



LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

AT THE CHARITY SCHOOL, EDMONTON

Saving an old school to help a new generation of young people in Enfield flourish

London Historic Building Trust and Learning for Life Charity are working together to regenerate this historic former Charity School, so that it can once again provide learning, training and work experience opportunities for young people in Enfield.

We want to create a place where the different communities of Edmonton Green can come together. A hub that is facilitated by those who are the most excluded; young people with learning difficulties and special educational needs, or who have been affected by illness, disability or poverty.

Our ambition is to create an innovative community space that drives people into the local area and supports economic regeneration and recovery.



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ABOUT THE PROJECT PARTNERS

LONDON HISTORIC BUILDINGS TRUST

LHBT is a London-wide building preservation trust with 30 years' experience saving the city's most vulnerable heritage at risk. We work with communities to find innovative solutions that support local need and result in positive social change.

www.londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk

LEARNING FOR LIFE CHARITY

LFLC was formed in 2015, through a unique partnership between West Lea School and the local community. We believe that to truly flourish children and young people must feel valued and as such, we should focus on what each child or young person can achieve and celebrate their success. We run a number of social enterprise projects in the Borough.

www.learningforlifecharity.co.uk



ABOUT THE CHARITY SCHOOL

The former Girls' Charity School and the adjacent cottage at no.24 Church Street in Edmonton are Grade II listed and located within the Church Street Conservation Area. Both properties and the Conservation Area are on the Heritage at Risk Register. The Charity School was built in 1793 and for many years provided education for local girls, while the adjacent cottage offered accommodation for the school-mistress. In more recent decades the school building had been used for various community activities, however for the last ten years its poor and deteriorating condition has prevented public access and use.

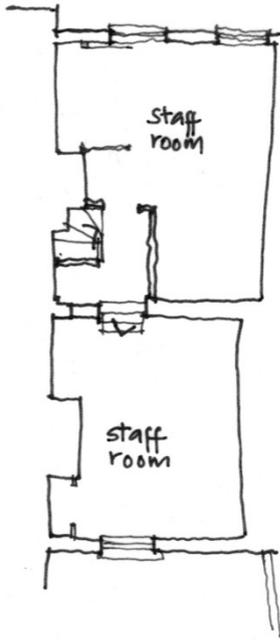
OUR PROJECT

Our aim is to sensitively repair and restore the Charity School and cottage, to secure a long-term future that serves their local community and reflects their educational heritage.

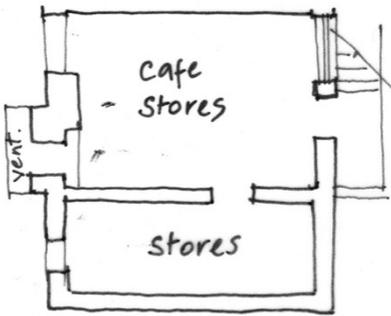
Over 2020 LHBT undertook an Options Appraisal, working with an expert professional team to understand the significance and repair needs of the historic buildings, alongside community consultation and outline business planning to identify a project for their sustainable and beneficial re-use.

Through this project LFLC emerged as a viable project partner. A permanent space will allow them to expand the range of social enterprise projects that they can deliver; providing essential opportunities for employment, independence and life skills development. The opportunities that this new space creates will enable young people to engage with and support their wider community. It will be a place that brings locally diverse communities together, promoting inclusion and social cohesion.

THE PLAN

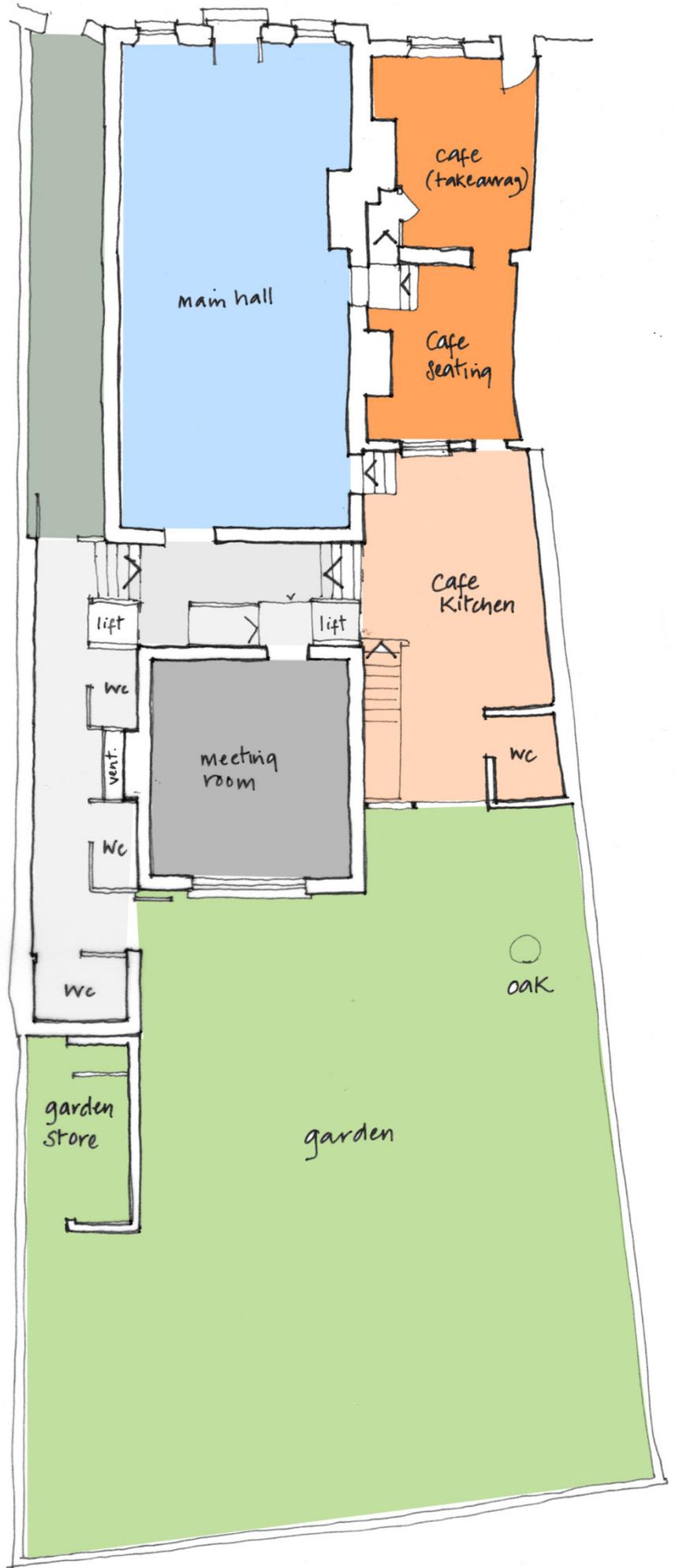


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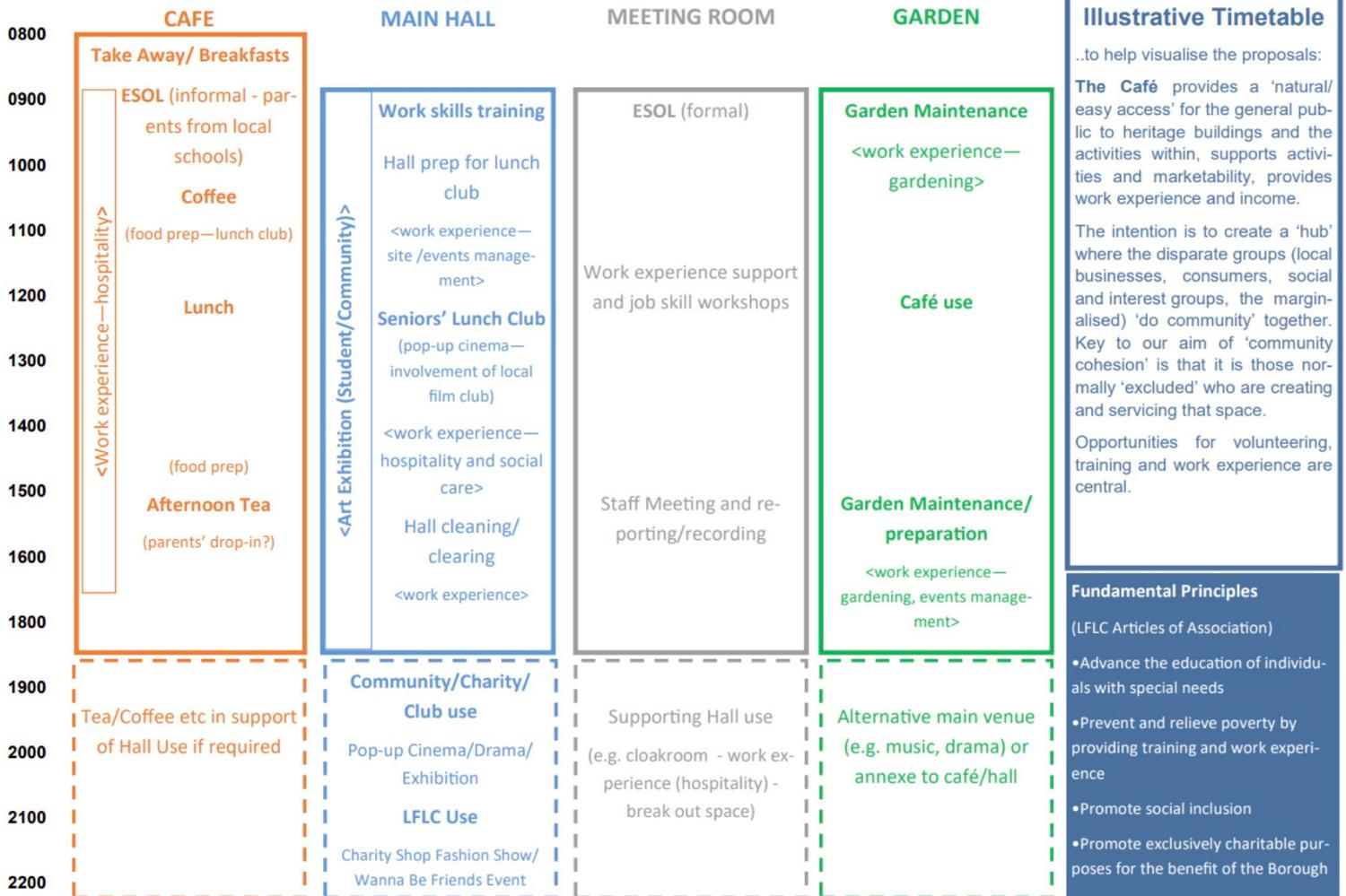


Cellar floor

Ground floor
Concept Plan



A DAY AT THE CHARITY SCHOOL



WHAT WE'LL DELIVER

- The repair and re-use of 2 'at-risk' historic buildings in Edmonton.
- The creation of a community hub that provides;
 - A community café
 - A place for young people to sell their products
 - A bookable conference/community space
 - Cinema experiences for vulnerable groups
 - Educational experiences for local schools
 - Space for drop-in and surgeries for vulnerable families and groups
 - Space for special schools to run outreach programmes
 - Events for the local community
 - A garden for growing produce
- An opportunity for people to engage with their local heritage.
- A project that provides training, employment, learning and vocational qualifications.
- A new destination on Edmonton Church Street.



WHAT WE'LL ACHIEVE

- The regeneration of an historic former charitable school for the benefit of the most vulnerable young people in the Borough.
- A space that is created and serviced by these young people to support their wider community, promoting greater social cohesion.
- The servicing and use of the space will provide diverse and long-term volunteering, training and work experience opportunities, giving young people the life skills they need to access paid jobs in the future.
- Creation of a publicly accessible garden, where young people and the wider community can learn about growing produce.
- Increased footfall to Edmonton Church Street by the creation of a community destination, supporting local economic regeneration.
- A sustainable project that delivers an operational surplus to support the long-term aims of the project's charitable partners.
- The delivery of a building repair project that provides craft skill opportunities and job creation.
- Supporting a sustainable environment through the re-use and upgrading of an existing building.

LFLC LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY GOALS

- Fairness for All: talking inequality and vulnerability
- Relieve poverty through innovative job creation and opportunity
- Stronger communities: promote inclusion by preventing people from becoming socially excluded



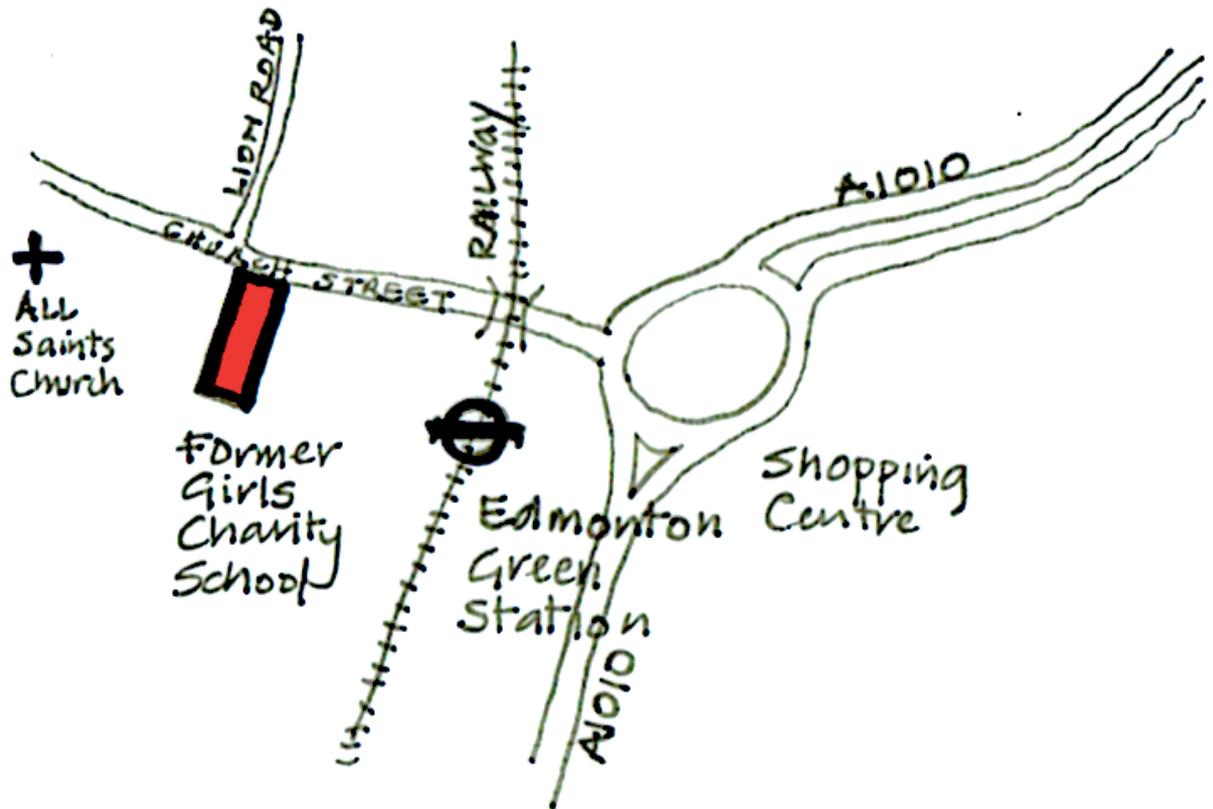
WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS

- LHBT are progressing acquisition of the freehold of both buildings.
- Formalisation of a partnership between LHBT and LFLC.
- Securing funding for the development and delivery of the project.
- Project development and further community consultation.
- Acquiring Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent.
- Delivery of a capital repair project....
- **Bring the buildings back into use.**

PROJECT BUDGET

The total anticipated budget for our project is about **£2 million**. This includes the next stages of project development and delivery. If you would like to find out more about how you can support our project, including through funding, please get in touch via info@londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk.

LOCATION



STAY IN TOUCH

To find out more about our project please contact the London Historic Buildings Trust: info@londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk

Or visit the project page on the LHBT website, where you can also take a virtual tour of the buildings: www.londonhistoricbuildings.org.uk/index.php/projects-2-buildings/charity-school-edmonton/

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