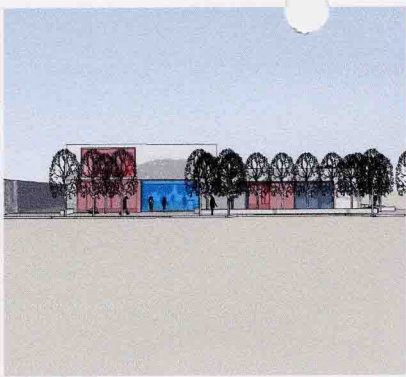
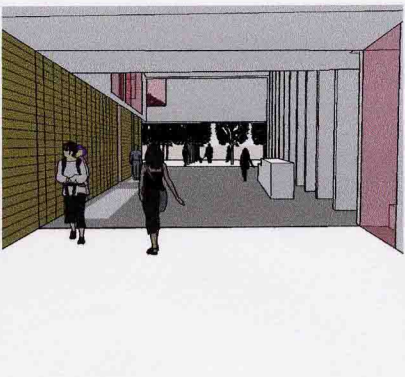




approach from southeast



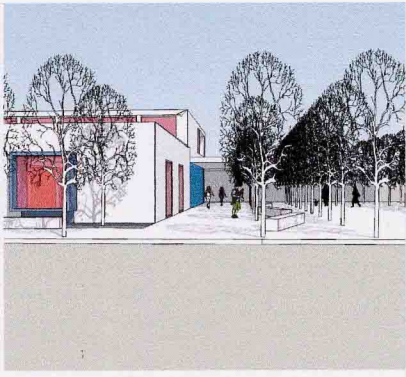
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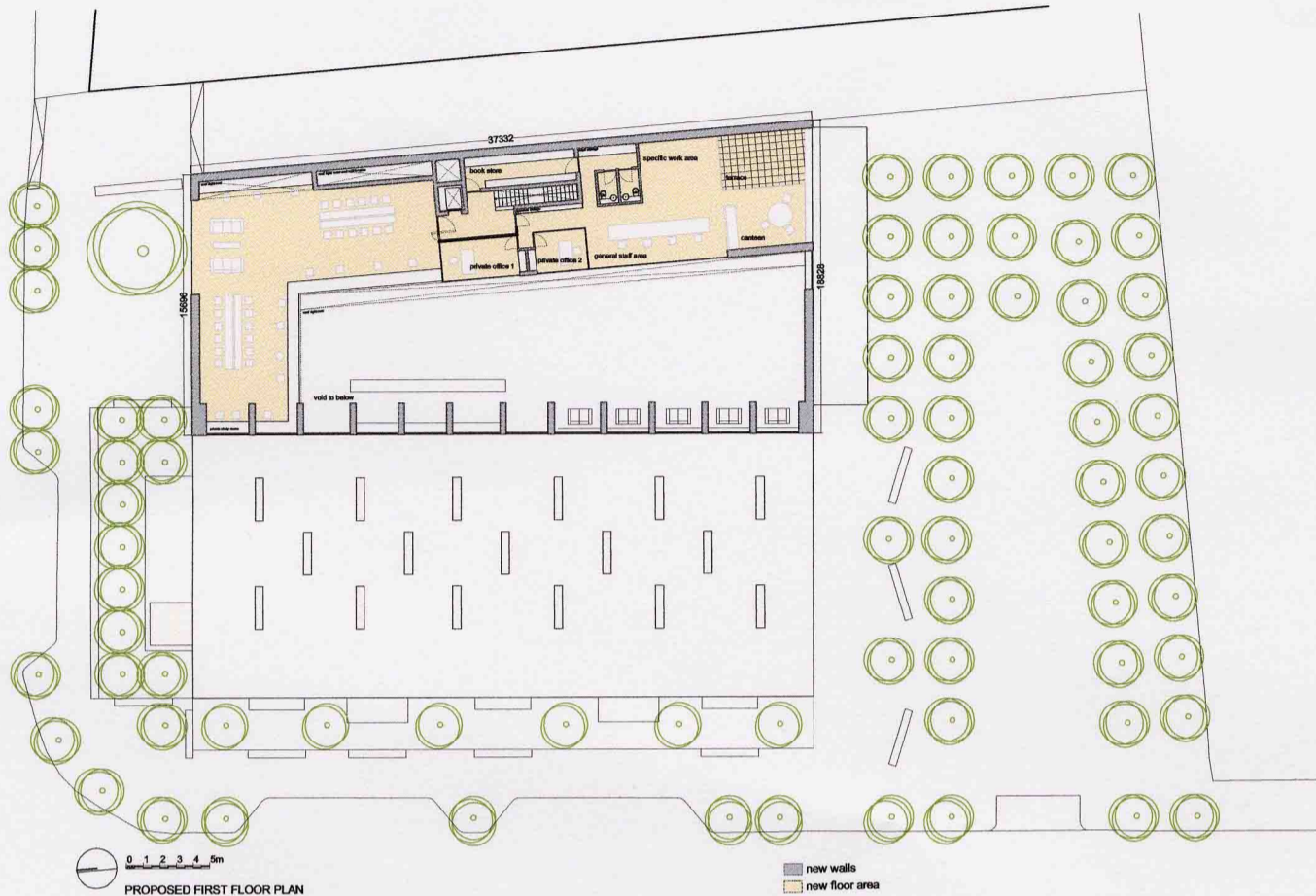
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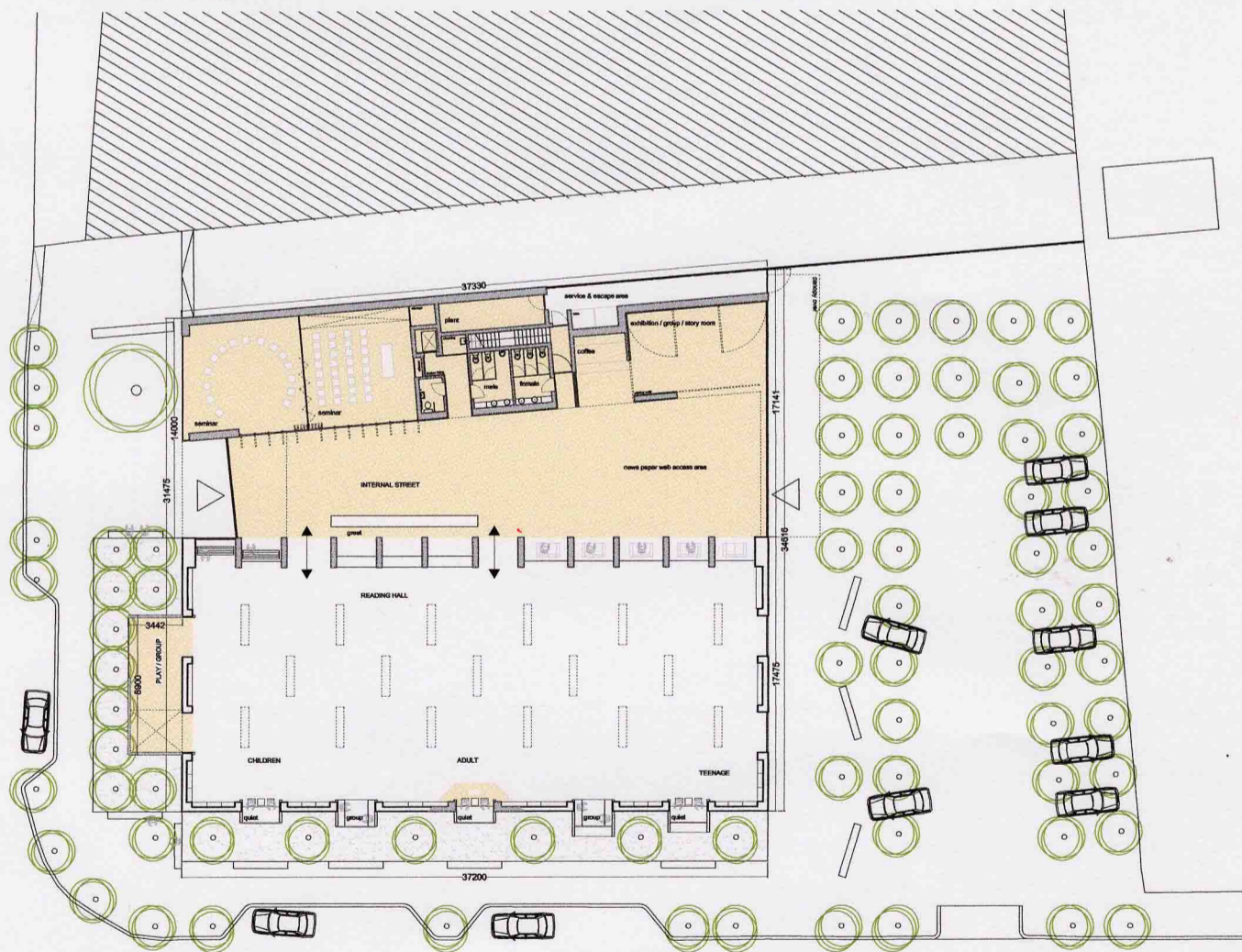
orchardstown villas view



orchardstown villas entrance



PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN



PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR PLAN

The current library was built in the 1980's and has served the community well but has become outdated and too small for the number of people that use the library and has one of the highest user rates in the greater Dublin area.

The building is to be remodelled and extended with the existing entrance relocated. Two new entrances will be provided one to the North, accessed from Orchardstown avenue, and one to the south, accessed via Orchardstown villas. One will enter into a new double height internal street. This street can be used for group activities, larger exhibitions, readings, meetings, to read the newspaper and can adjust as needs change.

New service elements and specific public uses are located in the two storey volume on the east side and these are denoted in a timber lining which snakes in and out of these areas and can be opened and closed to adapt to the users needs. A exhibition area, coffee dock, seminar rooms which can be divided into two separate rooms and toilet facilities. One can gain access to the second floor were a study area is provided as well as book storage and staff facilities.

The retained section of the existing building will be re roofed and become a large reading room which can be arranged to suit the demographics of the users. It will be an open plan room lit from above by means of rooflights with more intimate reading areas off the main space in the form of pods, which overlook the adjoining streets. These can be a place to study or sit and read. A children / group area is located on the north and can be used for book readings, arts and crafts etc.

The car park to the south is to be remodelled to become a shared surface for people and cars. This area will be planted with trees and benches to allow one sit and read. The area between the street and the pods is to be landscaped to provide a buffer zone to the reading areas and the library. On street parking will be maintained on the perimeter of the site.

The remodelled library will be larger and updated to suit the needs of the community for the next generation.

library

