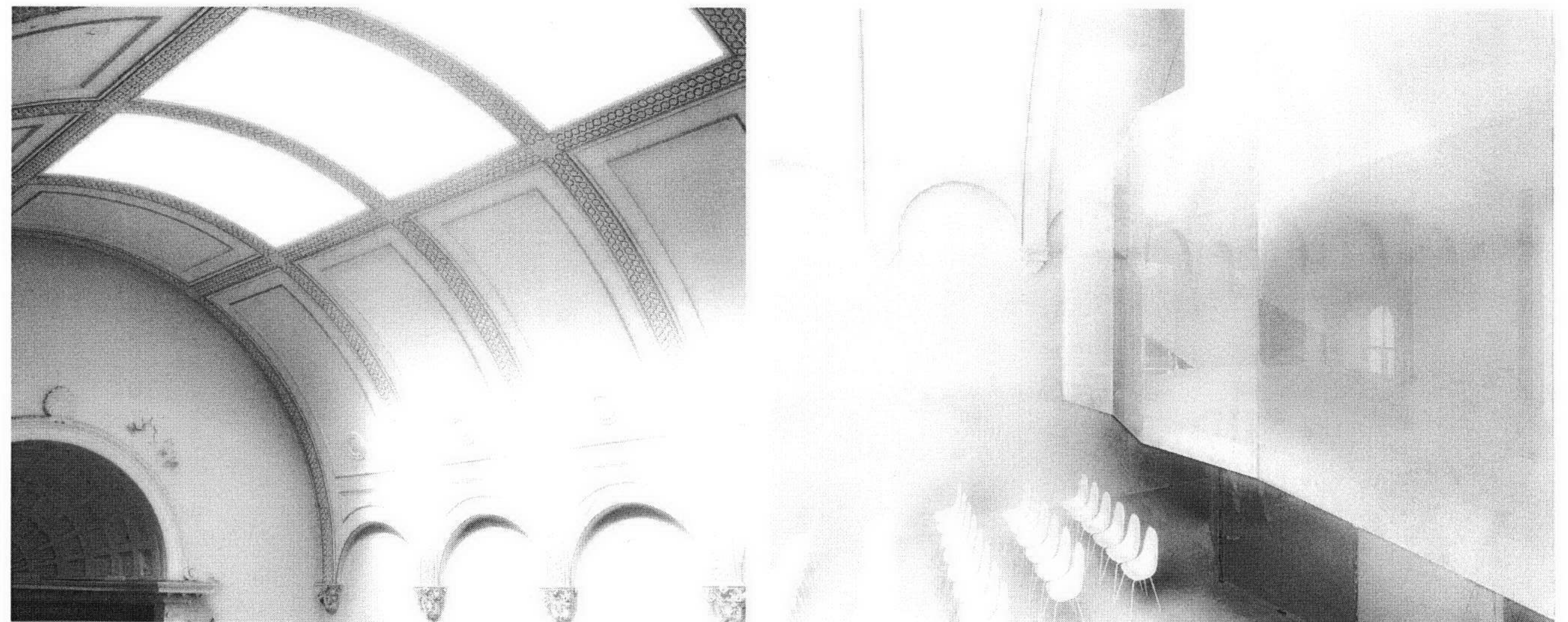


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1. Introduction to the project

2.1 Purpose of the application

What is the Swiss Church?

French speaking Swiss Protestants founded the Swiss Church in London in 1762. Since then it has been the spiritual home to the Swiss community in London. The Parish regularly unites for services in English, French and German and other spiritual or social events. There are over 200 active members in the Parish and our Church newsletter is distributed to about 800 households in the UK and abroad.

The "Swiss Church" is ecumenically very open and offers the estimated 20,000 Swiss living in Greater London an opportunity to stay in contact with their Church and their Country. For the Swiss Community and its friends we hold a number of Swiss themed events such as films, football screenings and concerts. For Au Pairs and other young people, our Youth and Parish Worker offers a Swiss Cafe and a Special Events Programme. The Parish is financed through contributions from Members and Friends, as well as by a subsidy from the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches.

Our distinguished grade II listed Church is in urgent need of a renovation. The current church, built in 1855 by the architect George Vulliamy has served the Church well as have subsequent renovations. The time has come to address the basic fabric of the facilities, which have deteriorated significantly in recent years. The aim of the renovation is to repair and restore the building and at the same time to improve the attractiveness, functionality, size and accessibility of the available space for Church, community and cultural events, as well as for Church offices.

A renovated church will benefit many people. The Parish will enjoy the improved facilities. The Swiss Community will receive attractive and centrally located spaces to meet and to hold community and cultural events. London will be offered an attractive and acoustically excellent hall in the centre of London, well suited for chamber music and choir concerts as well as choir and orchestra practices. Neighbourhood groups, choirs and small Church groups will be able to continue to rent space at very reasonable prices.

Justification of the project:

The Church needs renovation having had very little repair or alteration work undertaken since 1988.

The heating system is needs replacement and the inadequate ventilation is a contributory factor to damage to the walls; the electrical installation no longer complies with current standards; the paint on the walls is peeling and the external façade requires repair. The kitchen and the entrance are decrepit and need renewing and equal ability access issues need to be addressed. The Hunter organ, built in 1930 also requires a major overhaul.

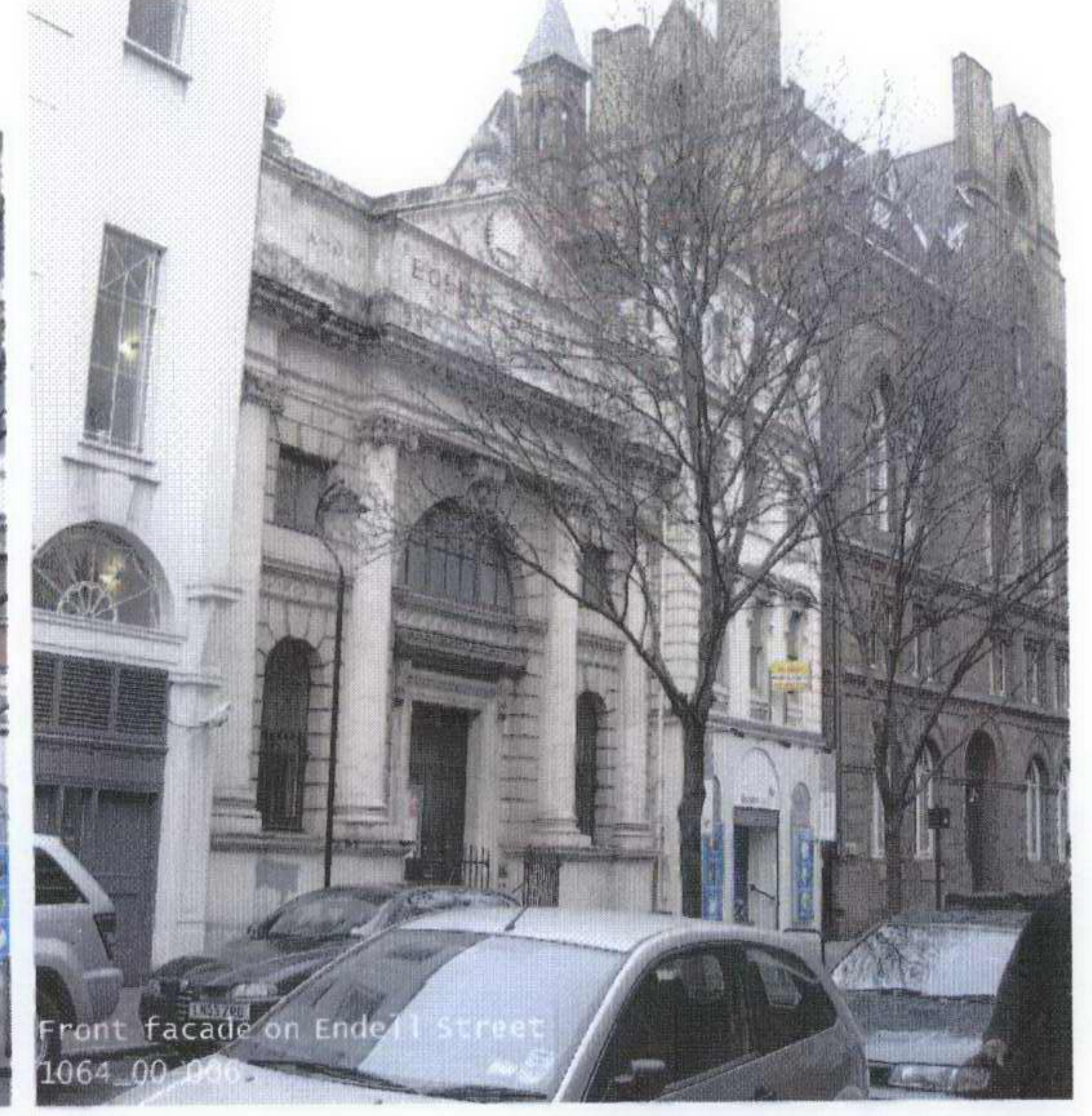
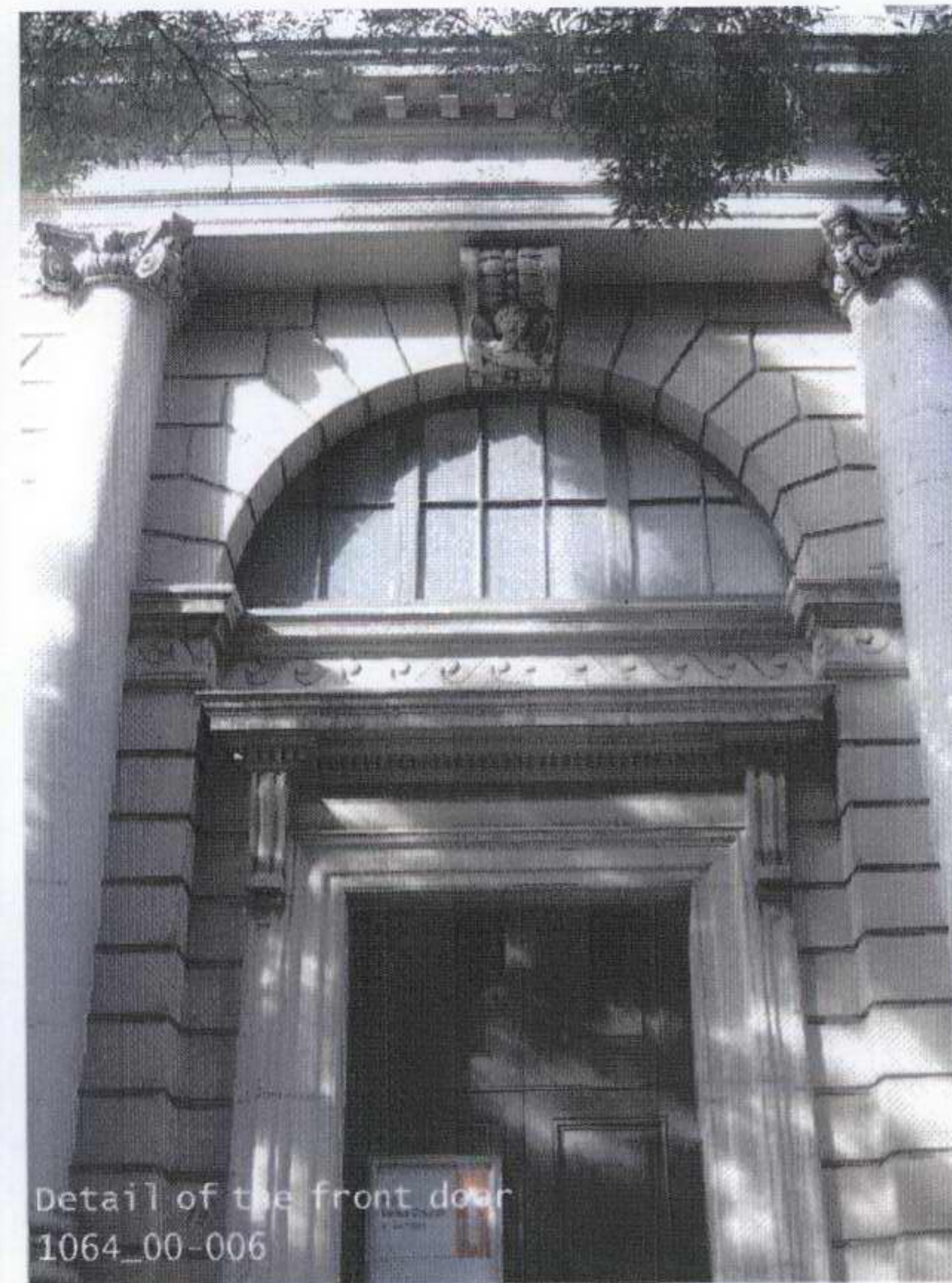
In addition to the urgent repair work, changes are needed to adapt the Church building to current needs as well as to correct less useful previous building interventions. The hall and the church office (located on the organ loft) cannot be used simultaneously and the community room is poorly situated in the entrance area.

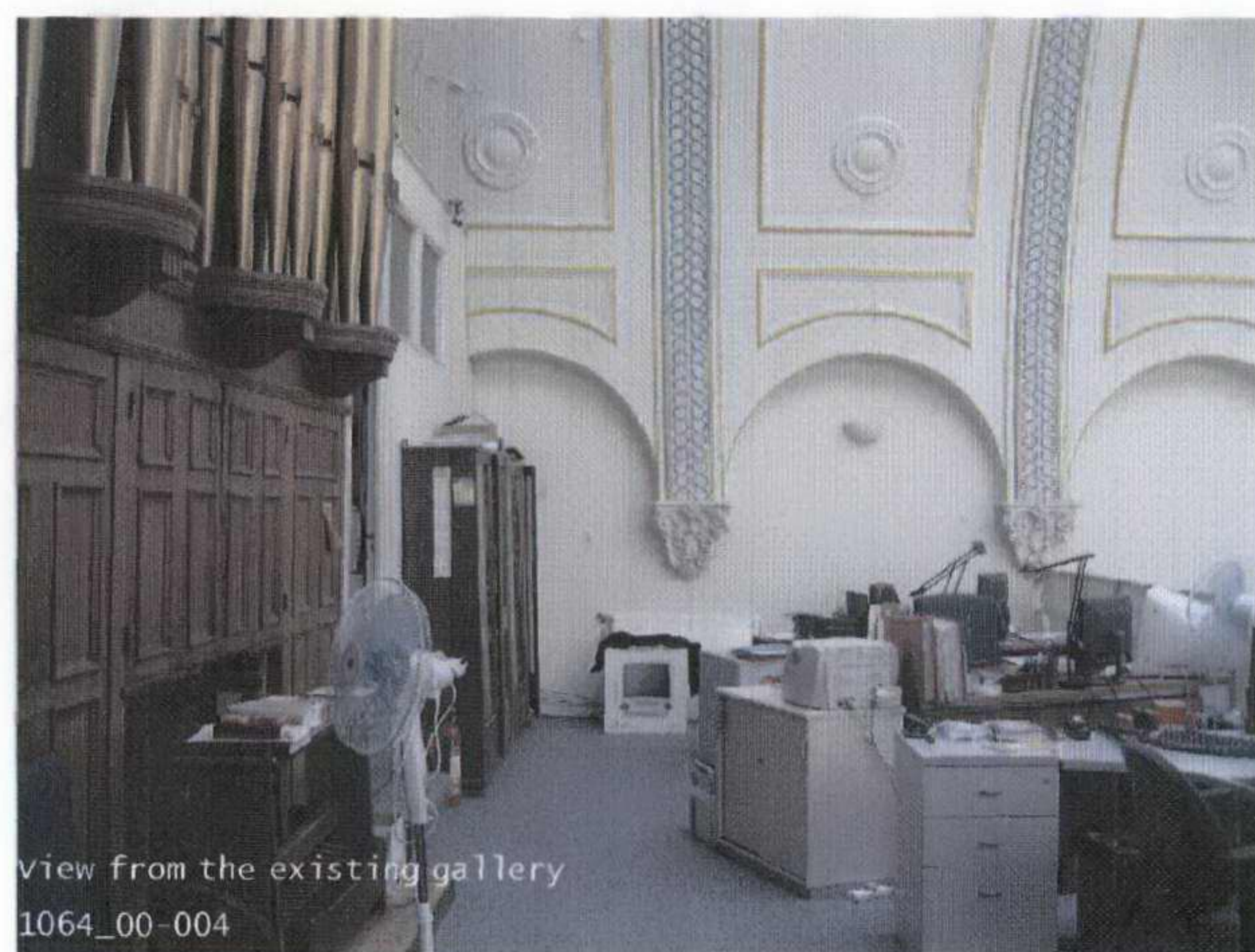
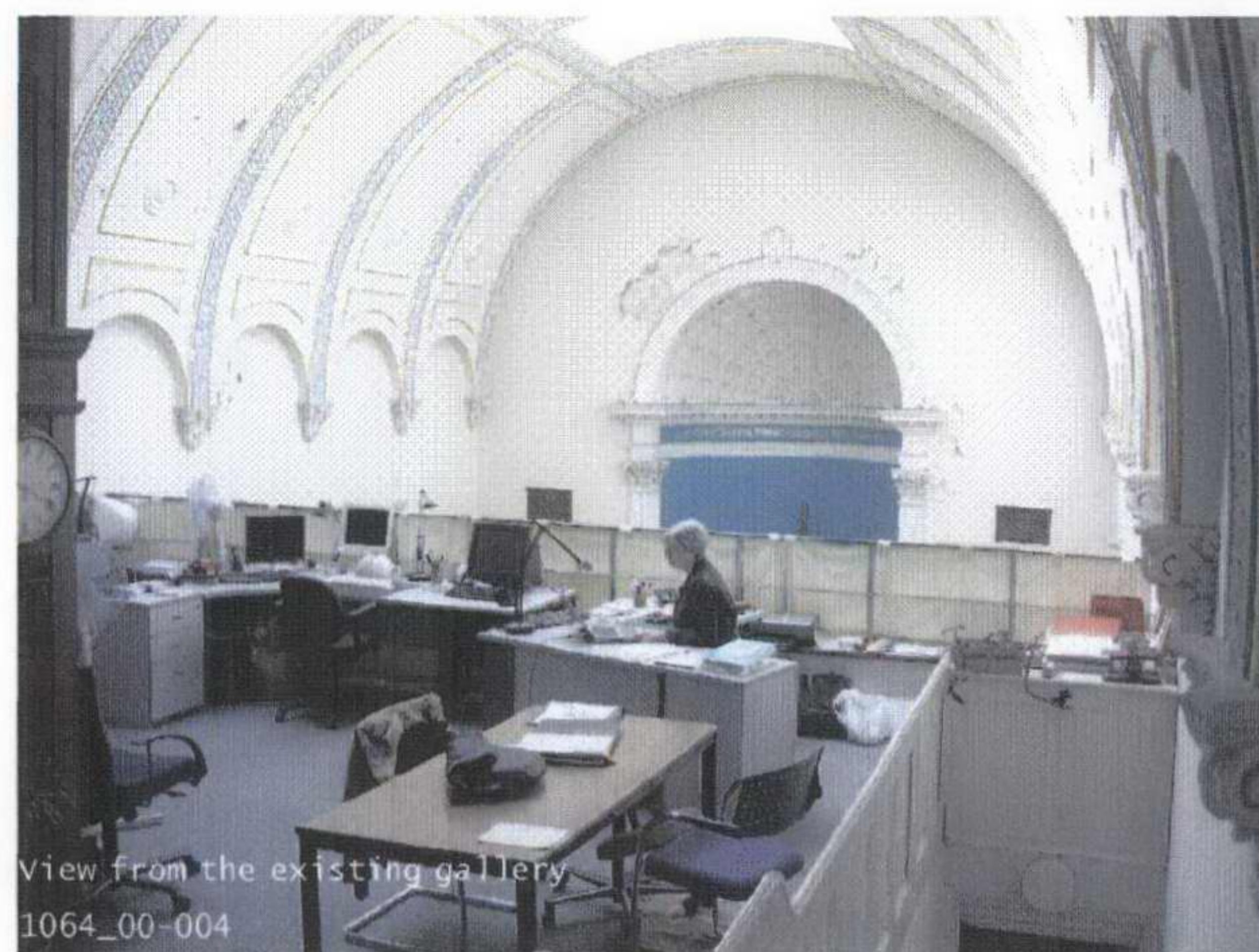
The aim of the renovation is to repair and restore the building and at the same time to improve the attractiveness, functionality, size and accessibility of the available space for Church, community and cultural events, as well as for Church offices. The aim of the project is to do the necessary renovations, as well as to provide a more functional and flexible use of the Church building.

As the main church for the Swiss community in London we aim to be a space encouraging community among all people: the worshipping community at Church services, the ex-pat community while eating and meeting together, the wider neighbourhood community at discussions and cultural events. The alterations will enable more versatility for the building since the Swiss community wants to respond to developing needs in the immediate neighbourhood.

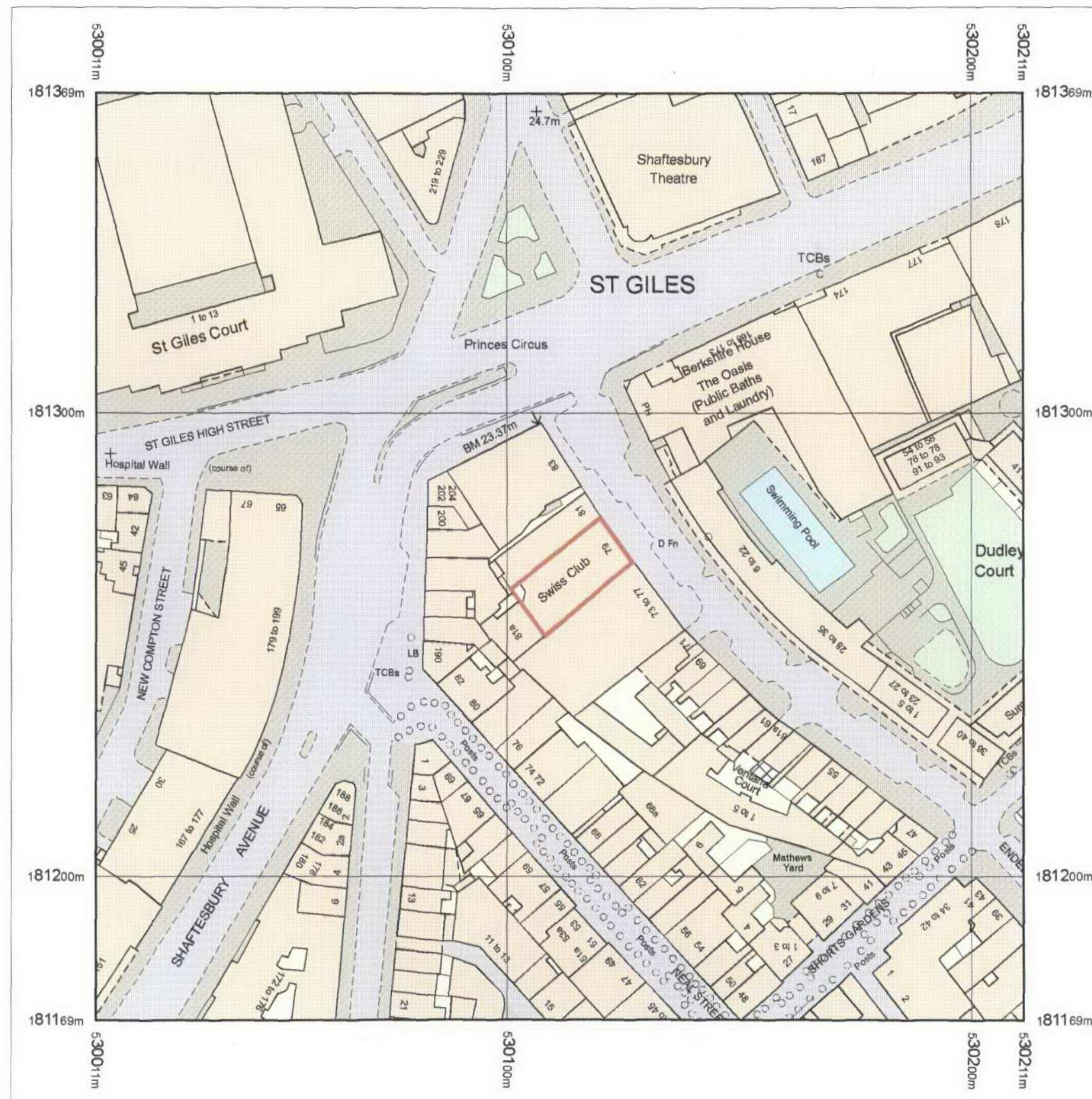
2.Introduction to the building

2.1 Pictures of the existing building





2.2 Location plan



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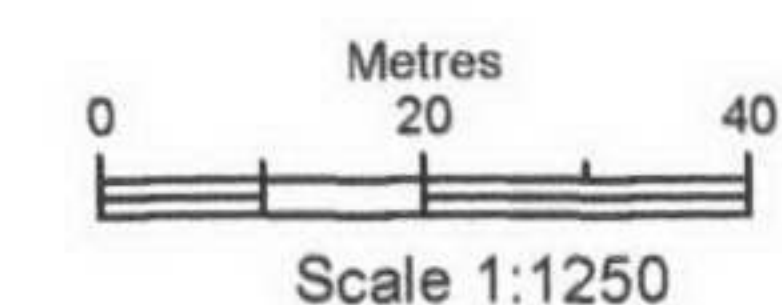
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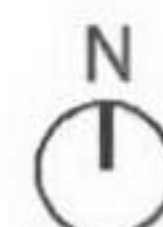
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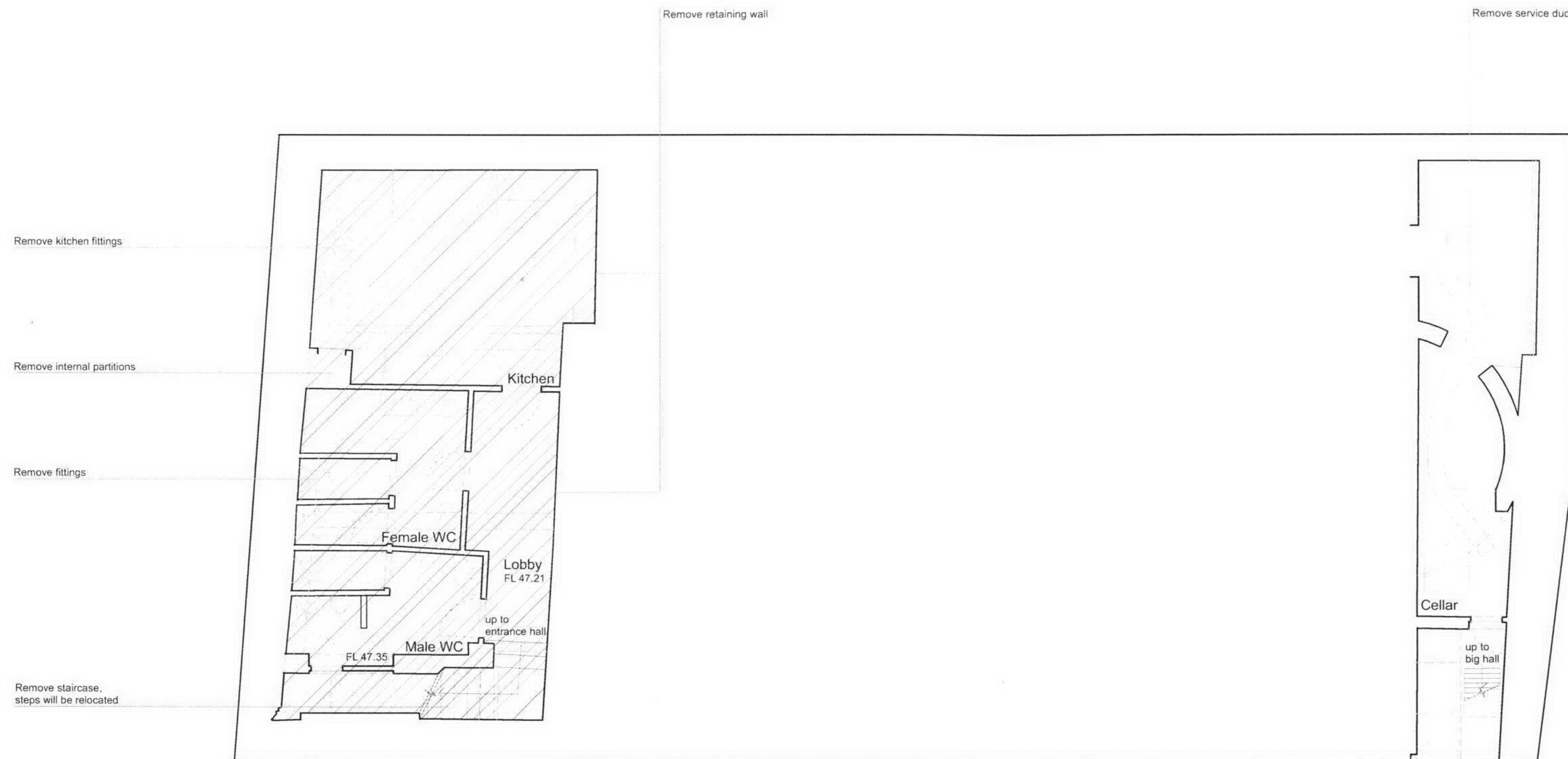
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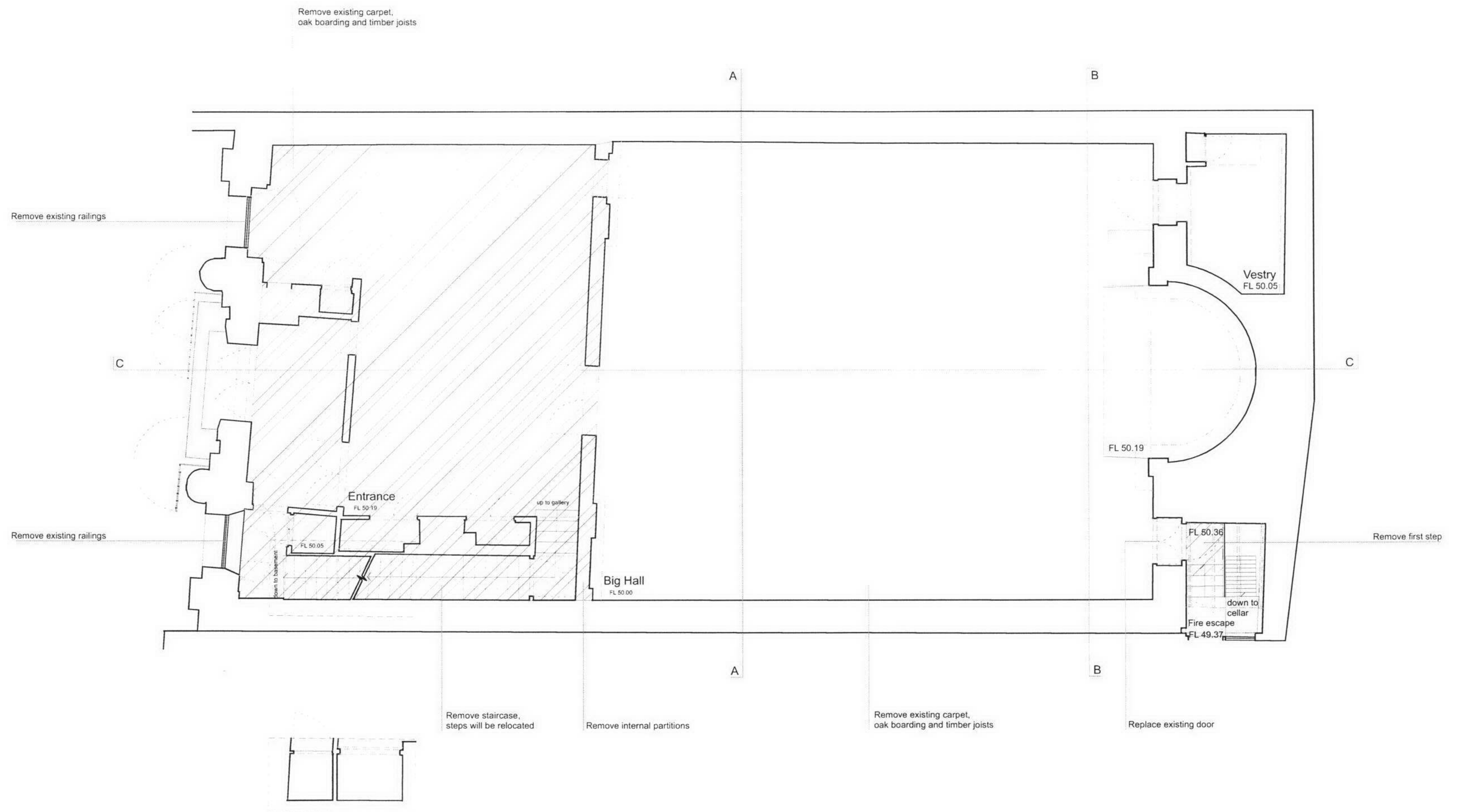


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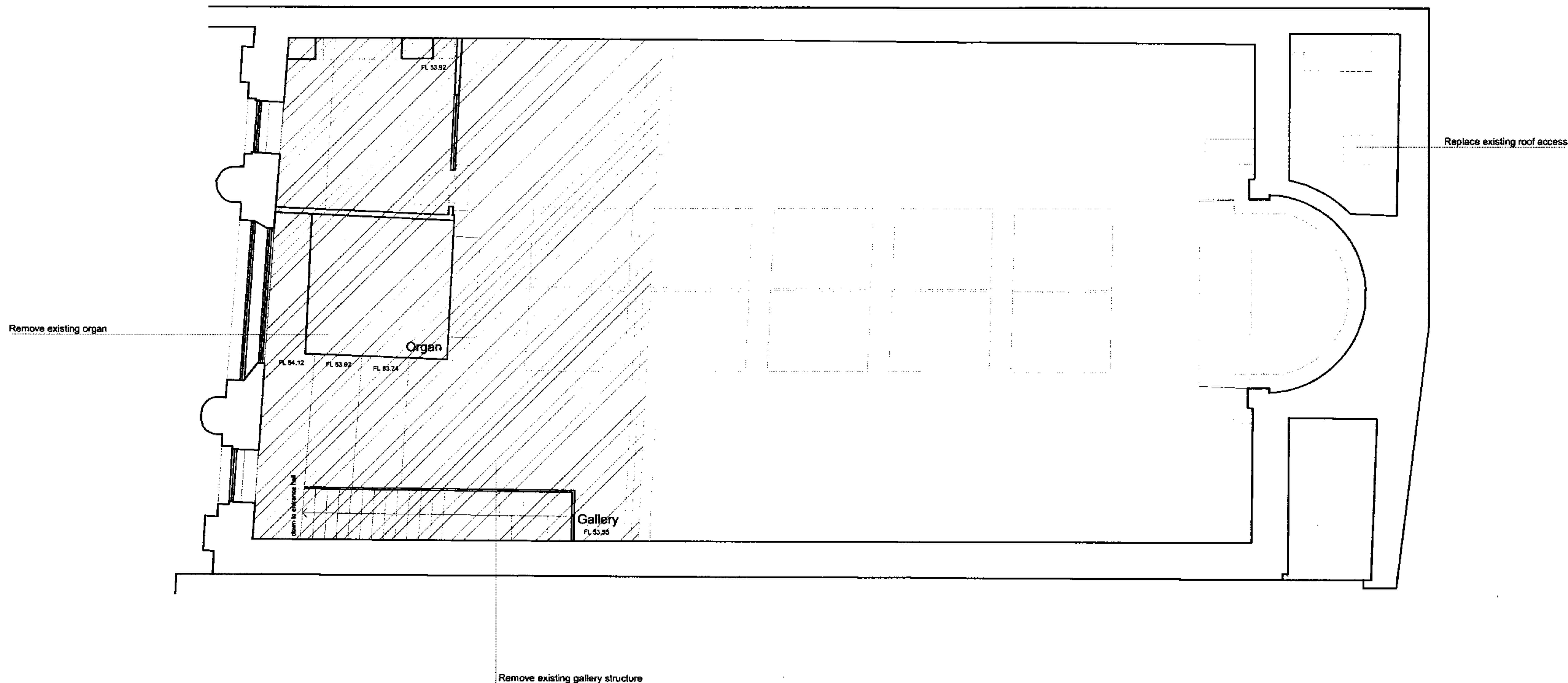
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Existing ground floor



Existing gallery floor

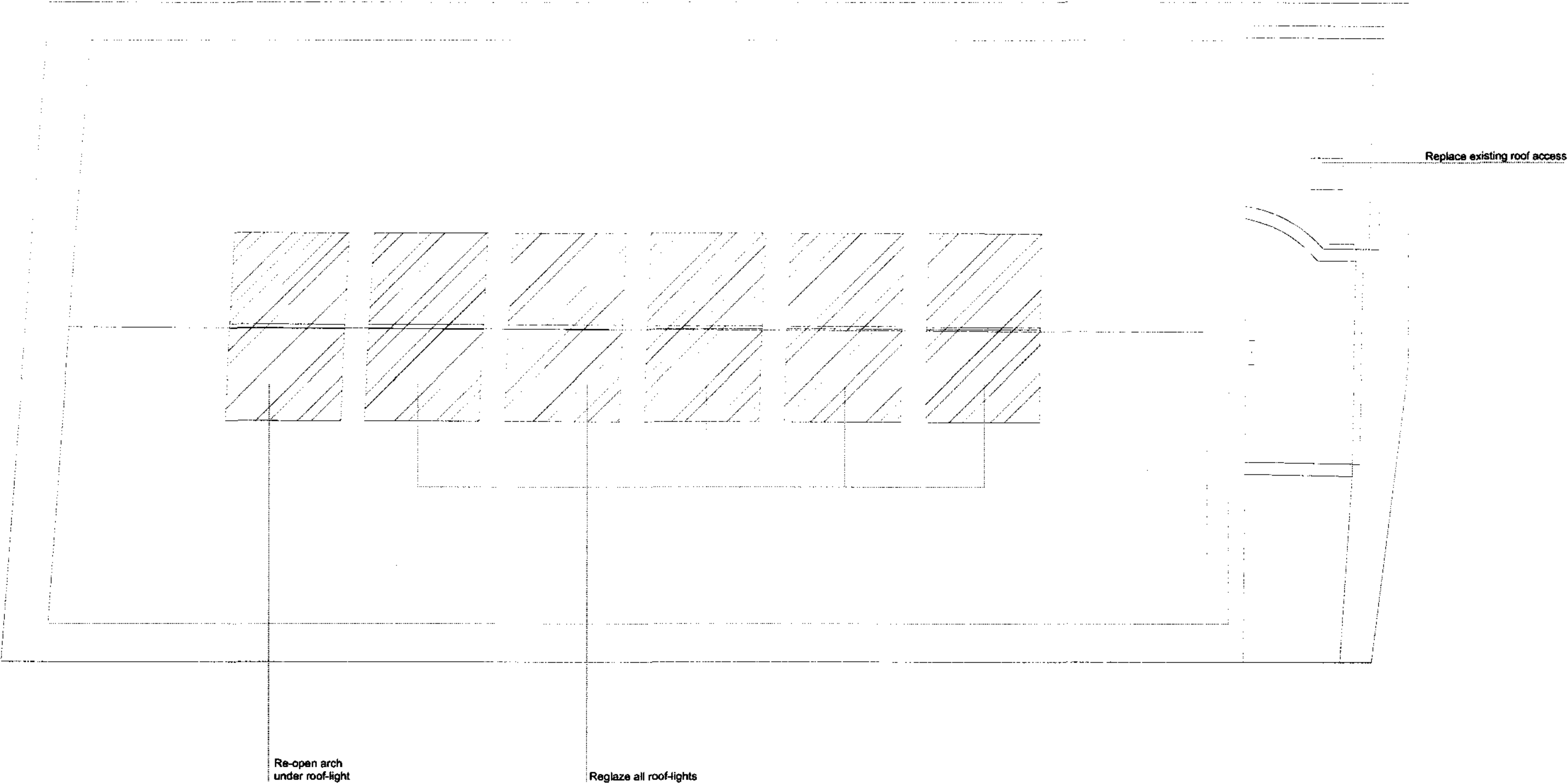


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Existing roof



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Existing west elevation



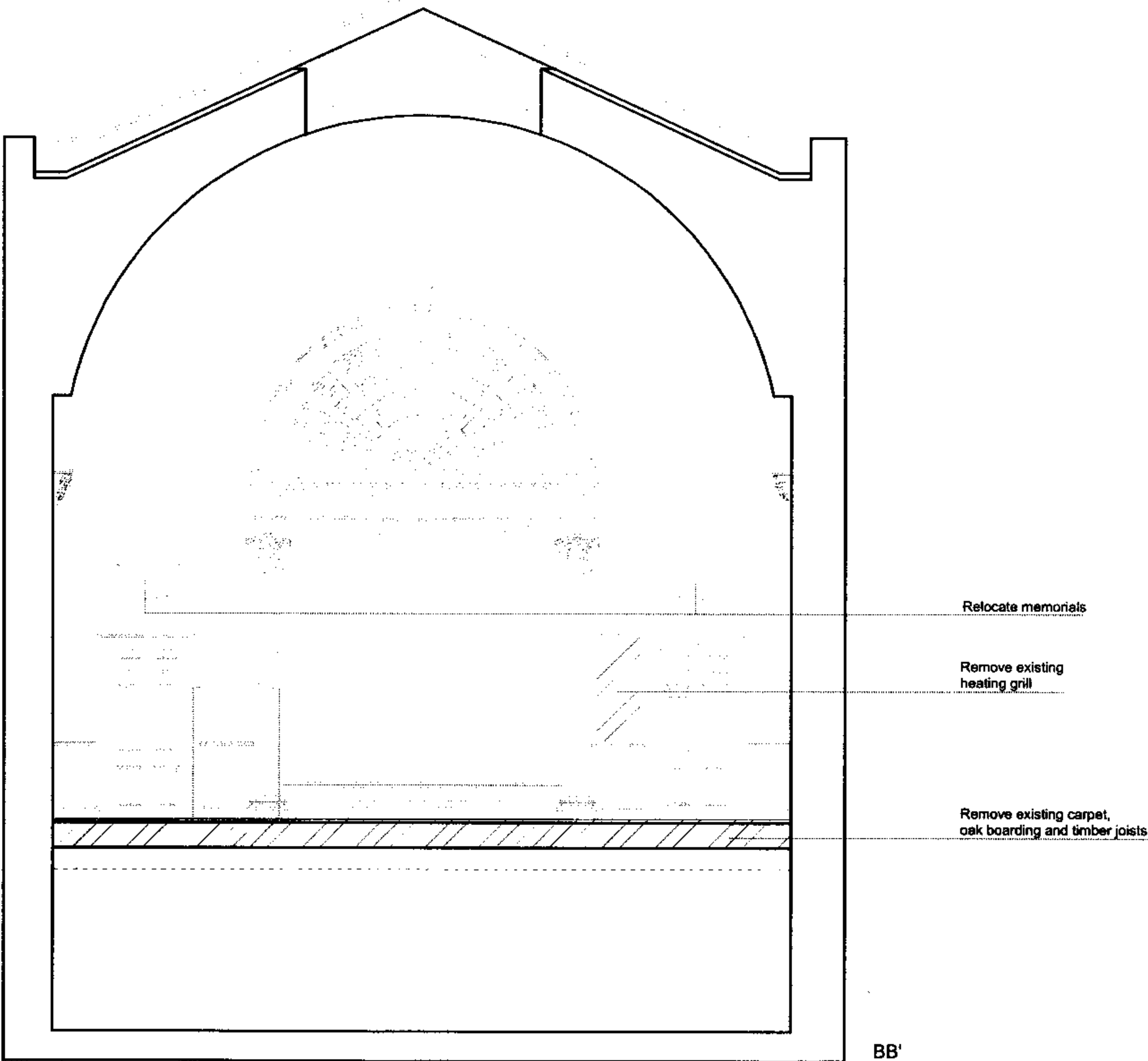
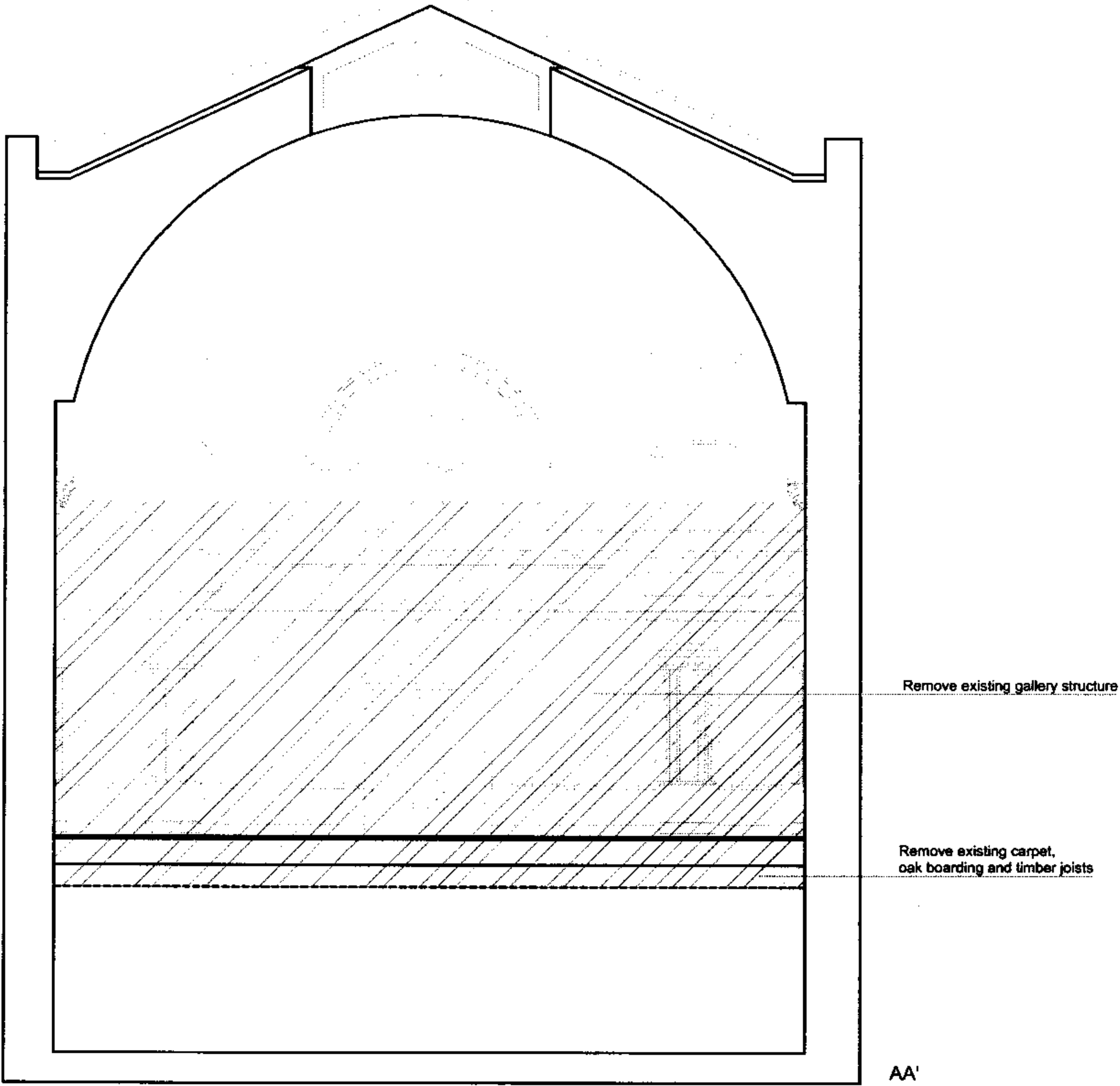
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Remove third step

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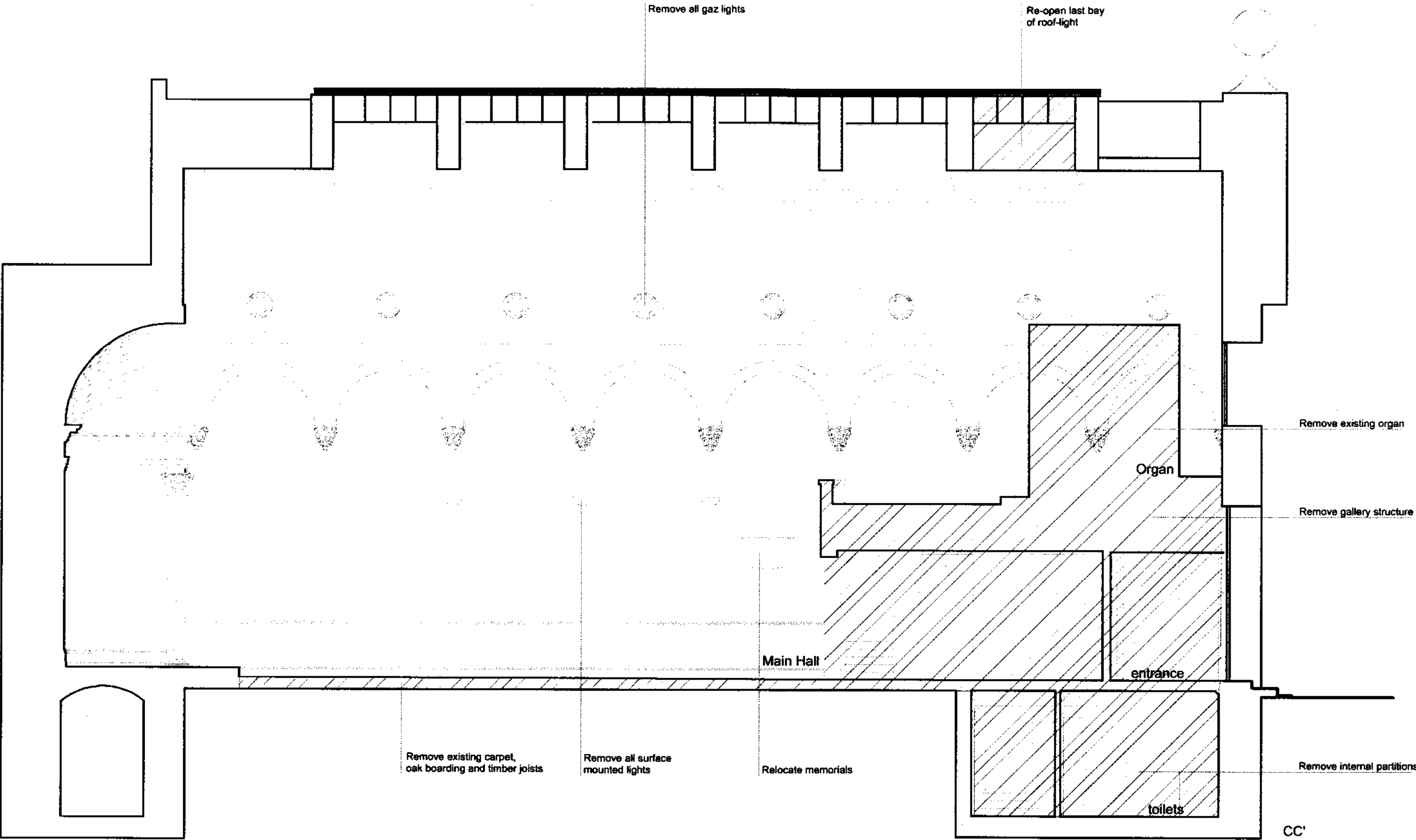


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Existing long section CC'



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