

Reading Rep Theatre Design Concept Report

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Introduction



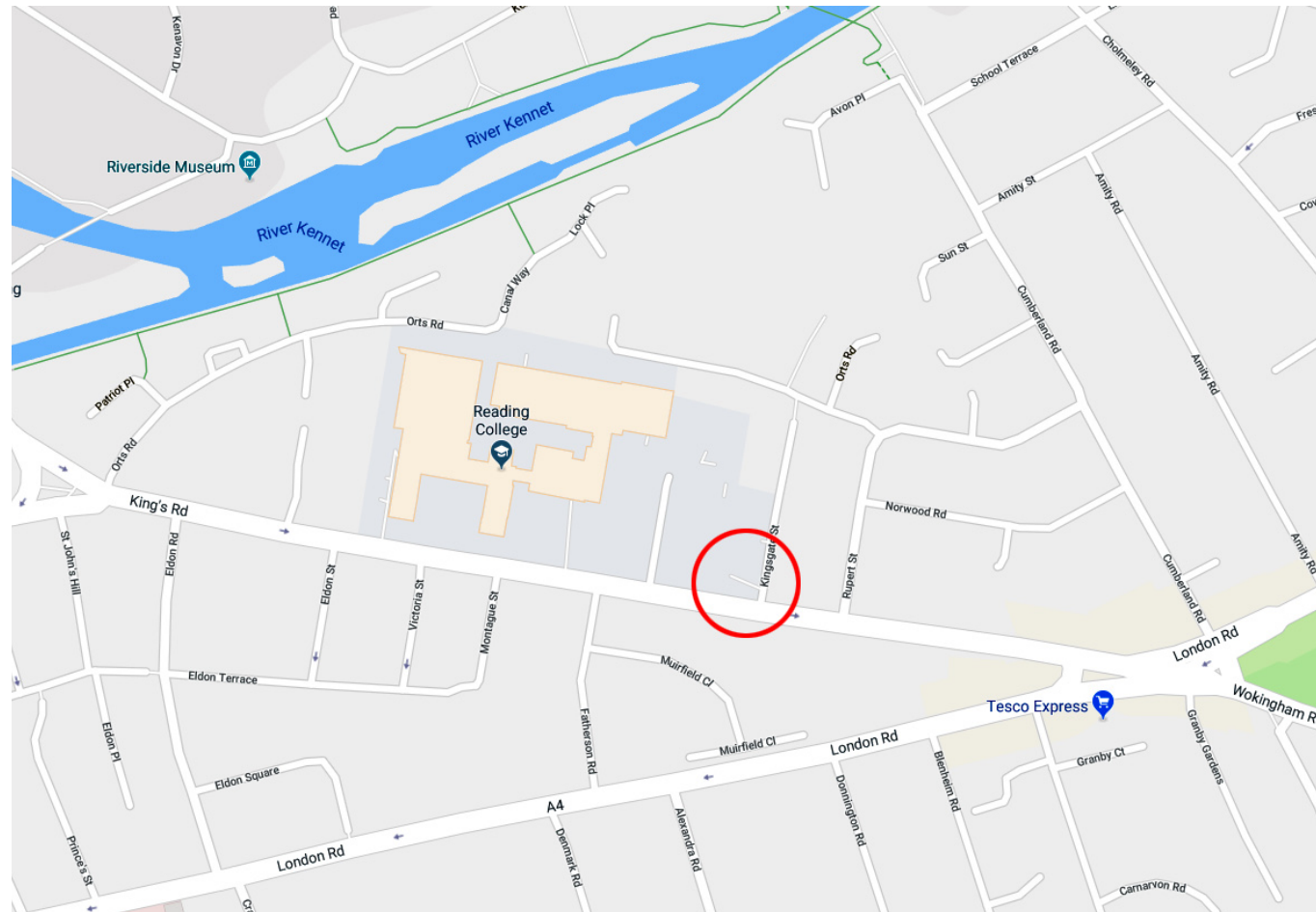
The Dumb Waiter at Reading Rep 2012
(cover image Miss Julie at reading Rep 2013)

This report has been produced to outline the concept design proposals for the conversion of the reading College Art Block into a 150+ seat theatre.

The existing building requires some fabric refurbishment but is ideally sized and shaped to create an end-on configuration, high quality auditorium.

This report provides background information on the building and details the preliminary design proposals.

Site location



Location Plan



Aerial Plan

Existing Site Plan Diagram



Site Photographs



External looking North from Kings Road



External looking South from Kingsgate



External looking East from Kings Road



Inside main rehearsal hall

Site Aerial Photographs



View looking North



View looking East

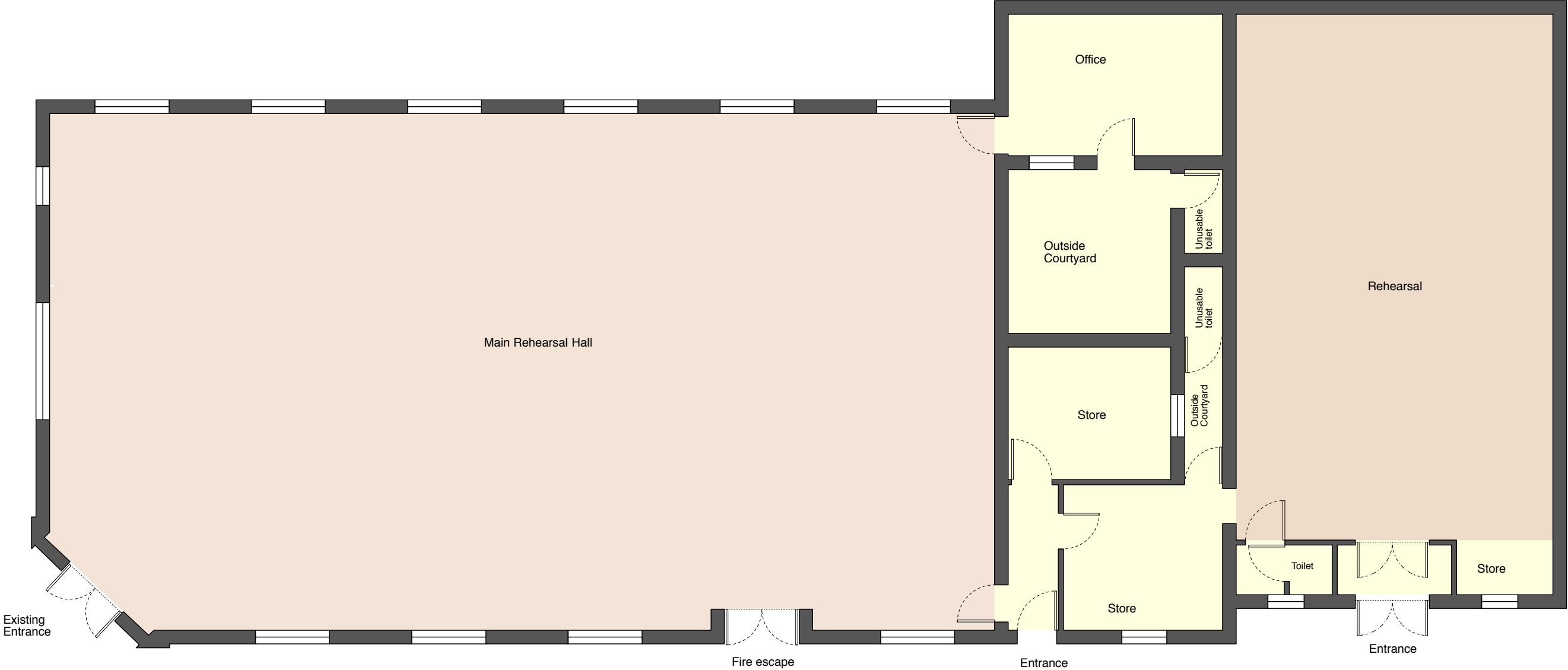


View looking South

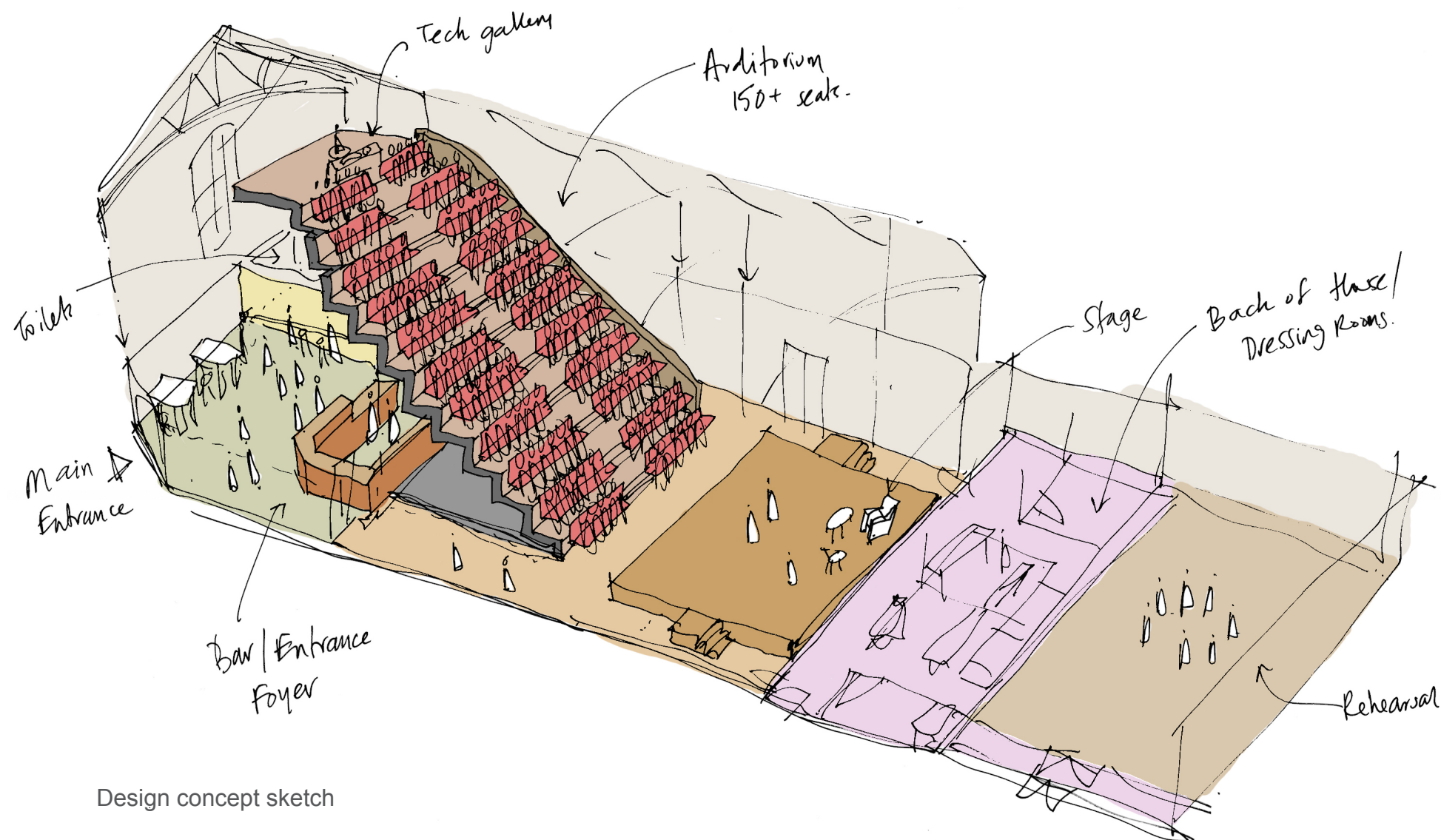


View looking West

Existing Floor Plan



Design Concept



Design concept sketch

Design proposal overview

The existing building will be retained and converted to provide a 150+ seat auditorium in an end-on configuration.

The first 5 rows and the stage will be removable to create a large open space for multiple uses and ensure flexibility of daytime and evening use.

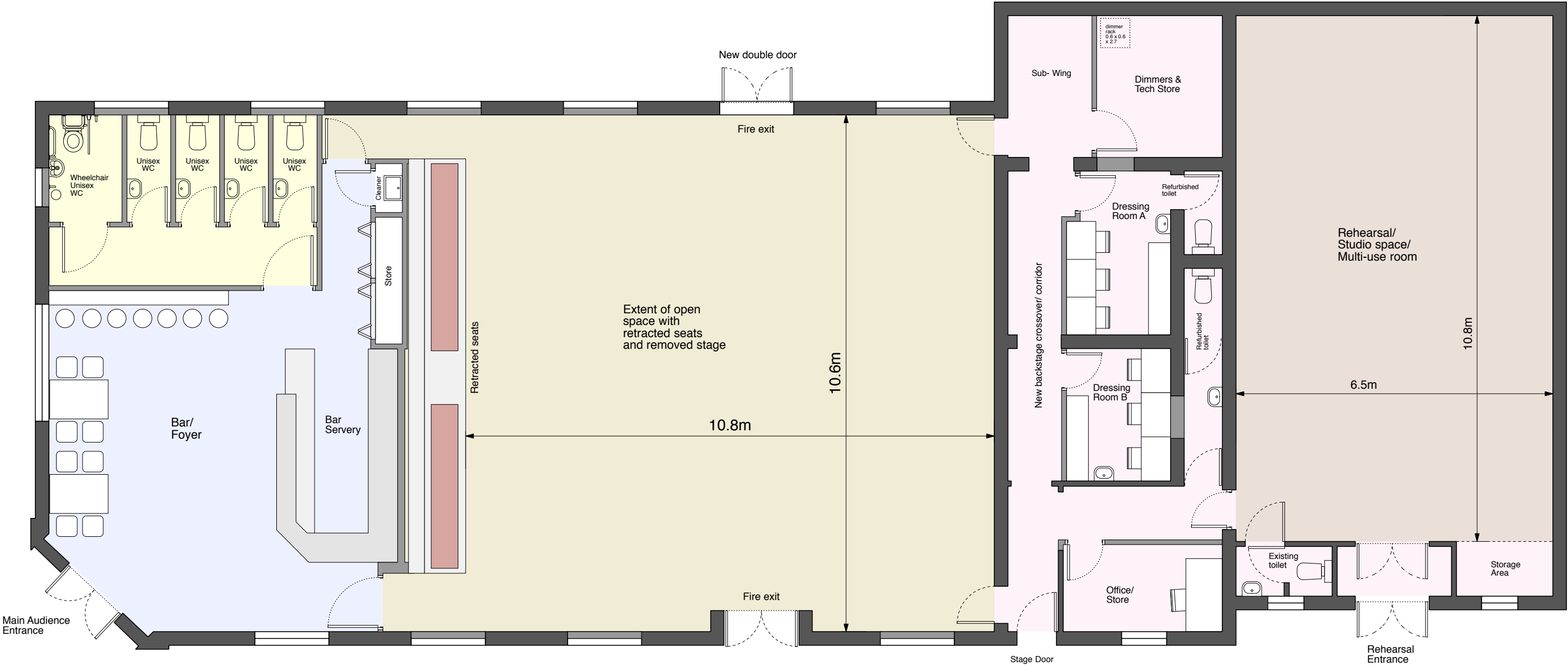
Outside the existing railings on Kings Road will be removed and the existing double doors will become the main audience entrance.

A new bar and entrance foyer will be created as well as audience toilets.

The existing courtyard will be roofed over, the toilets refurbished and two new dressing rooms and back of house facilities formed. The existing rehearsal room will be retained.

The scheme will create a modern, high quality, usable permanent theatre space for Reading Rep.

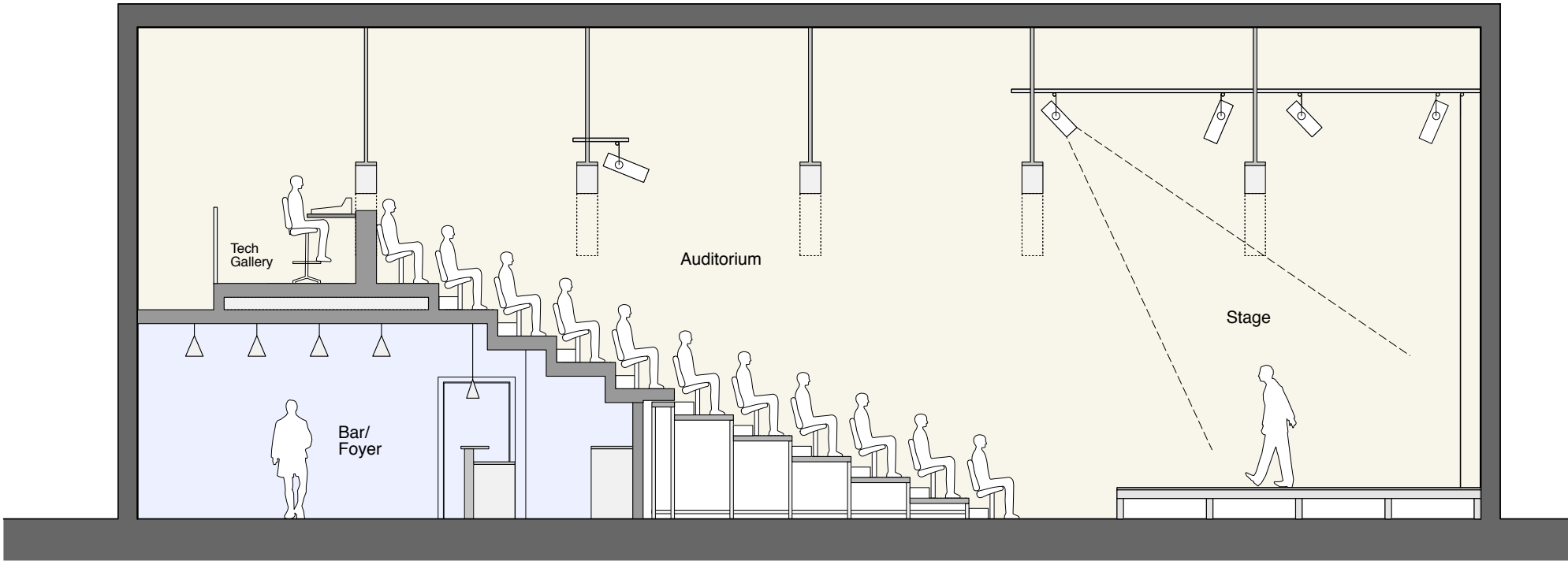
Proposed Floor Plan



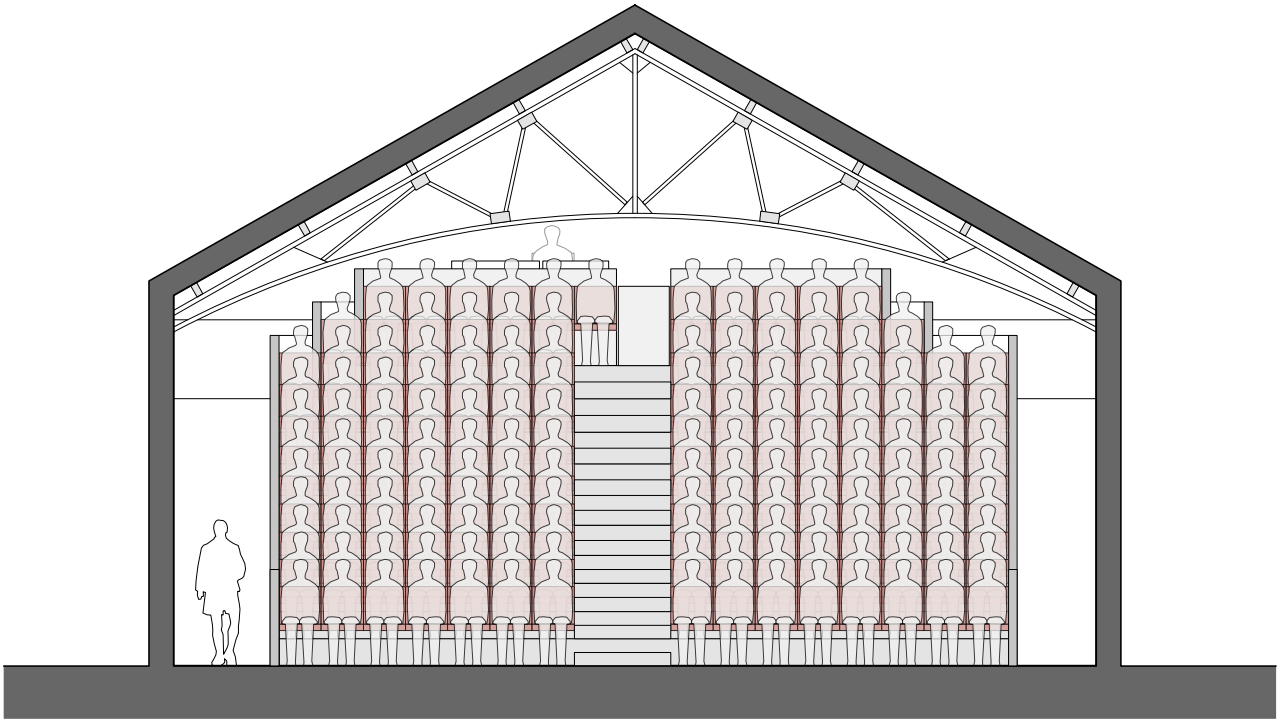
Proposed Auditorium Plan



Proposed Sections



Long Section



Cross Section

External changes

- Railings removed to open up front
- Replacement glazed entrance doors
- Signage to building
- Totem sign to street
- Wheelchair access ramp simplified

