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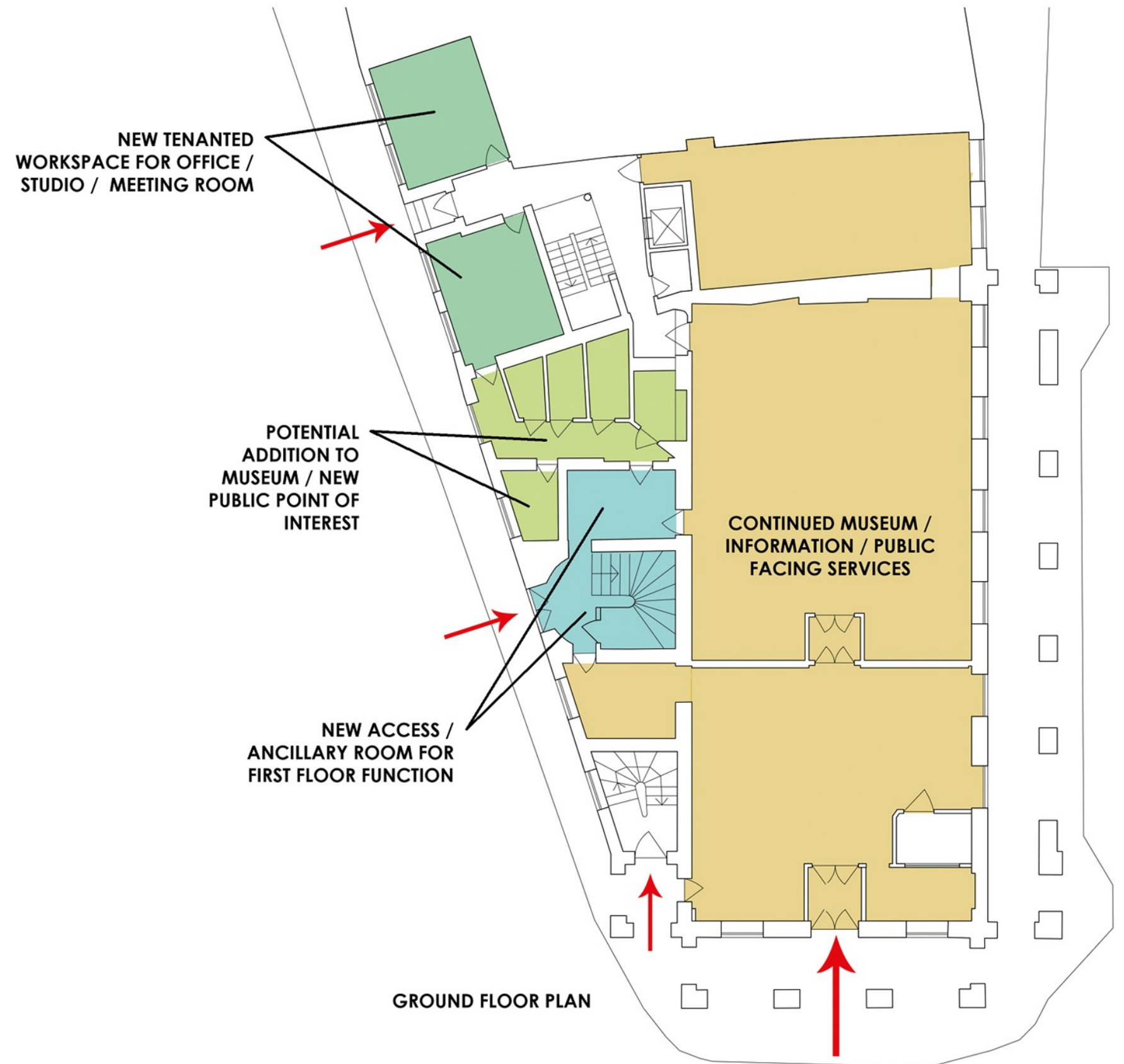
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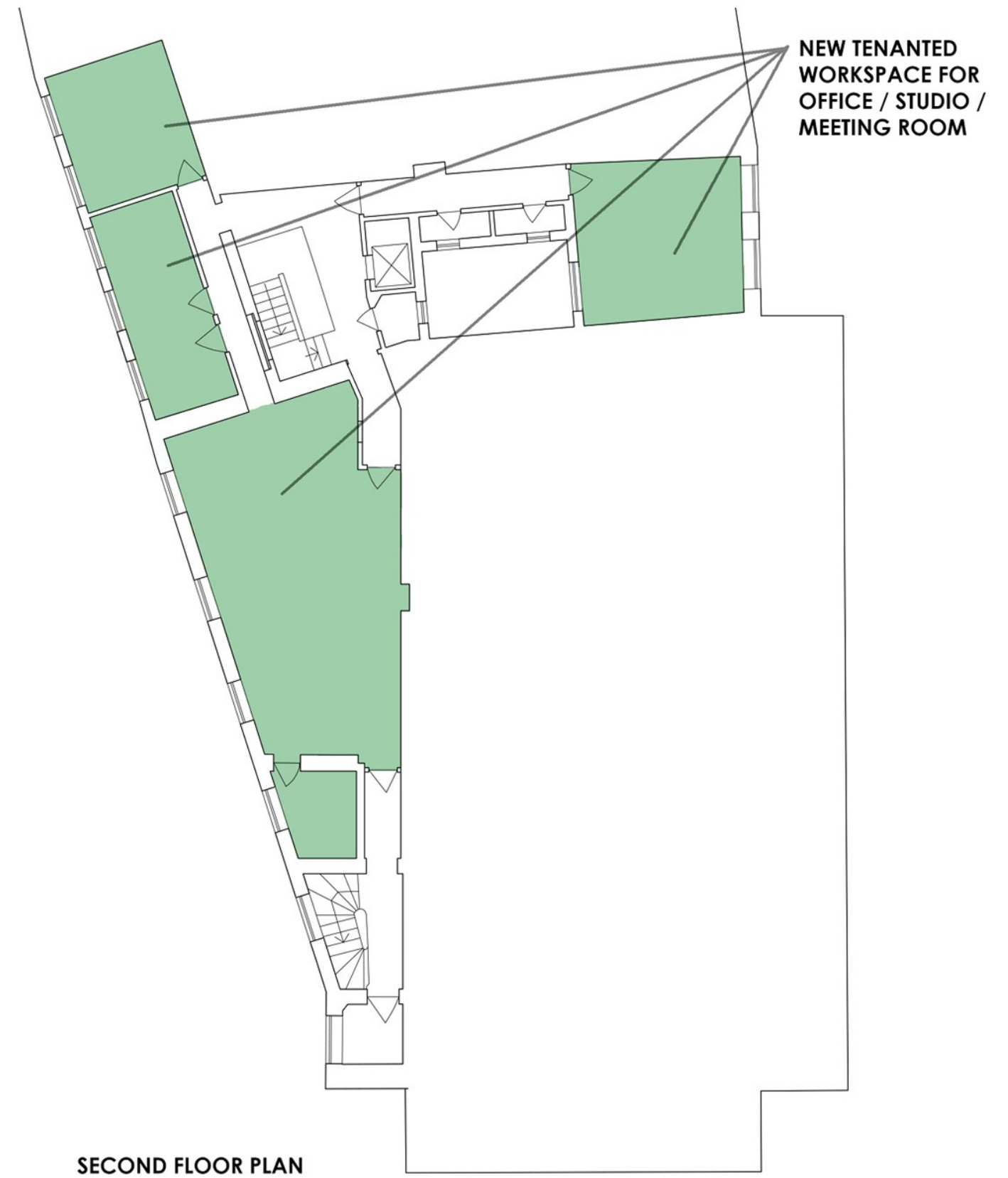
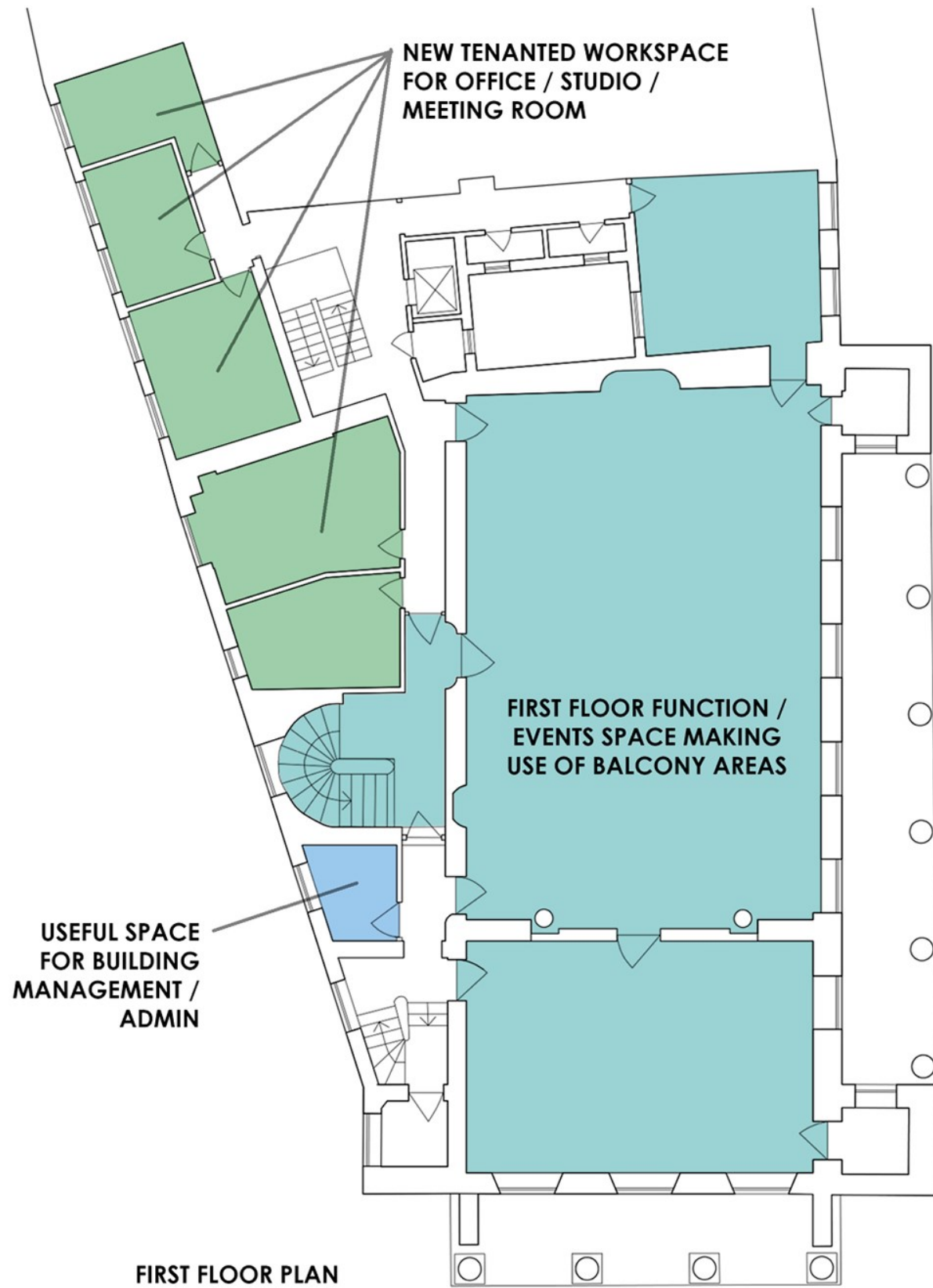
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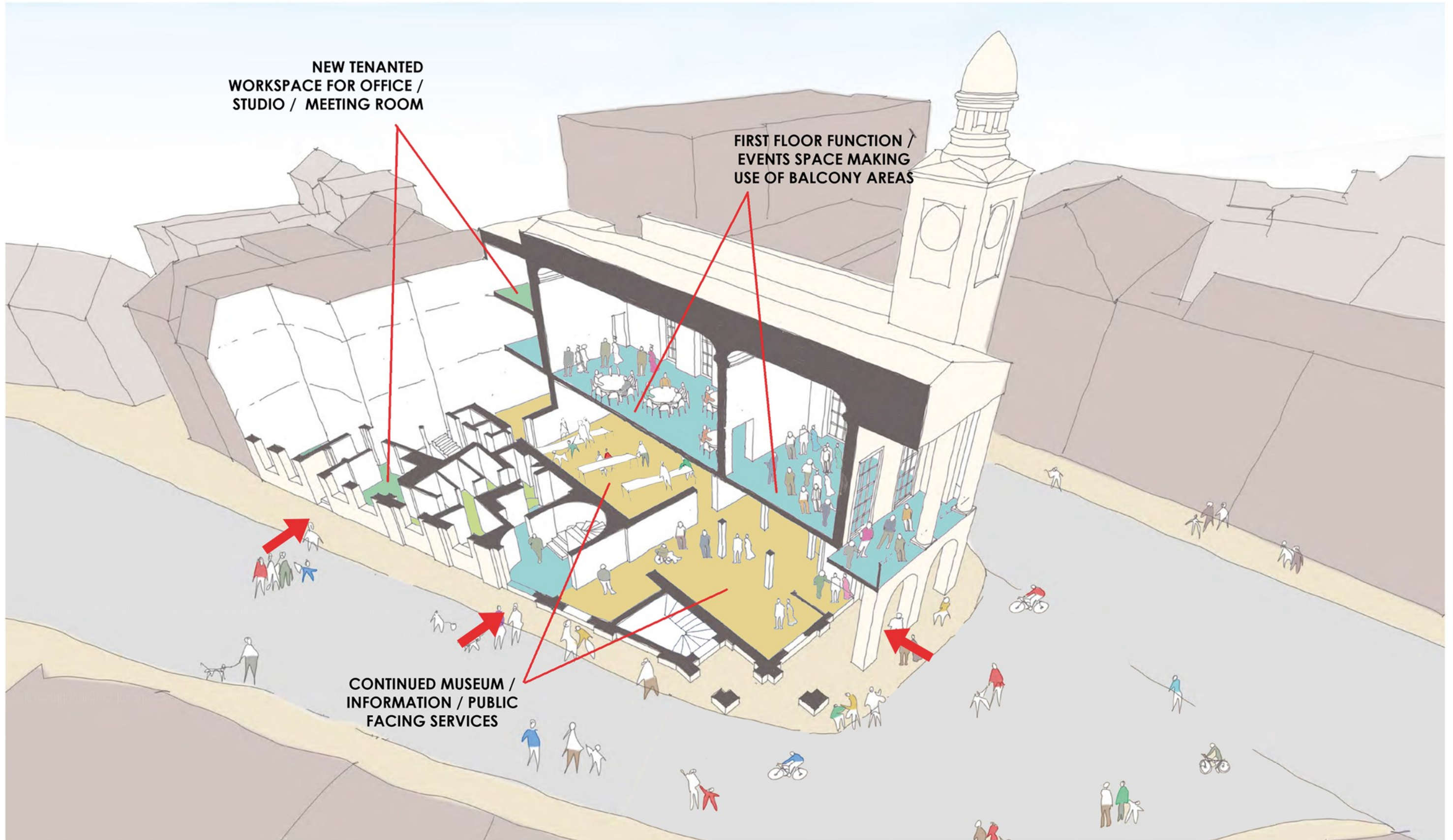
The following principles have been informed by the results of a programme of public consultation conducted by Arc Consulting and ERM Ltd and are intended to guide this initial phase of a long-term reuse strategy for Newport Guildhall.

- A mixed use/multipurpose solution with room to flex and evolve around the needs of its users.
- Respect the building and allow it to guide proposals according to its own character and idiosyncrasy.
- Consider existing broad stratification of use: museum/cultural experience/public information on the ground floor; ceremonial space on the first floor; and curated office and small business space on first and second floors.
- Prioritise the cleaning and painting of the exterior walls, fixtures and fittings with particular focus on the museum entrance to demonstrate a will to revive the Guildhall's appearance.
- Incorporate proposals into wider discussion involving stakeholder groups, such as Isle of Wight Council, Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council, Independent Arts, and the NHS.
- Encourage a shared and participatory approach targeting cultural, social and environmental organizations and enterprises as tenants.

The proposals presented here do not obviate the need for the major repair and refurbishment works highlighted in the Condition Survey and Order of Cost Estimate documents. The options suggested here ensure the short-term utilisation of the building and securing of funding for the urgent and long-term repairs and improvements required. These initial regeneration plans are able to be developed and upgraded in tandem with the building works as the project progresses.







Cost Plan Summary

1.0 General

ERMC Limited have been instructed by Isle of Wight Council to prepare a cost estimate for the refurbishment of The Guildhall, High Street, Newport.

2.0 Description

The proposed works comprise the redecoration and refurbishment of internal spaces including the provision of new floor coverings to the public areas on the ground and first floor. External surfaces are to be cleaned with the provision of new feature lighting and signage.

Type of work	Refurbishment and interior decoration.
Building functions	756-Museums; 767-Records Offices; 315-Local Admin Building
Market conditions	Overheated with inflation pressures running at a high level.
Accommodation and design	Historic municipal building of classical design. Museum exhibit areas, office and storage accommodation spread over three floors.
Base date for estimate	2nd Q 2022
Location	Isle of Wight
Site description	Existing Grade II* listed building
Type of contract	JCT Minor Works
Cost fluctuations	Fixed
Client type	Local Authority

3.0 Location

The Guildhall is located in a prominent location on the junction of High Street and Quay Street in Newport town centre.

4.0 Costs

4.1 Cost summary

The estimated cost of the building work only is: **£280,863**

On costs for preliminaries, Profit overheads and risk have been levied against each sub-group.

Professional & Statutory fees and VAT are expressly excluded.

4.2 Cost benchmark

Due to the bespoke blend of works required, cost benchmarking has been made against recently received tender costs procured locally in the last year. The RICS Building Cost information Service average price data is considered of limited use when reviewing works of this nature.

The cost per square metre of the proposed development is comparable with the BCIS Mean figure for similar building functions.

4.3 Inflation

Pricing reflects a start on site in 2nd Qtr. 2022 This is due to market volatility.

4.4 VAT

VAT will be levied by the contractor at the ruling rate. It is recommended that specialist VAT advice is taken by the employer from HMRC to establish the liability to VAT.

5.0 Exclusions and Qualifications

The following assumptions have been made:

A general rate has assumed a good level of finishes reflective of the heritage style of the building

The work will be delivered in one phase under a fixed-price single contract with competitive procurement.

Assume no additional archaeological investigations required

No allowance has been made for the following:

No allowance has been made for building fabric improvements which have been accounted for within the condition survey

Professional/legal fees, planning/building control fees, statutory fees, site surveys, monitoring costs, environmental audits.

VAT (See 4.4 above)

Cost Estimate

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

Caution: Generally Building Prices are in a highly volatile state with materials and some labour in short supply. Careful consideration in relation to programme, material selection and procurement is strongly advised. As a result we are not giving any reliance to Tender Price indexes normally used to predict future tender prices

A Summary of Modelled Costs excluding VAT and professional & statutory fees					£ 280,863	
1	Communal					£ 93,190
a	Redecoration to circulation spaces	128.00	m2	£ 110	£ 14,080	
b	Minor repairs and making good	1	Item	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	
c	Replacement lift (subject to final design)	1	Item	£ 50,000	£ 50,000	
d	Preliminaries	15%		£ 14,080	£ 2,112	
e	Profit	10%		£ 71,192	£ 7,119	
f	Overhead	9%		£ 71,192	£ 6,407	
g	Risk	10%		£ 84,718	£ 8,472	
2	Museum					£ 61,114
a	New floor coverings in museum space	250.00	m2	£ 90	£ 22,500	
b	Redecoration to museum space	250.00	m2	£ 55	£ 13,750	
c	Minor repairs and making good	1	Item	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	
d	Preliminaries	15%		£ 36,250	£ 5,438	
e	Profit	10%		£ 46,688	£ 4,669	
f	Overhead	9%		£ 46,688	£ 4,202	
g	Risk	10%		£ 55,558	£ 5,556	
3	First Floor					£ 51,292
a	New floor coverings in first floor function space	205	m2	£ 90	£ 18,450	
b	Redecoration to first floor function spaces 1 and 2	205	m2	£ 55	£ 11,275	
c	Minor repairs and making good	1	Item	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	
d	Preliminaries	15%		£ 29,725	£ 4,459	
e	Profit	10%		£ 39,184	£ 3,918	
f	Overhead	9%		£ 39,184	£ 3,527	
g	Risk	10%		£ 46,629	£ 4,663	
4	Second Floor					£ 7,527
a	Minor repairs and making good	1	Item	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	
b	Preliminaries	15%		£ 5,000	£ 750	
c	Profit	10%		£ 5,750	£ 575	
d	Overhead	9%		£ 5,750	£ 518	
e	Risk	10%		£ 6,843	£ 684	
4	Externally					£ 67,741
a	Cleaning building exterior	1	item	£ 25,000	£ 25,000	
b	New external signage	1	item	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	
c	Feature external lighting	1	item	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	
d	Services upgrades to supplies	1	item	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	
e	Preliminaries	15%		£ 45,000	£ 6,750	
f	Profit	10%		£ 51,750	£ 5,175	
g	Overhead	9%		£ 51,750	£ 4,658	
h	Risk	10%		£ 61,583	£ 6,158	

These costs do not negate the major works highlighted in the Condition Survey. The presence of stored goods in the principal rooms on the first floor prevented a detailed assessment of the first floor structure and its loading capacity for the future use of these rooms.

Recommendations raised in the Condition Survey in regards to the first floor are as follows:

If/when it is proposed to fundamentally change the use and therefore the loadings on the first floor it is strongly recommended that the constructional detailing of the floor and supporting structure be fully investigated by a structural engineer.

Building management structure

The building has several areas which are ready to be occupied with very little, or indeed no intervention required. The second-floor offices could be providing rental income immediately to a managing agent overseeing the ongoing refurbishment of the rest of the building. The managing agent could work on a not-for-profit basis, utilise the funds from the initial tenants to refurbish the remaining lettable spaces, releasing each of the rooms on a phased basis and increasing the revenue for the building year on year until fully occupied.

The projected annual income is outlined below up to full capacity of the building. The income below is assuming the council provides the building to the managing agent on a peppercorn rent, and due to the charitable status of the agent, no business rates would be charged.

ID	Floor	Area (m2)	Annual Income to Managing Fund	Notes
4a	Ground	16.4	£ 3,296.33 rent	Accessed via Quay Street
4b	Ground	13.6	£ 2,733.54 rent	Accessed via Quay Street
Museum (1,2,3)	Ground	250	£ 4,611.00 ticket sales	Museum estimated income
4a	Ground	16.4	£ 3,296.33 rent	Accessed via Quay Street
4b	Ground	13.6	£ 2,733.54 rent	Accessed via Quay Street
8	First	21	£ 4,220.91 rent	
9a	First	8.1	£ 1,628.07 rent	
9b	First	7.7	£ 1,547.67 rent	
9c	First	13.8	£ 2,773.74 rent	
9d	First	18.1	£ 3,638.02 rent	
9e	First	11.8	£ 2,371.75 rent	
9f	First	5.4	N/A – used by Guildhall Managing Agent	
Event Space 1 (6)	First	60	£ 1,200.00	Assuming one booking per month at £100 per booking
Event Space 2 (7)	First	137	£ 2,400.00	Assuming one booking per month at £200 per booking
Event Space (1+2)	First	197	£ 3,000.00	Assuming one booking per month at £250 per booking
10/11d	Second	57.9	£ 11,637.66 rent	Let in existing condition
11a	Second	13.7	£ 2,753.64 rent	Let in existing condition
11b	Second	13.4	£ 2,693.34 rent	Let in existing condition
11c	Second	20.1	£ 4,040.02 rent	Let in existing condition
Total Annual Income at full occupancy			£ 60,575.56	Utilised to refurbish events and ancillary spaces

*ID refs on following page

Important Notes:

- It needs to be established that a charitable or NFP organisation will successfully secure the space without business rates being levied against the building that predicated the need for any organisation to pay some or all rates applicable.
- The Valuation Office Agency is due to conduct a review of all high street rates currently applicable. This review may dramatically affect the rateable value applied to the Guildhall. This new evaluation will predicate the operational structure of the building management and indeed occupancy.

Project annual revenue

The rental rates for the office spaces are based on an analysis of local commercial spaces on offer to let currently. An average of £16.75 per square meter has been used to estimate an income for the offices.

The events spaces on the first floor could be hired separately, or together, along with the use of the ancillary space to the rear of the rooms to provide modest catering, and access to the balconies as an additional benefit. The smaller room at the front of the building could host around 68 people seated, or 85 people standing, whilst the larger room behind it could host 155 people seated, or 195 people standing. These estimates are based on the space provided per person in the private hire rooms at Northwood House.

A modest estimate of one booking per month for each price point has been used. The income for this space could vary considerably based on the catering provision available and whether wedding ceremonies could be accommodated there.

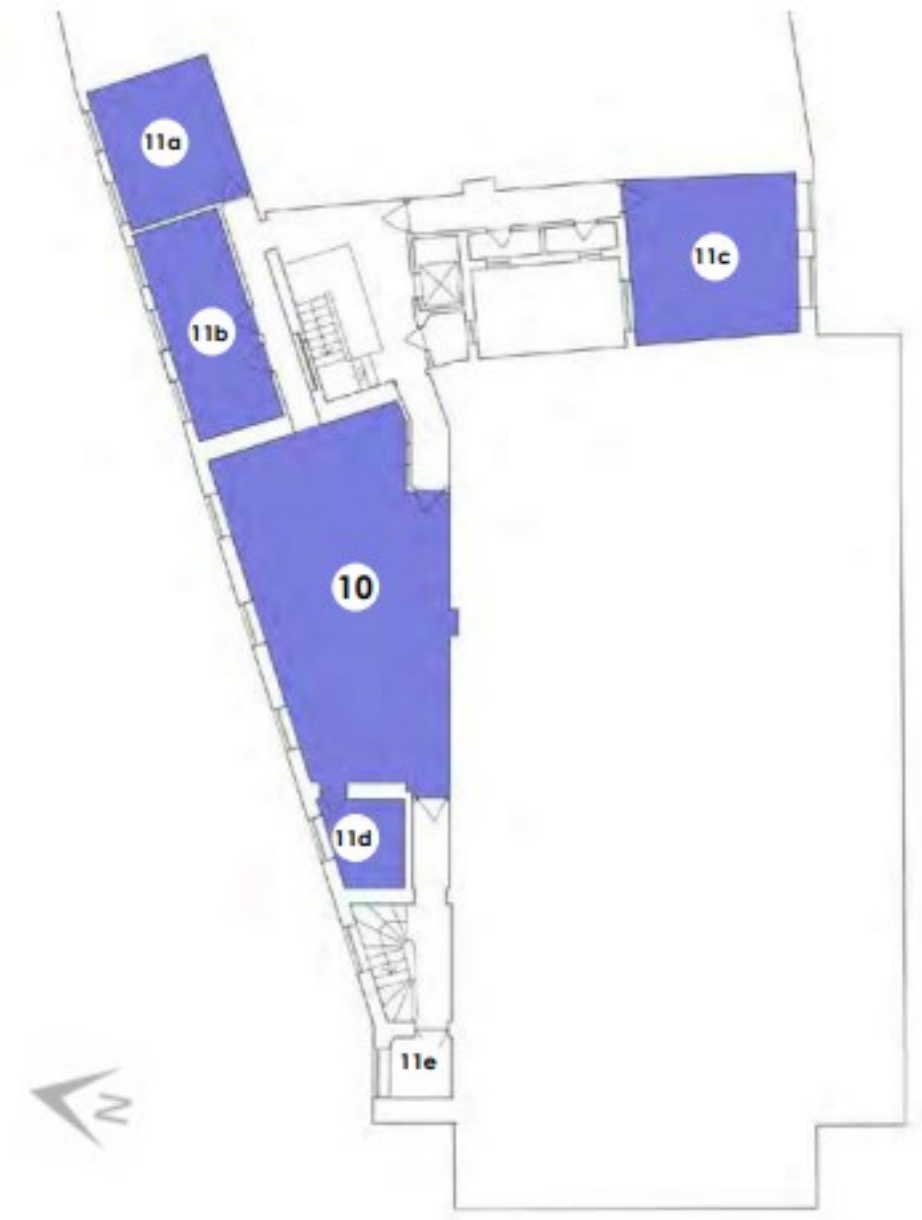
Ground Floor



First Floor



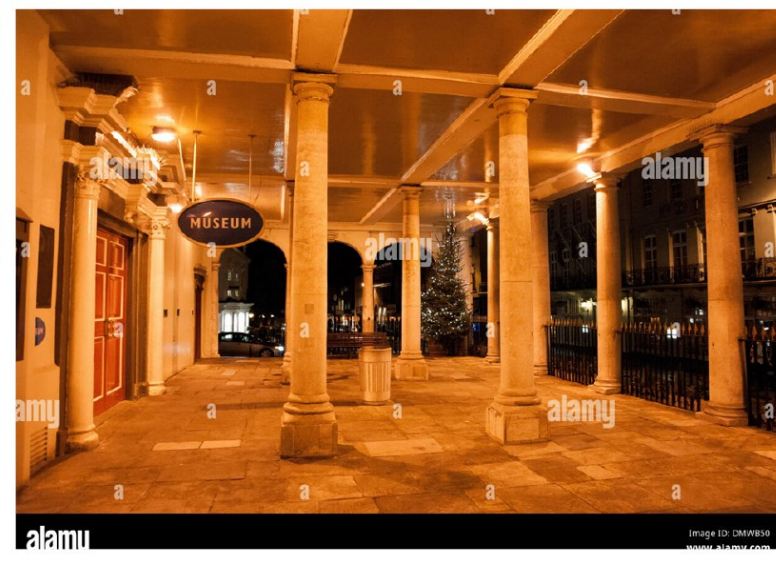
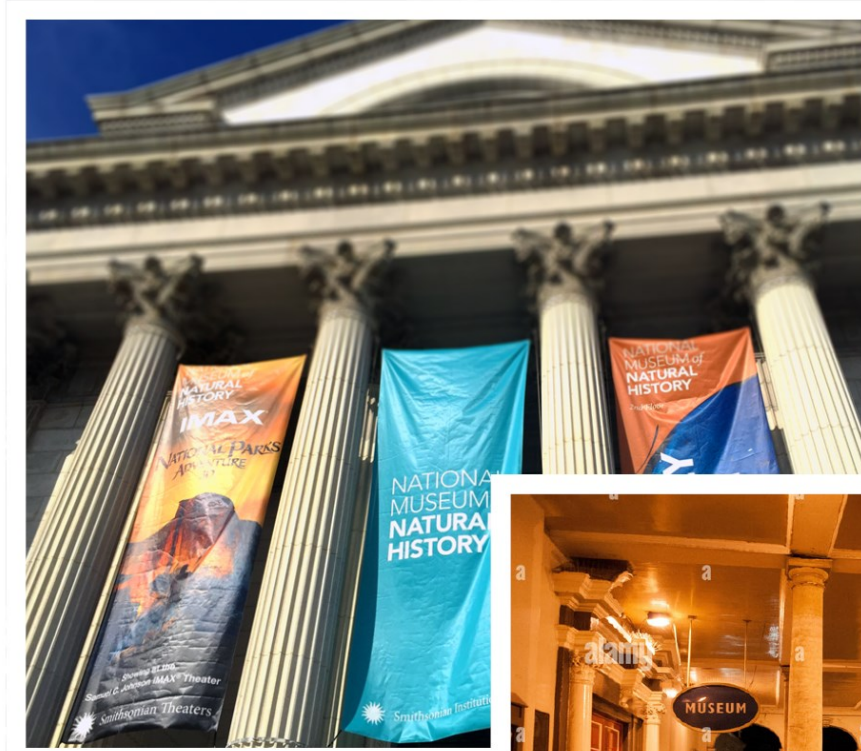
Second Floor



Brining the building to life - Museum

Public consultation comments

"The Museum of Island History should be retained, but updated, and inter-actives kept in full working order. The cells should also be open to visitors."



"County museum and art gallery, events venue (e.g. weddings), café, community education space."

"The museum needs to be better and bigger."

"Extend the museum. Open the area where the cells are."

"An Isle of Wight Museum, but a lot more space given over to the exhibits than currently."

Brining the building to life - Lighting

Public consultation comments

"The exterior could do with some life and improvement, maybe lighting and greenery."

"External facelift, light up at night, planters on balcony/windows."

"Clean up and improved lighting and improved surrounding area so it stands out."

"The Christmas lights were lovely - please do more of the same! Colour/lights/flowers on the front would make it so beautiful."



Brining the building to life - Weddings

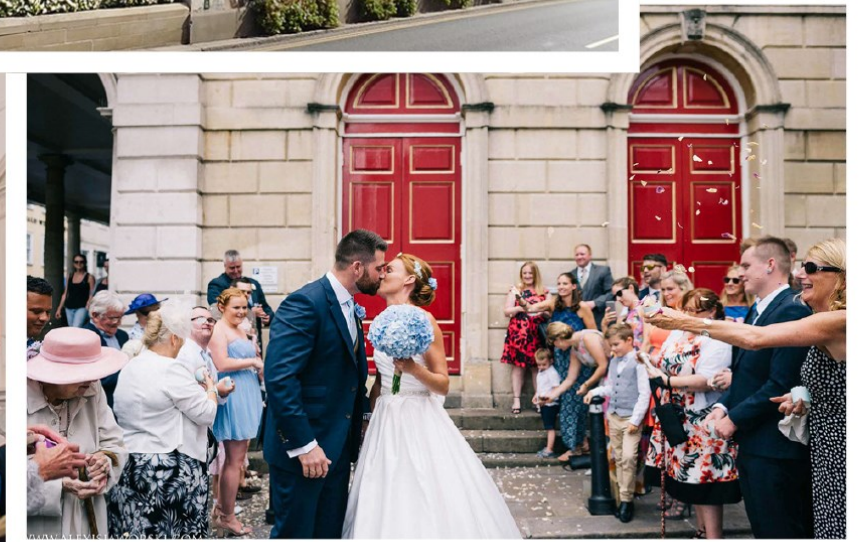
Public consultation comments

"The registry office could be moved there so that bigger weddings could take place and functions could be held."



"greenery"
"planters"
"flowers"

"Weddings, so much nicer than the planning offices!"



"I think it would make a great front office for council, registrar's office (lovely back drop for weddings) nice central location."

"It should be used as the Island's registry office. Ideal location for weddings and better than the office at Seaclose."

"Possibly a historical wedding venue. It should be used for events, programmes and initiatives that provide a cohesive meeting place for the community."

The heart of Newport

Public consultation comments

"It's position and external appearance are central to the streetscape of Newport. It lies at its heart as a landmark..."



"It represents the heart of the county town."



"Heart of the town and centre of the community."



"It is both at the heart of the town and at the gateway to the proposed regeneration of the harbour."



Newport Guildhall

Quay Arts

St Thomas' Square

Apollo Theatre

- Lord Louis Library
- Newport Harbour
- Church Litten Park
- Independent arts
- Newport Market

ARC Consulting - Newport Guildhall
Public Facing Consultation X4 Events

Method of consultation:

Face-to-face plus paper survey

55 Surveys completed

Column1	Q1. Do you know where Newport Guildhall is?	Q2. What do you think about the building?	Q3. Do you think the Guildhall is an important building? Why?	Q4. What job do you think the Guildhall should do for Newport?
1	Yes	Spectacular	It's a historic landmark	Community Hub
2	Yes	Love it but it needs a bit of TLC	Yes. Iconic to Newport. Part of the throughflow of traffic	Turned into a craft workshop/stalls for different artisans to exhibit their crafts all year round.
3	Yes	It's being wasted.	Yes, it's an important part of our heritage.	Indoor market for food, drinks, gifts etc. at an affordable cost i.e. sub £200 per month rent for a unit.
4	Yes	Nice architecture. Lovely features. The lights look nice!	Not certain what it currently does? Is it a museum?	Music events, other events, museum/history of Newport.
5	Yes	It is a lovely building architecturally.	Local landmark - great piece of architecture - good location (central)	Previous incarnation as tourist info centre + museum were good uses. Some form of town welcome centre/info point/meeting place? Office spaces on 2nd floor could become public space too. Local + Island signposting, meeting rooms - TOWN WELCOME POINT - history - info.
6	Yes	It's a very big museum and looks quite fancy (child's view). The tower looks out of place. Family are new to the Island and think it's a shame it's closed - would like to visit inside.	Yes because it's a museum.	Continue as a museum and have special events for people who are homeless (child's view). Would like to be able to visit and explore (father's view).
7	Yes	It's very shabby and needs a facelift.	Yes, it should be the showcase of Newport & the Island.	Showcase Newport & the Island.
8	Yes	Lovely looking building under-used.	Yes, it needs using to fulfil its potential.	Functions, coffee house.
9	Yes	Part of the history of Newport.		Small bistro + restaurant. Small museum, venue concerts + events, IW research ? + centre to use
10	Yes	It's in a great location, it's a shame it isn't more utilised or advertised	It's an historic building - landmark	Community Hub - somewhere to hold functions (if space allows). I don't know what it's like inside so can't offer any more suggestions.
11	Yes	Rarely even thought about it to be honest.	If it serves a purpose then yes. Just look at Portsmouth Guildhall!	Be a centre for something... arts, performance, exhibition space.
12	Yes	It's beautiful, historic but completely underused. I love looking at old black & white photos of it in use from lives gone by.	Its design, historic purpose & use over time.	A centre of our identity, heritage and history as an Island, but also a community hub promoting & engaging everyone about shaping our future.
13	Yes	Nice building	Yes	Useful to the community, homeless.
14	Yes	OK	CULTURE	MUSEUM/MUSIC
15	Yes	It's large and impressive but doesn't seem to do much.	Not really. It doesn't seem to do anything.	Turn it into a much bigger & better museum. Art gallery? Maybe a little aquarium as well, I like those! Day-care centre creche thing where parents can leave children while shopping.
16	Yes	I'm not sure it's used for anything?	Yes it's historic.	Not sure but it's an important landmark.
17	Yes	Historic & beautiful	Yes, historical	Entertainment venue.

18	Yes	It's a focal point. I would miss the clock.	Yes. People need to be made aware of its history.	It should draw the people in - locals and visitors.
19	Yes	Lovely part of our History and Heritage. Needs to expand museum.	Yes very as above.	More of a museum & maybe a meeting place & café.
20	Yes	I like it. It is part of the IOW's history and heritage.	Its present use is OK, but the museum could be expanded and the building could and should be used for public and civic events.	Promote Newport and the Isle of Wight.
21	Yes	From a history point of view, as there is toilet [Victorian toilet] and 5-6 holding cells, and it was a court.	For historical interest.	Indoor shops.
22	Yes	architecturally significant (Nash). Clock!	Yes - governmental presence.	Something to do with governance.
23	Yes	Old. It has a lot of potential. Could be really good.	Yes. Because it looks like it has been there a long time.	A museum, but bigger. Because it would suit the look of the building. It could be useful for Islanders and also a good tourist attraction.
24	Yes	Very aesthetic, great frontage - not clear what's in there.	Don't know.	Be a focal point. TIC?
25	Yes	Traditional. TIC - was good for that - not many of those any more. What was it really like?	Yes, like Ryde Town Hall. It's a shame about these old buildings but can't afford it nowadays.	The museum - expand and bring up to date. Prices... people charge too much. Should still be a town hall - small functions.
26	Yes	It's a shame it looks unused. It doesn't look as if it belongs any more.	Yes - its history and age. Not all that attractive compared to other towns.	Museum - loved it in its heyday. Remember it as the IW courts. Could be made nice enough to be a [place for] reception or link to the Council Offices.
27	Yes	Love it and historical.	Yes Museum Information	Citizens Advice and Tourist information
28	Yes	Nice looking. DON'T KNOCK IT DOWN!	Yes - obvious historical a part of Newport's history. Sick of seeing beautiful buildings being pulled down in the name of progress.	I know that the tourist information office is there. There was a rumour that it was going to be closed. NO. I work in a large hotel and often direct guests there for info. Should be advertised and highlighted more.
29	Yes	Beautiful iconic landmark	Yes! Central + stunning!	Civic centre, internal market, theatre, arts centre, antiques, chambers, education, receiving visitors, public meetings, meeting spaces for established societies, e.g. Nat Hist Arch Hist Association. Like Riverside.
30	Yes	A landmark for Newport. One of the finest buildings in the town.	Not much of historic Newport left, a fine example for a county town.	Extend the museum upstairs, with café and toilets. Volunteers to run it, like Carisbrooke Castle's museum.
31	Yes	Love it. Wish it was used more.	Yes, history needs to be enjoyed.	Public access and open to all - functions, weddings, events!!
32	Yes	Part of Newport's history. Just needs people to come.	It's an important part of Newport.	Anything except nightclubs/pubs. Something that involves the community.
33	Yes	Really nice building, lovely structure.	Nice to look at, but haven't heard of it being used since.	Soup kitchen, community work as in the centre, more accessible or indoor market.
34	Yes	Never been in there, don't know what it's for.	Landmark building, must stay here.	Citizens Advice Centre, advice hub.
35	Yes	Beautiful, wasted, grand, unused.	I think it could be but not at present.	History, Art, local, Islanders, support small business
36	Yes	Tall tower with a tunnel (Rafi, aged 7!). Handsome building - historic.	Yes! Part of the history of town. One of the nicer buildings, especially compared to County Hall.	Arts Hub. Independent arts cinema, similar to Marlow.
37	Yes	difficult access, disabilities, nexus For visitors/TIC	Should be kept + nurtured. Xmas decorations good this year - spectacle. Not clean enough, needs bit inside energisers.	Promotion of the Island - info, central location for ?? LIGHTING!!

38	Yes	Important, should be central to the appearance, promotion and ambitions of Newport & IOW... but its significance is not promoted... so it looks tired and unloved... and under threat. So a great venue opportunity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important & significant architect, & striking example of civic architecture in a prominent position. • A central focus, or 'hub' for Newport is unclear: the current spread of council offices does not do this job (and architecturally, could never have the positional status of the Guildhall). • An 'Arts Hub' might be considered to be Quay Arts but that is underwhelming and appears unambitious. • St Thomas' Square has religious & commercial focus – so a different, ambitious, flexible venue would be useful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotional – a striking building, cared for, shows those caring for it in a good light. • Economic – a mixed-model of visitor attraction, hire venue, performance space, exhibition opportunities, and commercial (e.g. retail, catering, hire, ticketed, activity). • A focus for Newport's regeneration, linking to a town centre and Quay plan of tidying it up (architecturally, including street furniture and 'cleaning away of clutter' to generate a sustainable 'Pride of Place' that relates to Newport's 'Spirit of Place'. <p>How? Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the 'nuts & bolts' of the state of the building. • Know how much its long-term maintenance costs are (Conservation Action Plan) • Consider the consultation opinions obtained, and draft 'Spirit of Place' document. • Draft Business Plan.
39	Yes	Import to the Isle of Wight. A landmark.	Yes- a landmark. Make it more appealing to the public - its not obvious to tourists that they can go in. It is cut off from the main part of town. Lights - might attract more people, you don't realise that its there.	Its busier at this end of town in the evenings - nightclubs - so people are walking past it. Another reason for lights. Homeless sleep there - is there something that could help them? Use like a church hall, galleries, café? Museum for Newport. Tourists like to walk around old buildings. upgrades?
40	Yes	The Tartarians built it, it was repurposed as are all government buildings	Remember the Tartarians	Represent the Tartarians
41	Yes	It's an important building to tourists and residents of Newport and historical, looks great at Christmas with lights and decorations every year. Never entered the building but no need to change its image, just take care, regular maintenance.	Be turned into a museum and gallery of history for the IOW.	Café, indoor markets, theatrical events, meeting places for LGBTQIA+ community.
42	Yes	Beautiful building.	Yes - part of Newport's history.	Indoor market to help small businesses.
43	Yes	It's in the centre - museum was good, showed my children.	It can be a hub, or stretch the museum and other stuff.	Help Newport shine! Hub for saving money/ food/ playgroups/ art programs etc.
44	Yes	An iconic building for Newport. A key Victorian structure that should be retained.	Should have a financially sustainable use.	A venue for public events.
45	Yes	A lovely looking historic building.	There are not many Nash buildings and as such should be used and celebrated.	Possibly office space downstairs - the upper room could be used for council meetings - Weddings?
46	Yes	It is a beautiful building that needs extensive investment for improvement.	Yes of course! It should be a public event space, a museum, art gallery and café.	It should be a place that is open to the public that is used for the public.
47	Yes	Lovely building and could be a beautiful meeting place, indoor market.	Yes. Its a building that has Newport character.	Indoor market
48	Yes	Beautiful with a bit of a revamp - would be nice to see some events taking place.	Is one of the most historical buildings to see in Newport.	Maybe have a business on the ground floor and museum with events on the top floor.
49	Yes	Very striking, would like to know more about it.	Yes but I don't know why, it's dominant and recognisable.	Be a part of the community, a focal point of town.
50	Yes	Nice looking building, but I don't know what its used for.	I would think so as it looks like a piece of Newport/ IOW history.	Be a draw for locals and holiday makers. Maybe historical exhibitions?
51	Yes	Beautiful building - Islanders easily recognise it as a Newport building.	Historical importance, recognisable - makes the High Street a bit more interesting!	Reinstate tourist information - would compliment the museum. Newport needs a post office... community centre, space for meetings etc., hire out to groups.
52	Yes	It could again be an elegant well-kept building which would improve appearance of the market town.	Definitely - it could be used for various local events. Bring back the tourist office.	Be a centre for the town and a landmark.

53	Yes	A lovely building.	Yes. It's iconic, a true landmark. Not many nice buildings left in Newport.	Extend the museum upstairs, with café. Could include the wax works. Ghost tours. Volunteers to help run. Has provided email address and is happy to volunteer.
54	Yes	It's a beautiful building with the potential to be a great community hub/ space for the island.	It has a lot of history and is in a very central and dynamic location. Most people know where it is/ recognise it, but don't know what it's used for.	It could be a community work space for people who WFH. It could also be a great space for community outreach, recreational activities and groups.
55	Yes	I've never really thought about it before - apart from the fact that it's a beautiful old building.	Yes - given the history, and its potential to serve the community.	I think it should be a largely public space, such as a museum/ gallery, or public co-working space etc. Lots of remote working now - nice airy space, currently using the library as a work space.
		General Comments		
	Use your own Welcome Back Fund to clean the building's exterior and colonnaded areas, install and maintain planters - could spill beautiful greenery off the balcony for example.	Must have public use, be useful to life in Newport	Open more of the building to the public	
	Use the balcony! Civic announcements, visits, flag-waving processions.	Promoting and helping people to discover the heritage of the building's 'inhabitants' too. Expand the museum - story of the cells' prisoners, deportees etc?	Improve the outside of the building to be more attractive and welcoming. Increase the size of the museum and more opening times. More community activities, an advice centre and friendly space. Hanging baskets!	
	City Hall for the new City of Newport!	Needs a blue plaque - 'are you aware that this is a John Nash building? Come inside...' etc. PR.	Nowhere as nice in Newport - you have to look up to notice things. Link with Holyrood St, Quay Arts and Watchbell Lane - make one inclusive area like an Arts Quarter! Could be a classical music venue - intimate setting and not weather dependant.	
	Extraordinary chandeliers inside, cells beneath.	I don't even know what's in there. It needs to be used. It's the loveliest building we've got.	Bring back the Wax Works!	
	Clocktower added in 1887 paid for by public subscription!	Online walk-through would be useful.	Museum resource (Carisbrooke etc) is tucked away but could be interesting. Needs a good curator and atmosphere, make it more exciting for kids/ interactive?	
	I think a museum :) because we have not got much on the Island.	Give it to the National Trust?	Cockrams Yard icons - link to the museum and Guildhall.	
	A beautiful building but not used enough. Could be a fantastic IW hub.	Use the building to house multiple collections - each room different.	A Newport fridge magnet - "we were asked by a tourist who wanted to buy one, could be the Guildhall on it as a Newport icon".	
	Make it more open and public - museum, dance, small shop outlets (Architecture student from Bath Uni.)	It should be a beacon for Newport. Needs a facelift.	Bring back the tourism office	
	I'm from South Yorkshire. Our town hall is beautiful. It's Portland stone and has just been cleaned. It's used for Town Hall functions and business, weddings, and it's also a museum. You're not going to lose yours, are you?	Make it more inviting! It's never been clean on the outside. Perhaps a small café? Cleaner, painted.	I don't really know anything about it, hoped to visit the museum but it was closed. I remember something about bike hire? Going back to the 80's, remember being on holiday, walking past the Guildhall and seeing a man fighting with police on the balcony! Would be lovely to see more pedestrianised near and out front - encourage people to visit.	

	Just keep the outside - that's enough!	Wedding venue	Yoga!	
	Re-use or decommission?	Public information - such as the time!	I remember T/C - it has a clearer use thanks to signs. Is it big enough for gigs/ music venue? Multi-use space - cinema nights please! (we don't like the Cineworld cinema).	
	Concert venue	Drop down banners at front to advertise museum/ make it more obvious.	Meeting place for LGBTQ+ community	
	They could try taking the Christmas decorations down!	It isn't clear what the building is and yet it is very good looking and could be a real asset.	Never sure when its open!	
	Could do weddings	Christmas decorations down and Union Jack back up please.	Indoor spaces used for markets and events	
	It looks good at Christmas	Wishing all the best for the future	How do I know what's going on in there? Programming etc?	
	As a visitor we were a bit disappointed that there was no information to explain what the Guildhall is and when it is open.	Please do not let the council sell off any more of our resources!	I remember when this was the magistrate court and crown court. Keep it as it is!	
	Business intelligence data is essential if you're going to re-start the Guildhall as an enterprise. Where does the money flow in Newport?	A youth centre	Café	
	Community meeting place	A place for kids.	An indoor market similar to that in Oxford or Wimborne Minster.	
	Such a lovely space - please keep it for positive things for the community. Conferences, concerts, pop-up shops, fill it with kindness and positive vibes.	Somewhere for tourists to stay, good signs, good hotels, more tourist info!	Needs to be something - anything - never know what it does/ is!	
	Drumming! Artful drumming café for people with experience of mental distress.	Real regeneration starts with locally derived enterprise - we need more of this and fewer 'ribbon-cutting' mega-projects.	Please open more shops with a lower cost.	
	If you are asking people about futures for the Guildhall it would be great to demonstrate positive actions that show it's not been abandoned - take the Christmas lights and tree down - put up something Spring-like. Banner from balcony for museum?	What does the island need? Venue? Links to the IOW festival?	Newport history videos available on YouTube, could give some more info on the interesting history of the Guildhall.	

ERMC Ltd - Newport Guildhall

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Method of consultation:

Online questionnaire through ermc ltd website

135 Surveys completed

Number	Q1. Do you know where Newport Guildhall is?	Q2. What do you think about the building?	Q3. How do you think the building could be improved?	Q4. Do you think the Guildhall is an important building? Why?	Q5. Have you been inside the Guildhall?	Q6. Would you like to visit /use the Guildhall more?	Q7. What do you think the Guildhall should be used for?	Q8. Any other comments?
1	Yes	Impressive building but looks shabby.	external facelift, light up at night, planters on balcony/windows.	Yes. It's a grand, central building in Newport, lots of foot and car traffic go past it.	No	Yes	Museum, tourist info, cafe, events.	I think it is important to make sure the exterior looks good at a minimum, but it would be nice to see it actively used more in any way.
2	Yes	Beautiful building but seems underutilised. Don't think I could tell you without googling first what actually goes on there.	It should be the heart of the town, it could be used for events or administrative functions. The exterior could do with some life and improvement, maybe lighting and greenery.	Yes. It's historical, but should be adapted for modern needs where needed.	No	Yes	Registry office, it is more central and a grander building for this purpose. The interior is arcaded as it was originally used as an indoor market, maybe something along these lines.	N/A
3	N/A	Superb museum, should be free to all islanders	Make the whole building a museum and heritage venue and not just the small bit at the back	Yes. Guildhall were the centre of medieval and later town administration and should be celebrated for their heritage	Yes	Yes	Archaeological museum	N/A
4	Yes	Tired	Take it out if council control	Yes. It represents the heart of the county town	Yes	Yes	Events upstairs commerce downstairs	At the moment we have a fixed museum display downstairs, no visitors, high price with sullen staff, why would a visitor go twice? Upstairs we have a fantastic ballroom used to store worthless ex council office furniture. Please give it to someone who has some imagination before it falls down
5	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	Museum	N/A

6	Yes	It is a sad reflection on its owners.	It could be used in many different ways if it was invested in. Either for commercial use or could be a valuable community asset in bringing the community together and restoring the	Yes. It is iconic. The clock tower ruined the building	Yes	Yes	Inside market. meeting place	N/A
7	Yes	It is a good building.	It should be used more by the public.	Yes. It is a focal point.	No	Yes	Meetings/exhibition space.	N/A
8	Yes	An important building for Newport	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	Must be restored to its former glory	Restored	Yes. Historic building	Yes	Yes	Events by the council promoting Newport and the Island in general	N/A
10	Yes	Poorly cared for and a huge missed opportunity in a prime location.	It should be a well cared for symbol of civic pride. It should be used to celebrate the Island's heritage and culture, to help local people feel a sense of pride in their home and visitors to appreciate all that's special about the island.	Yes. It is both at the heart of the town and at the gateway to the proposed regeneration of the harbour.	Yes	Yes	County museum and art gallery, events venue (eg. weddings), café, community education space.	N/A
11	Yes	Beautiful example of its time	Brickwork repairs and decoration	Yes. Important building of its style	No	Yes	Not sure as don't know what's actually inside	Building must be preserved for future generations
12	Yes	A focus point for years	clean and tidy exterior	Yes.	No	Yes	As now	N/A
13	N/A	It is very distinctive, beautiful architecture	Redecoration	Yes. Iconic island building	Yes	Yes	The registry office could be moved there so that bigger weddings could take place and functions could be held.	N/A
14	Yes	Attractive historic building, needs smartening up.	Exterior cleaning and/or painting.	Yes. One of the most significant of the many historic buildings in Newport.	Yes	Yes	Museum (history and natural history), tourist information, community space.	NOT another café, as there are plenty of empty commercial premises available for businesses.
15	Yes	It should be used for what it was intended IE. to house meetings of a Town Council and Mayor	A good clean up and a new floor for the upper chamber (at a sensible cost not the one I last heard quoted)	Yes. It's THE most important building in the town. If the Council occupied it properly it gives it authority. Many councils in the UK would be envious of such a building. In fact many others make sure their town hall is still used as the official HQ even if not practical for day to day working.	Yes	N/A	To house meetings of a Town Council and Mayor	I've no particular wish to visit the Town Hall (It was never really a 'Guildhall') I just wish the council would use it as it's 'flagship' as originally intended. It's last formal use was as a court of law which at least gave it some formal status.
16	Yes	Lovely building in the 70's	Take care of it	Yes. Central point of Newport	Yes	Yes	Education, social & cultural events	N/A
17	Yes	Ok	N/A	Yes.	No	Yes	N/A	N/A

18	Yes	It's a nice looking building	I'm not sure as don't really know it's layout - have only been in visitor centre	Yes. It's a very old building and should be celebrated as such	Yes	Yes	Community events and other community use	It would have been really helpful to know before completing this survey as to what the guildhall building provides in term of size and facilities.
19	Yes	Lovely building and centre piece of the High Street	The museum needs to be better and bigger	Yes. Great piece of John Nash history and needs to be preserved	N/A	N/A	Continue as a museum but with more displays	N/A
20	N/A	Beautiful	N/A	Yes. Crucial part of the history of Newport	No	Yes	Community events	N/A
21	N/A	It's an important historic building	A good clean and more greenery outside	Yes. Historic	Yes	Yes	A county records office and tourism information point	I'd like to see it completely renovated, and inside a tourism information point, the county records office, and possibly a café
22	Yes	Fabulous design but neglected. It has no purpose now.	It needs a damn good clean! Needs all the plant growth removed. Restore it and use it. Keep the cells as a feature.	Yes. Heritage!!! John Nash architect. It's an iconic building in our town, just needs to be loved.	Yes	Yes	Something for everyone to use. A decent museum, a community/event space, indoor market. Anything community based.	N/A
23	Yes	It's a heritage asset	More public access	Yes. It's history	Yes	Yes	Museum and public space	N/A

24	Yes	It is an elegant, historic building that dignifies the town centre.	It urgently needs restoration and could be improved by becoming a more welcoming, inclusive space where local people and visitors can come together on a daily and special occasions. A space to share and celebrate all that is special and unique about Newport and the Island.	Yes. It's position and external appearance are central to the streetscape of Newport. It lies at its heart as a landmark feature and its architect is well-known.	Yes	Yes	Much more could be made of its setting and character to enhance people's experience of being in and visiting Newport. Could make an ideal archive centre for local and family historians, a meeting space or music/art/culture venue, internet access point and tea room? Mixed use as commercial and historic/exhibition/community space. Worth looking at what other councils have done successfully with town halls (but definitely NOT Ryde!!)	I've often popped in to look at the history centre and found the staff very friendly and helpful. However, the space doesn't feel inviting and doesn't reflect the beauty of the building's exterior. It would be great to have it restored to its former glory because it's such a visible, statement building which embodies local civic pride. Historic England, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, SPAB and others could be drafted in to help and advise? Wishing your every success with improving this building and thank you for recognising the potential of Newport :)
25	Yes	Impressive	Cleaned up	Yes. Heart of the town and centre of community	No	Yes	Events...musical, museum, art exhibition. Weddings	N/A
26	Yes	I think it is both attractive and has historical significance.	I don't know enough about the condition of the building to comment.	Yes. It is part of newport's history.	Yes	Yes	Community use	N/A
27	Yes	Beautiful building, designed by John Nash. Aren't we lucky to have it?	Stonework cleaned. Clock restored. Internal decoration.	Yes. Architecture reflects national buildings. A gem in a provincial town.	Yes	Yes	Could house the register office.	N/A
28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	As an imposing building it could house the register office. Rooms to hire.	Save the building, let's be proud of and recognize Newport's heritage.
29	Yes	Iconic	Maintenance rather than dilapidation	Yes. Probably the most historically important building in Newport	Yes	Yes	Museum and entertainment	N/A
30	N/A	Beautiful	It looks neglected	Yes. It looks stunning and its position is prominent in the town	No	Yes	Is the museum still there? Advice centre, community café, indoor market.	It would be great to see it being used again.

31	Yes	It is an important piece of Newport's heritage and yet unfortunately it has been allowed to fade from public view. It is overlooked and underused	It needs extensive refurbishing and remodelling both inside and out. In the very first instance the outside needs to be painted and decorated and lit.	Yes. It is a grade two listed piece of a Nash architecture	Yes	Yes	Indoor marketplace, civic functions and should be available to hire for events and cofenrnaces.	N/A
32	Yes	Historically important to Newport	Full refurbishment	Yes. Historical building	Yes	Yes	Museum	N/A
33	Yes	The last chance to restore Civic Pride in Newport	Restoration of outside to high quality with on going maintenance budget. Use pigeon deterrents	Yes. Did Nash have something to do with the design?	Yes	Yes	Museum and/or multi use for community	N/A
34	Yes	Could be really nice, wasted	Completely renovated inside and out	Yes. Historical significance	Yes	Yes	Meetings, weddings, office space, shop	The Guildhall is in a terrible state and must be saved. It's looking very sad.
35	Yes	Needs attention	Restoration	Yes. Historic centre	Yes	Yes	Proper Isle of Wight museum? County records office	N/A
36	Yes	Sad, under utilised, lost its purpose	It could become the new cultural centre of Newport although it could become a fantastic Bills Resturant in what could be a new leisure quarter in Newport.	Yes. Historically significant	No	Yes	Cultural uses. Theatre conversion or arts centre.	Convert to a resturant, bar or alternative leisure uses. It is currently dark, drab and under used.
37	N/A	It looks rundown.	The exterior needs repainting.	Yes. It is very prominent on the high street.	Yes	Yes	Meeting rooms, community hub, tourist information.	N/A
38	Yes	Needs to have a dam good clean	The whole building needs cleaning	No.	No	No	As is	Leave the use as it is just clean it up a bit
39	Yes	It is very sad and abandoned	By spending a great deal of money. Turn it back into a public building as it was for the Borough Council prior to 1974.	Yes. It's the true 'parliament' building of Newport 'borough'/parish	Yes	Yes	See previous answers.	Please do something. It will of course need government money, so I suspect it will never happen.
40	Yes	Has character	Clean up and improved lighting and improved surrounding area so it stands out	Yes. Histroical value/importance	No	Yes	Cultural events	Please improve the Guildhall and dont let it deteriorate like so much of the centre of Newport has in recent years.
41	N/A	Poorly maintained due to council failure to invest in its fabric	Repair and refurbish	Yes. Landmark in town	Yes	Yes	Cultural asset - gallery, museum, active meeting space	N/A
42	Yes	It needs a good clean round the outside. It is very neglected.	Cleaned regularly - window sills and pavements.	Yes. Part of history. Pleasing visually.	Yes	Yes	Museum is still good - with a nice coffee shop!	Every time I walk past the Guildhall (quite often) I want to give it some TLC and clean it up. The Christmas lights there looked really good this year.
43	Yes	should be kept and properly maintained for the benefit of the island	proper full time maintenance	Yes. The history of its many uses	Yes	Yes	all and any community use	N/A
44	Yes	Old centre of Newport	Greater community use	Yes.	Yes	Yes	Community use	N/A

45	Yes	Iconic landmark	Investment and brought back to life	Yes. Important historic building, famous architect, used to be part of civic life, now no one goes in, it's closed	Yes	yes	Events, weddings, civic functions, café	I don't like the taxi rank at the side it takes away from the setting of the building. The arches should be used. I think historically they had market stalls?? Needs love and tlc
46	N/A	Beautiful when decorated for Christmas	Lighting	Yes. It's a focal point for the town	Yes	Yes	Newport or Island history museum	N/A
47	Yes	An architectural gem, and one of the best buildings in town	External aspect, maintain only	Yes. Historically important	Yes	yes	Small commercial units	N/A
48	Yes	Great architecture	Restored to former glory	Yes. It's the most interesting building in the area	Yes	Yes	A event venue possibly	It could be the heart of the town.
49	Yes	Important architectural building	Well maintained.	Yes. John Nash design in central location	Yes	Yes	Market. Youth Club. Small retail units	Food market. Tourism attraction. Historical tours
50	Yes	Architecturally significant, rather neglected	It could be used!!	Yes. Architecturally and historically significant	Yes	Yes	Events, hot desk office space, museum, café/restaurant	Good luck!!
51	Yes	Okay	N/A	Yes. It was a place where sensible laws were passed, where you went to court if not behaving, where they gave away so much of Newport and iconic buildings, went along and passed stupid laws that turn Newport into what it is today.	Yes	No	To help put right, all the crap they've been selling ever since I can remember, and give Newport and surrounding areas a sense of pride back.	Your asking me for answers, I moved like so many real Islanders, why do you think that was, a whole generation left the place because of what it was becoming, ask people around Newport now if you can find real Islanders, what they think of Newport NOW.
52	Yes	An amazing building full of history	Remove it from the council so it can be looked after and used properly	Yes. Because of its position, history, and design	Yes	yes	It could be used as a heritage centre, that is unconnected with the council	This building will end up like the rest of previously owned council buildings unless it is saved soon. It is already looking dilapidated, and why? Because the IWC own it, and being hard up, will not spend any money on it.
53	Yes	Main part of the high street	Opened up more.	Yes. Been there for a long time and part of historic Newport, and used in many ways	Yes	Yes	Local history centre, with photos and information on the past	N/A
54	Yes	A sadly under maintained icon	Taking plants growing from rain goods would help!! It just looks unloved	Yes. It could be... if loved.. one of the most iconic buildings in the town	Yes	Yes	Weddings, so much nicer than the planning offices!! Corporate gatherings.	This building needs care and to be used in ways that are of importance Either to individuals or the council! It just looks unloved... which is sad as one of the prime pieces of architecture in the centre of the town

55	Yes	Nash. Iconic Newport landmark.	Not sure as not been inside apart from museum	Yes. Listed, iconic Newport landmark, Nash d	Yes	Yes	Museum and for functions	N/A
56	Yes	Iconic Newport Building with great charm and elegance	Tastefully maintained	Yes. It's central location, seen by everyone who visits the town, and historical elegance enhance the place.	Yes	Yes	An Isle of Wight Museum, but a lot more space given over to the exhibits than currently.	There are some wonderful items in the IOW museum collections, it would be lovely see them properly displayed such as in The Town Museum Winchester, a fine example.
57	Yes	Very attractive building	N/A	Yes. History	Yes	Yes	Museum and craft/art display	N/A
58	Yes	It's a beautiful old building	Extend the museum. Open the area where the cells are.	Yes. Of historic importance	Yes	Yes	museum, Island heritage archives. Move family history from Hillside?	I would like to see time restored and made use of.
59	Yes	Stunning and under-utilised	Refurbished and used as a community space	Yes. It's a part of history	Yes	yes	used as a community space	N/A
60	Yes	Nice on the outside. Never been in	Open it to community, café, island history. Rooms for community use	Yes.	No	Yes	The community	N/A
61	Yes	Interesting - historic	N/A	Yes. Historic	Yes	No	N/A	Served on Jury there about 1970
62	Yes	The front face is really attractive but somehow gets lost amongst all the shop fronts.	Floral displays	Yes. Historically important	Yes	Yes	Is it still the tourist info hub? If not, it should be.	N/A
63	Yes	Historic and worth preserving	Better use and publicity	Yes. Architecturally important and a local lan	Yes	Yes	Museum and tourism centre	N/A
64	Yes	Part of Newports heritage.	By having some money spent on it	Yes. Part of the character on Newport	Yes	Yes	Island heritage and record office.	N/A
65	Yes	A fine example of John Nash design	More use as a revolving museum with a variety of contemporary arts	Yes. A splendid design & historic	Yes	Yes	See previous answer	I know its been used for various uses in the past but it deserves to have a permanent use for the people of the Island & visitors alike. No entry fees though just donations.
66	Yes	Gorgeous and iconic and historic and the best building in Newport	Access for the public!	Yes. Architecturally and geographically critica	No	Yes	Massive list I've sent you before :)	N/A
67	Yes	Newport hub, extend museum, keep TIC	Painted, refurbished inside	Yes. Historic value, old courts	Yes	Yes	See above	N/A
68	Yes	Looks great and should be fully utilised.	Use it and bring it back to life.	Yes. Historic and architecturally unique to Newport and extremely high visual impact.	Yes	Yes	Visitors, cultural and buisness events.	So much potential just waiting for exhibitions, hosting community and business and regeneration forums.
69	Yes	It's ok	Leave it alone, don't try and improve it.	No. It's just a building.	No	Yes	Indoor market	N/A

70	Yes	Stately	More open to the public. Museum is naff.	Yes. Prominent. Important part of Newport	Yes	Yes	Community events. Tours. Wedding venue?	There is nothing about it's history outside. The museum should be a Newport history museum. Including more recent stories.
71	Yes	Nice but covered in bird poo	Clean up the bird poo	Yes. Heritage of the town	No	No	Put a youth club in there and get young people off the streets in the evenings. Teach them stuff, ICT, woodcraft, bike maintenance. Municipal buildings shouldn't just be used for stuffy old tat	N/A
72	Yes	Landmark	Open more to the public	Yes. Landmark	Yes	Yes	Public, exhibitions, heritage	N/A
73	Yes	Fabulous history and is currently wasted with one court room having been closed for use for a long time because of ceiling falling in.	I think it would make a great front office for council, registrars office (lovely back drop for weddings) nice central location. Tourist information	Yes. History and prominence	Yes	Yes	As above	N/A
74	Yes	A historic landmark of the town	N/A	Yes.	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
75	N/A	Old	Unsure	Yes.	Yes	Yes	Needs a consultation as to what it should be	N/A
76	Yes	Possibly the most significant landmark in the town.	Repair and then ongoing care. Some activity in the building, most of it appears to be empty.	Yes. Landmark building and key part of the town	Yes	Yes	Ideally something more than just offices. Would be great to see the public rooms used again in a way that means people can see them. Would be good to see activity tied to regenerating the town - arts, civic use, functions, a great museum, something like that. Just bring some life back!	This needs to be an urgent priority - Ostrich-like behaviour has been going on for too long!

77	Yes	Lovely and eye catching	Regular cleaning of the stone-work, and making the outside area more attractive and welcoming	Yes. It has been here a long time and is historically important, and is also a building Newport should be proud of, and want to make more of.	Yes	Yes	Museum of Island history/a pretty & quaint tea-room or restaurant/ a tourist hub (like it used to be)	The Christmas lights were lovely - please do more of the same! Colour/lights/flowers on the front would make it so beautiful.
78	N/A	An imposing building. Nice to it has survived for so long	It looks ok as it is unless there are structural issues	Yes. Because it's part of Newport's history	Yes	Yes	Community events	N/A
79	Yes	I like the Christmas lights there	More going on I thought it was shut	No. Don't know what goes on there	No	Yes	Seminars, music, art, meetings, pop up kitchens pop up shops, island info point?	Have no idea what this building is currently used for but it's perfect location in center of town and very pretty
80	Yes	Important part of Newports street scene designed by John Nash.	Remove parking from alongside and where possible realign the road to create more public space in front of it.	Yes. Historically and architecturally important	Yes	Yes	Re-opened as a public space. Visitor centre / shop/ café	Currently looking neglected. It is an underused and undervalued Listed building and should be more of an asset to the town. It should be re-opened as a cafe/shop which could create a focus and help generate money.
81	yes	I think it is a lovely building with lots of character and history	Not sure	Yes. Because of its history	Yes	Yes	Something with local history or for small local businesses	N/A
82	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes.	Yes	N/A	As a meeting place	Guildhalls in the past were used as town meeting halls, so that the townsfolk could talk out thier grievances with the town councils.
83	Yes	I like the architecture and It's part of the history of Newport	I've never visited as unsure what happens inside	Yes. It's a focal point in the High Street	No	Yes	More community use perhaps	N/A
84	Yes	Important part of Newport's history.	Sell it to an outsider with strict conditions on use ie Heritage or history centre	Yes. Have a guess.	Yes	Yes	A proper museum not the laughable ragbag that's in there now.	The Council has a proven track record of being useless when it comes to organising anything like this. Give it to a local group of history enthusiasts and let them get on with it. The Council will be the kiss of death on any project here. Staff see their brief as to throw as much public money as possible at such projects. They aren't interested. Leave it to those who are.

85	Yes	It looked lovely at Christmas	Can it be used more never hear of it being used for anything?	Yes. As it is the centre of Newport	No	No	Events	Don't know what it is actually used for never hear anything going on in there, don't even know if you're actually can go there ?? I think it was a tourist information Centre once.
86	Yes	Best in Newport	Cleaned and repairs to make good	Yes. Original	Yes	Yes	Indoor market maybe	N/A
87	N/A	Lovely	I don't know	Yes. Its historic	No	Yes	As it is a Museum	N/A
88	Yes	Not looked after properly and looks a bit bit of a sorry state	Maintain it	Yes. Designed by Nash	Yes	Yes	Arcade of smaller shops or a tourist attraction like an interesting museum/gallery or alternative healthcare centre	I am guessing it has to be used for something but its a shame the asset wasn't maintained by the IWC so it was a lovely building where maybe you could have had weddings.
89	Yes	Looks pretty at Christmas	Tidy the façade	Yes. Historical	No	Yes	Social events	N/A
90	Yes	Nice	Is a bit unkept and worn	Yes. Assume it has some historical relevance	Yes	Yes	Museum/education centre	N/A
91	Yes	It's quite nice at Christmas	Just kept in good condition	Yes. It's a landmark building	No	Yes	Tourist Information	N/A
92	Yes	It's centrally placed to be a useful community resource	Better access to the inside. Information outside about its history	Yes. It has a lot of history	Yes	Yes	Museum, heritage centre and tourist information centre	It would be good to see community groups able to meet there and also reinstate the big ballroom, it would be a fantastic venue for events. The museum needs extending let's see more of the councils collection and art works.
93	Yes	Currently used as an IOW museum, and one of Newports more important historic buildings How do you think the building could be improved?: A lick of paint on the outside would help, and perhaps used for public functions to achieve self funding	A lick of paint on the outside would help, and perhaps used for public functions to achieve self funding	Yes. Historic value to the town	Yes	Yes	See above	Use it or lose it
94	Yes	It's a beautiful building	Just kept clean and in good repair	Yes. Historically	No	Yes	It would be great if it could have a place for visiting artists, a carbon neutral cafe, an area where you could see the history of Newport.	N/A

95	Yes	Historical and architectural importance	I think the outside needs to maintain it's character, inside keep it well lit and engaging	Yes. It's a ohn Nash building, key part of Islar	Yes	Yes	School history visits, education of kids about local history seems to be just Carisbrooke Castle or Osborne House. Daily life in the past is also relevant. Historical talk events. Exhibitions	N/A
96	Yes	Historic	Used more	Yes. Historic	Yes	Yes	Tours, events, registry office	N/A
97	Yes	It is an important feature of Newport. I love the building and have happy memories of it being used for public and private events.	It requires being renovated and used as a public space.	Yes. It is part of the Newport Heritage.	Yes	Yes	It could be a community hub, allowing lots of events both public and private to occur.	It needs to be looked after and brought back into Newport life. Weddings, events and rooms to let etc. Please renovate, and keep its heritage.
98	Yes	It's an important historic building that should be used more effectively for the public	It should be invested in and used as a beacon building in the centre of the town to encourage footfall into Newport and give other investors confidence to bring business and opportunities to the town	Yes. Historic, visually appealing, well located within the centre of the town	Yes	Yes	Community use/indoor activities/visitor attraction/ indoor market	N/A
99	Yes	It's an attractive building	It could be used much more	Yes. Grade 2 listed and designed by John Nas	Yes	Yes	A much better museum or heritage centre	N/A
100	Yes	It's a great building	more open to the public, with events	Yes.	No	Yes	Events	N/A
101	Yes	Historical and should be kept as it is.	power wash so it looks better	Yes. very important to all, local and tourists	Yes	Yes	kept as is	i have seen comments about turning it into flats. How many flats = how many cars in the middle of town. not enough parking.
102	Yes	It's one of Newports landmarks	Always!	No. Everyone knows where it is, it's a main building of Newport.	No	Yes	Anything, not council offices! Something cultural.	N/A
103	Yes	Beautiful day	Attract visitors	Yes. History	No	Yes	Museum interactive	Make it a family venue
104	Yes	Looks neglected	It should become a cafe/restaurant/arts building/venue	Yes. It has a lot of history and is in a prominent position within the high street	Yes	N/A	Cafe/restaurant/arts building. It could be an indoor market for local artists.	It needs to be brought back into use but not as council offices!

105	Yes	It's a beautiful building	Not sure	Yes. It's a focal point in newport	Yes	Yes	I went in when it was a small museum ,I think it could be used as a big museum full of everything to do with the history of newport	N/A
106	Yes	It's a lovely building that needs bringing to life	Clean up like most of Newport	Yes. It's historical and is a landmark	No	Yes	Community events, a weekly market,musical events, a coffee shop, museum the possibilities are endless	Please don't turn it into flats , that's the easy option which requires no thought whatsoever. Newport is in desperate need of some regeneration and this would be (under the right management) an awesome venue. I know the island needs more housing but please don't ruin buildings like this to provide it
107	Yes	Beautiful building	Think Faneuil Hall. https://faneuilhallmarketplace.com/	Yes. Landmark building	Yes	Yes	Indoor market place with upmarket food hall	N/A
108	Yes	Not used to it's potential	Needs to keep its historical integrity but be given a spruce up	Yes. Important historical building	No	Yes	It should be used as the islands registry office. Ideal location for weddings and better than the 'office' at seaclose	A beautiful building that people just pass by, an important part of Newports history that should be celebrated.
109	Yes	It's beautiful	I'd love it to be used more	Yes. It's part of the heritage of Newport	No	Yes	Could it have a cafe? A space for performance? What about music on the balcony on a summer night, with the road temporarily closed & tables, drinks & lights outside?	I'd love to be able to go inside, learn about the history of the building & see it brought back into use as the lovely asset that it could be

110	Yes	Historically important for Newport which is underused	N/A	Yes. Architecturally but it should also be a destination building	Yes	Yes	Meeting place/ tourist information / cafe / place for agencies to meet	I used to work here when it was a tourist information centre (tic). I fronted the museum and the tic, taking accommodation bookings, theatre and steam boat bookings, selling island memorabilia/souvenirs, telling people about appropriate attractions for the age group, how to get from a to b etc. I don't think Newport is a main attraction town now, so I'm not sure a similar tic would be useful here but I think the museum should be upgraded, and the rest of the ground floor used as a meeting place for the community, somewhere for younger (displaced?) people to go for a coffee. If it was made for the community, via, say, several agencies (such as the footprint trust who give advice on heating bills, the local environment etc) it could become a real hub for the local community, bringing it back into the consciousness of
111	Yes	It's a lovely historical building & should be preserved	Maintenance to the exterior & an improvement to its surrounding s currently the high street is shabby, look up & the maintenance to building is terrible. Business rates need to be reduced building owners should be required to maintain the buildings to a required decent tidy standard.	Yes. It's an historical building	Yes	Yes	Community events, performance arts, local artists exhibitions	The town needs investment, it's been left to ruin. Buildings are shabby, parking is expensive & business rates are too high to attract local businesses in.
112	Yes	A beautiful historical part of our county town.	It should be maintained in a sympathetic manner to keep it as it is and to be sustained into the future and should stay in public ownership as it belongs to all Islanders.	Yes. It's a mainstay of our history in Newport matched only by St Thomas's church.	Yes	Yes	Possibly a historical wedding venue. It should be used for events, programmes and initiatives that provide a cohesive meeting place for the community.	Whilst using it as a museum is lovely , more community information and social economic history should be added.
113	Yes	dull	have decent events there	No.	No	No	N/A	N/A

114	Yes	Beautiful	No idea- not been inside	Yes. Historical	No	Yes	Museum, tourist information, cafe, performance venue	It should NOT be turned into yet more flats. Would spoil the overall look of the place & there is NO parking for residents.
115	Yes	Iconic	Better maintenance	Yes. It is a historic landmark that is very much part of the visual impression of the town of Newport. Too many buildings of historic value have already been lost or are in the process of being lost.	Yes	Yes	A museum of Newport's local history, combined with an indoor market for local traders (to include a butcher's, fishmonger's, greengrocer's, baker's and delicatessen)	Please do not alter the way it looks too much. Newport has already lost so much of what makes it unique. Having a High Street full of identikit chain shops that have now mainly all closed down proved to be fatal. We do need to rethink the character of our town and try to attract visitors and locals alike to something that makes our center attractive.
116	Yes	Part of Newport's history	needs looking after. A good paint etc and repair on the outside	Yes. Historical	Yes	Yes	Community events and information	N/A
117	Yes	It's an iconic building within the Newport skyline and High street, that has a 'seat of power' feel to it	It is vastly underused at present with most of the building closed off to the public. It contributes very little to the street scene, beyond its architectural merit.	Yes. It is the only Guildhall on the island and has unique potential as a vibrant centre piece to the island county/capital town	Yes	Yes	A dynamic creative/cultural hub, providing the function many guildhalls do for cities around the uk	I'd recommend the Council consults with The Island Collection and other cultural sector representatives to explore possibilities
118	Yes	Architecturally lovely building...externally	Update interior to provide exhibition dedicated and permanent low history	Yes. Central position in Newport and the iow	Yes	Yes	Permanent iow history exhibits and other occasional and well advertised exhibitions	N/A
119	Yes	I like it	Be a nicer place to get married than Seaclose	Yes.	Yes	Yes	Locals	N/A
120	Yes	Beautiful but under utilised	More public access	No. Never been inside it or seen it in use	No	Yes	N/A	N/A
121	N/A	Fantastic architecture	Restore the interior	Yes. Designed by one of Britain's best architects	Yes	Yes	Museum, theatre, restaurant	We must preserve it
122	Yes	It's got a long, important history that needs to be preserved	Empty out all the council storage and use it for civic function / event space. I'd much rather have registered my children there than at seaclose. Clean it up, plant some flowers, hang some flags and light it at night	Yes. It's heritage, important architecture and landmark of the town	No	Yes	Registry function / events	Please make sure the building is looked after, not just something to generate profit for the council

123	Yes	A grand historical monument to the evolution of the borough	Other than the museum I have no idea what it's used for so whatever it is it's not well promoted.	Yes. Town centre icon with a lot of history	No	Yes	Island history centre	The town's first fire station was located behind the arches, this would make an interesting aspect if the fire service would be willing to loan Newports 1873 fire engine to be displayed as and where it was once on standby.
124	Yes	Imposing	Better sinage	Yes. It's history and architecture	No	Yes	Museum of the history of the island A space for future project projects planning applications	N/A
125	N/A	Nice building	OK as a museum but needs to be more interesting	Yes. Old Newport has gone nice to see an old	Yes	Yes	Museum or open it for fairs etc	If it's not going to be used and fall into disrepair like so many buildings. Then you might as well demolish it.
126	Yes	Beautiful but under used	Be able to see more of it inside	Yes. It's a beautiful building and holds a lot of	Yes	Yes	The iow community and tourists	N/A
127	Yes	It needs appreciating	Make more use of it	Yes.	Yes	Yes	Citizen support	N/A
128	Yes	An underused asset.	Locate something of high tourism value: make it a destination point that brings people into Newport.	Yes. Historic, aesthetically pleasing, something to show that our community has pride in our local heritage.	Yes	Yes	Island Products: big brands (Liz Earle/Mermaid Gin/UKSA etc.	N/A
129	Yes	Fabulous building	Use it	Yes.	Yes	Yes	Local history and use for practical uses. Demolish the eyesore that is county hall and renovate this lovely building to keep it from deteriorating	N/A

130	Yes	Important landmark and not attractive architecture.	It needs a thorough clean. The TIC and Museum should be open much more frequently.	Yes. Designed by John Nash and therefore of considerable historic interest.	Yes	Yes	All parts should be available for the public to visit/hire/use.	The entrance area is ideal as an Island visitor information centre. The Museum of Island History should be retained, but updated, and inter-actives kept in full working order. The cell(s) should also be open to visitors. The former court room upstairs should be available for weddings and function hire. Get the MP involved in a campaign to transform the whole building using Heritage Lottery money, and any other public and private financial sources. Run it as charitable trust at arm's length from the Council and appoint highly skilled people from across the community, with appropriate professional experience, onto the Board and staff team.
131	Yes	Very nice architecture	Needs a think tank to bring modern ideas	Yes. It's the only building with style	Yes	Yes	More community functions	A meeting hub with coffee shop to encourage visitors
132	Yes	A good imposing building	It should be left as it was built	Yes. One of the few old buildings in Newport	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
133	N/A	Love it	Maintain it properly	Yes. Just look at it!	Yes	Yes	Heritage, exhibitions, galleries	If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
134	Yes	Fine piece of history	A bit of a refurbish	Yes. Link with the past	No	Yes	Events theatre and museum	N/A
135	Yes	Like the façade	Needs improvement/updating in several areas inside	Yes. It's part of the heritage of Newport	Yes	Yes	Multiple purpose - but this has been tried in the past, e.g. museum, tourist information centre/shop.	The upper levels would be out of bounds for anyone with a walking impairment/disability as the lift is broken.