

The Wonderful Barn

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Potential Site Strategy

Wonderful Barn Complex



1. Tree Lined Avenue

A shared surface approach to the building complex lined by existing and new trees.

Image: Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Indiana, Dan Kiley



5. The Forecourt

A multi functional space to the east of the stables courtyard could be used for markets and events

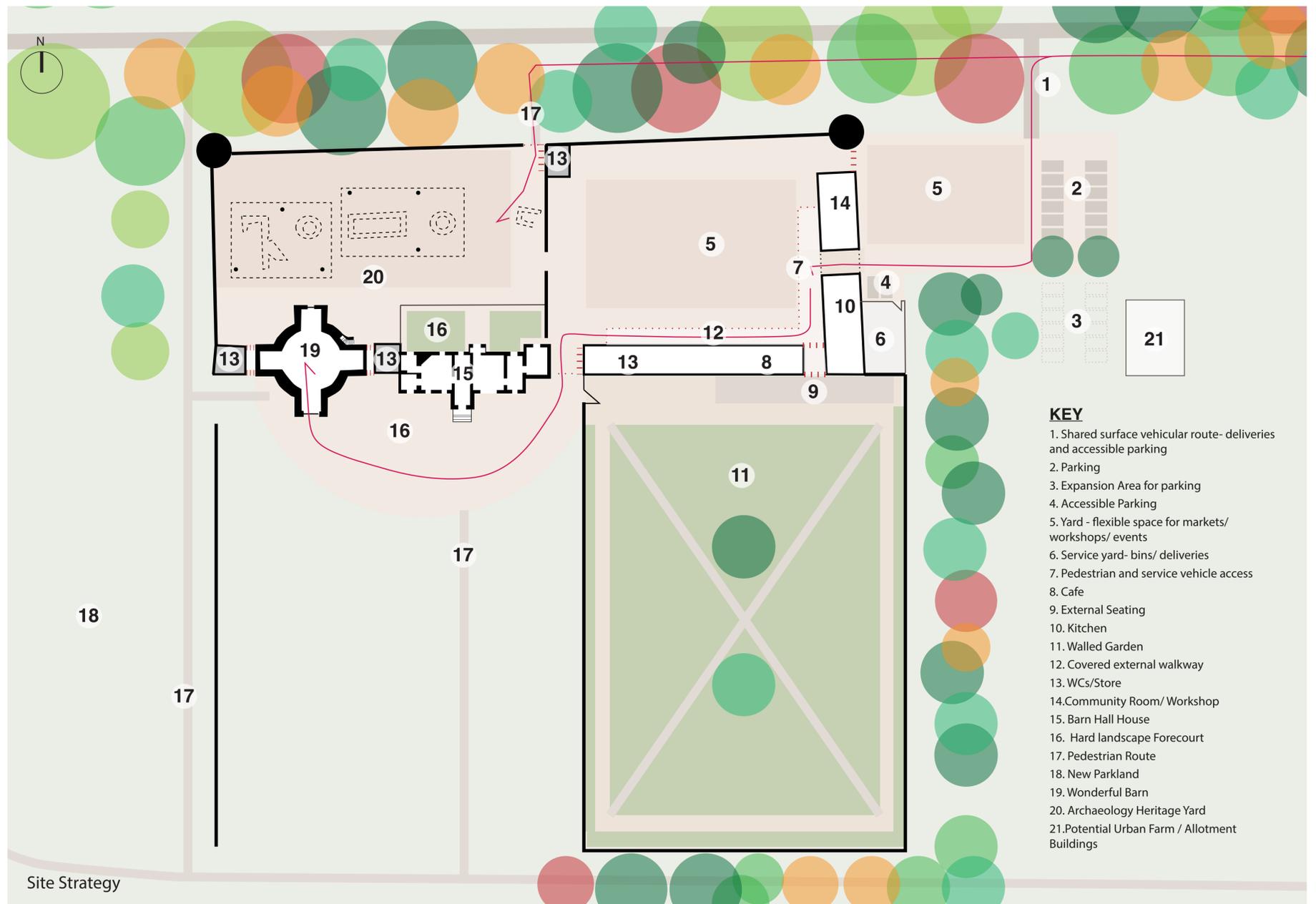
Image: St. Anne's Park, Stables Courtyard



21. Urban Farm

Potential to provide community / education space associated with Allotments and Walled garden

Image: Waterloo City Farm, outdoor classroom, London



Site Strategy



5. The Yards

Flexible outdoor space for Craft / Farmer's Markets and events

Image: Market at Kilruddery House, Wicklow



11. Walled Garden

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Image: Victorian Kitchen Garden, Phoenix Park, Dublin



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Potential Uses

Wonderful Barn Complex

The best way to conserve our historic buildings is to bring them back into use.

This means finding sustainable uses that fit with both the local community's needs and with the layout and character of the existing buildings.



1. Courtyard - Markets

Image: Red Stables, St. Anne's Park, Dublin



2. Stables - Cafe

Image: Kilruddery Stables Cafe, Wicklow



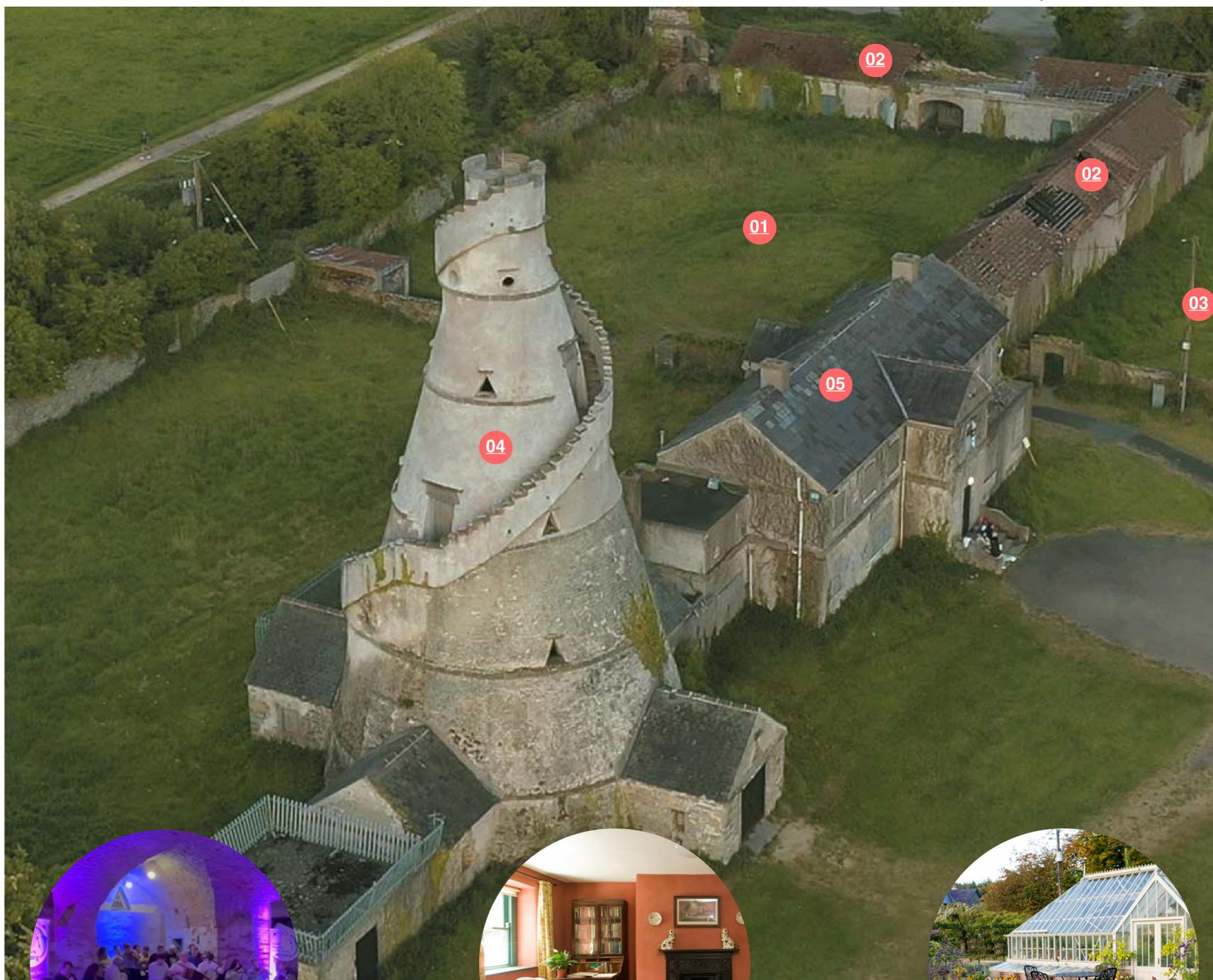
2. Stables - Community & Arts

Image: Fumbally Stables, Dublin 8



3. Walled Garden

Image: St. Anne's Park, Walled Garden. Community Allotments



4. The Wonderful Barn - Venue

Image: Culture Night Wonderful Barn



5. Barnhall House - Community & Short Term Let

Image: Castletown Round House, Landmark Trust



3. Walled Garden

Image: Ballynahinch castle, Walled Garden & Greenhouse

Adaptive Reuse

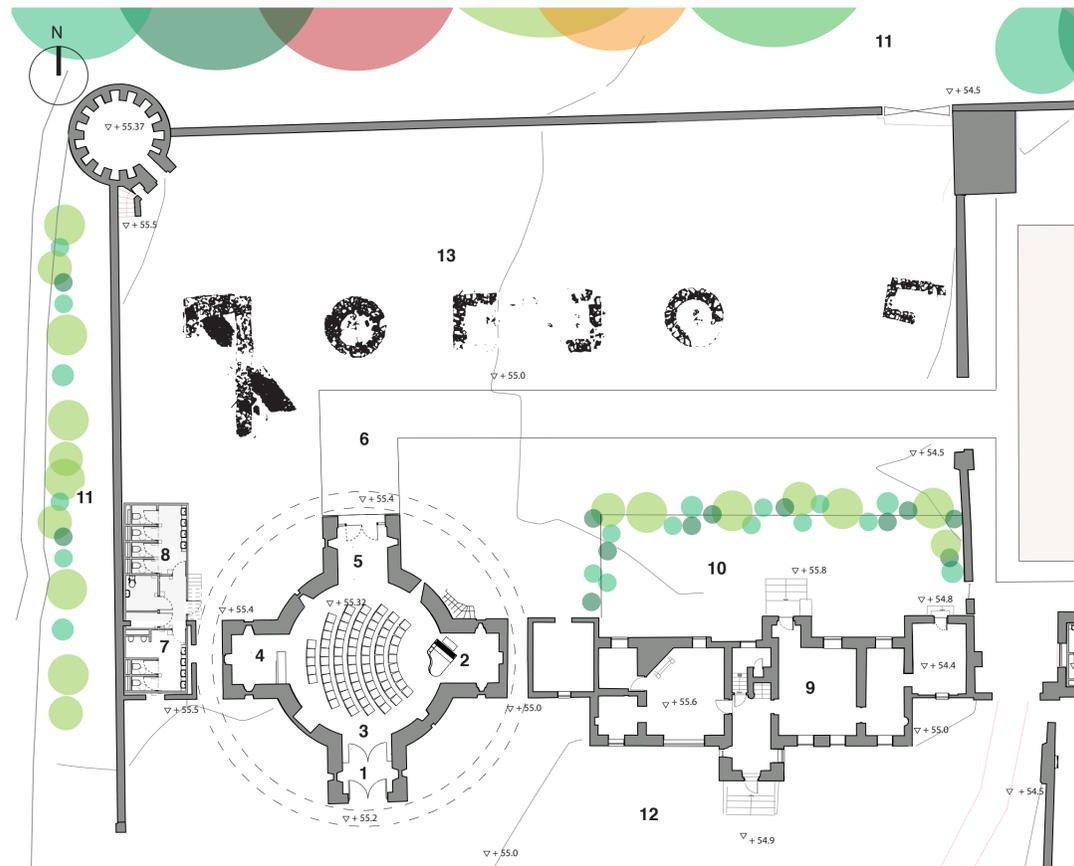
Wonderful Barn & Barnhall House



Wonderful Barn
Image: Photo Present day



Barnhall House
Image: National Library of Ireland



PROS

- Large Venue in Wonderful Barn for community and private events.
- Barnhall House returned to original domestic use, available for community events as required.
- Potato Store used as support space to Wonderful Barn, potential additional toilet area would allow venue to be self sufficient in terms of support spaces.

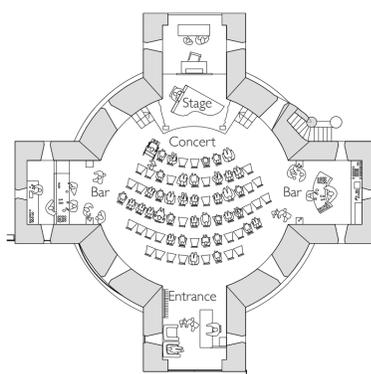
CONS

- Upper levels of Wonderful Barn only accessible under supervision due to access and health and safety concerns.
- Refurbishment of Protected Structures will require careful consideration to ensure historic quality of space is not compromised.

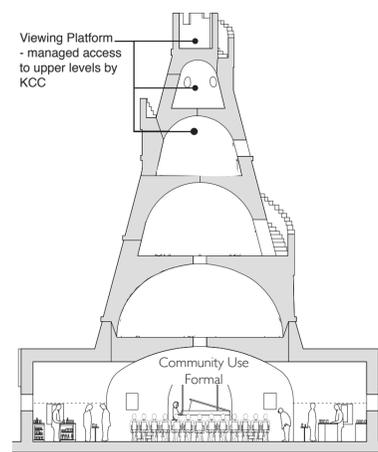
KEY

1. Entrance to Wonderful Barn Venue
2. Stage Area
3. Audience seating (with accessible seats)
4. Light and Sound Desk
5. Bar Area
6. External Terrace
7. Potato Store - female, male and unisex accessible WCs
8. Additional Toilets to support audience of 70 people
9. Barnhall House- Short Term Let
10. Barnhall House Garden
11. Parkland
12. Hard landscape Area
13. Heritage & Archaeology Yard

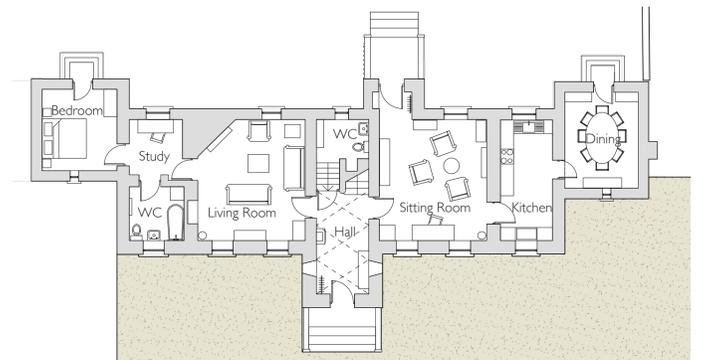
Wonderful Barn Venue & Barnhall House



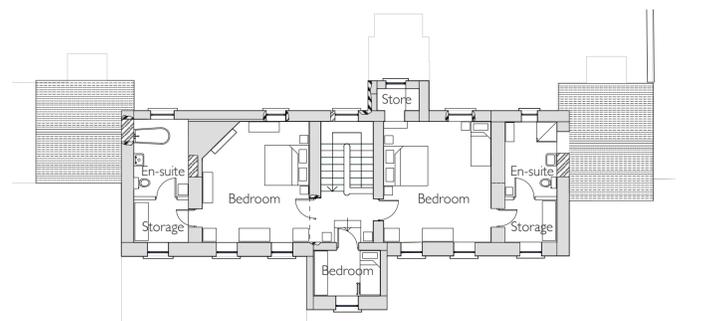
Ground floor plan of The Wonderful Barn
Community use example - Concert



Section of The Wonderful Barn



Ground floor plan of Barnhall House



First floor plan of Barnhall House

Wonderful Barn

Community Space & Venue
Image: Extract from Howley Hayes Cooney Feasibility Study Report 2020

Barnhall House

Short Term Let & Community Use
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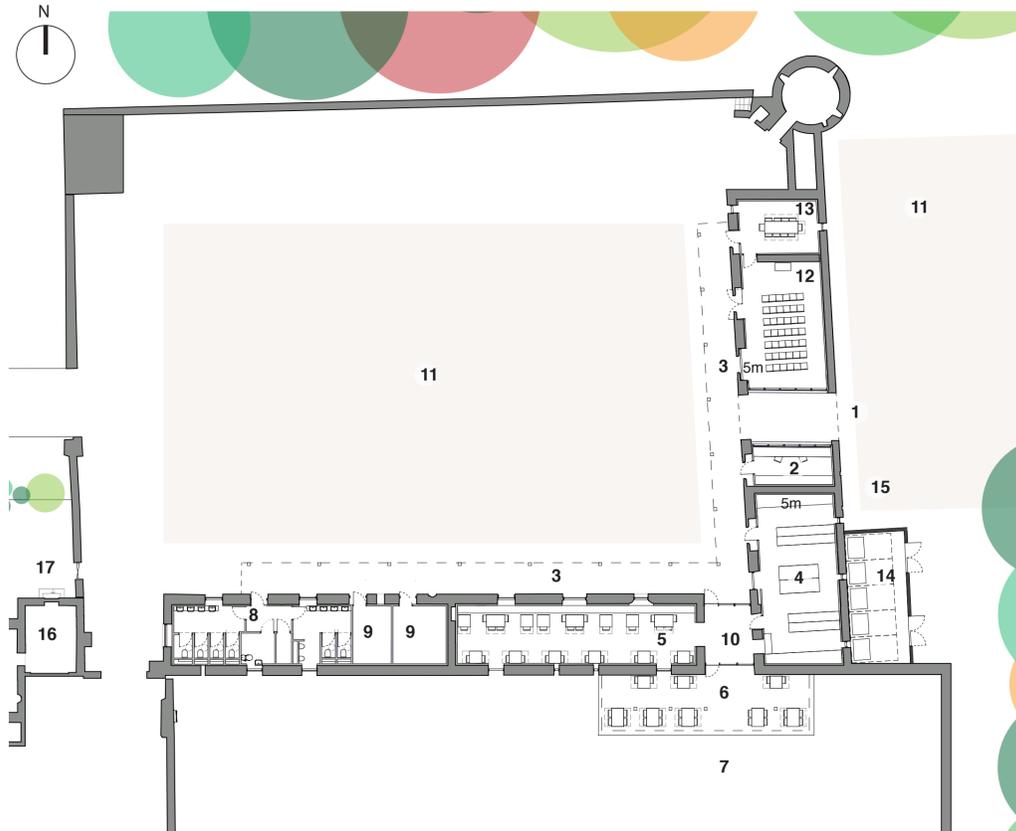
Stables - Options



External Covered Walkway
Image: Example of Timber Colonnade



Glazed Link
Image: Example of glazed link between historic buildings



Option 01- Minimal Intervention

PROS

- Minimal new build required, refurbishment of existing buildings only
- Provides two flexible spaces for the community or as an event / conference spaces.

CONS

- Cafe limited in size may impact its viability
- Limited views / connection between cafe and Wonderful Barn or walled garden
- Cafe not taking advantage of southerly aspect to walled garden
- Space for community / workshop limited
- No permanent large venue offering

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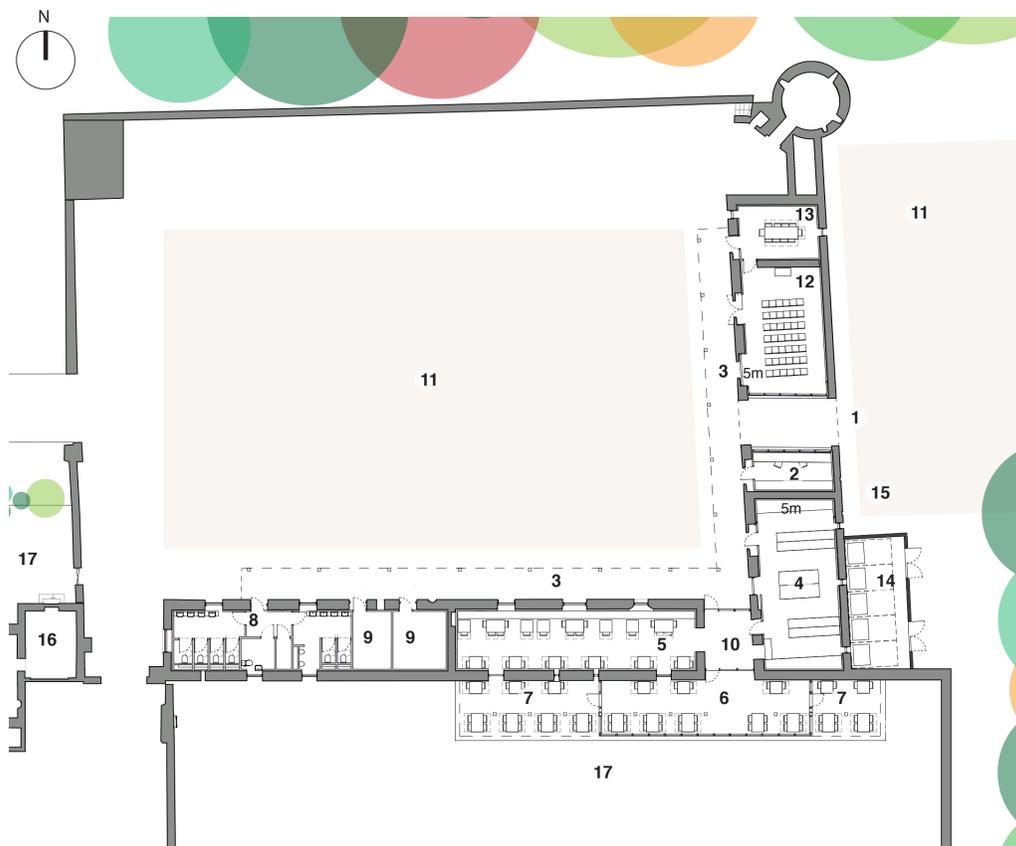
1. Stable Yard Entrance
2. Reception
3. Covered external walkway
4. Kitchen
5. Cafe in existing stable (40 seats)
6. External seating (26 seats)
7. Walled Garden
8. WCs / Store
9. Store/Plant
10. New Glazed Link
11. Yard - flexible space for events
12. Community Room/ Workshop 1
13. Community Room/ Workshop 2
14. Bin Store / delivery yard
15. Accessible parking
16. Barn Hall House-
17. Barn Hall House - garden



Winter-garden Extension
Image: Example of Winter-garden



Greenhouse in Walled Garden
Image: Example of historic greenhouse in a walled garden



Option 02- Winter Garden Cafe to Walled Garden

PROS

- Cafe of sufficient size to be viable, seating area within walled garden allows visitors to benefit from southerly aspect and views to walled garden.
- Cafe animates and brings people to walled garden.
- Provides two flexible spaces for the community or as an event / conference spaces.

CONS

- New cafe structure would be visible from the Walled Garden.
- New cafe would need to be sensitively designed to not have a negative impact on walled garden.
- Limited views / connection between cafe and Wonderful Barn or walled garden
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3. Covered external walkway
4. Kitchen
5. Cafe in existing stable (40 seats)
6. Proposed Winter-garden extension (26 seats)
7. External seating area (34 seats)
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Adaptive Reuse

Stables - Options



Image: Drawing Matters Archive, Somerset, England



Image: Hauser & Wirth, Gallery and gardens Somerset, England



Image: Bayer & Strobel, Chapel & Funeral Home, Ingelheim, Germany



Image: Sands End Arts & Community Centre, Fulham, London

Examples of New Buildings in Historic Setting



PROS

- New build space provides a single large space that can work as a cafe and venue for a group of 60-80 people.
- Kitchen and service space located outside the walled historic courtyard to north.
- Outdoor seating area can be south facing and is sheltered by surrounding buildings from noise from the M4.
- A variety of spaces available for community / events.

CONS

- Cafe not linked to walled garden; main source of activity located away from the walled garden
- Other long term sustainable uses required for stable buildings to make sure these are used and maintained into the future.

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18. Artist Studio/ Shared Workspace
19. Existing Dovecote
20. Store

Option 03- New Build Cafe & Venue in Courtyard



New Roof on Existing Stables



Artist Studios



Event Space



Conference Space

Examples of Converted Stable Buildings