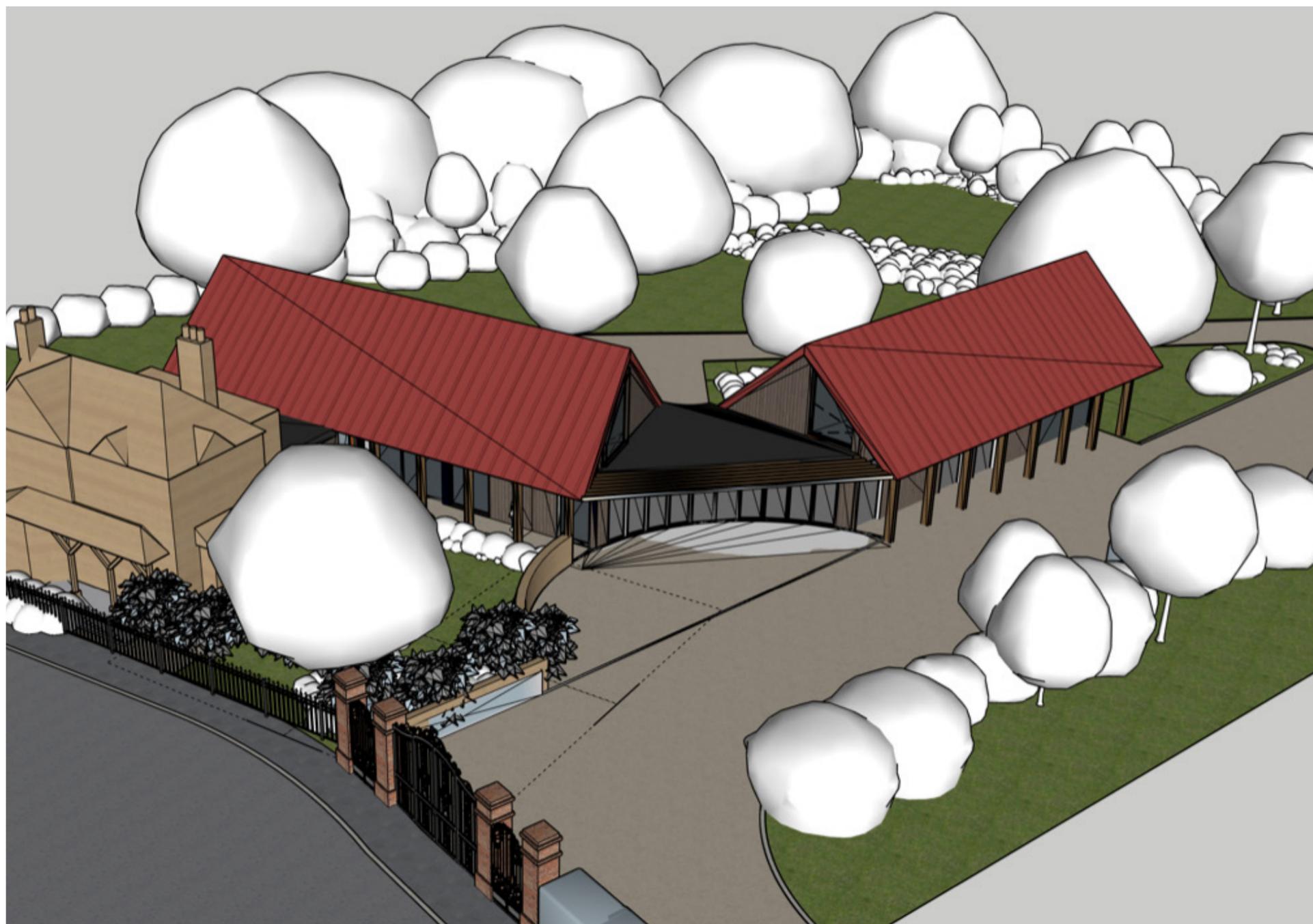


MALDON MUSEUM PROJECT

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Site Description

The site comprises an area of 1300m² adjacent to the north eastern entrance of the Promenade Park in Maldon.

Existing buildings comprise the original lodge building and its single storey rear extension and a brick built outbuilding, These are currently occupied by Maldon Museum which is open on selected days from March to September.

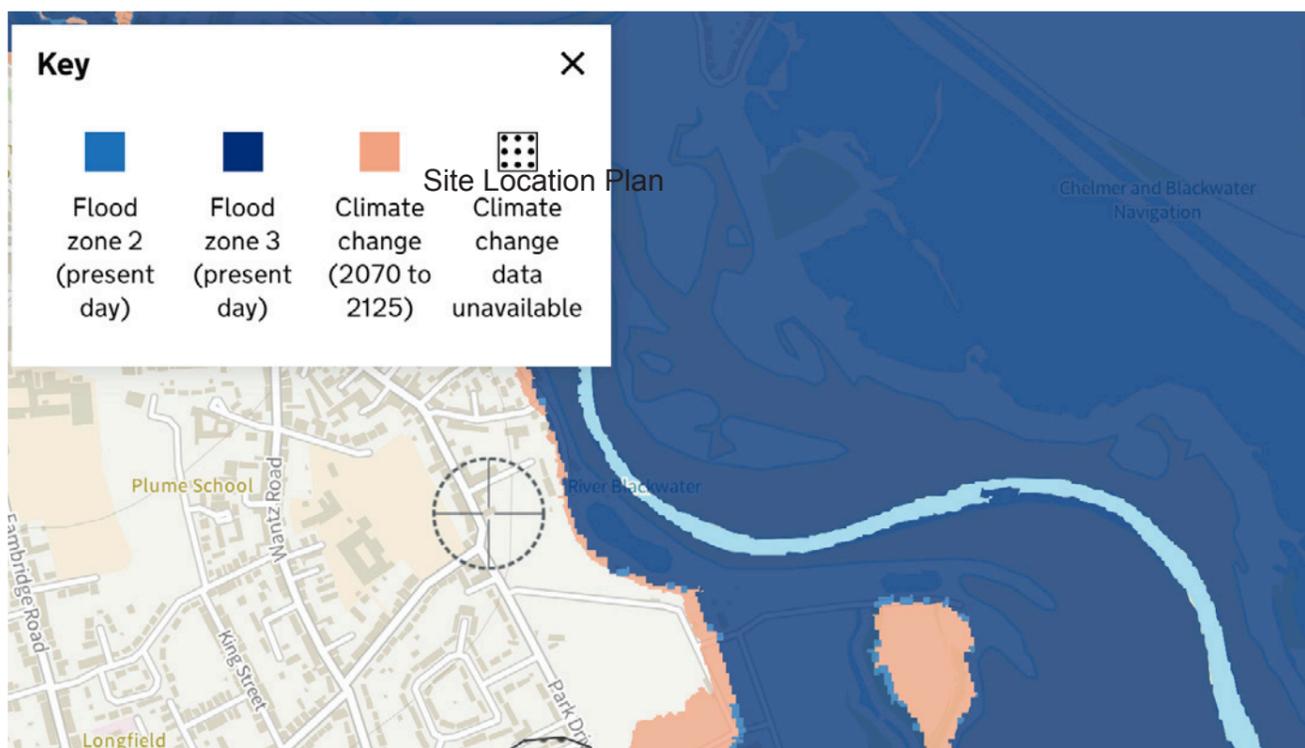
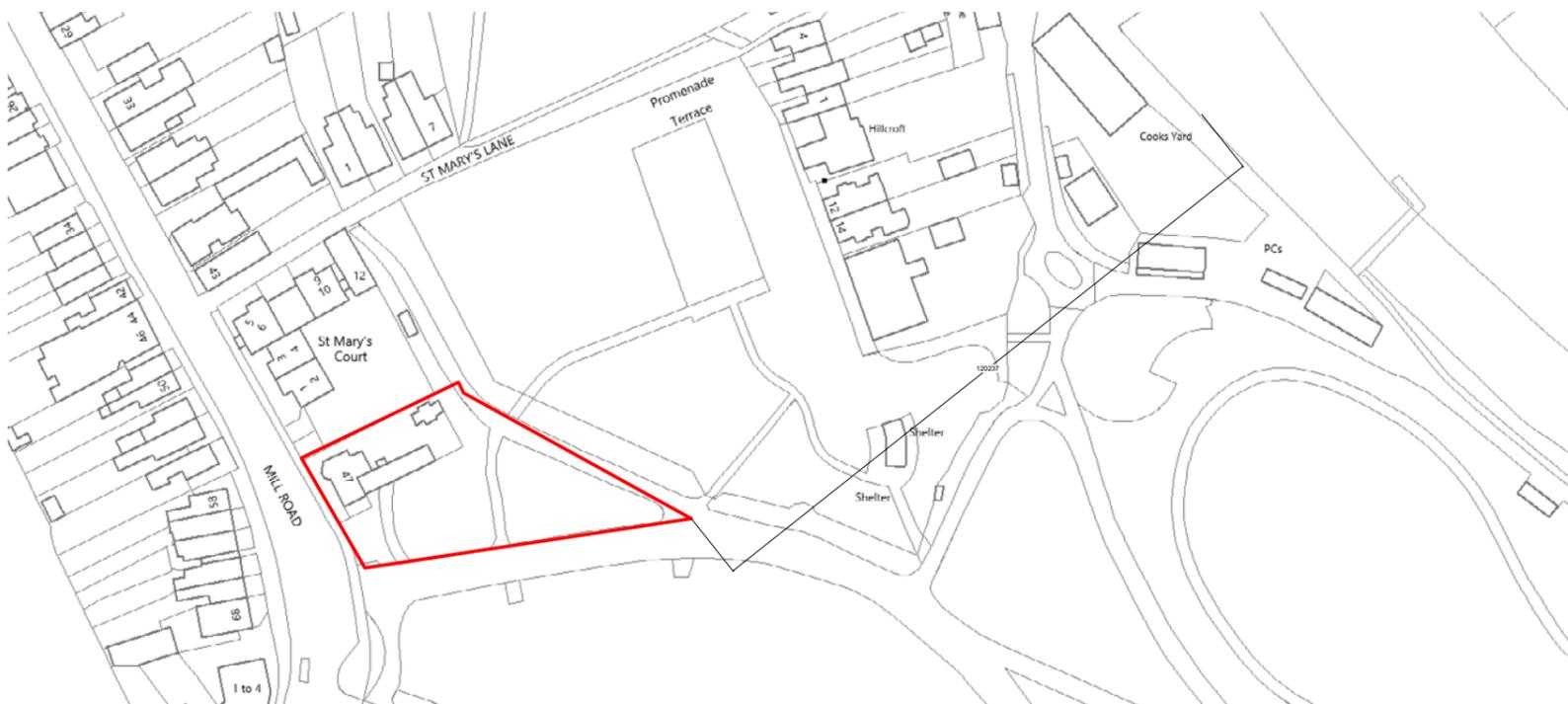
The site is approximately 120m from the river bank, 9m above sea level and approximately 5m above the level of the Quay. This location places the site outside the floodzone. The eastern corner of the south provides views through the park to the Blackwater Estuary, this view is known for its spectacular sunrises.

The southern edge of the site meets the main walkway from the entrance of the park which then continues down to the lake and River Blackwater beyond. This route is active all year round with people walking and jogging and making use of the many facilities of the park.

Further south from this walkway is the main park car park which is open from 8am daily until the close of the park.

The original building is two storey with a clay tiled roof, facing brickwork and some render with decorative timber bracing. The building was completed in 1915 and is locally listed (but not nationally so). Whilst it is a building that gives character to the entrance of the park it is not considered to be architecturally significant.

The museum building currently has an entrance on its southern side which connects to the main walkway. The original front entrance onto Mill Road is still in place and side gate allows access to the northern side of the building from Mill Road into the rear courtyard space. This access can also be used for servicing.



Flood Map

Description of proposal

The extension to the museum comprises new exhibition spaces, a new entrance and shop area, a cafe space and refurbished spaces within the existing building which can be identified for community and learning uses.

The proposal is conceived as two barn-like, pavilion buildings which meet at the new entrance to the building. This area creates a new public space.

The pitched roof structures emulate the buildings associated with the river. The Pigmento Red colours roofs reflect the colours and forms of the barge sales.

The building will be built using CLT panels allowing timber to be exposed internally in large vaulted spaces. A colonnade structure wraps around the southern and western elevations creating shading to large areas of glazing and a sheltered area for entry to the various parts of the building.

Size of proposal

The existing building has a GIA of 110m²

The proposed extension has a GIA of 295m²

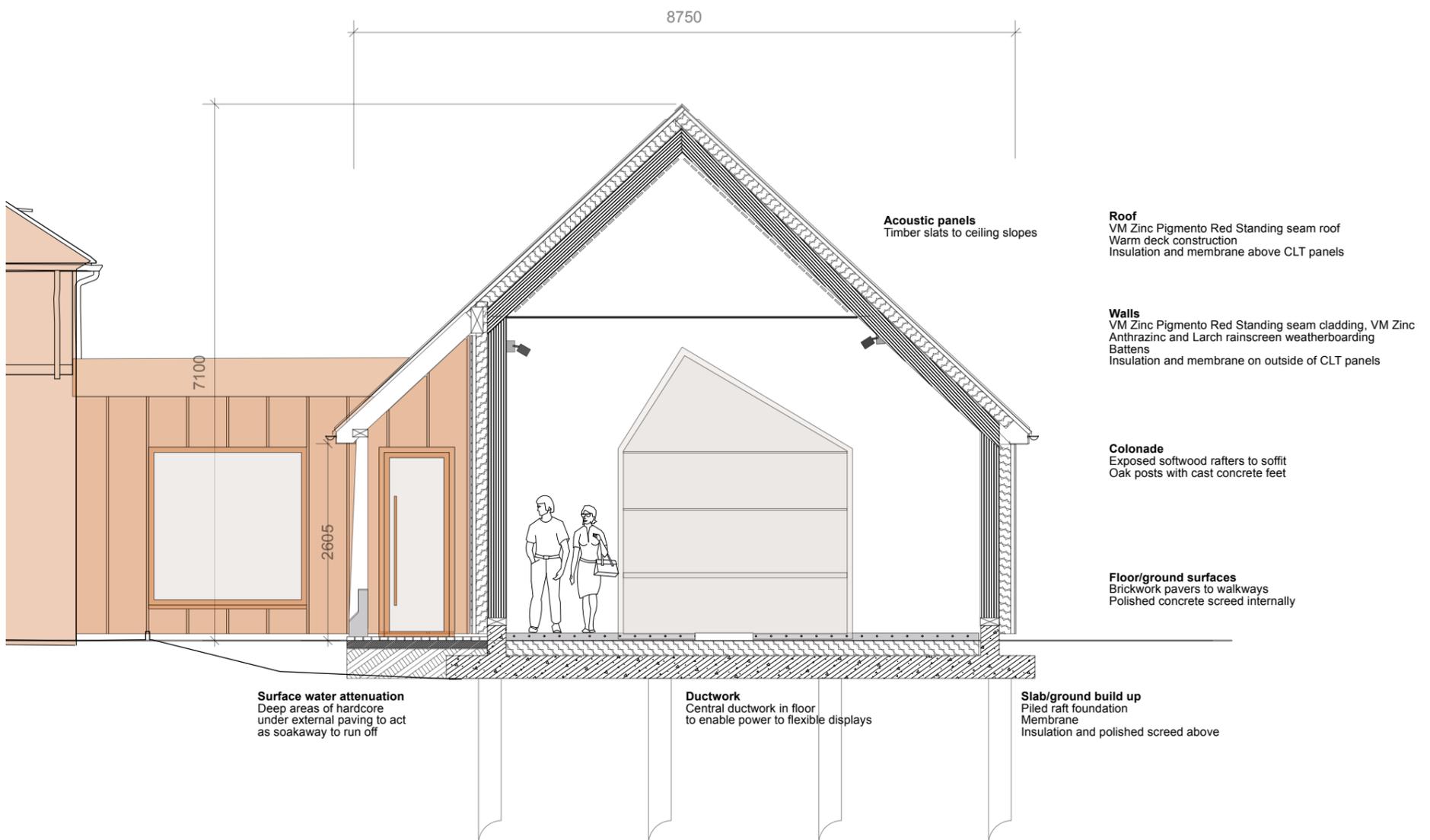
Comprising

Exhibition space 112m²

Ancillary Space 40m²

Entrance area/visitors and shop 60m²

Cafe space 84m²



Scope of works to existing building

Re-roofing with insulation between and under rafters.

Replacement double glazed windows.

Internally insulated - 100mm stud lining with mineral wood fibre between studs (allowing existing solid masonry structure to breath).

New timber floor finishes and redecoration throughout

Heating system independent from extension- traditional boiler, radiators.

New electrical and plumbing installation

Construction

Primary structure to used 250mm CLT panels. Membranes, insulation, battening and finish to external face. CLT left exposed internally.



External Finishes

Combination of zinc and timber cladding to external walls.
VMZinc Pigmento Red and Anthrazinc
Open Rainscreen Larch Boards

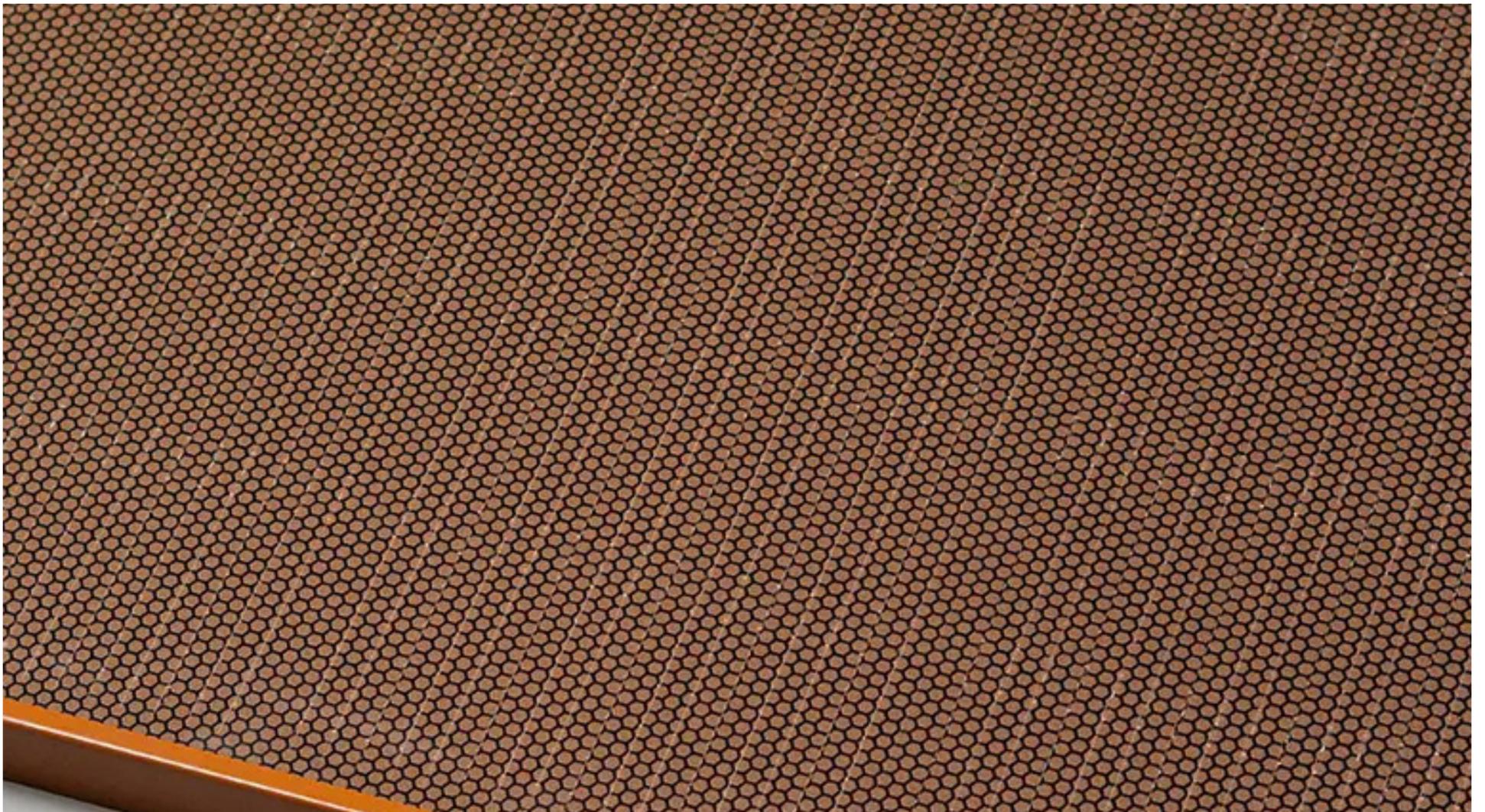
Triple glazed aluminium windows and doors



Roofing materials

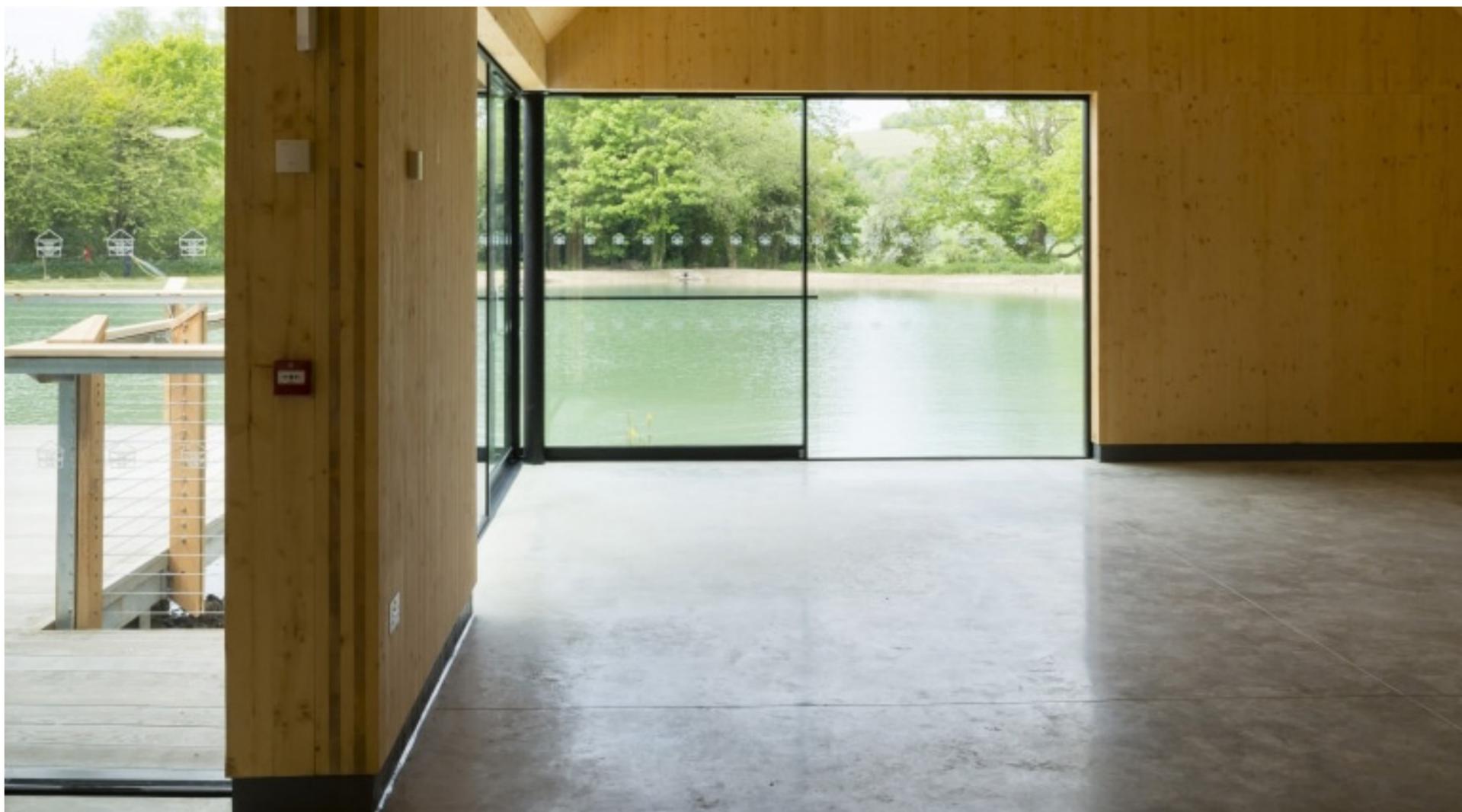
VM Zinc Pigmento Red standing seam panels to roof.

Integrated 'terracotta' solar PV panels to southern and western slopes - area of PV potentially 80m².



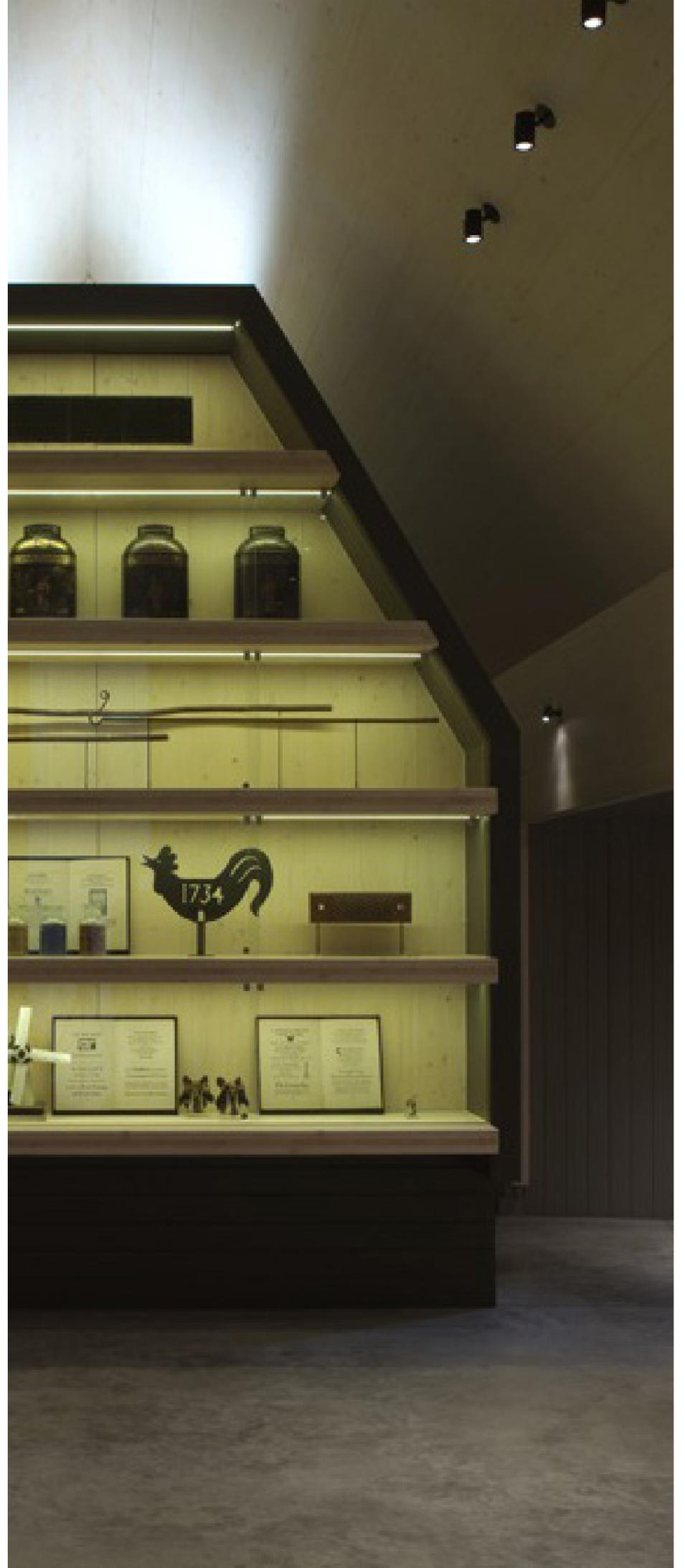
Interior fit out

Interior walls and ceilings to be exposed CLT panels
Polished screed flooring throughout to thickness of 80mm with underfloor heating integrated
Large areas of glazing to cafe looking towards the river.



Display space

Glazed, movable displays cases to centre of new exhibition space.
Central trunking to floor to allow for power to units
Overhead lighting on lowered suspended grid at a height of 3.2m from finished floor



Landscaping

Curved bench to entrance spaces 700mm deep x 500mm high.
Inner radius 8750mm

Brickwork pavers to external surface to allow run off through into 500mm subbase for attenuation. Total area of paving 140m².

Planting around external artefacts to front garden.



Landscaping- colonnade structure

Oak posts with shuttered bespoke concrete feet.
Exposed softwood rafters and battens with ply above and VM Zinc standing seam.

