

The proposal thus uses simple contemporary finishes as appropriate to create the new facilities, with layout, materials and detailing chosen to maintain those surviving historic finishes, minimize further intervention to the historic fabric and enable their later removal.

All existing WC's and Kitchen will be stripped out and internal partition (not original) walls removed to allow for the new open plan layout.

New partitions will be of drywall with skimmed and painted plasterboard. Internal doors will be simple painted solid core doors, with plain simple painted timber architraves and skirtings.

New ceilings will be painted plasterboard, to allow light fittings to be inserted and create adequate fire separation to the flats above. New lighting is provided throughout to enhance the facilities, improve control and efficiency and provide proper emergency lighting.

Non-original flooring will be stripped and replaced, with the exception of the existing café and office.

The plant room existing walls and floor are to be retained as they are currently, being made good at redundant penetrations. The layout of the plant room is subject to detail design, the principle equipment and design intent is detailed in the M&E section of this report. The existing floor will be retained, with plant sitting either directly on the existing floor or on concrete bases cast onto the floor over a separating layer.

The new WC's will be individual loos, divided with drywall partitions. The finish to the WC's will be robust but not institutional. Sanitary ware is white ceramic, but specified for maximum durability and resistance to vandalism.



East Facade



South Facade to be modified to create new hatch

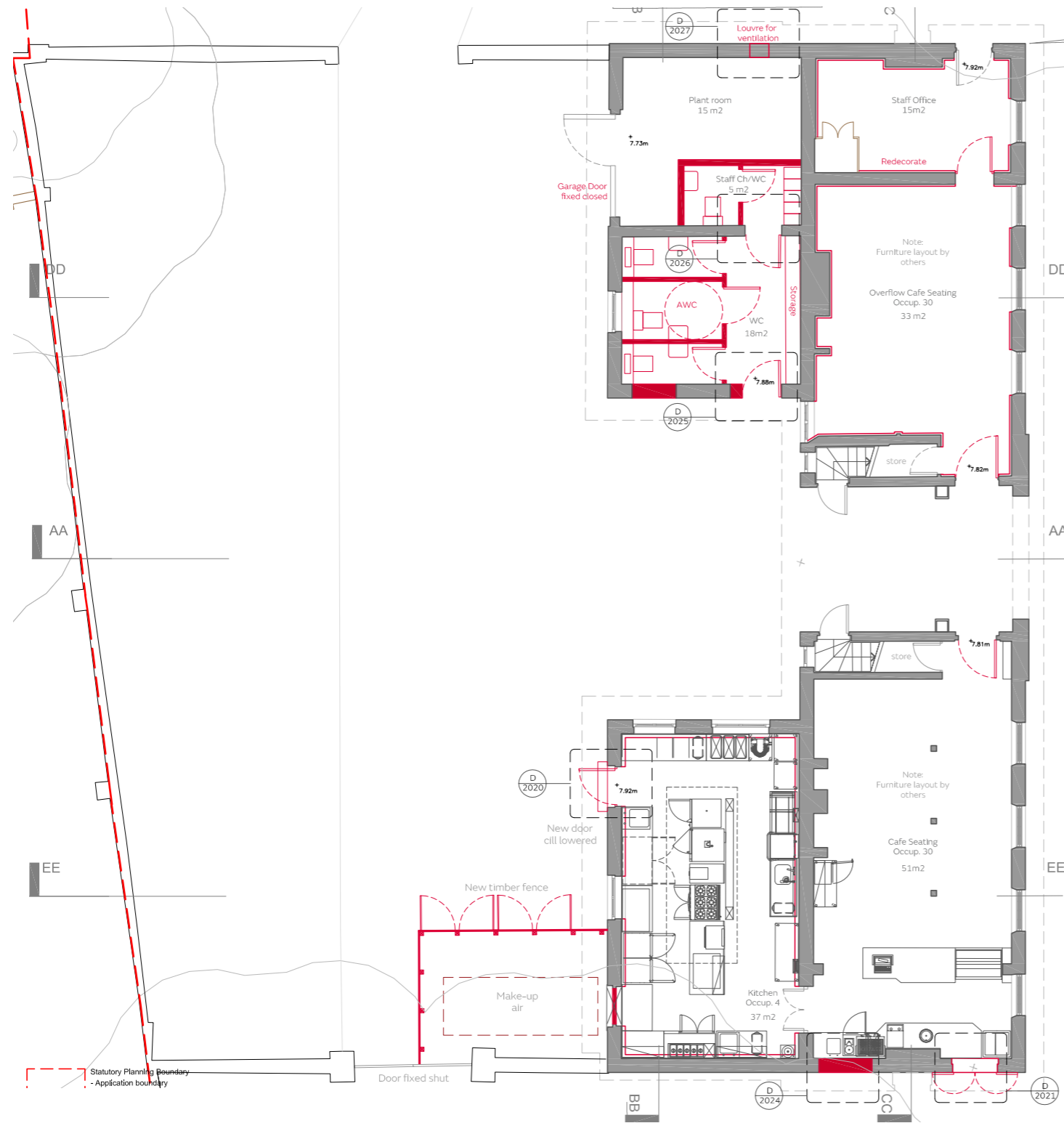


Existing door amended to create new entrance to overflow seating

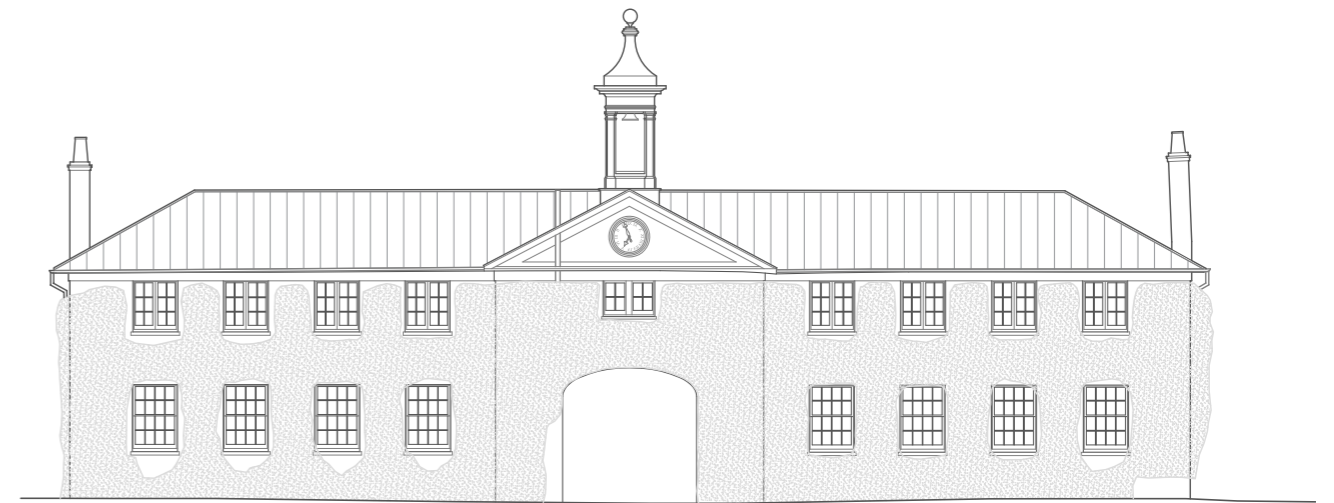


Existing Wc's to be upgraded

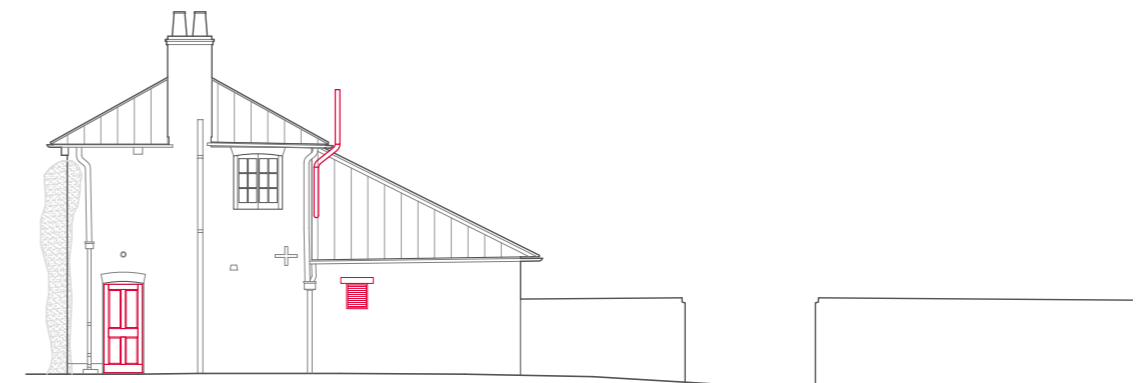
6.7 PROPOSED DESIGN DRAWINGS



Ground Floor plan



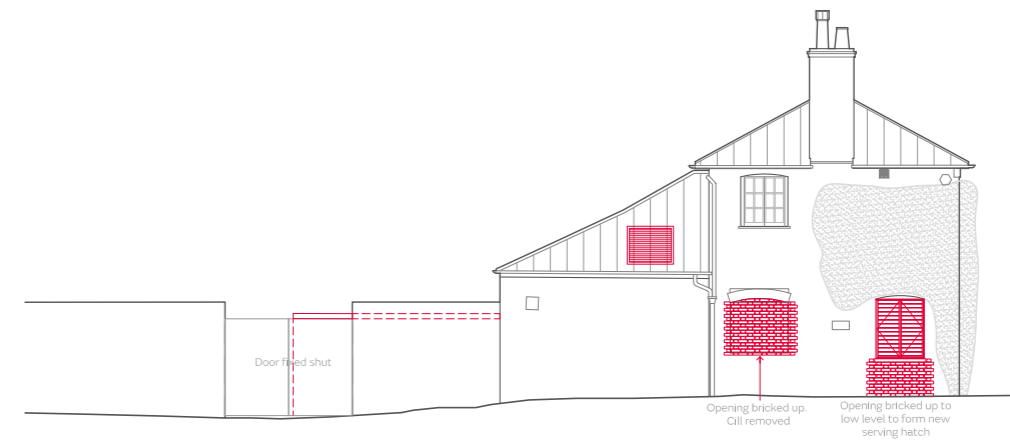
East Elevation



North Elevation



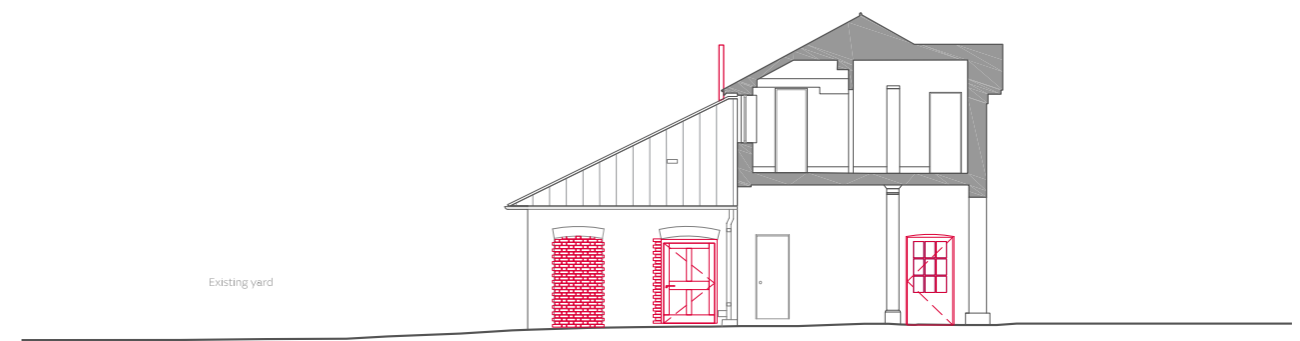
West Elevation



North Elevation



Section through ancillary wings to Stable Block



Section through carriage arch

7.0 CONCLUSION

The Marble Hill Revived project is intended by English Heritage to establish a sustainable future for the Park and House so that their heritage value is enhanced, they appeal to a wider range of audiences, and so more people are encouraged to visit to enjoy what Marble Hill offers in terms of heritage, sports and recreation.

Establishing an attractive café in an appropriate location, which support the uses of the park, as a place of leisure, sporting venue and heritage visitor attraction is fundamental to the commercial viability of the project, as external revenue funding is unavailable. The income from these commercial activities will enable the enhancements to the House and Landscape to be made, and will secure the future of the listed buildings and landscape.

The proposed design for the refurbishment and reordering of the cafe will be of a high quality. The design is sympathetic to the local context and enhances the offer of the park, in conjunction with the wider Marble Hill Revived project.

The proposal contained in this application has absolute minimal impact on the Park, House and Stable Block and the adjacent listed buildings, South End House, Montpelier House and the Gazebo.

The design carefully considers the character of the context of the Heritage setting and responds appropriately. It preserves views from neighbouring properties and the design has responded to and incorporated feedback from the neighbours of Marble Hill.

The proposal provides fit for purpose accommodation in an efficient layout within the footprint of the exciting building. The design delivers the brief requirements as set out by English Heritage with the set budget.

The proposal will deliver multiple public benefits of conservation, protection, enhanced knowledge and understanding as well improved facilities. It will allow restoration of a very significant piece of Grade II* landscape and conservation of the Grade I house. It will create a better environment for park users and visitors and the volunteering, employment and apprenticeship opportunities within the house and expanded café will strengthen the connection of the local people to the site, thereby enhancing its community values.