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Former Chivas Brothers Headquarters, Paisley

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Introduction

The purpose of this development brief is to set out the planning context and design aspirations in relation to the development opportunity at the former Chivas Brothers headquarters buildings, Renfrew Road in Paisley.

Site Context

The site measures approximately 1.04 hectares and consists of three separate buildings:

- The category C listed, former Chivas Brothers administration building;
- Kersland House: and,
- The gatehouse.

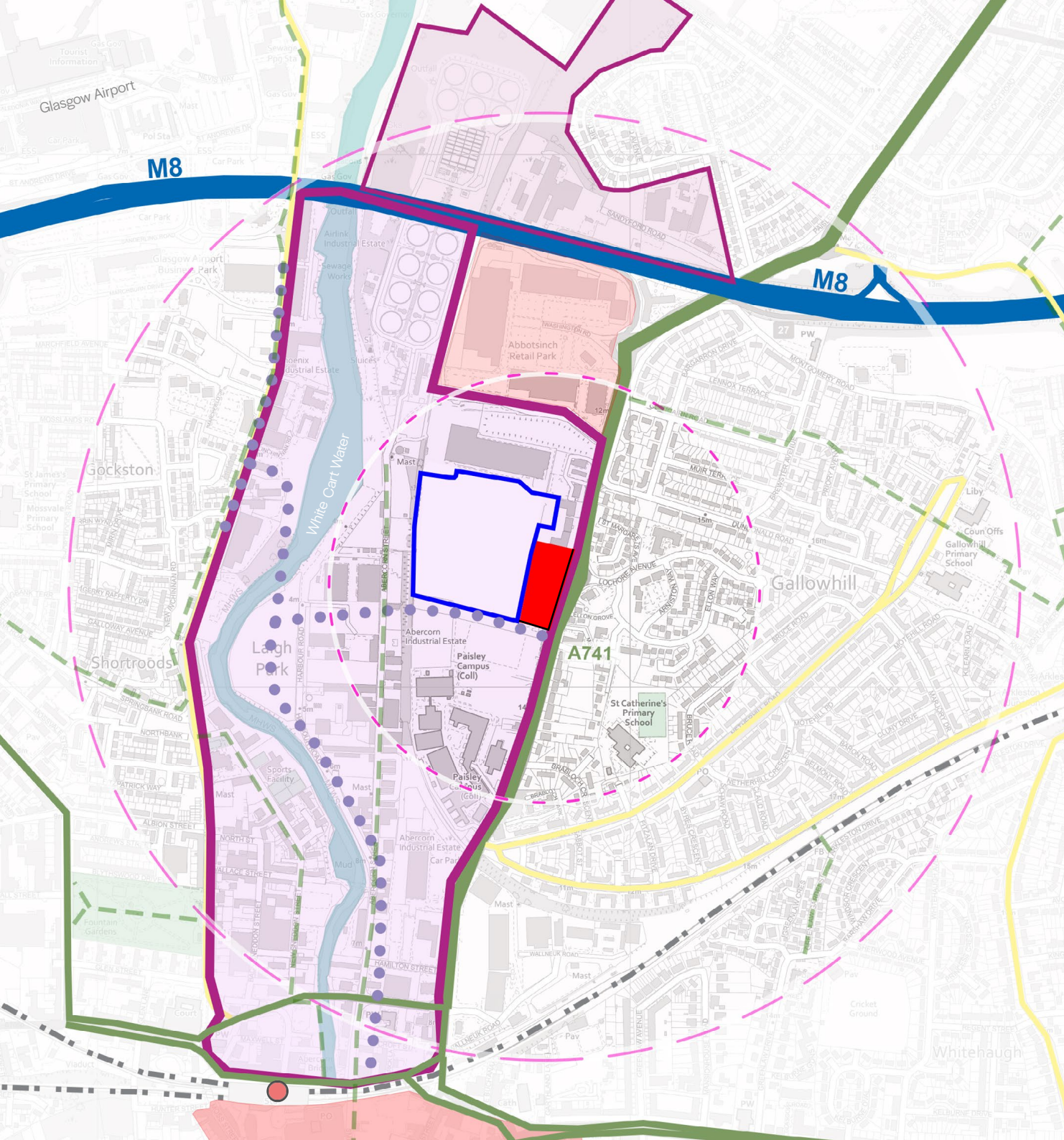
The main administration building is set back and below the level of Renfrew Road which fronts the site and provides the main access. To the rear is the proposed site for the new Paisley Grammar school campus. The site is immediately adjacent to the West College Scotland Paisley Campus.

The surrounding area consists of a combination of industrial and commercial uses to the north and west, as well as residential to the east across Renfrew Road. The site is within a short walking distance of both bus stops along Renfrew Road and Paisley Town Centre.

















This area is to benefit from the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS) south infrastructure project which aims to improve links, connect communities and bolster business growth between Paisley town centre and the AMIDS site at Glasgow Airport. This project aims to deliver:

- A 1.7 kilometre riverside route from Abercorn Street to Inchinnan Road;
- A road bridge crossing the White Cart River at Harbour Road;
- An east-west road from Renfrew Road to the bridge crossing;
- Dedicated cycling and walking provision along all new routes; and
- An underpass for walking and cycling at Renfrew Road into Gallowhill.



Local Context Map Key

-  Site
-  Proposed Paisley Grammar Boundary
-  400m / 800m Radius
-  M8 Motorway
-  A Road
-  Local Road
-  Train Station
-  Train Line
-  Core Paths
-  AMIDS South Transport Links
-  Policy P 1 - Renfrewshire's Places
-  Policy P 6 - Open Space
-  Policy E 3 - Transition Areas
-  Policy C 1 - Renfrewshire's Network of Centres

Development Plan Framework

Development proposals for this site will require to be assessed against the relevant policies in National Planning Framework 4 and the local policies and guidance in the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (2021) and associated New Development Supplementary Guidance (2022).

The development site is designated under Policy E3 Transition Areas, within the Local Development Plan, which would support a range of land uses where proposals are compatible and complementary to existing uses and will not have a detrimental impact on the character or amenity of the surrounding area.

Listed Building

Designed by the architectural practice of Lothian Barclay Jarvis, the main administration building was built to resemble a traditional Scottish Country House in a historicist, classical Renaissance style; something unusual for the mid-20th century.

The headquarters building, excluding interior, was designated as a Category C listed building in September 2022 by Historic Environment Scotland.



This section of the development brief sets out the main planning parameters that require to be taken into account in preparing development proposals for the site. It does not intend to be prescriptive in terms of imposing a specific layout or building design but rather to establish good principles.

Land Use and Built Form

The site is considered suitable for a range of uses compatible with those neighbouring the site. It is considered that the site provides a particular opportunity for a residential or hotel development.

The Category C listed, main administration building and the original Kersland House are considered to be important heritage assets which offer opportunities for restoration and adaptation as part of any development proposal.

Development proposals require to demonstrate how inclusive design will be achieved with the development relating to and linking well with the surrounding area including the new AMIDS south infrastructure routes and the adjoining site proposed for the new Paisley Grammar school campus.

Appendix 1 provides indicative options for the future development of this site. The options identified are not exhaustive and the Council supports innovative approaches to place making in line with Renfrewshire's Places Design Guide which sets out guidance in relation to sustainable place making and design.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3041/Development-Planning-Guidance>.

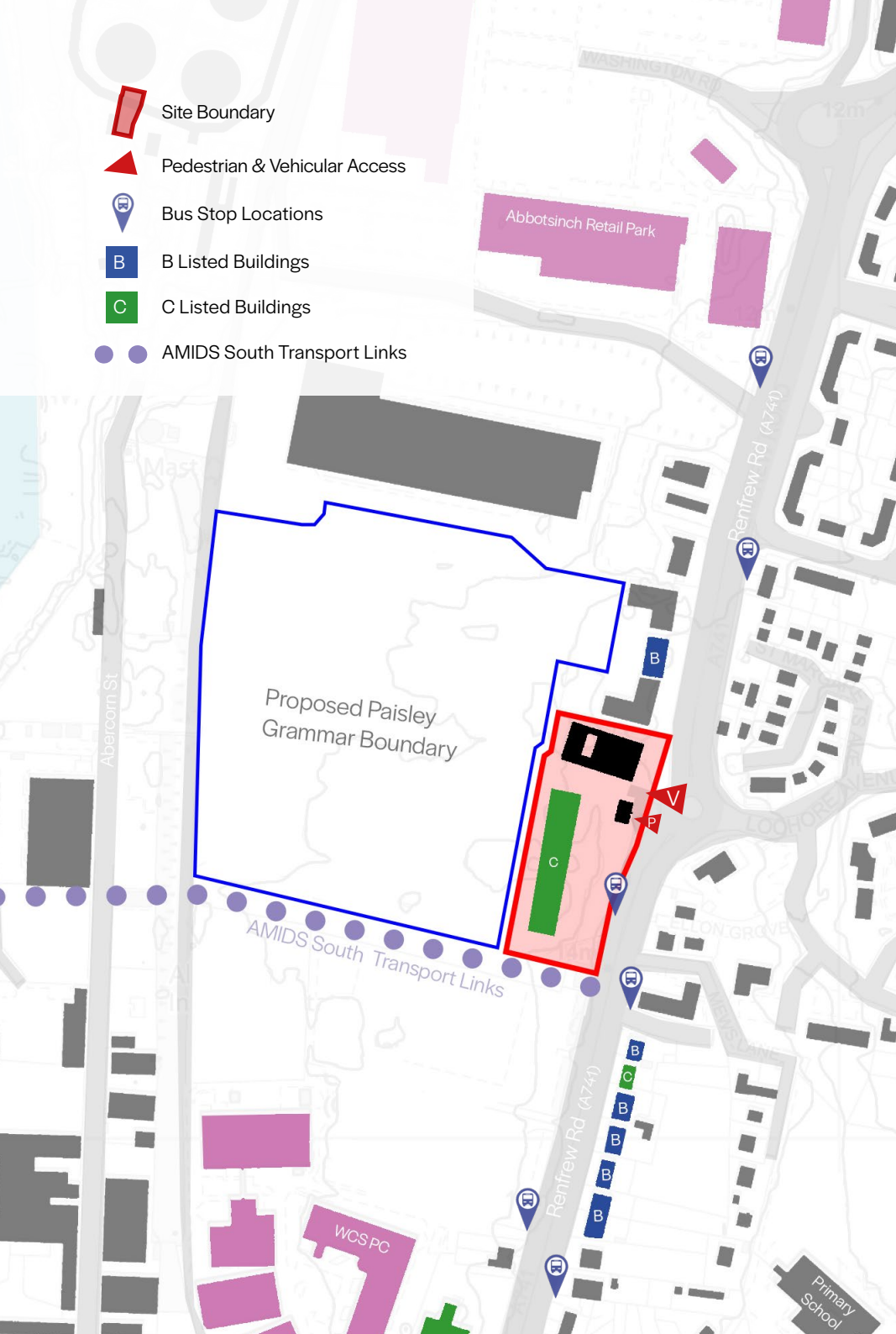
The design and finishing materials of any new build will require to be of high quality which relates to the listed building and the surrounding area, integrating in terms of style, appearance and materials with a high standard of development layout and design.



Landscaping and Boundary Treatments

Any proposed development will be required to provide appropriate landscaping and boundary treatment using high quality materials and planting to define public and private spaces contributing to the areas character.

In particular, high quality planting/boundary treatment will be required along the boundary with the proposed Paisley Grammar school campus and along the Renfrew Road frontage.



Accessibility

The site layout must provide safe routes for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular users, with a particular focus on promoting active travel to/from the site and linkages to the proposed AMIDS South active travel network.

As a general requirement, all roads, footpaths, servicing and parking requirements should be designed in accordance with the guidance set out in the National Roads Development Guide (SCOTS, 2017) and with Design for Roads and Bridges.

Parking and service provision will be subject to development type. Early engagement with the Council is encouraged to consider further detail in this regard. All vehicle access to the site is expected to be achieved from the existing roundabout junction used to enter the former Chivas site.

Any residential proposals will be required to provide a minimum 10% of all homes designed to be easily adaptable for residents that are a wheelchair user. 5% of all new homes on this site must be designed to be wheelchair accessible.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

Drainage requirements, constraints and solutions will be integral to the layout and submission of the planning application.

New development will require to integrate surface water management into the design of green infrastructure including naturalised Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and permeable surfaces.

Renewables/Sustainability

Low or zero carbon generating technologies require to be integrated into the development proposal including the use of both active carbon reducing technologies such as solar panels or ground source heat pumps and passive factors such as orientation, siting, ventilation and sustainable materials. Provision requires to be made for electric car charging points.

These details will require to be outlined in a Sustainability Statement and submitted along with the planning application.

Digital Connections

The development will incorporate existing or future high speed digital network connections and other digital technologies that could improve connectivity. These details require to be included in the submission of the planning application.

Affordable Housing

Funding may be available within the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan to support the delivery of some affordable homes on this site. Early discussions with the Council are encouraged to discuss the potential to deliver affordable homes on site.

Education Provision

If a residential development is proposed the cumulative impact of residential development on both primary and secondary school provision will require consideration subject to the final site capacity, potential site start and phasing of the development.

Once further details are known in relation to the proposed development, it should be noted that a developer contribution in respect of education provision may be required.

Developer`s Responsibilities

The developer will be solely responsible for the following:

- Establishing to their satisfaction the whereabouts of, and constraints concerned with all services in, on, over, under and adjacent to the site.
- Ensuring compliance with all statutory undertakers' requirements.
- Establishing to their satisfaction the soil and mineral conditions.
- Ensuring compliance with requirements of planning and building standards consent.

Supporting Information

Any development proposal should be accompanied by the following :

- Sustainability Statement
- Landscape and Built Heritage Visual Assessment & Plans
- Building Condition Survey
- Drainage Assessment
- Transport Assessment
- Site Investigation (soil condition)
- Design and Access Statement
- Planning Statement



Option A

Option A Office Existing Summary

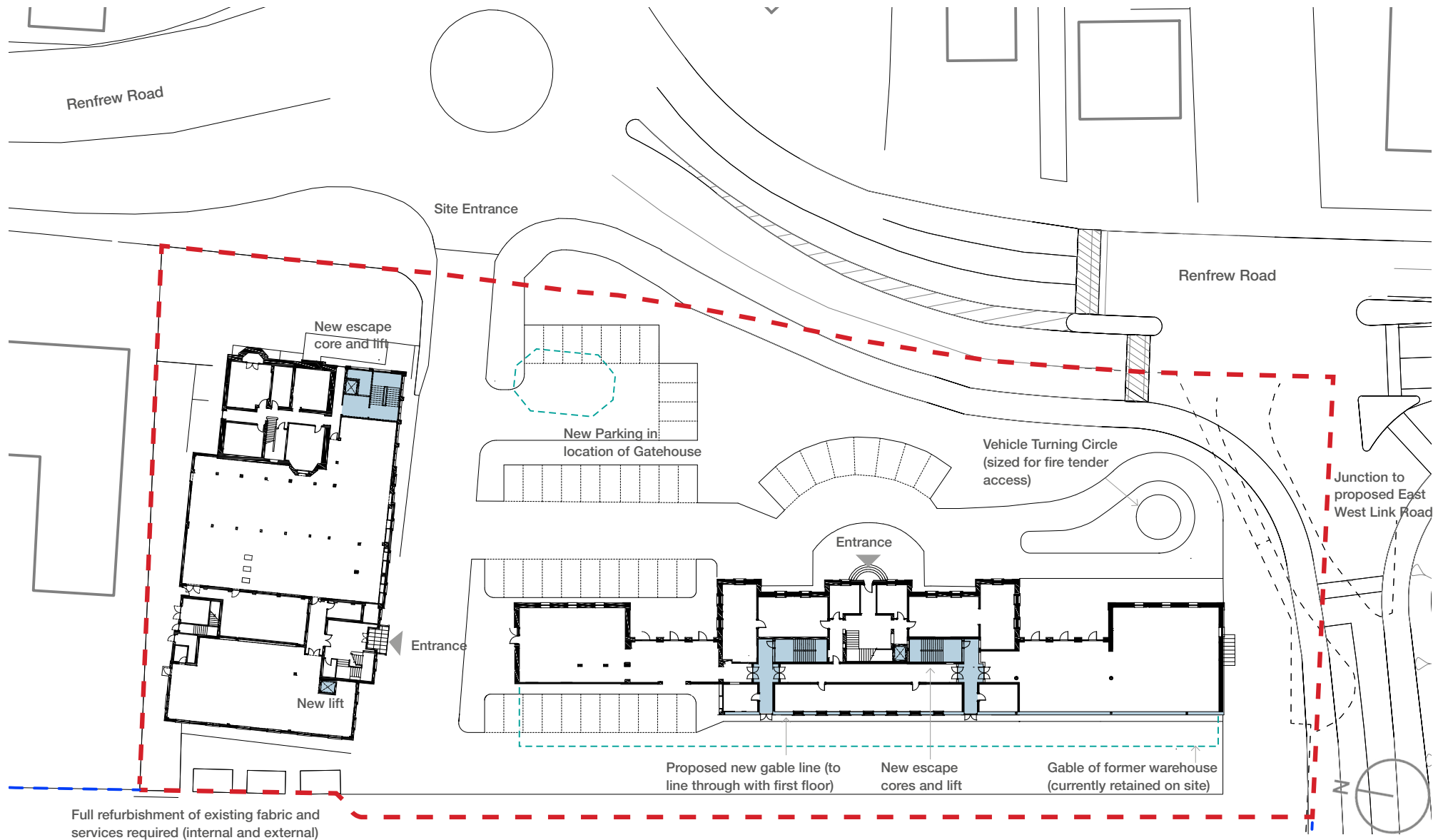
51 Carpark spaces

2175sqm net area – Kersland House

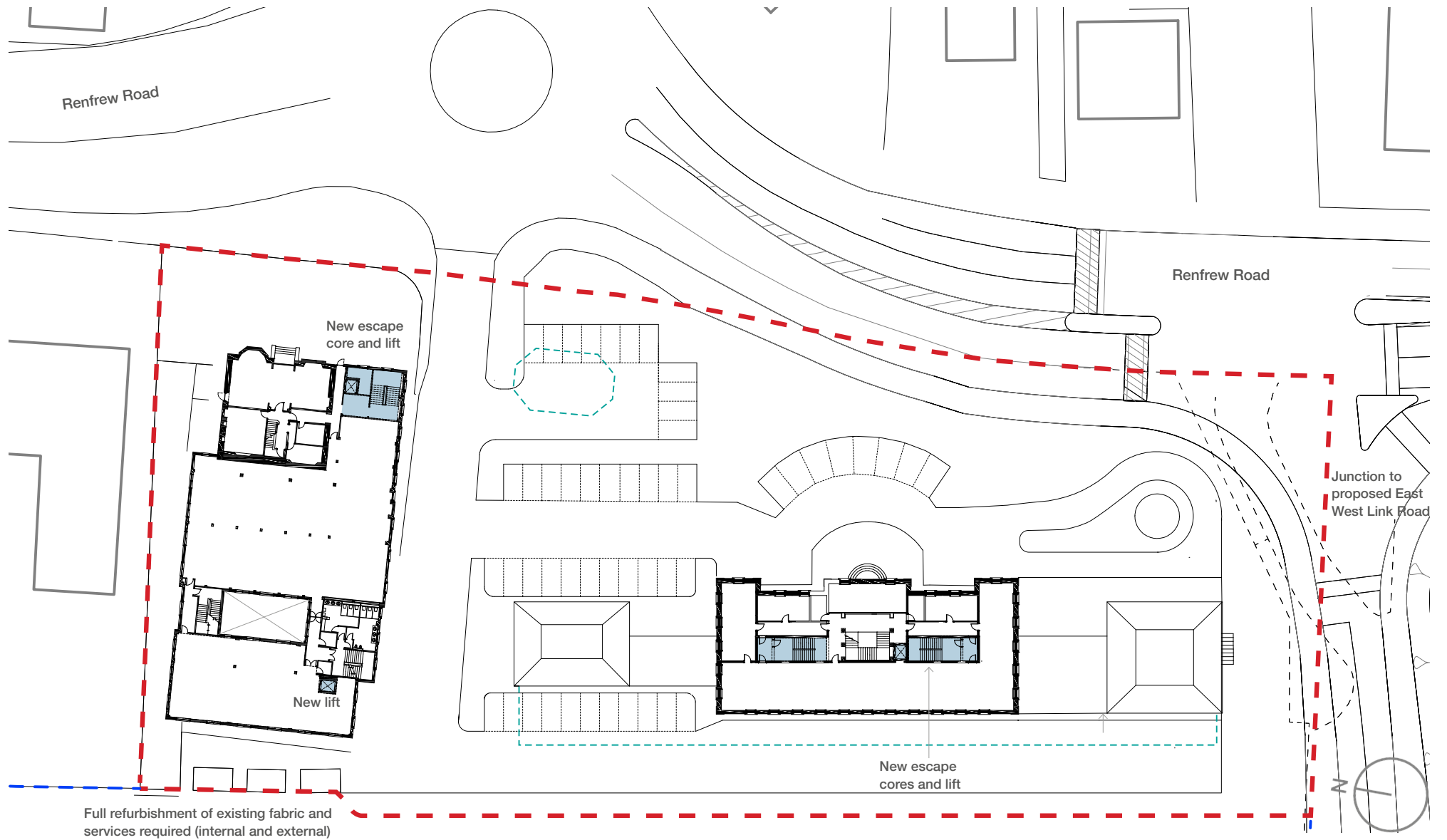
1550sqm net area – Administration Building



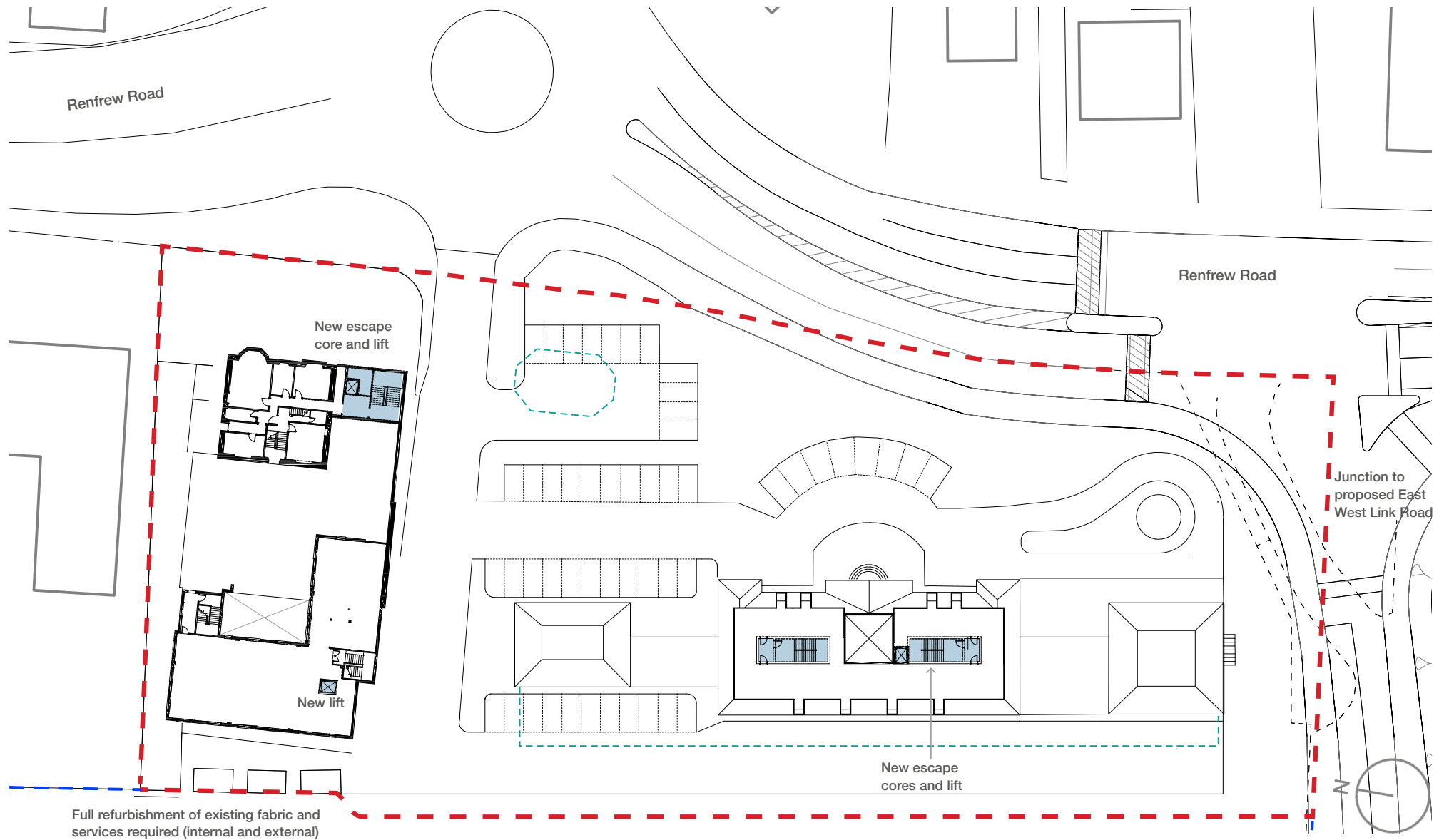
Option A Office Existing Ground Floor Plans



Option A Office Existing First Floor Plans



Option A Office Existing Second Floor Plans



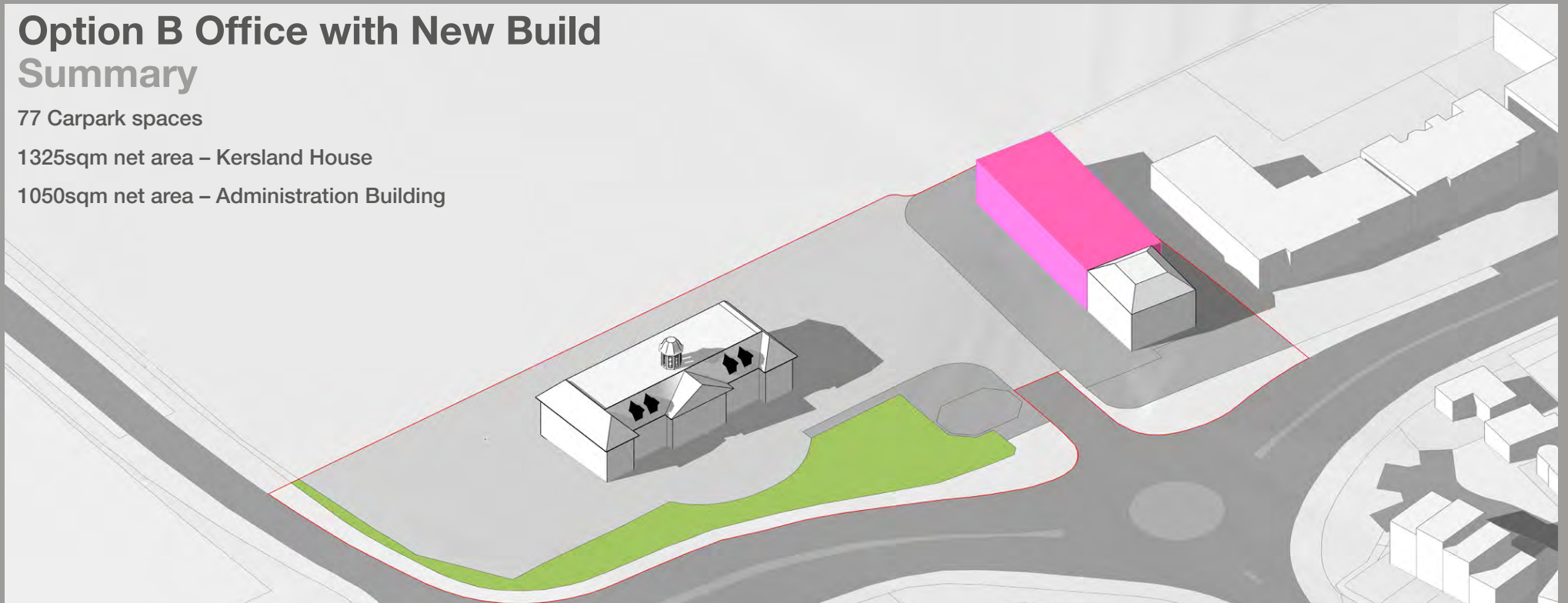
Option B

Option B Office with New Build Summary

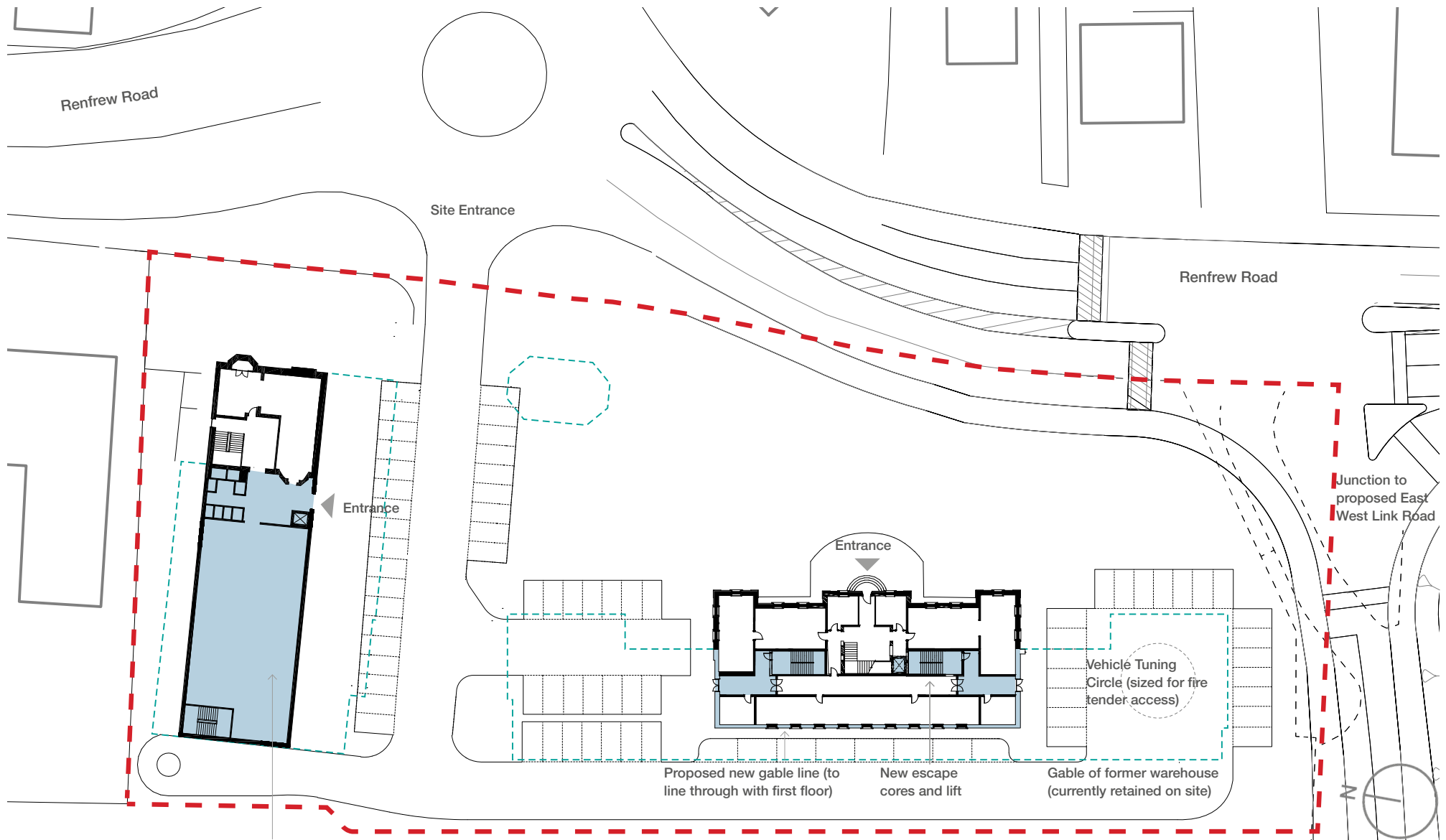
77 Carpark spaces

1325sqm net area – Kersland House

1050sqm net area – Administration Building



Option B Office with New Build Ground Floor Plans



Original sandstone Kerland House retained and office extensions to east and south demolished and replaced with purpose built office accommodation

Full refurbishment of existing fabric and services required (internal and external)

Central three storey element of Administration building retained and single storey North and South wings removed

Vehicle Tuning Circle (sized for fire tender access)

Proposed new gable line (to line through with first floor)

New escape cores and lift

Gable of former warehouse (currently retained on site)

Junction to proposed East West Link Road

Renfrew Road

Site Entrance

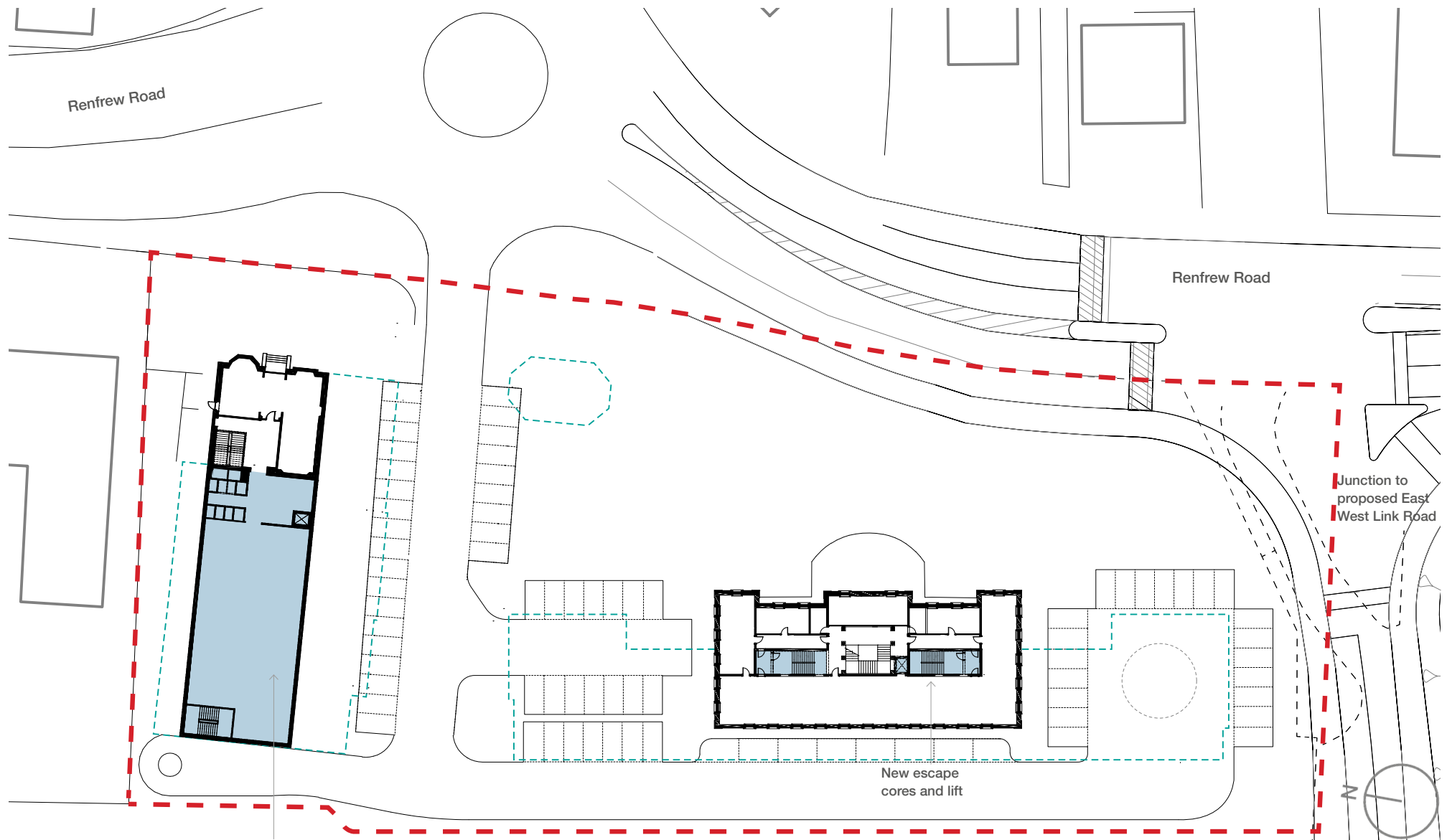
Renfrew Road

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First Floor Plans



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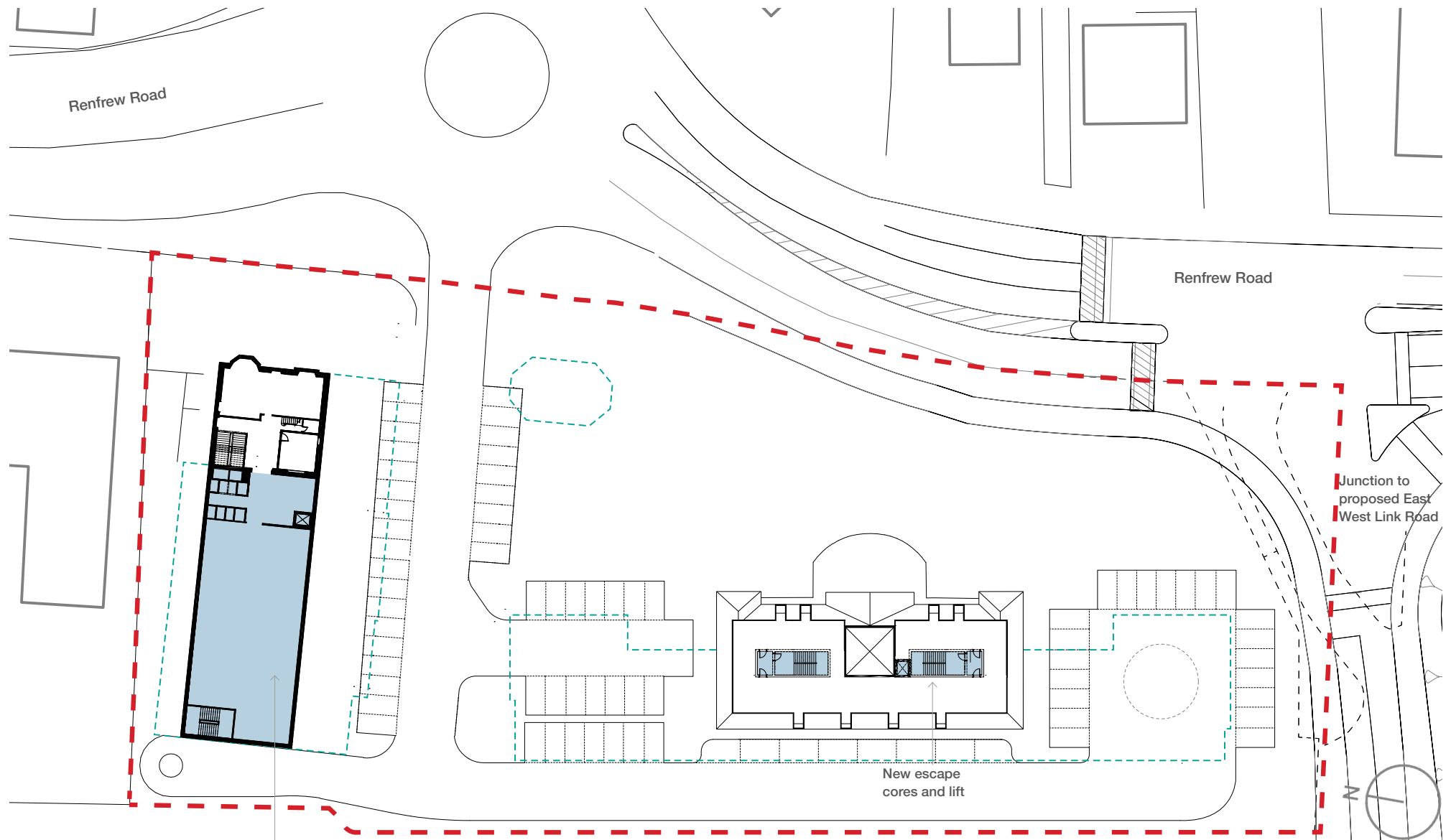
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Option C Residential Summary

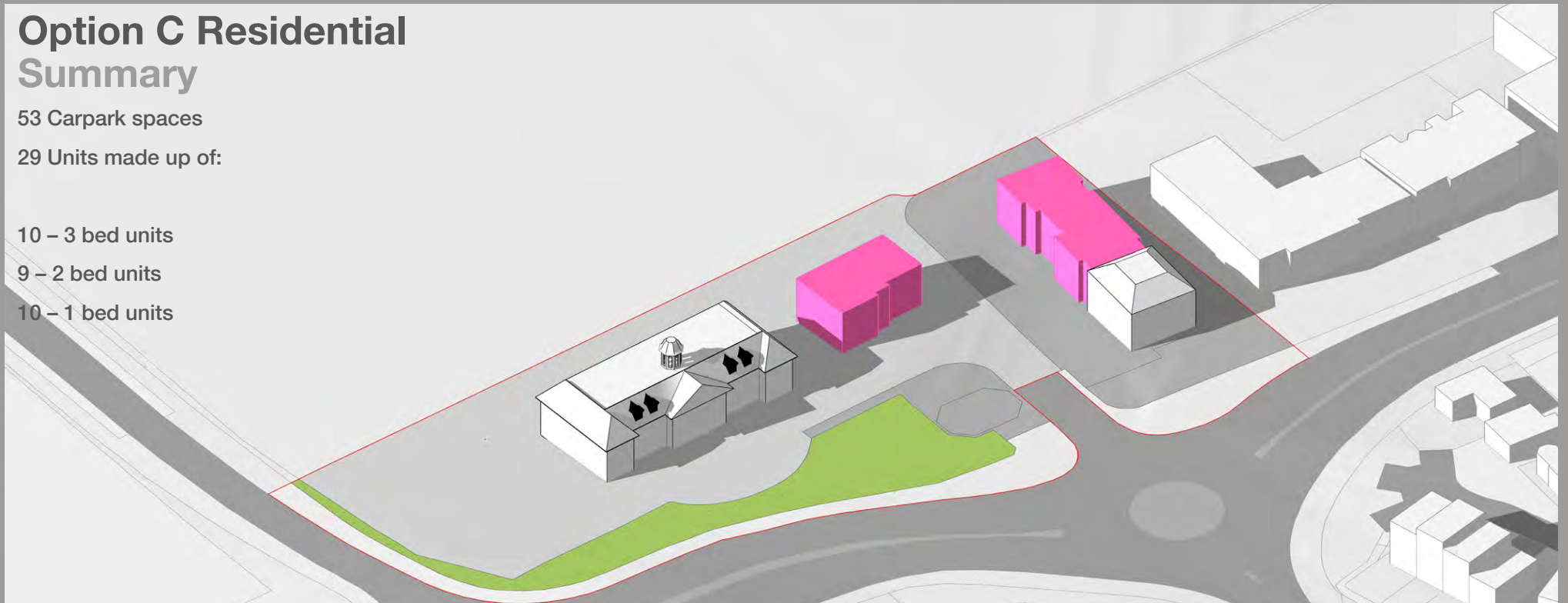
53 Carpark spaces

29 Units made up of:

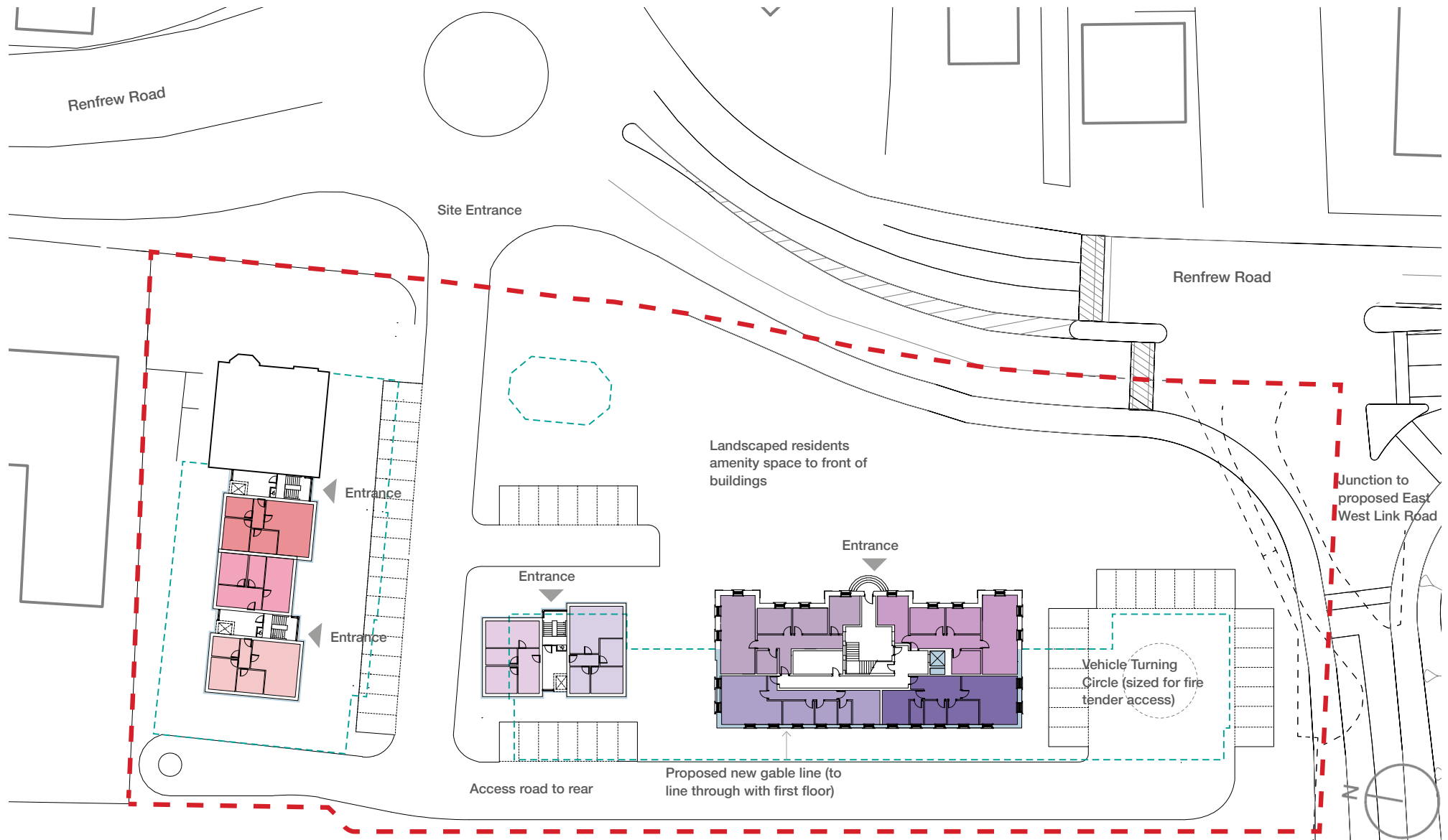
10 – 3 bed units

9 – 2 bed units

10 – 1 bed units



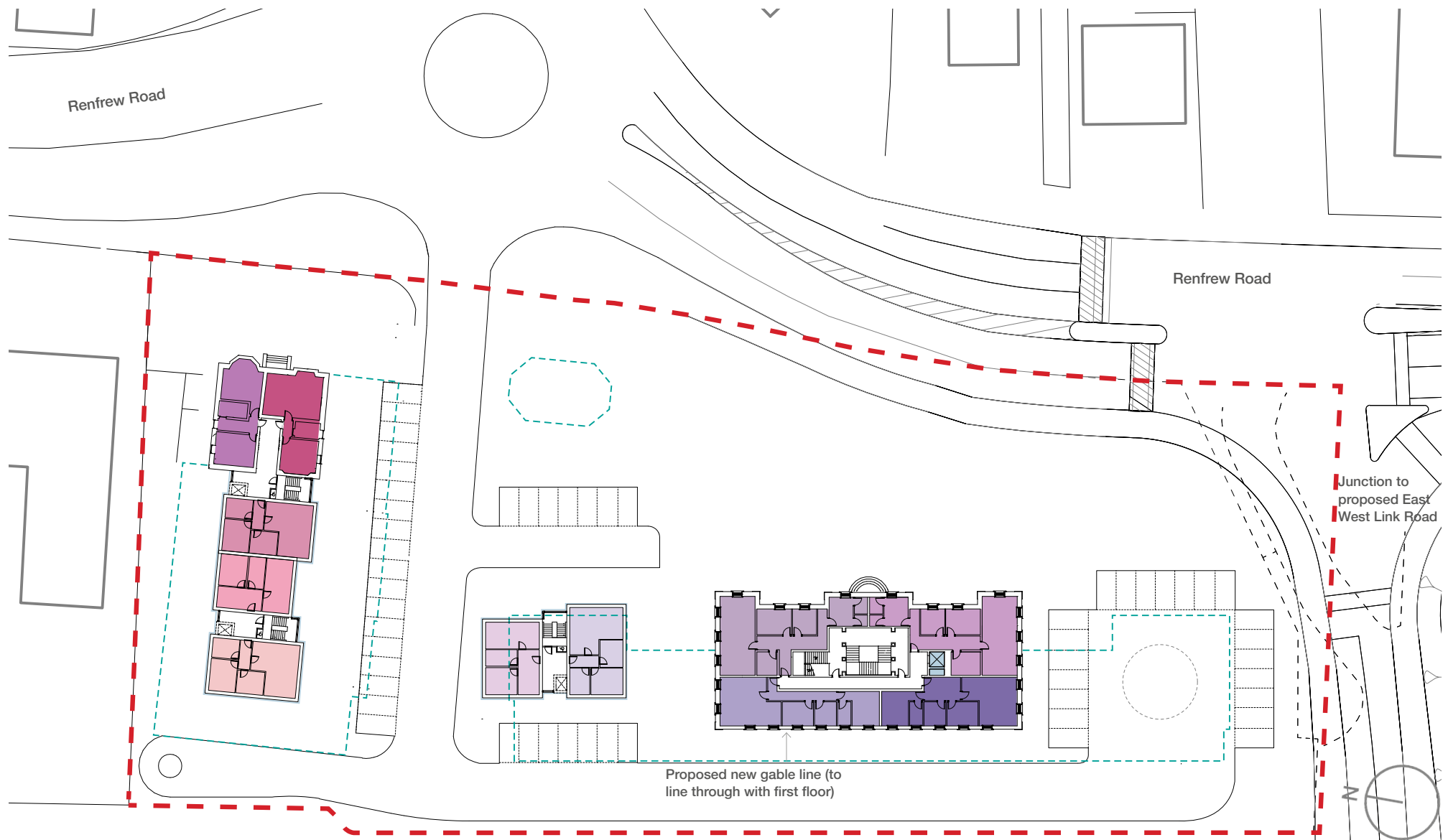
Option C Residential Ground Floor Plans



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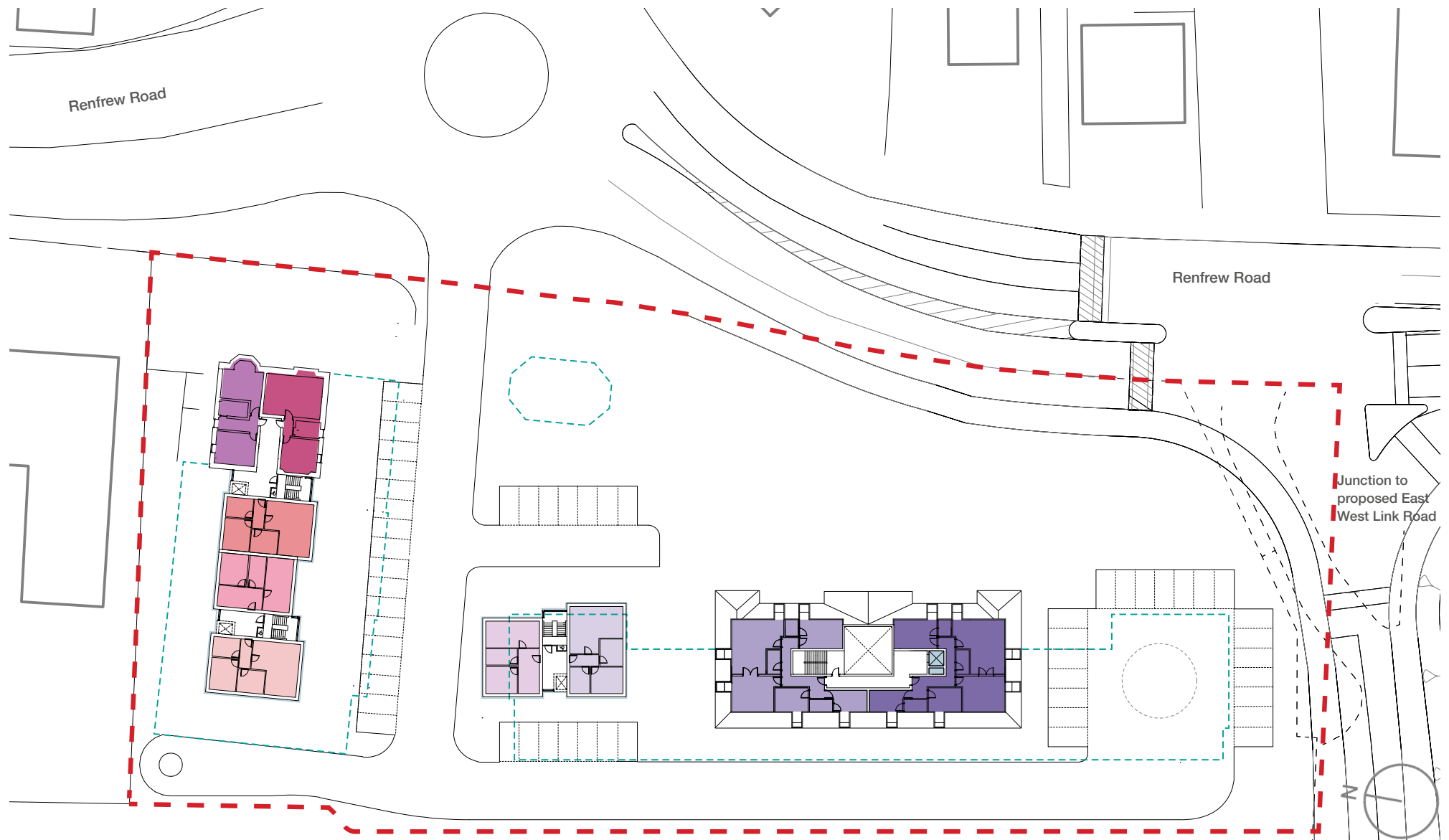
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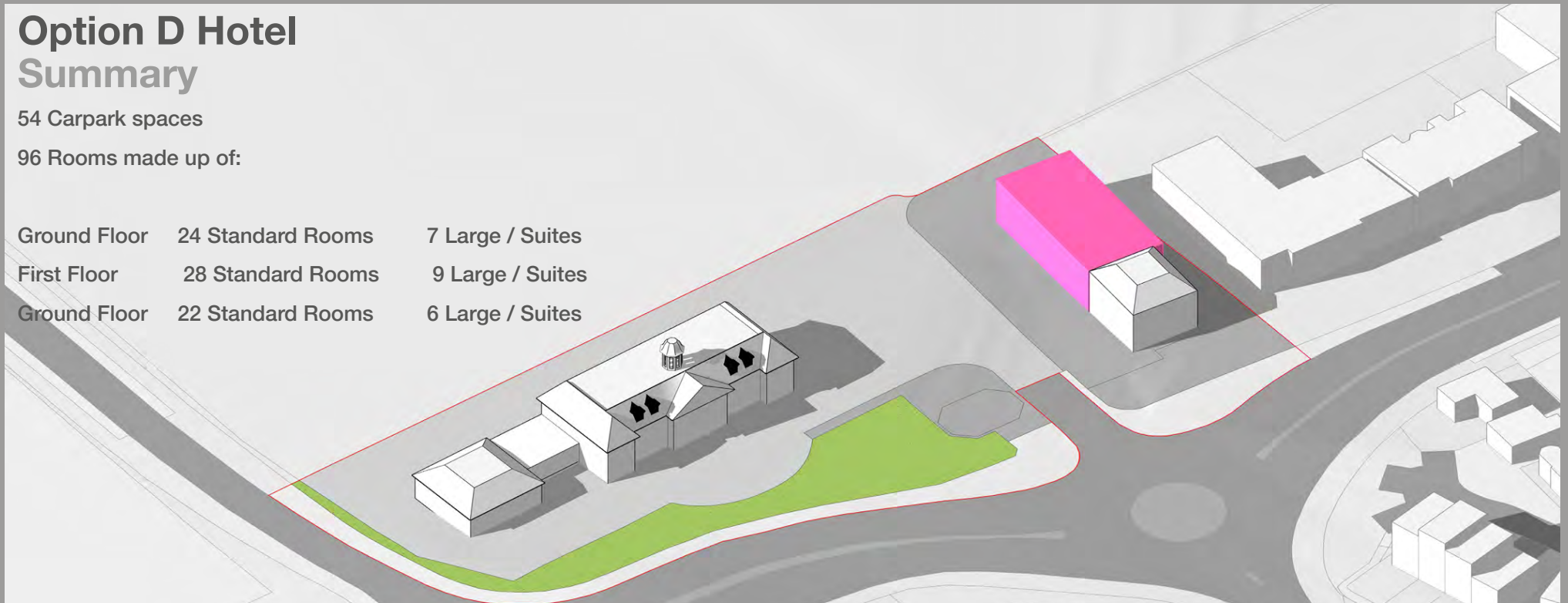
Option D

Option D Hotel Summary

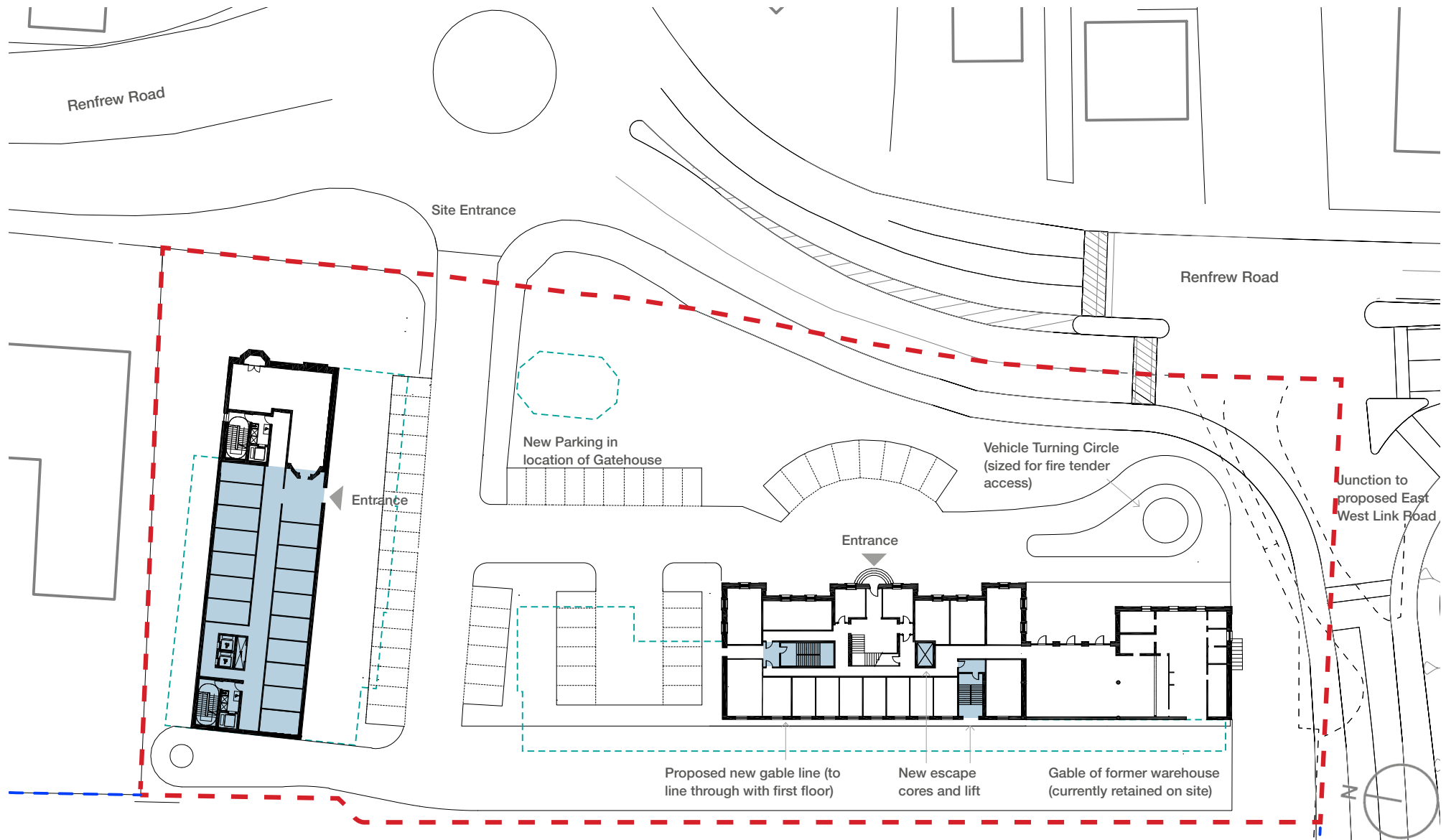
54 Carpark spaces

96 Rooms made up of:

Ground Floor	24 Standard Rooms	7 Large / Suites
First Floor	28 Standard Rooms	9 Large / Suites
Ground Floor	22 Standard Rooms	6 Large / Suites



Option D Hotel Ground Floor Plans

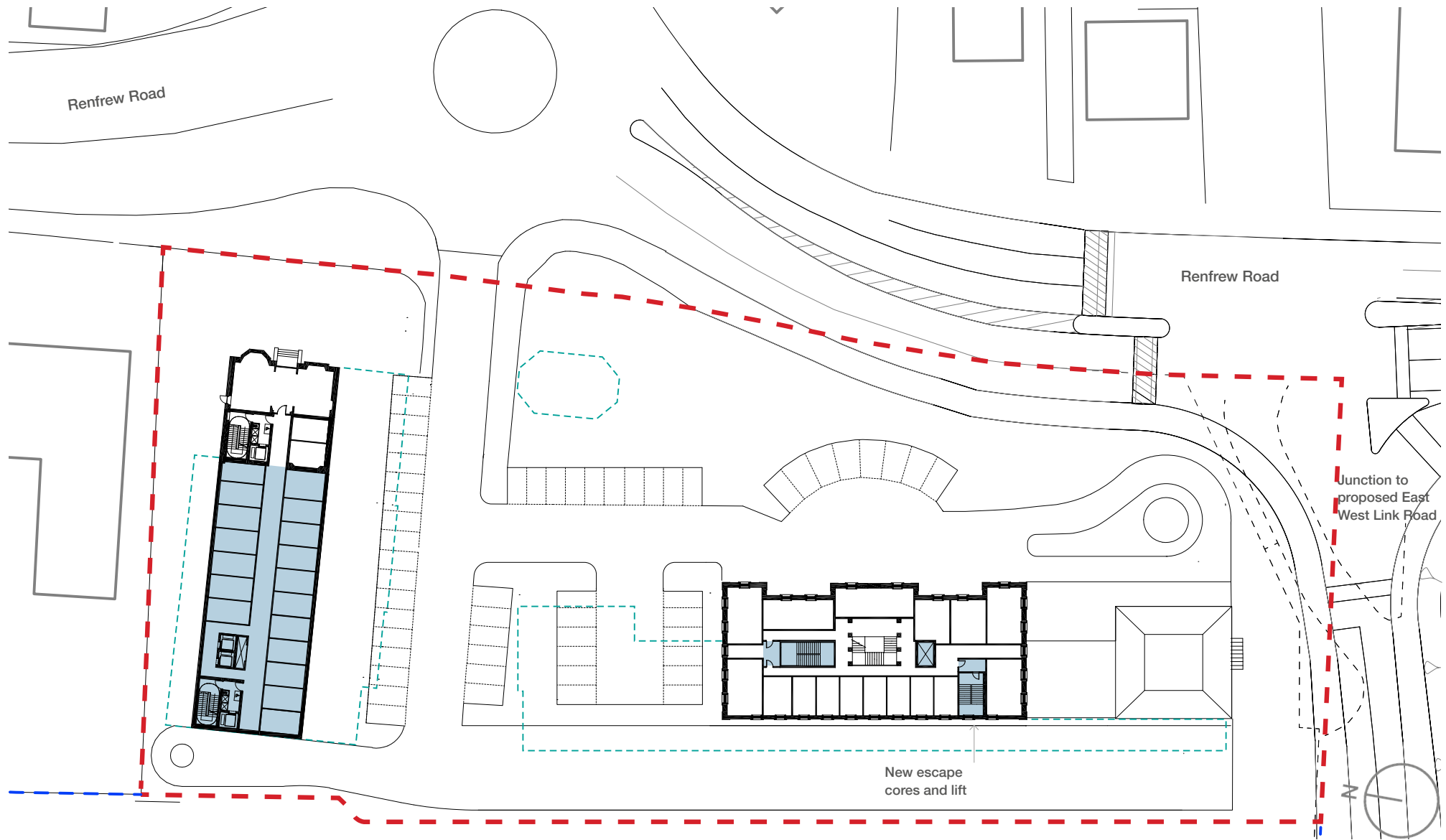


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Option D Hotel First Floor Plans

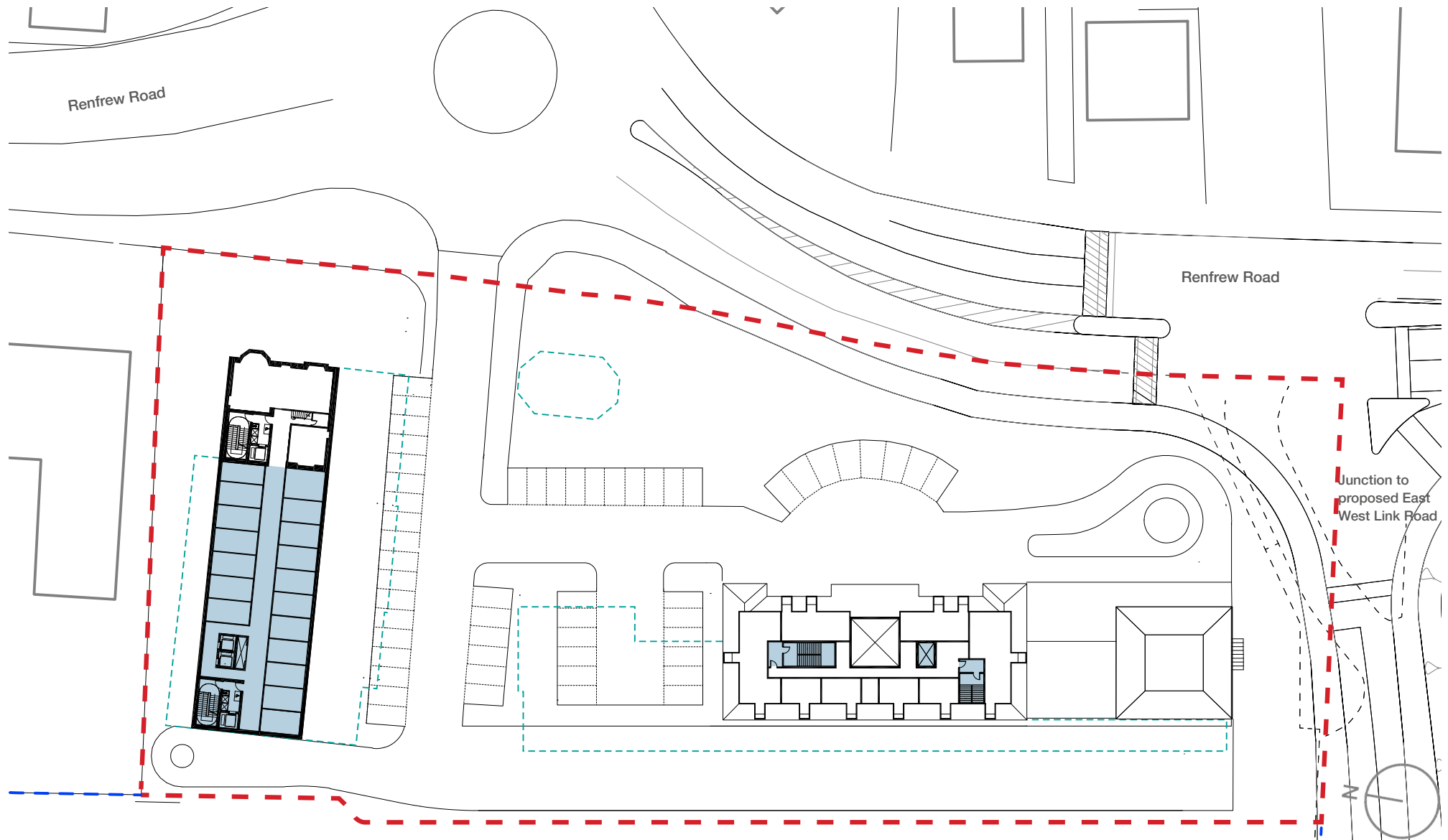


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