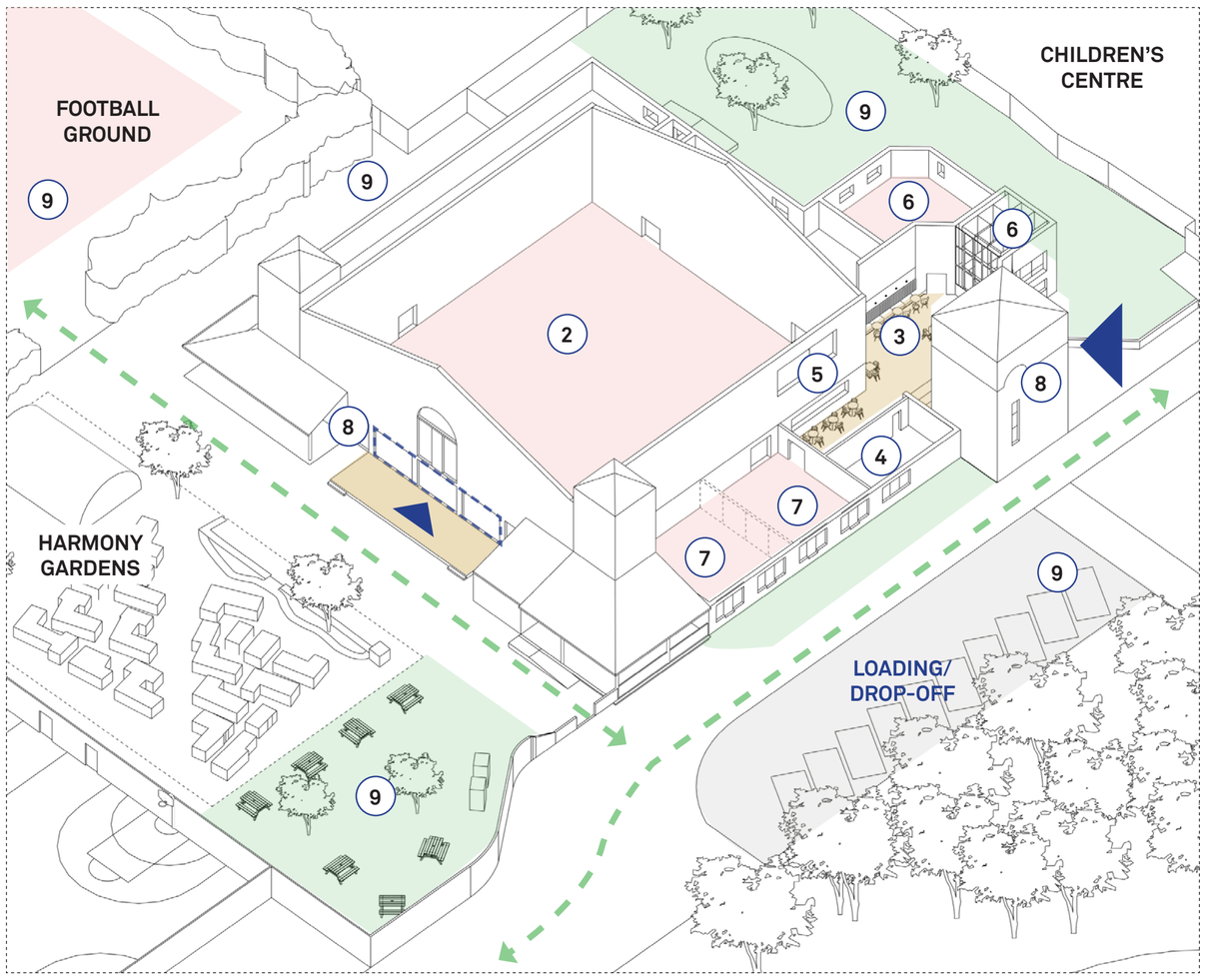
Option 1 - Light refurbishment

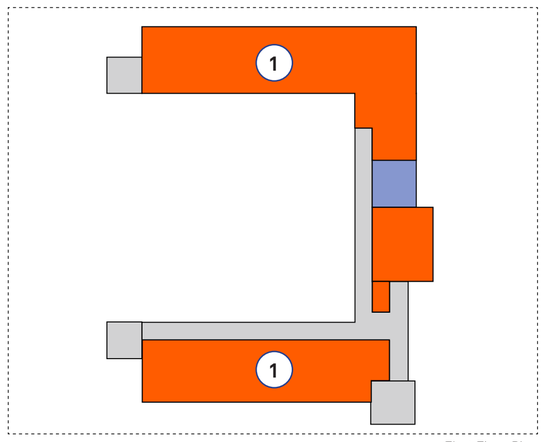
Reconfiguring the existing building



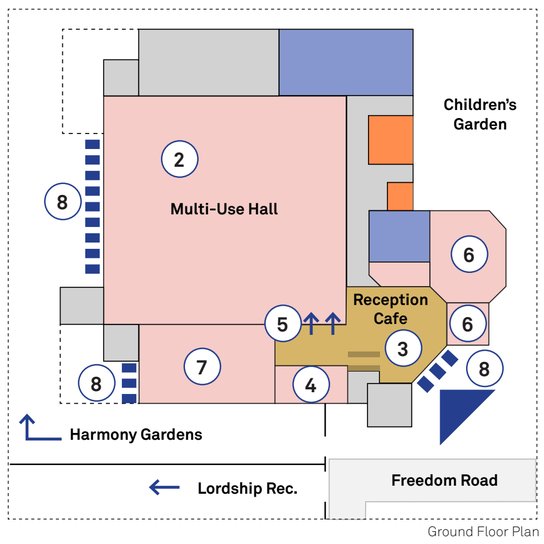
1. Retain workspace at 1st floor.
2. Maintain full-size sports hall, re-decorate to make more attractive for large events.
3. Create cafe-style reception.
4. Turn kitchen entrance out into the corridor.
5. Open spectator gallery with windows into the sports hall.
6. Replace double height gym with a soft play, with bookable room or tenanted workspace to rear.
7. Renovate Jazz Cafe to be a bookable community room(s).
8. Invest in facade upgrades to make centre feel more welcoming (sports hall façade, café and entrance at a minimum).
9. Invest in external spaces and amenities.
10. Invest in programming and marketing.

Key

- Community Bookable
- Public Access
- Community Office
- Workspace
- Toilets and Changing
- Storage and Circulation
- Main Entrance
- Facade Interventions



First Floor Plan



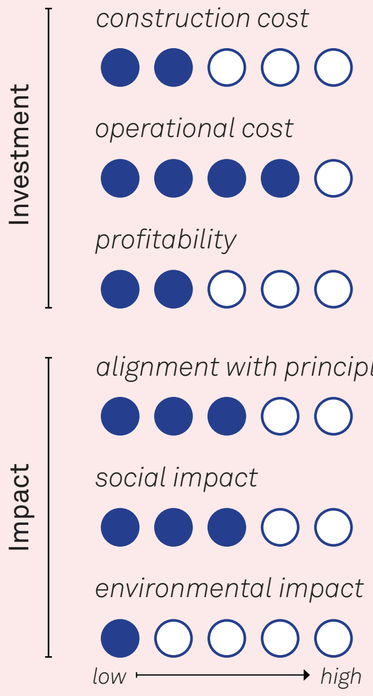
Ground Floor Plan

Operational Considerations

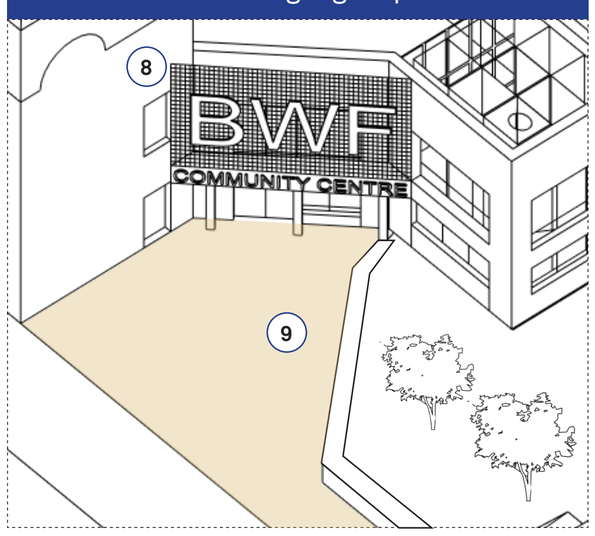
This option relies a lot on operational changes, some elements which should be considered are outlined below;

1. Cafe could be operated independently of kitchen (e.g. reheat-only offer)
2. Kitchen could be let to food businesses, and also used for catering events
3. Hall could be accessed independently from improved park-facing facade
4. Large-scale events may benefit from dedicated loading/ parking areas

Draft Option Scoring



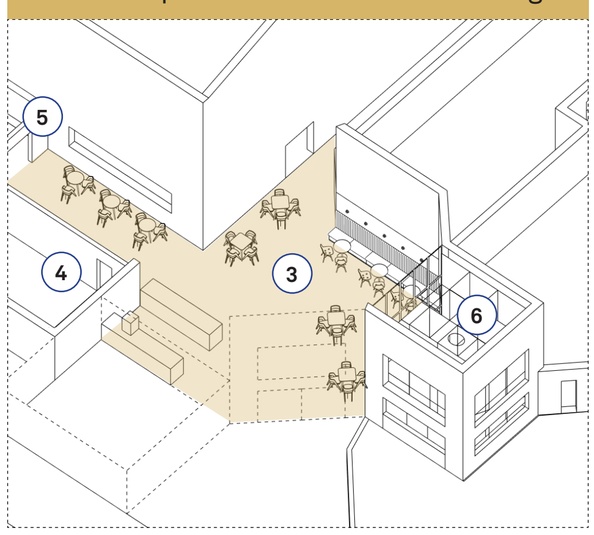
New main entrance signage + public realm





Why?
The building is not very inviting from the outside, with too many doors and no clear entrance and public realm.

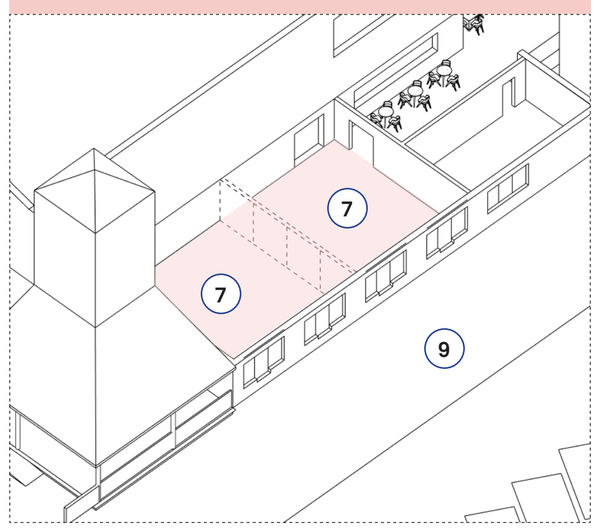
Unlock reception to create new cafe lounge





Why?
Improving the experience of users: The reception desk could double up as a coffee kiosk, providing drinks for visitors and spectators. Additional family facilities.

New community rooms (previous cafe)





Why?
Moving the entrance to the kitchen can allow the jazz cafe to function as an independent bookable and dividable community room(s).

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