WELCOME

Welcome to the stakeholder engagement workshop to discuss the developing proposals for improvements to the Students' Union Building (B42).

CONTEXT

The SUSU has long been aware that there is not enough bookable space or storage for its clubs and societies. Since the creation of new sports facilities in the Jubilee, a number of spaces such as the former squash courts have become available for development.

The University of Southampton is also looking to address backlog maintenance and building fabric issues with Building 42, which was built in the 1960s and houses the Students' Union.

The ultimate desire of SUSU is achieve an upgraded, more sustainable and modern space which provides a better student experience. However before this can be achieved, the backlog maintenance and building fabric issues need to be resolved.

THE NEED

Creation of Multi-purpose spaces
New flexible multi-purpose spaces & storage areas will be created within existing underused spaces to provide new uses that are more aligned to the students' and societies' needs.

Study Spaces
To improve and provide new social study areas within the SUSU.

Visual and Physical Connection
To improve the connectivity between the levels of the building, particularly from Level 1 to 2 to enhance the experience of people navigating and using the building.

Accessibility
Improve the accessibility and inclusivity of the building for a diverse range of people.

Remedial Works & Repair
Repair & restore the existing building to bring in line with modern building standards where possible.

Sustainability
To align with the University's strategic sustainability goals with the proposed works.

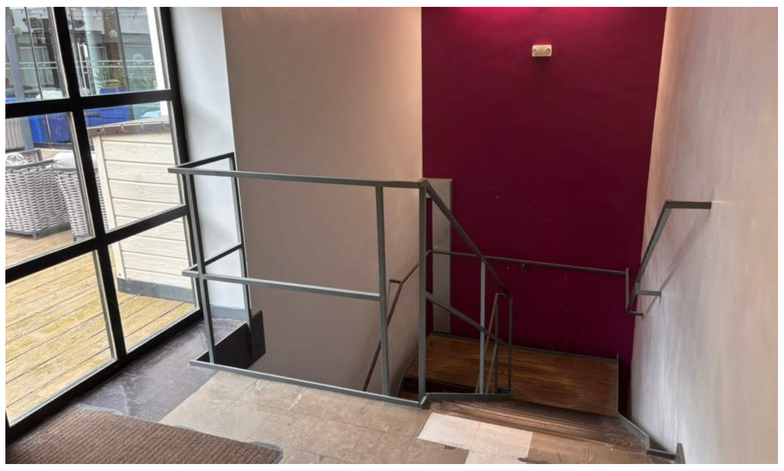
SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

- Indoor Environment
- Biophilic Design
- Natural Daylight
- Inclusive Design
- Water Use
- Flexibility / Adaptability
- Energy Use
- Renewable Energies
- Natural Materials
- Thermal Comfort


View of Existing Below Deck Terrace from Level 2

Existing Main Entrance on Level 4

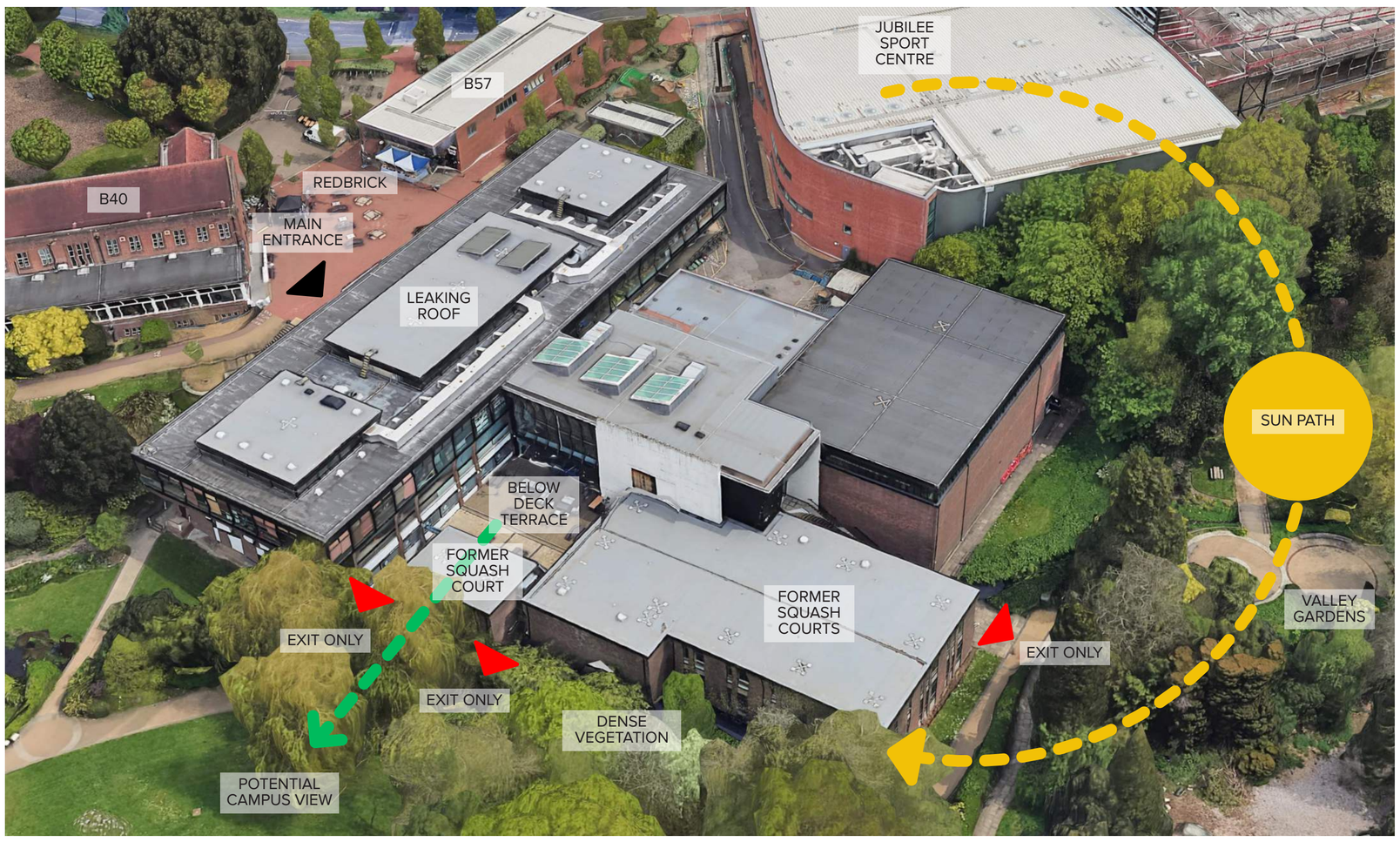
Level 2 Route to Level 1 from Below Deck


Existing Staircase Down to Level 1


Existing Below Deck Terrace on Level 2


Existing Redundant Squash Court on Level 1

SITE OVERVIEW



TIMELINE

- RIBA Stakeholder engagement with students & Technical Advisory Group — Winter 2025
- Planning Application — Winter 2025
- Further stakeholder engagement — Winter 2025
- Start on site — Summer 2026
- Completion — 2027

QR CODE

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INITIAL PROPOSALS

LEVEL 4

Improved main entrance & building signage.

New wind lobby to reduce energy loss and improve building performance.

Increased space on Concourse by moving print shop to Level 3.

Additional lift access down to level 2-3 (viability subject to Lift Specialist input).

Level 4 roof to be replaced and new solar panels to be installed for renewable energy and improved building fabric energy performance.

LEVEL 3

Refreshed social study spaces.

Multipurpose space with bar for events that can be sub-divided to cater for two smaller groups or one larger group.

Out of hours access storage.

Refurbished toilets.

LEVEL 2

New glazed extension with social study spaces that can be used for event bookings.

External terrace extension over redundant squash court to open up views to the surrounding campus.

Conversion of squash court into multi-purpose spaces for student societies.

Performance studio galleries and control room.

Re-modelled toilets.

New lift and stair core to provide level access to Level 1.

LEVEL 1

Conversion of squash court into multi-purpose spaces for student societies.

Conversion of squash court 2 & 4 into a Performance studio for multi-purpose use including live music events.

New toilets adjacent to performance studio.

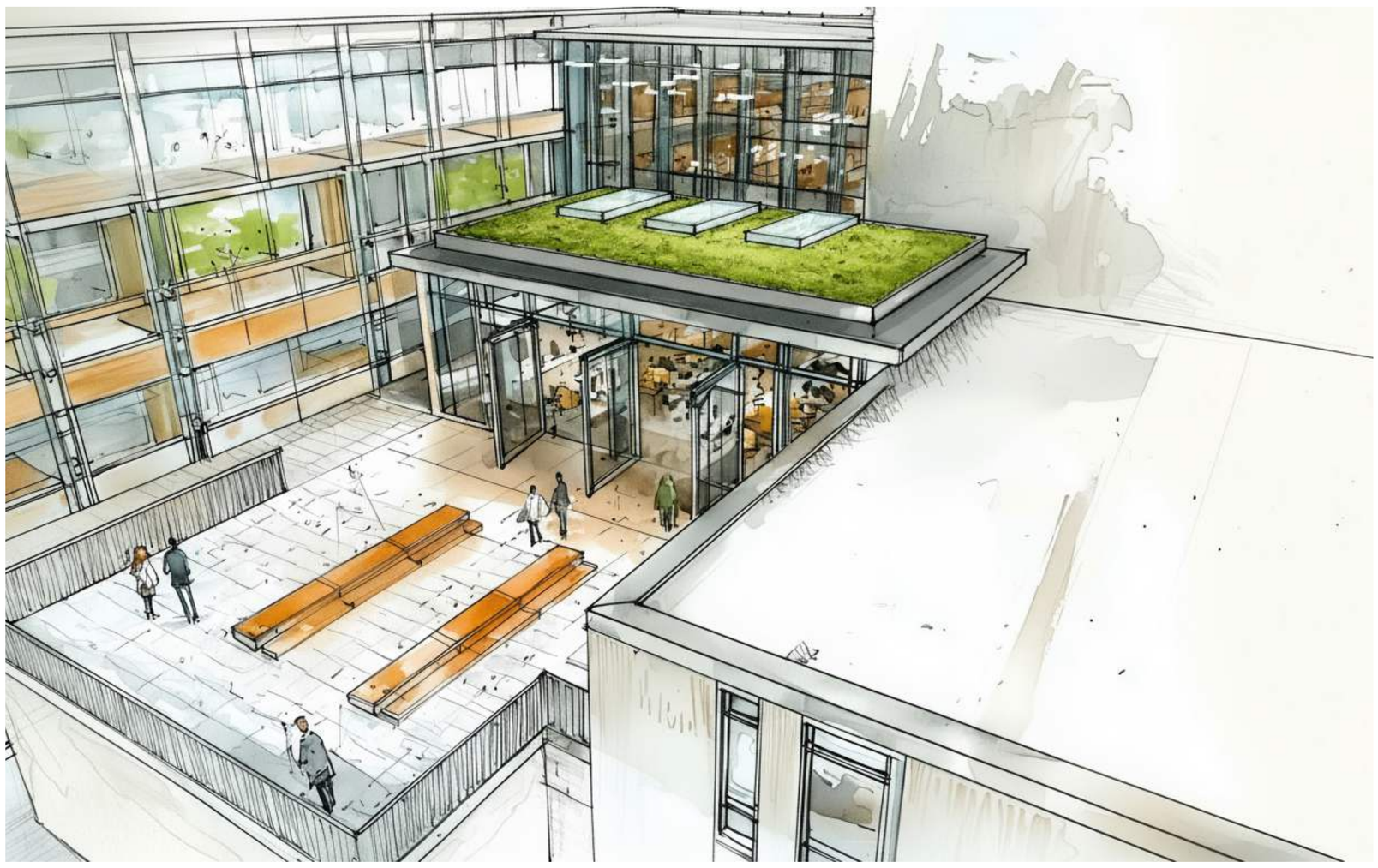
Improved Level 1 Entrance.

New accessible change areas.

Out of hours access storage.

AERIAL VIEW

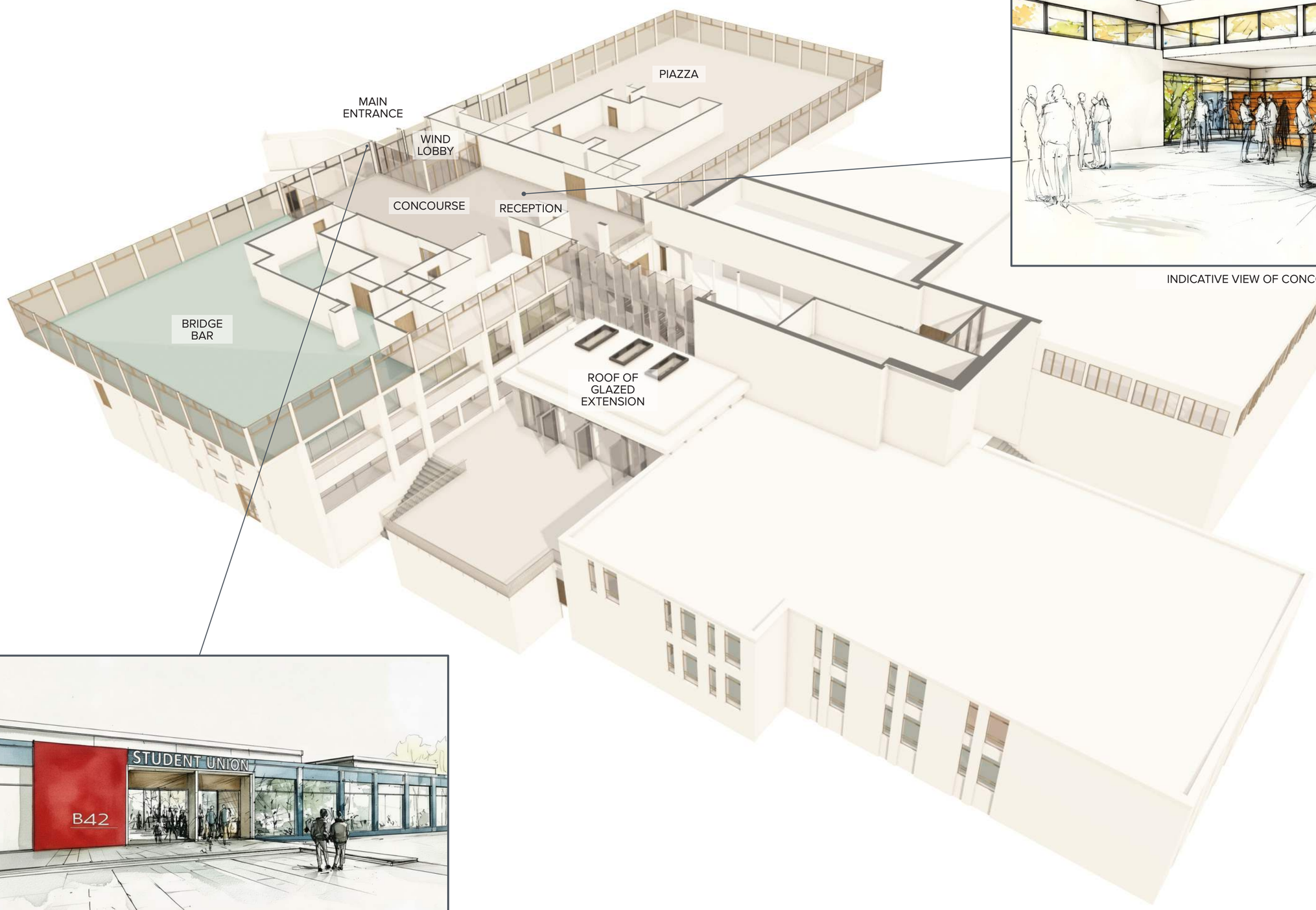
NEW GLAZED EXTENSION & TERRACE IMPROVEMENTS



SECTION VIEW

LEVEL 3 & 4 PROPOSALS

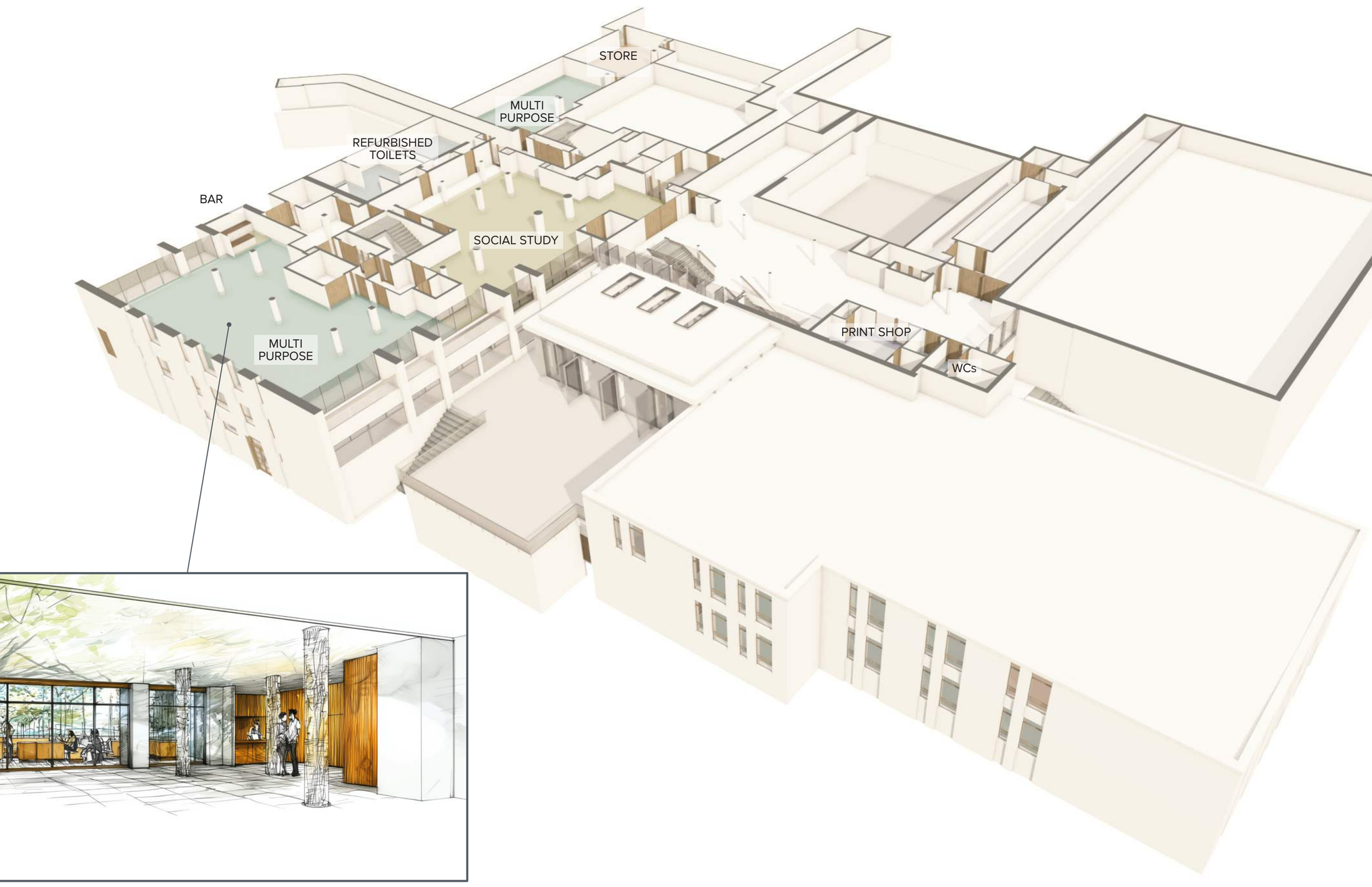
LEVEL 4



INDICATIVE VIEW OF CONCOURSE

INDICATIVE VIEW OF NEW MAIN ENTRANCE

LEVEL 3

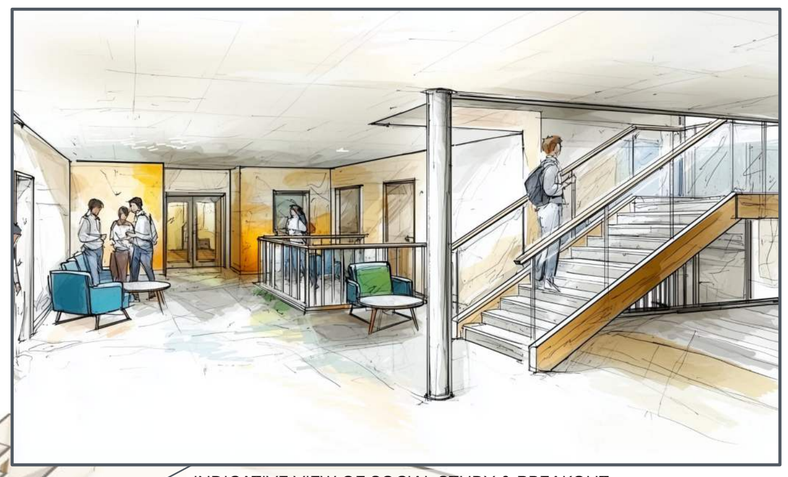


INDICATIVE VIEW OF MULTI PURPOSE

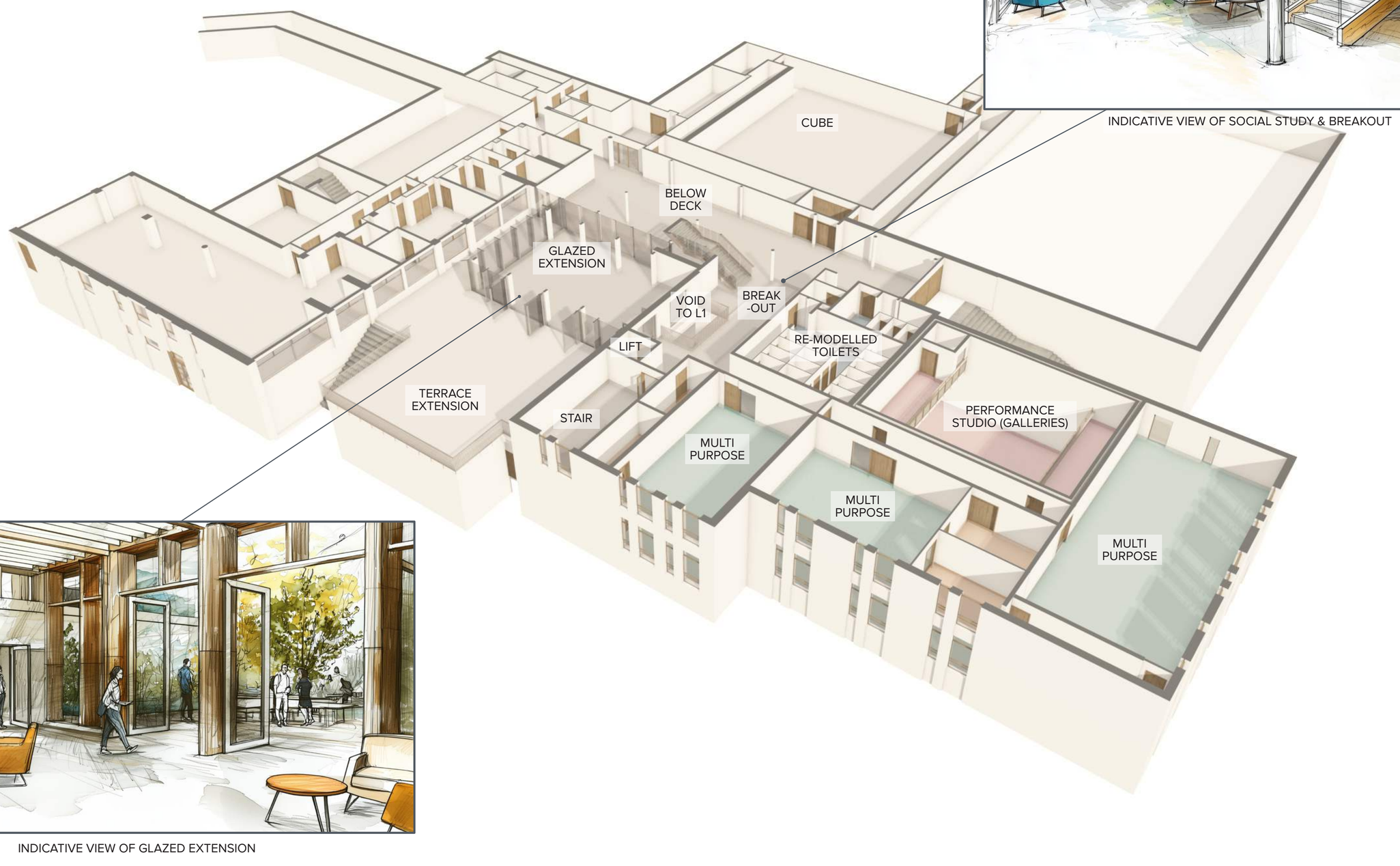
B42 STUDENTS' UNION REFURBISHMENT

LEVEL 1 & 2 PROPOSALS

LEVEL 2

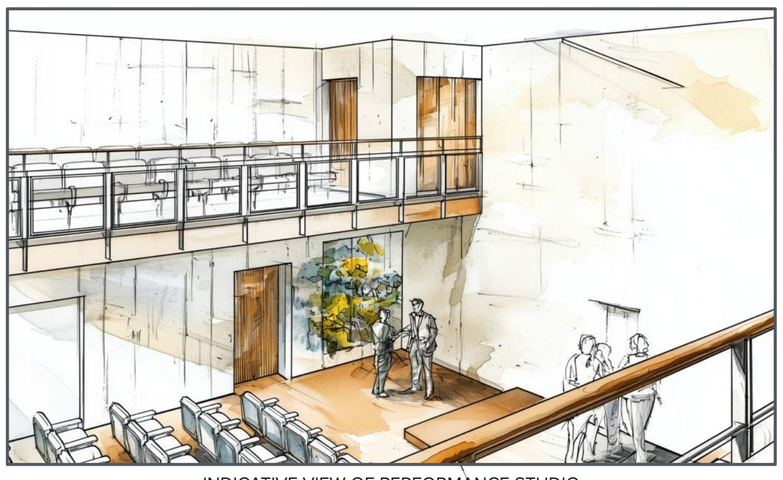


INDICATIVE VIEW OF SOCIAL STUDY & BREAKOUT



INDICATIVE VIEW OF GLAZED EXTENSION

LEVEL 1



INDICATIVE VIEW OF PERFORMANCE STUDIO