

Design Update: Hebrides People Visitor Centre

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Revision A

Section 5. added

- 1. Existing Site
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- 5. Buildings Design Overview



1.

Existing Site

The design drawings have been updated to clarify which features are identified for removal.

These features are highlighted red.

Minimum no. of trees identified for removal to facilitate construction of accommodation building

All vegetation removed where affected by new building and parking footprint



Existing (unused) septic tank removed

Oil tanks removed - noted risk of ground contamination

Non Native species selectively removed. Native species retained in this area.

Full extent of existing stone walls to be removed to accommodate proposed new parking area.

Stone to be retained for re-use.

Sections of the existing foot path may be retained to facilitate maintenance access

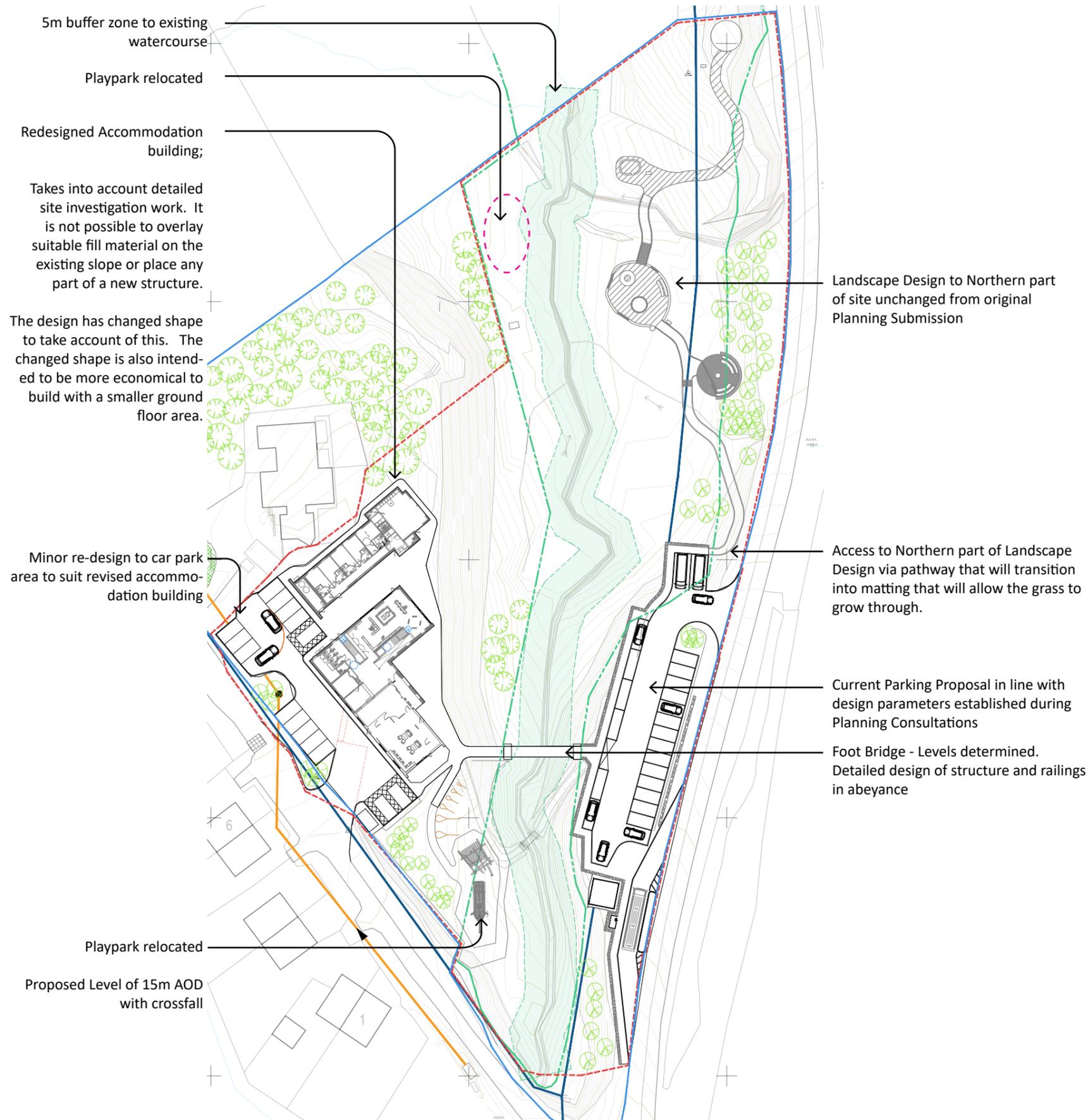
Existing bus shelter removed

Non Native Sitka Spruce to be removed to facilitate new access and parking to be constructed and planting of native species

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2.

Proposed Site



The coordinated design overview layout is shown on Architect's Drawing;

2303_AL_090_E_Site Arrangement

This drawing is to be read in context with the Engineer's and Landscape Architect's Drawings

The key matters are summarized here;

The site layout circulated in May formed the basis of the agreed design that the Design Team would use in order to prepare the full set of coordinated design drawings that would be resubmitted in support of the planning application

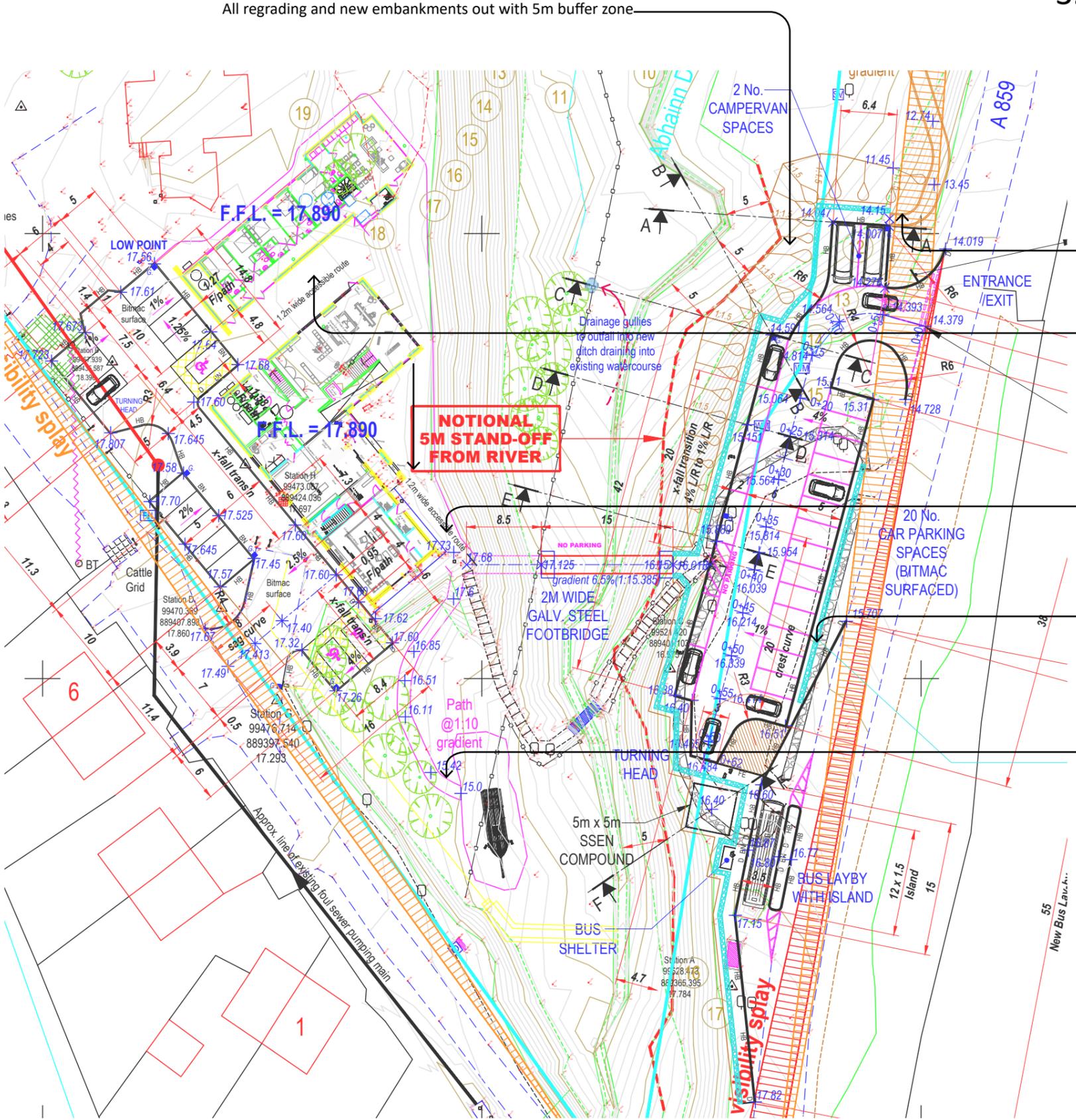
The first matter to finalise was the car parking because it is the most critical design aspect with regards compliance with local plan guidance and subsequent consultation responses from Nature Scotland and SEPA.

i.e. parking space numbers, whether the SSSI area is affected by regrading works etc etc

This layout subsequently dictates the proposed ground levels across the whole site.

The Design Team is now in the position of having refined the interface between all main elements of the site layout.

3. Engineer's Design and Car Parking



The parking provision and all pathways and landscape levels have been determined by the engineer. This update includes relocating parking space that was in front of the bridge access and introducing a new stone wall along the roadside. The proposed levels are shown blue on the drawing. There is no regrading work within the 5m watercourse buffer zone

Access to Northern part of Landscape design is via footpath that goes behind the camper van spaces

Accessible Route; 1.2m minimum width maintained along route

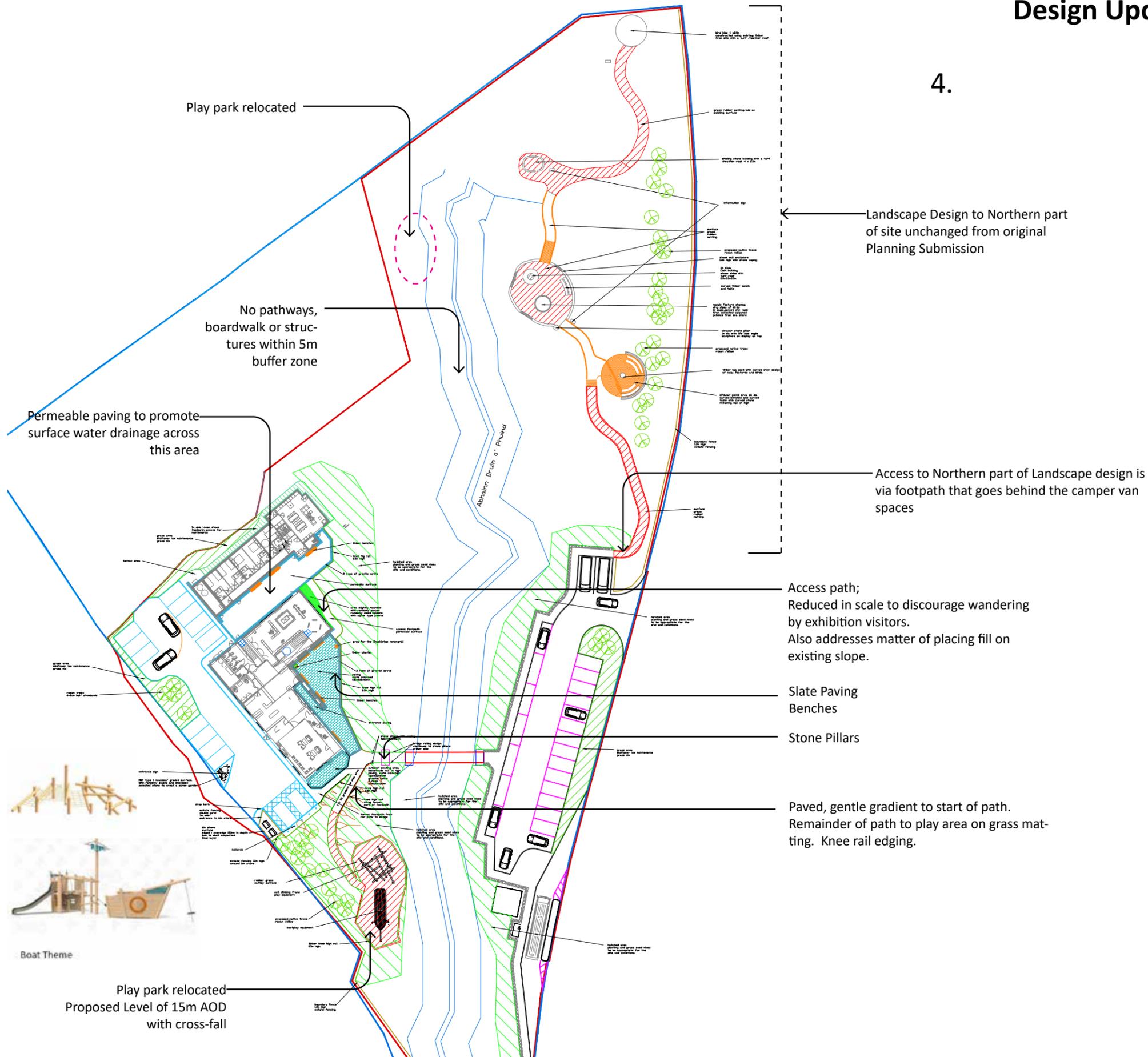
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New masonry wall outside of visibility splay

Level at play park entrance to be +15m AOD Intention is to avoid regrading work within SSSI area and 5m buffer zone

4.

Landscape Design



The Landscape Design prepared by RGS Landscapes is co-ordinated with Engineering and Architectural Proposals.

The Northern part of the design, with the exception of the re-located play park remains unchanged from the design that was submitted as part of the original planning submission.

Paving and fencing details are fully specified on the Drawing and these matters can be reviewed with the client.

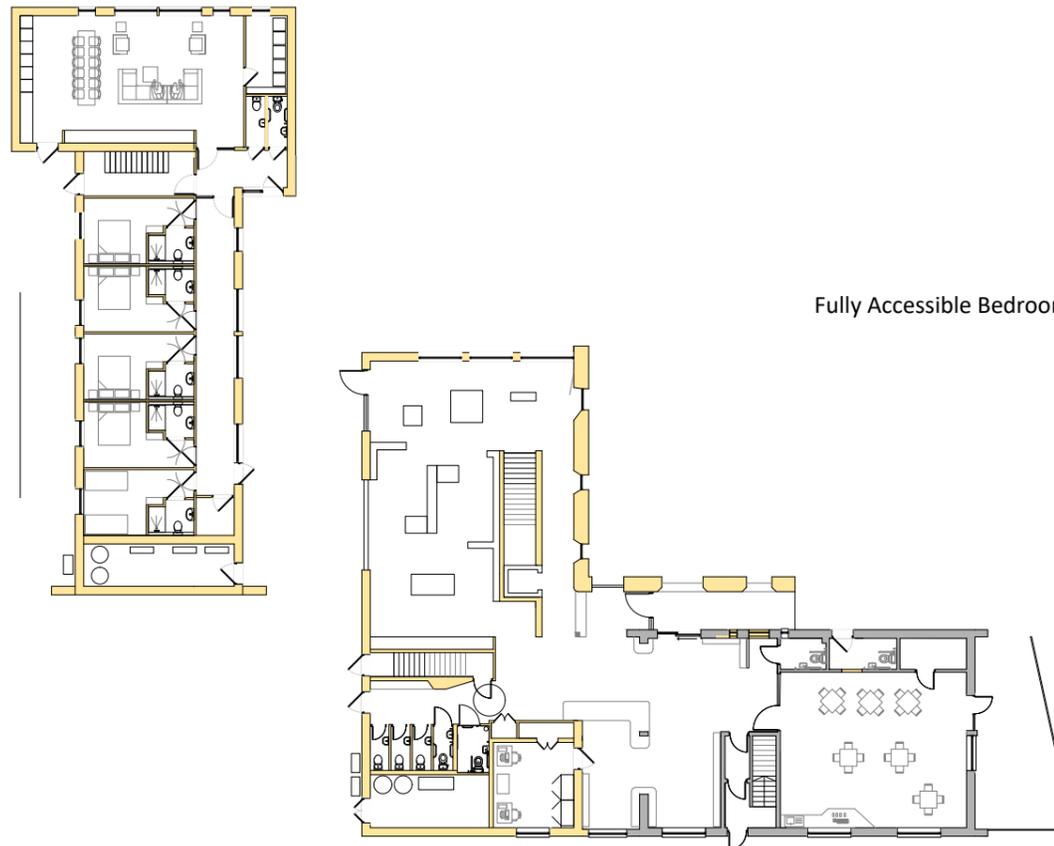
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The Building Design has been updated in orders to achieve the following;

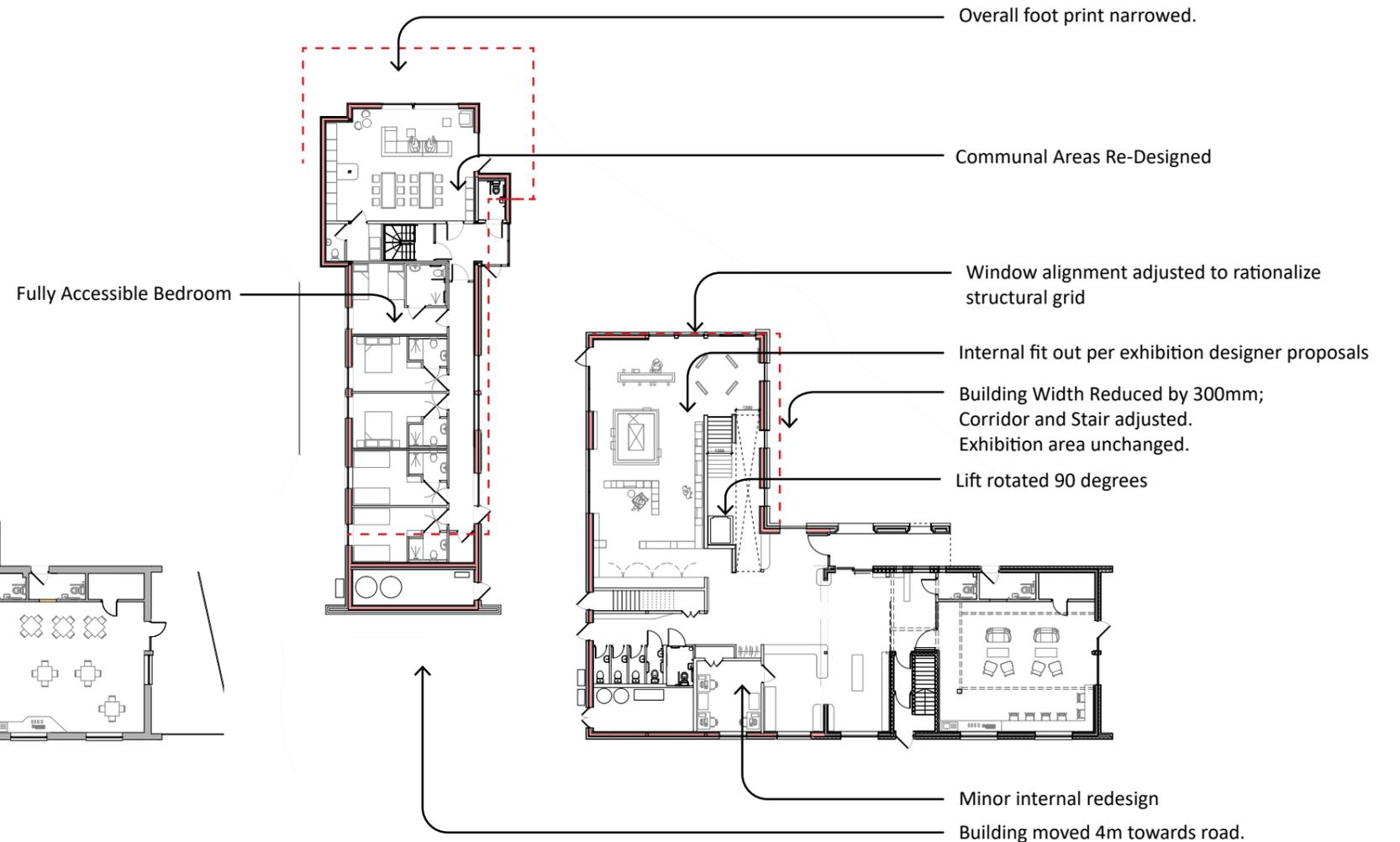
- Efficiency improvements
 - Reduction in overall floor area- approximately 35sqm across the scheme
 - Improve circulation and avoid- all escape routes now exit on the same side of the building
 - Reduce overall structural widths ;
 - Shape of accommodation building is easier to construct and should require less long/larger section material
- Address Detailed Ground Investigation results;
 - Accommodation Building moved and lowered, building made narrower which addresses updated ground investigation information that overlaying material to build up part of the slope is best avoided
- Visual massing
 - Remove original long and wide perpendicular “lean-to” roof on accommodation building and replace with more domestic scaled “gable end” design
- Visual cohesion
 - Gable end of accommodation building now in the same style as main extension building.
 - Integration of fully accessible sanitary facilities
 - Further minor internal re-plan to gain efficiencies in floor space.

The floor plans below show the relative changes to how the building will look from across the site from different angles.

Ground Floor Plan Originally Submitted

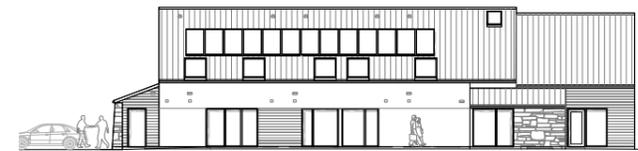
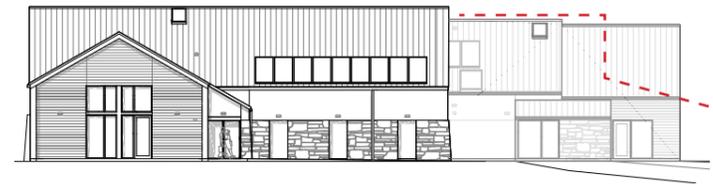
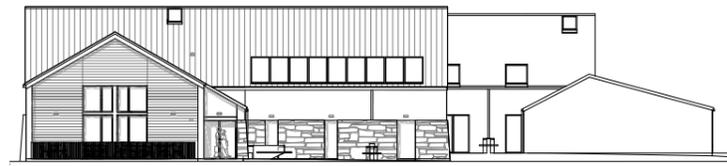


Ground Floor Plan as currently proposed.

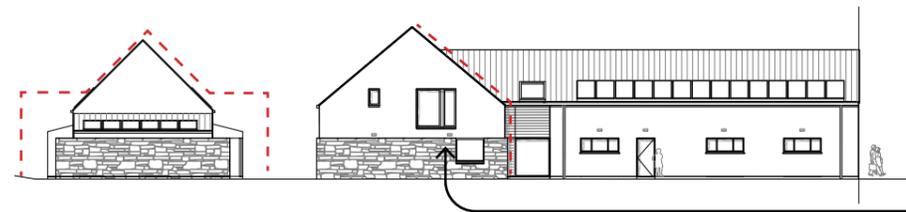


**Visualizations show overall design massing changes but windows are to be updated*

5.



Window alignment adjusted to rationalize structural grid



Window alignment adjusted to rationalize structural grid.
Height of stone cladding adjusted.

Elevations as Originally Submitted

Elevations as currently proposed.

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