

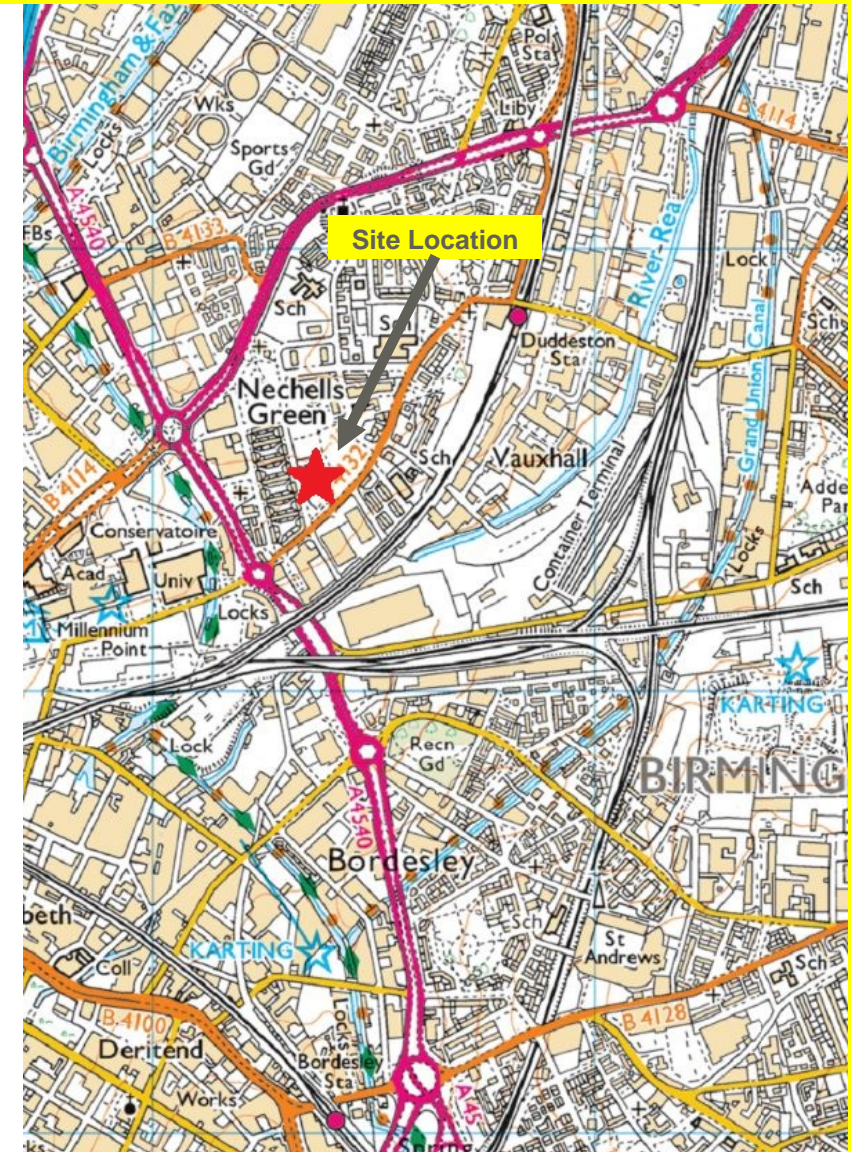
BOA DIGITAL ACADEMY

OVERVIEW OF PLANNING APPLICATION PROPOSALS



Introduction

- We are excited to let you know that a planning application will soon be submitted for a new academy school on the site of the former Vauxhall Gardens Education Centre on Barrack Street, Birmingham.
- The academy will be known as BOA Digital and will specialise in digital technologies. It will be the sister school to the Birmingham Ormiston Academy (BOA), which is located nearby off Jennens Road.
- BOA Digital will cater for 11-18 year olds, with 600 pupils in Years 7-11 and 300 pupils in the Sixth Form.
- The academy is a Department for Education funded project that will be opened in 2022 (subject to receiving planning permission).
- Galliford Try has been selected by the Department for Education to design and build the academy. Galliford Try is a national construction company with lots of experience of building schools.
- Our exciting development proposals have been carefully designed to respond specifically to the nature of the site and the local context.
- Galliford Try will be submitting two planning applications (at the same time) during mid-late October 2020. One of the applications will seek approval for the demolition of the existing buildings on the site, and the other will be a full planning application for the proposed academy.



The development site and context

- The location of the proposed development is the site of the former Vauxhall Gardens Education Centre on Barrack Street.
- The site is approximately 0.5 hectares in size.
- There are existing buildings on the site (the main building and the old caretaker's house) (labelled 1 and 2 overleaf).
- The houses on Barrack Street are part of the Ashcroft Estate which is locally listed (labelled 3 overleaf).
- There are woodland trees to the eastern side of the site (bordering the park area), that also wrap around the existing car park area (labelled 4 overleaf).
- There are trees along the Barrack Street site frontage (labelled 5 overleaf).
- There are two existing access points into the site – one at the bottom end of the site on Barrack Street, and one at the top end of the site on Barrack Street (labelled 6 and 7 overleaf).



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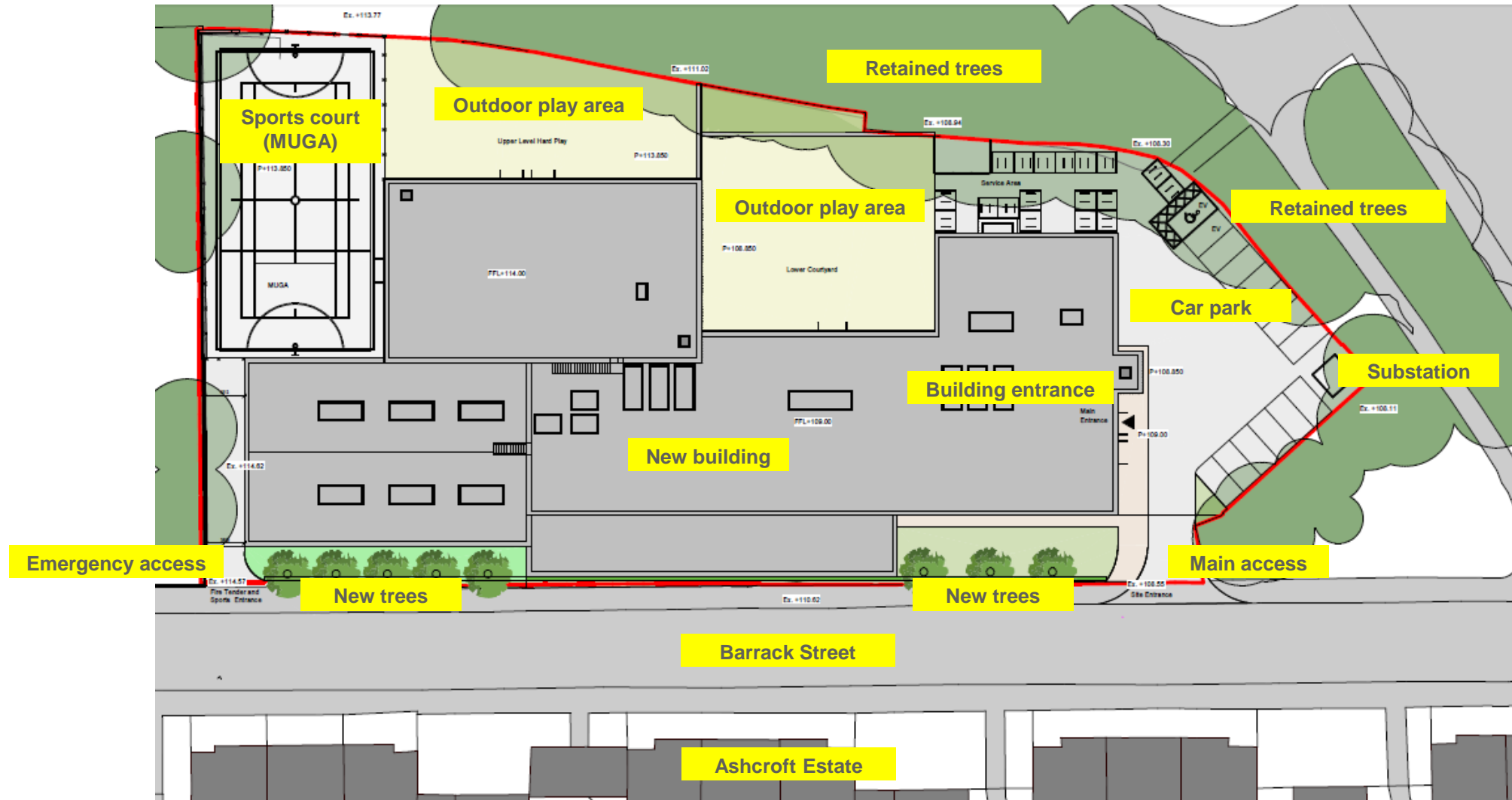


The planning application proposals

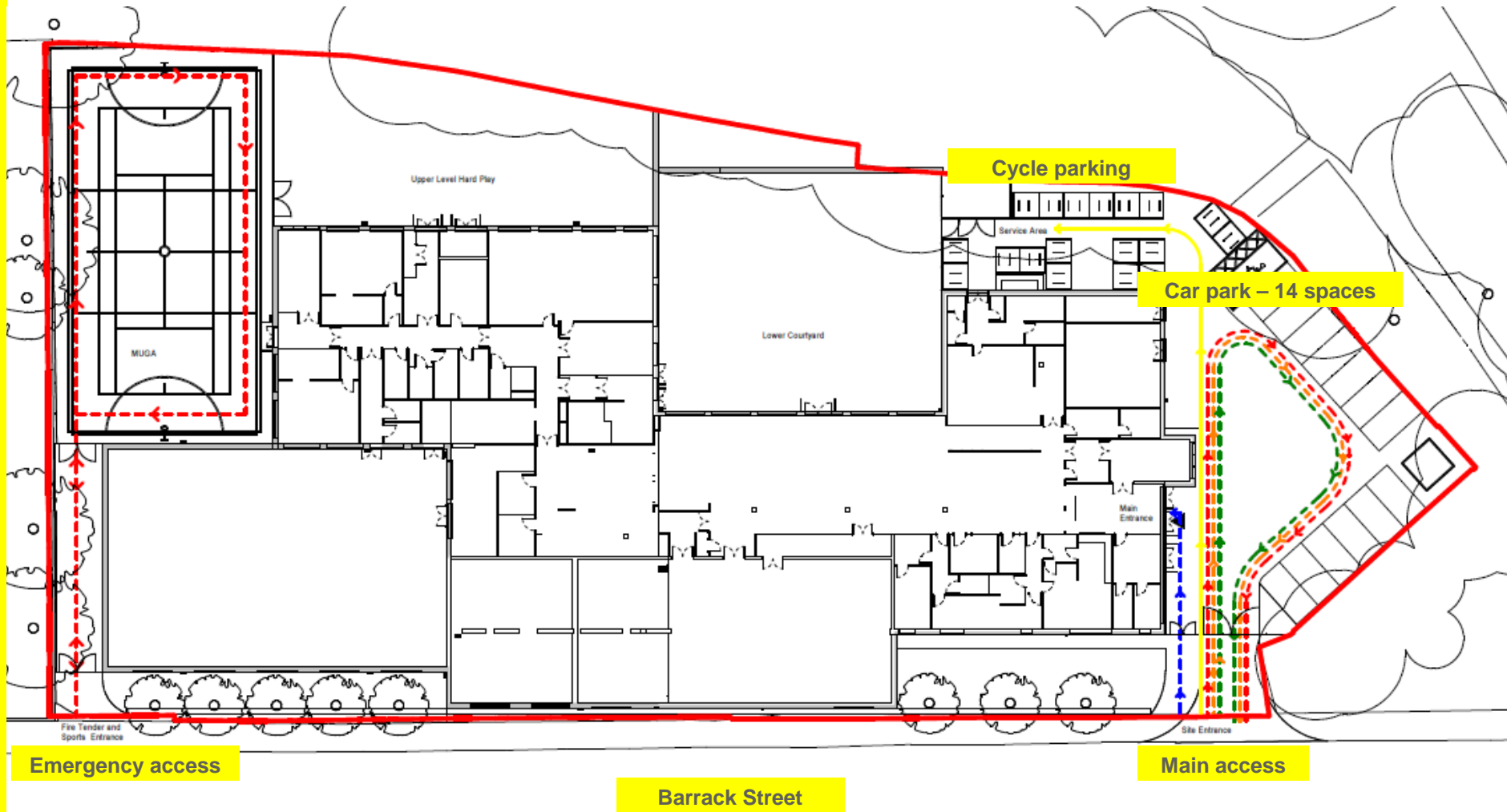
- The two existing buildings on the site will be demolished.
- A new building of approximately 7,300sqm and of 1.5 to 4 storeys in height will be built.
- The new building has been carefully designed to ensure that where the building meets the street it is of a suitable scale, with the higher elements of the new building set back away from the street.
- The new building will be constructed from red brick to match the existing local materials. The very top and the back of the new building will be built with a grey metal finish.
- All vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists will access the site from the existing access point at the bottom of Barrack Street.
- An access for emergencies will be provided at the top end of the site on Barrack Street.
- The woodland trees to the eastern side of the site (bordering the park area) that wrap around the existing car park area will all be retained and protected during construction.
- A number of trees will be removed along the Barrack Street site frontage to allow the building to be constructed. New trees of a suitable size, and a new hedgerow will be planted long Barrack Street to re-provide a green corridor along this side of the street.



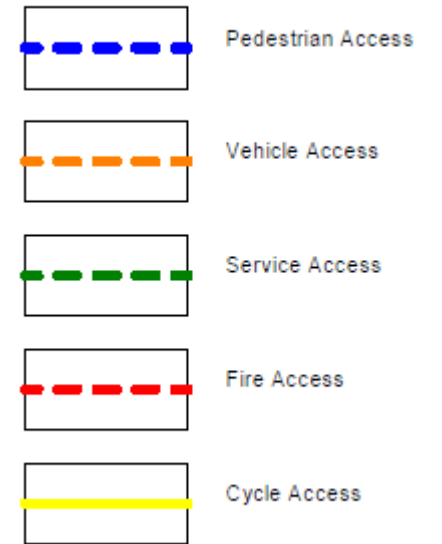
The proposed site layout plan



The proposed access arrangements



ACCESS LEGEND



Highway improvements

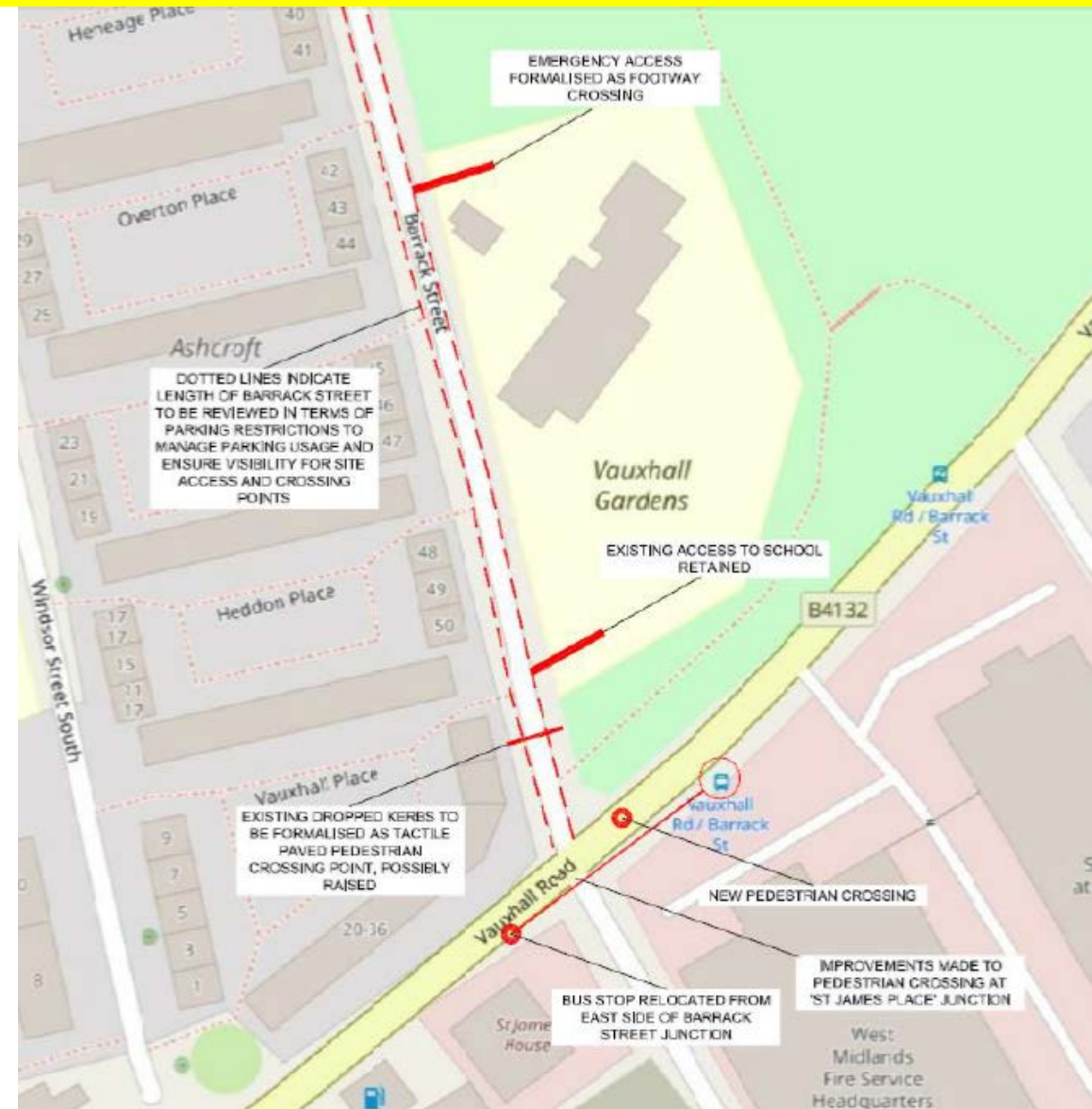
Our proposed highway improvements are detailed below. We have discussed these with Birmingham City Council and we are currently awaiting their feedback and agreement. They may, therefore, be subject to change.

Pedestrian Crossings

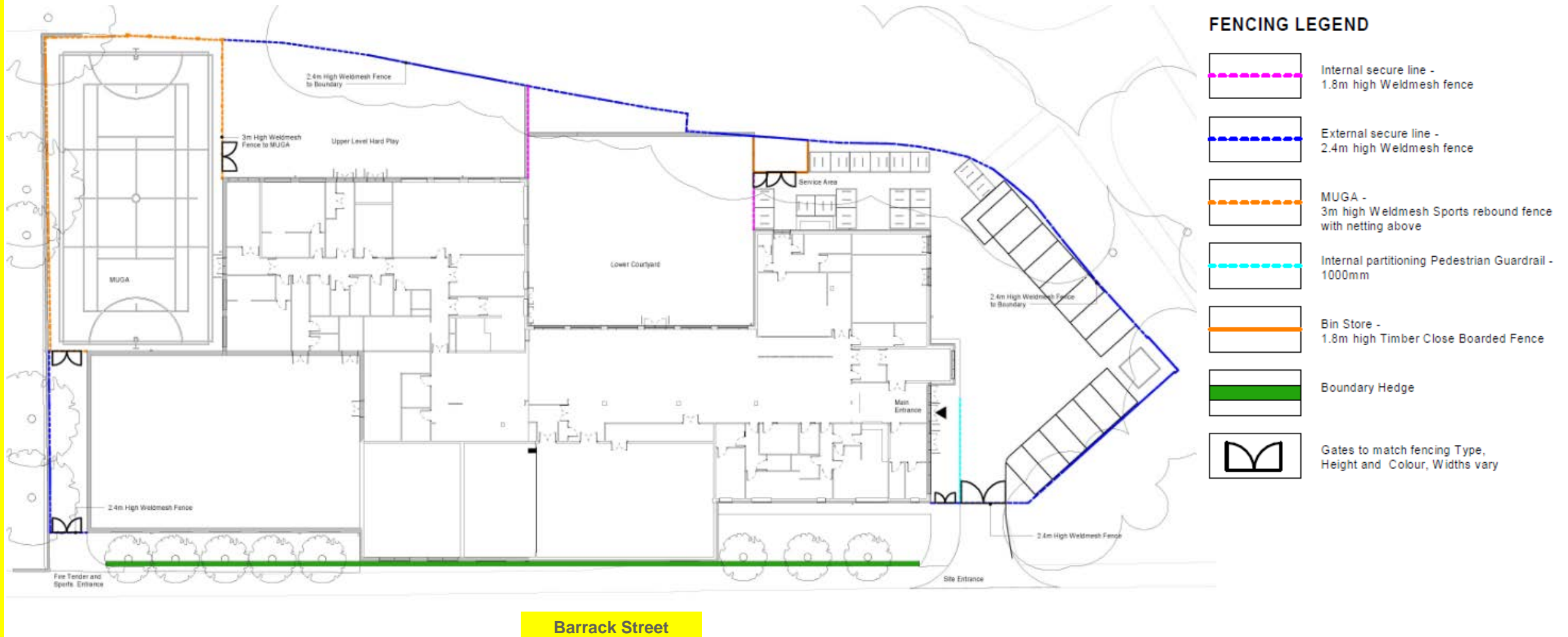
- Proposed new pedestrian crossing along Vauxhall Road immediately to the east of the junction with Barrack Street (to accommodate pedestrian movements to the westbound bus stop and movements to/from the city centre). The bus stop will likely need to be relocated to the west of the junction and improvements to the crossing of St James' Place made.
- Proposed improvement to the existing uncontrolled pedestrian crossing along Barrack Street - to reduce the crossing width and improve pedestrian visibility. This arrangement is considered consistent with the 20mph speed limit on Barrack Street.

Parking Restrictions

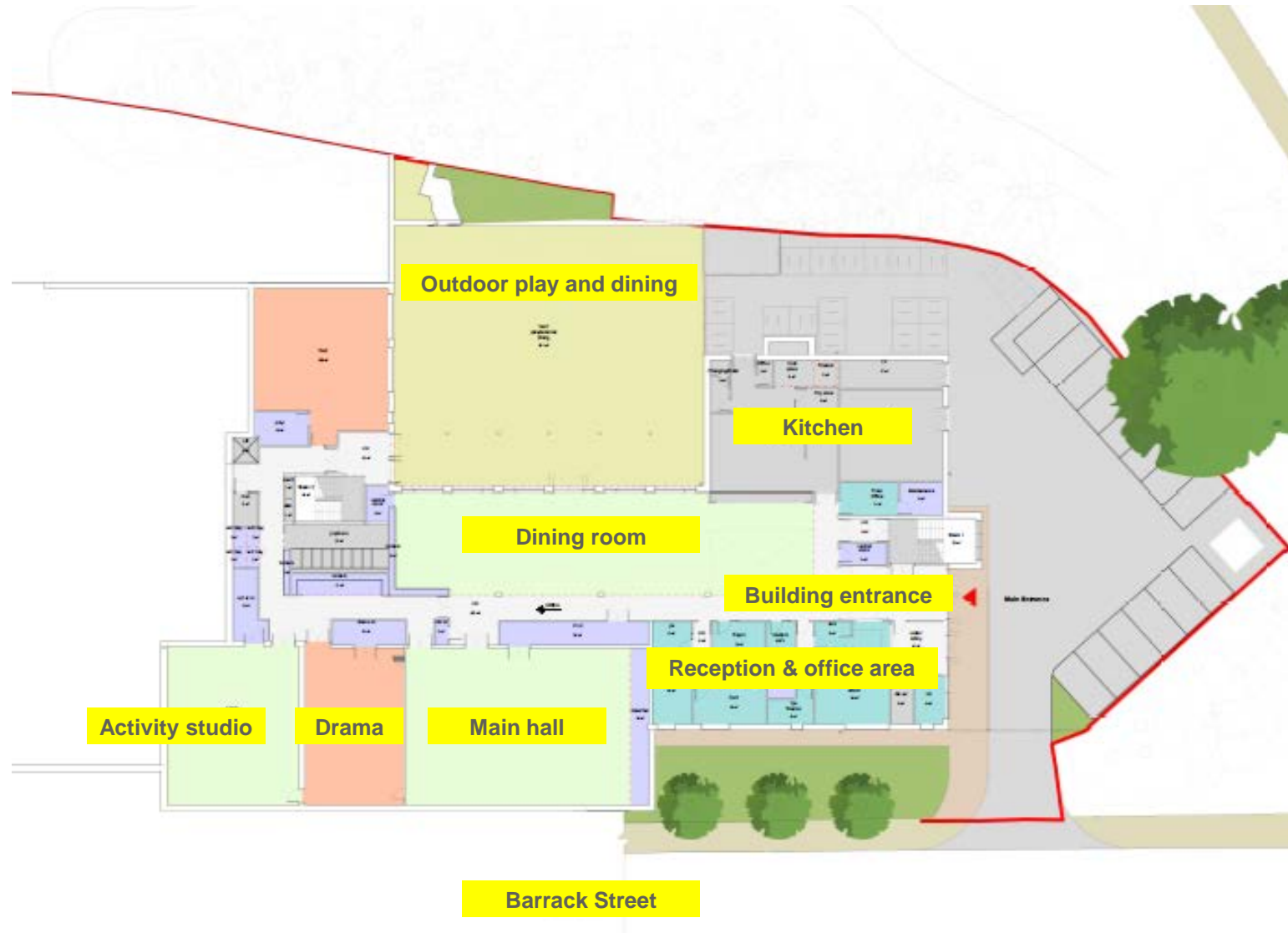
- Proposed extension of 'No-waiting-at-any-time' double yellow lines from Vauxhall Road around the corner into Barrack Street;
- Proposed 'School – Keep Clear' and zig-zag markings to indicate the presence of a school and prevent parking and idling directly outside the school gates;
- Proposed parking restrictions along the western side of Barrack Street, to facilitate residents only parking and prevent/discourage other parking; and
- Parking restrictions along the eastern side of Barrack Street, to facilitate pupil drop-off and collection, enable coach parking for school trips and prevent/discourage other parking.



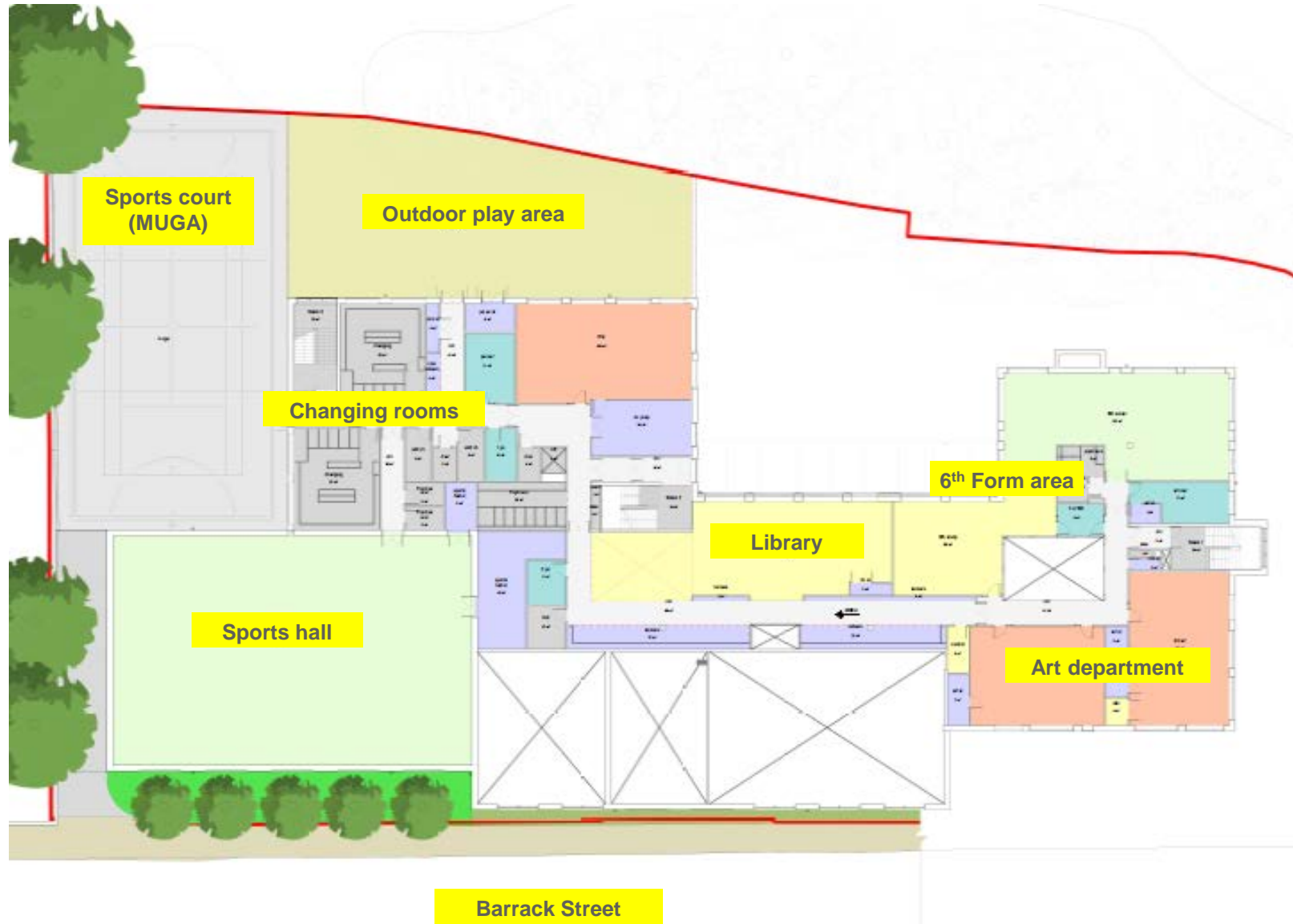
The proposed site boundaries



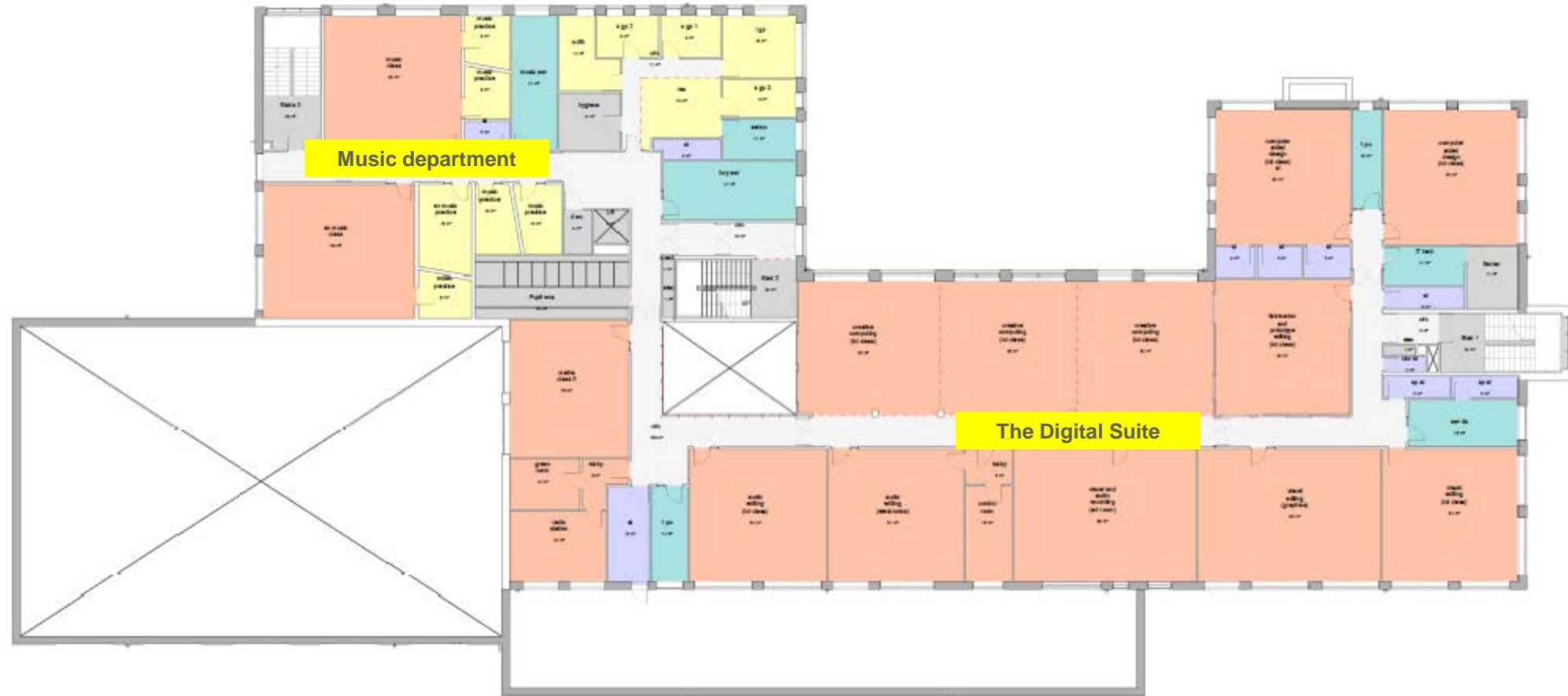
The lower ground floor plan



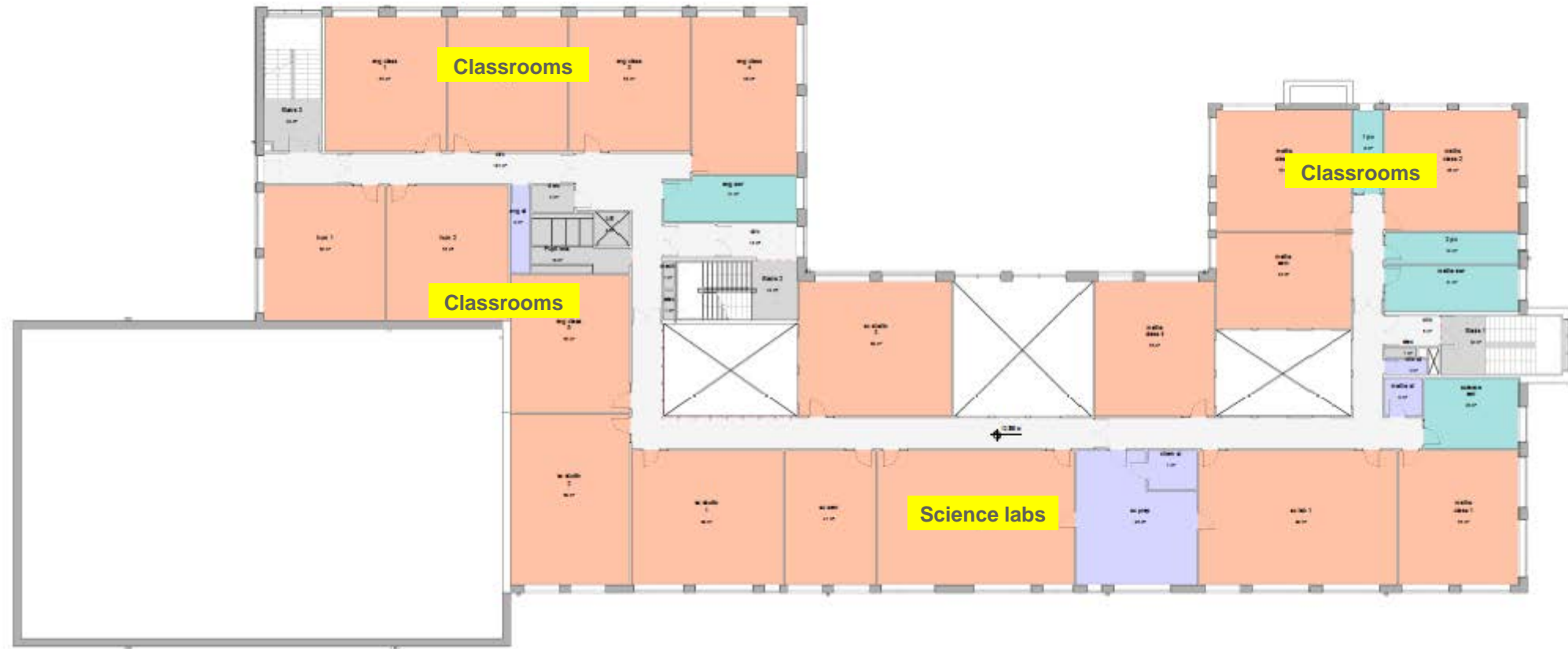
The upper ground floor plan



The first floor plan



The second floor plan



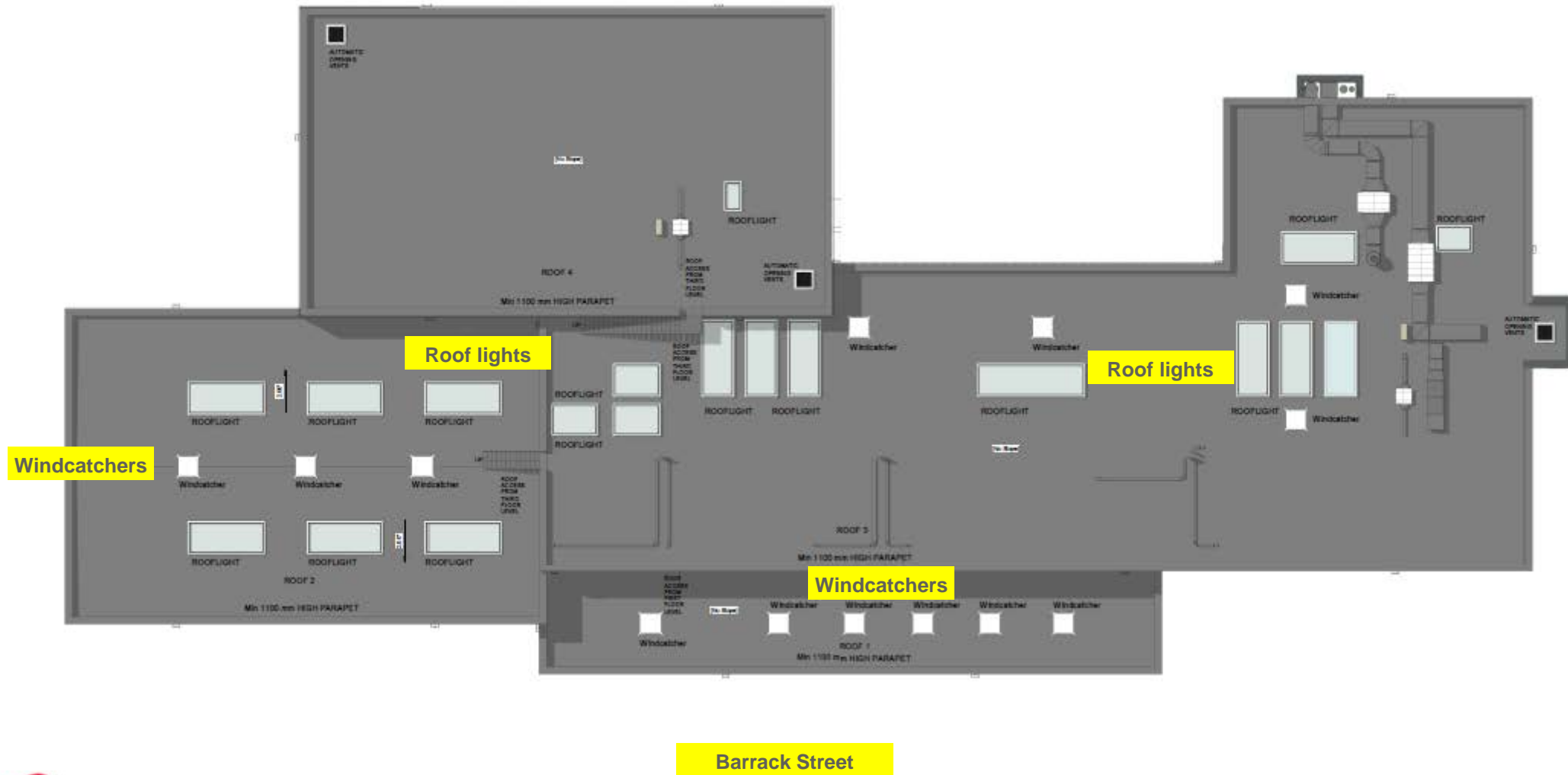
Barrack Street

The third floor plan



Barrack Street

The roof plan



Internal visualisations



Digital Suite



IT classroom

Internal visualisations



Dining room looking through to outside play area



Looking from the entrance area through to the dining room

External visualisations from Barrack Street



View of the main access and building entrance from Barrack Street



View of the building looking southwards along Barrack Street

External visualisations from the east



View of the building and sports court from the north-east



View of the building and outdoor play area from the south east

Getting in touch

- The development proposals can be viewed online and you can also contact the Galliford Try Design Team if you have any questions or comments to share.
 - View our proposals online at <https://www.boa-digital.co.uk/planningapplication>
 - Email the Design Team at boadigital.uk@avisonyoung.com
 - Please send in questions or comments no later than 12th October 2020
- If you do not have access to the internet, please get in touch in writing at: BOA Digital, c/o Birmingham Ormiston Academy, 1 Grosvenor St, Birmingham, B4 7QD or call 0121 359 9300.