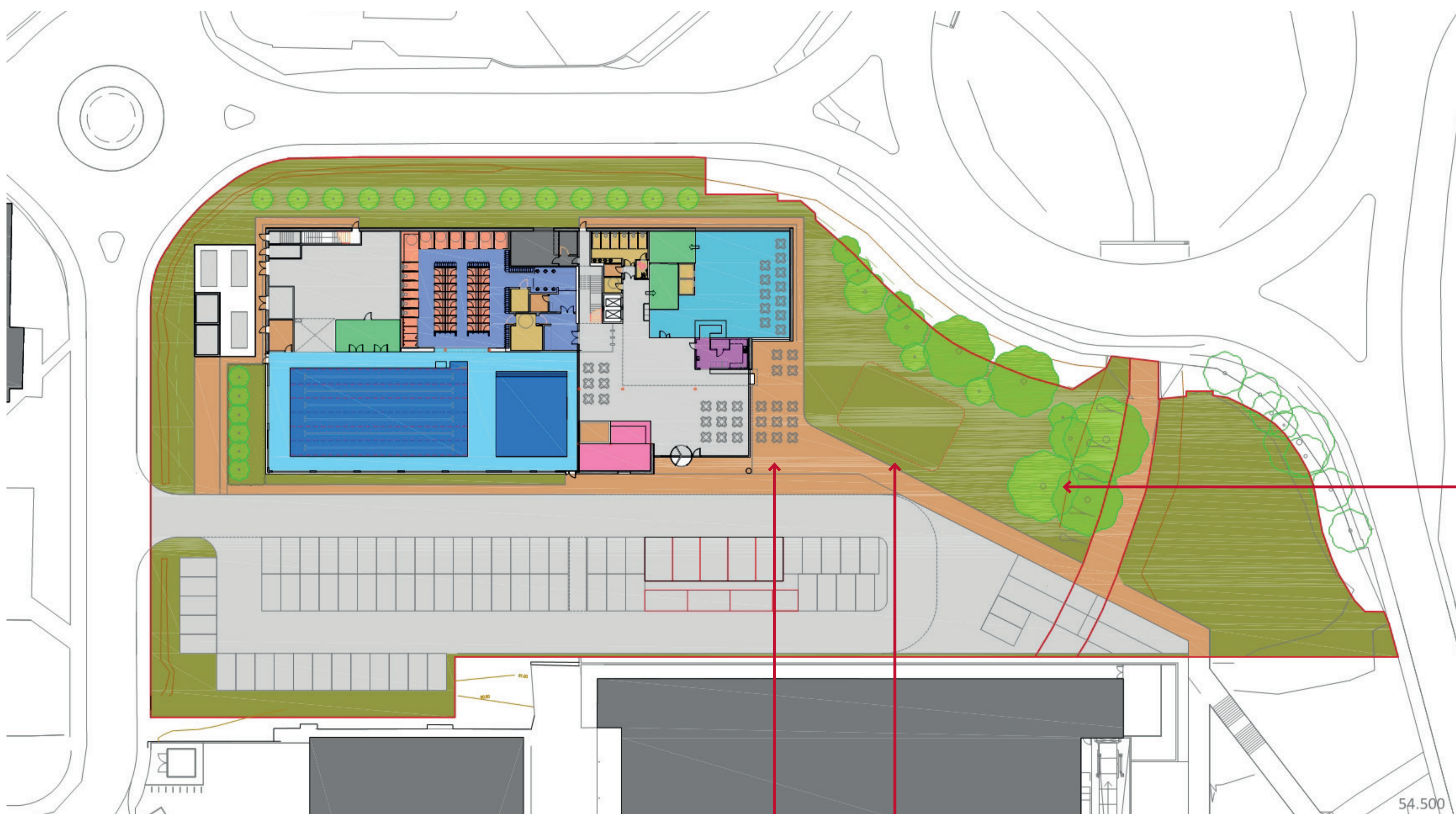
External aerial view of the wellbeing and leisure hub

External appearance and landscape

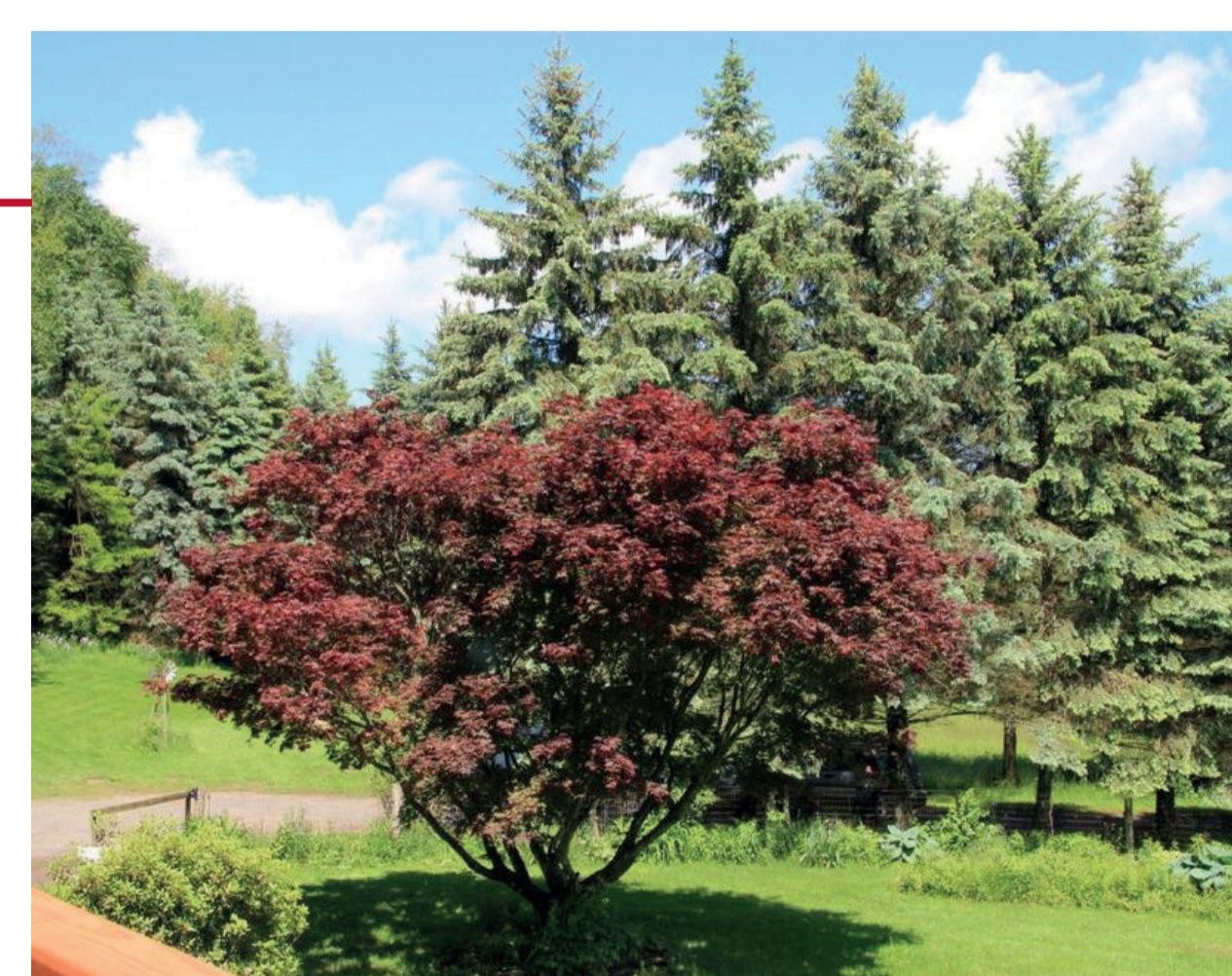
The proposed new hub is designed to be accessible, inviting and a place where the community can gather in the context of leisure, health and wellbeing. The building form is user friendly, energy efficient and takes advantage of passive design principles for the main spaces. The intention is to create a destination point for local leisure activities, clubs and individuals alike.

The landscaping around the proposed hub is being designed as a flexible, welcoming space suitable for a variety of uses, centred on play and social interaction. The cafe will have an external servery to encourage the use of the outdoor terrace and external spaces - all of which can be seen from the main reception and cafe areas.

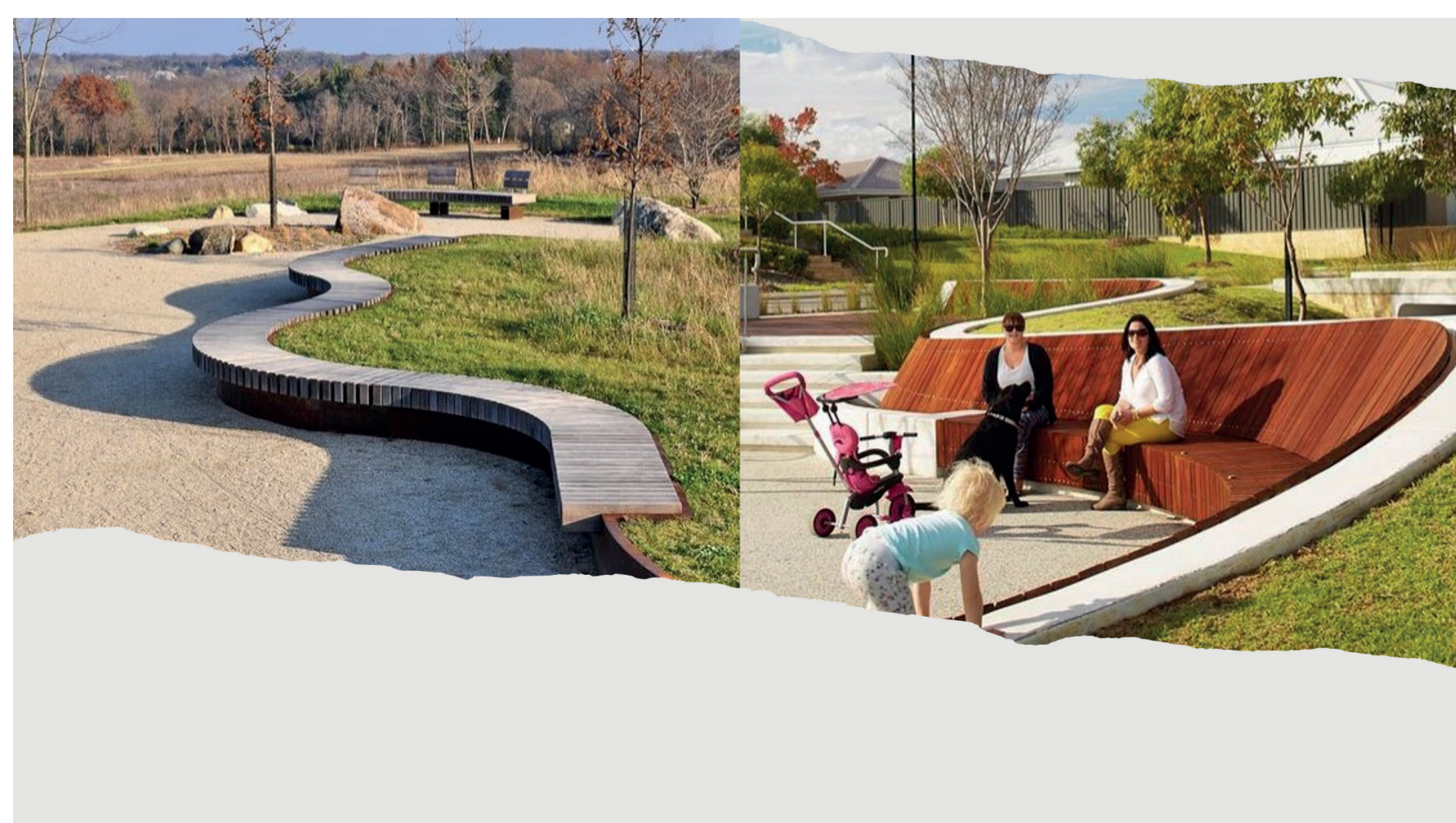
Landscape design



Natural outdoor materials



New trees for shade



Organic seating areas



Natural play areas



New shrub/hedge planting

Examples of look and feel of the main spaces



Precedent images for the gym



Precedent images for the spin studio



Precedent images for the cafe hub



Precedent images for kids adventure soft play

Energy strategy

- The building has been designed with passive house principles in mind. For example, the pool halls face south to maximise solar gain and the gym and studios, which require cooling, face north to minimise solar gain.
- The building will be insulated in excess of modern standards and will be designed to be more airtight than required under the building regulations.
- The building will target an EPC rating of A.
- The building will use air source heat pumps to heat the building and hot water.
- The building will have photovoltaic panels on its roof to generate electricity from the sun.
- The systems will recycle the heat generated in areas such as the gym, to provide 'free' heat to the rest of the building.
- The swimming pools will use modern filtration and treatment technology to minimise their carbon footprint and to provide a clean and safe environment for swimming.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The project team are keen to hear your views on the proposals. Any comments will be logged and carefully considered before the proposals are finalised for the planning application.

Please submit your comments via our consultation website (see adjacent QR code) or by filling in a feedback form.

Thank you for your time.

