

6.2 STABLE BLOCK

6.2.10 DETAIL PROPOSALS - PROPOSED INTERIORS

The proposal is for a glazed facade to allow views through to the former stables and a partially glazed roof to ensure a light bright space in the sheltered courtyard.

The glazed structure will allow views out to the historic carriage doors on the two storey west elevation through the glazed windows and roof. The new intervention has been designed to be visually permeable, through its materiality, form and massing, ensuring the understanding of the courtyard stable plan remains legible and appreciable.

Traditional painted timber internal detailing will echo the vernacular of the stables and provide a bright and airy dining space for visitors to enjoy.



Precedent winter garden image



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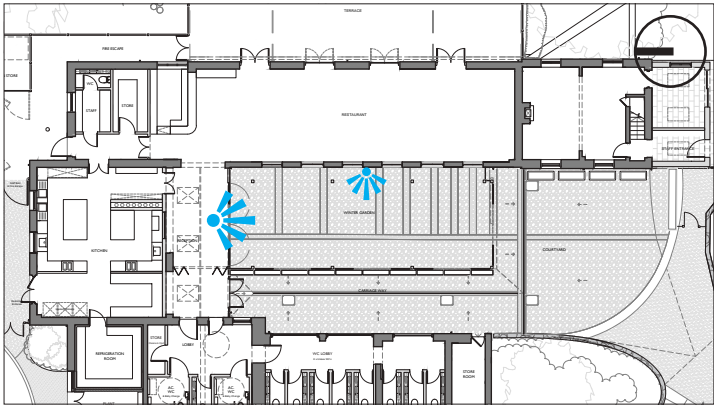
Precedent oak peg detailing



Proposed internal visual showing views to the historic façades



Proposed external visual showing views to the historic façades



Key plan



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6.2.II COURTYARD PROPOSALS

The existing cobbles appear to be from the 19th century, and are considered highly significant. They do however pose issues in terms of level access for visitors in wheelchairs, elderly visitors and visitors with buggies due to their uneven nature. There are also modern drains with unsympathetic repairs which have been inserted over time.

To improve accessibility and the aesthetic of the courtyard it is proposed to:

- Record and carefully lift the existing cobbles, recording positions and storing the cobbles in their specific order.
- Install new discreet drainage in a location which accommodates the extension.
- Relay the existing cobbles in their existing positions to a flatter surface with flush bed joints which expose the arris of the cobbles but provide an improved surface for mobility

To improve the overall aesthetic of the courtyard, it is proposed to replace the area of hardstanding to the south which is currently tarmaced with modern cobbles or a similar tone and size so that the courtyard is more legible as an area.

Site investigations were undertaken to ensure that the cobbles could be carefully lifted and relaid without damage, and that the resulting surface would be improved. The existing cobbles varied in size between by were a relatively consistent depth. The two barriers to accessibility were the sharpened changes in level and the eroded bedding between the individual cobbles.

By carefully lifting and relaying the cobbles, the sharper changes in level will be reduced, and the bed joints will be set flush to expose the arris of the cobbles but retain the character, layout and position of the existing cobbles with improved accessibility. Insensitive repairs will not be reinstated, with new cobbles inserted to these areas.



Existing cobbles to the courtyard



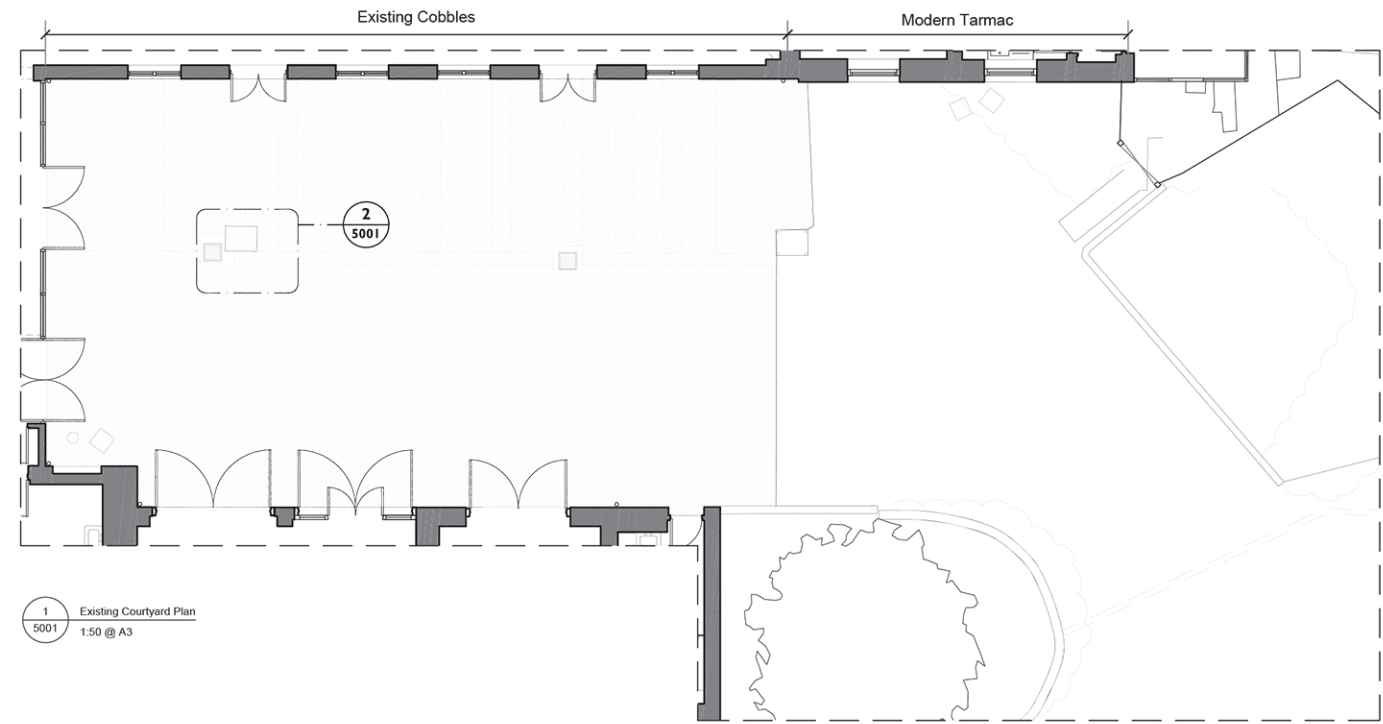
Cobbles within the stable yard showing areas of modern repair and alteration



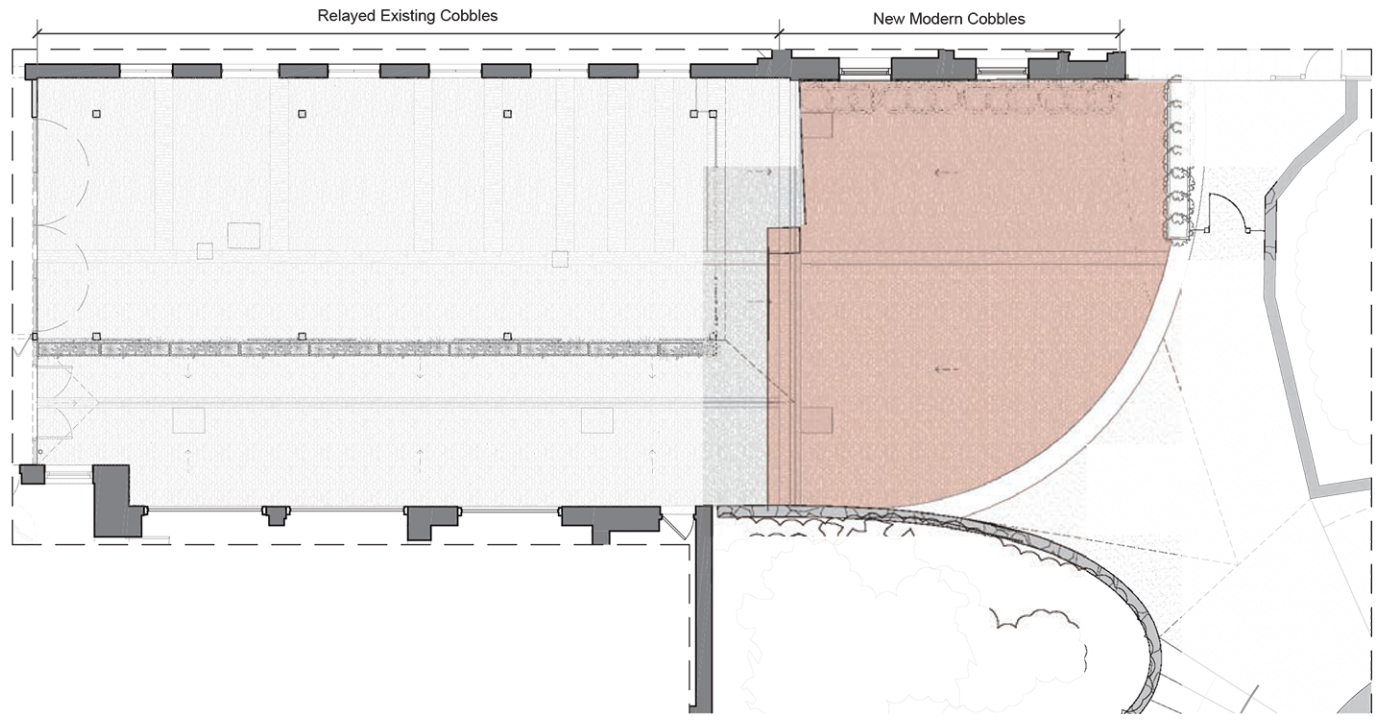
Images of the site investigations undertaken in September 2024 showing consistent depths of cobbles.



Example image of cobbles laid in a more accessible fashion. Cobbles will be extended to the front of Honey Cottage to expand the existing aesthetic and enhance the setting from continuity of finishes.



Existing Courtyard Plan



Proposed Courtyard Plan



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6.2.12 EXISTING FACADE IMPROVEMENTS

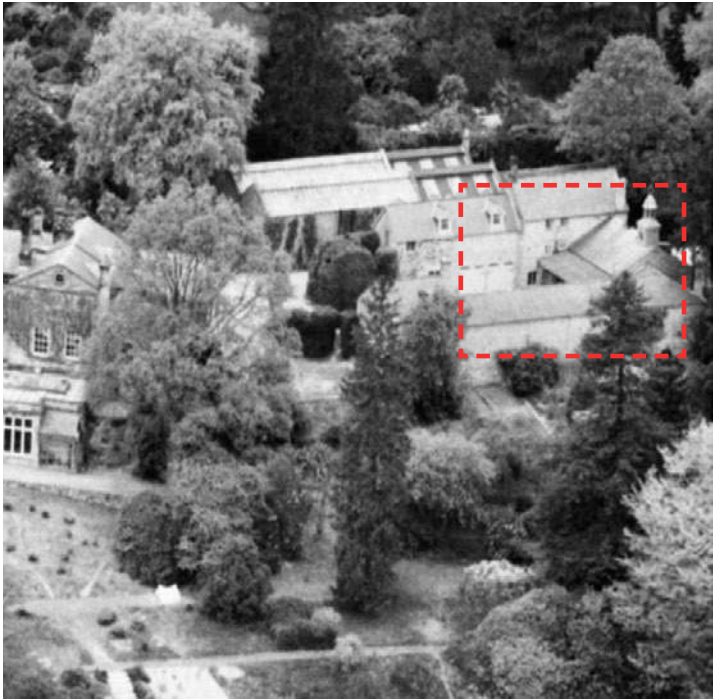
Upon entering the existing courtyard, the most notable facade is the modern uPVC lean to structure situated below the clocktower which appears very out of context and inappropriate in a heritage setting.

It is likely that the lean to roof would have originally have been tiled, then later replaced with a corrugated metal sheeting and finally in recent history refurbished as part of the cafe as a translucent perspex roof to allow light to penetrate into the cafe.

The perspex roof is not in keeping with the character of the Stable Block, and now the kitchen is proposed to be located under the clocktower; there is a lessened requirement for natural light deep into the plan. It is therefore proposed to install a slate roof with discreet conservation rooflights to allow light into the entrance area, and situated so as to retain the historic timber structure still present.

The existing facade has unsympathetic proportions, with UPVC doors and side panels with a natural stone plinth. It is proposed to reconstruct the facade in traditional painted timber doors with glazing bars, which will be in-keeping with the other courtyard elevations.

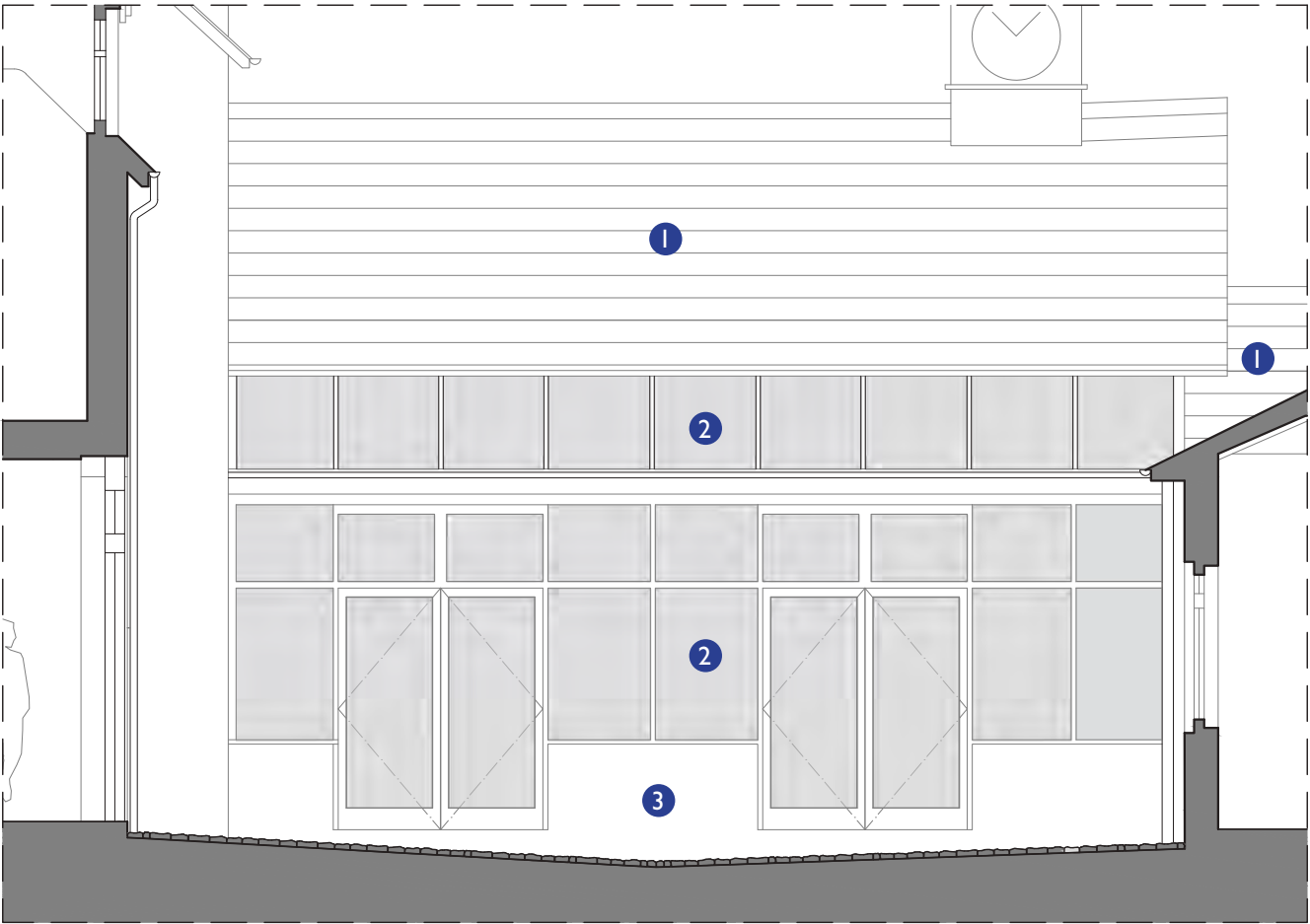
- Key:
- 1 Existing slate roof
  - 2 Existing uPVC facade and roof
  - 3 Existing stone base
  - 4 New warm slate roof with conservation rooflights
  - 5 New black painted metal rainwater goods to match existing
  - 6 Proposed painted timber boarding to match existing historic timber
  - 7 Proposed stepped lead gutters
  - 8 New glazed timber doors to match adjacent existing doors



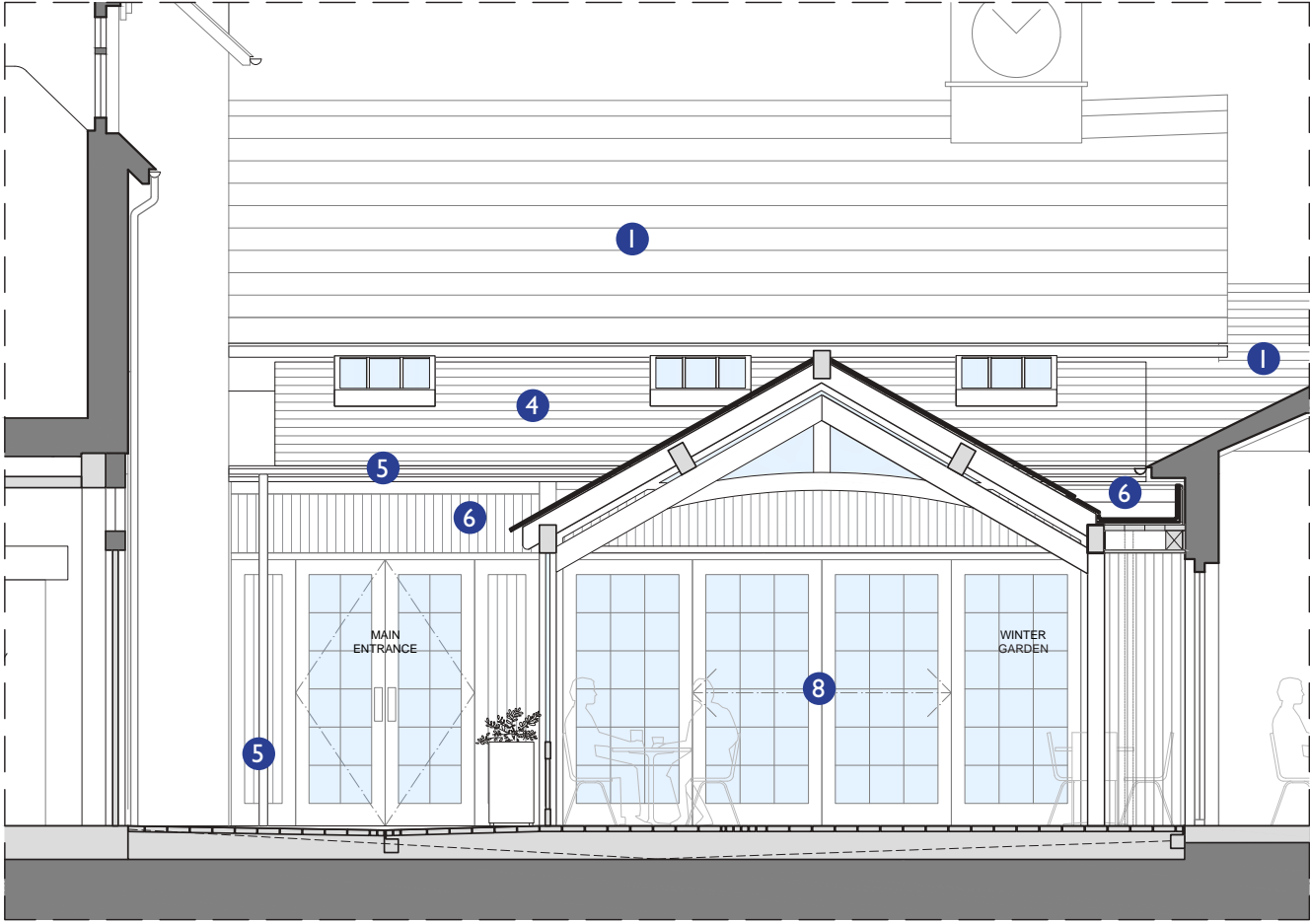
1949 aerial of Leonardslee House and outbuildings. (Historic England Aerofilms Collection)



Existing Clocktower Café



Existing Courtyard Section



Proposed Courtyard Section

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6.2.13 CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS

The connections to the existing building from the proposed courtyard extension has been carefully considered to retain the character of the host structures.

The connection along the long side of the stable block takes place below the existing eaves, both to retain the existing ventilation of the historic fabric (from beneath the eaves board) and so that the proposed extension appears secondary and subservient to the original form. This connection is shown in detail B.

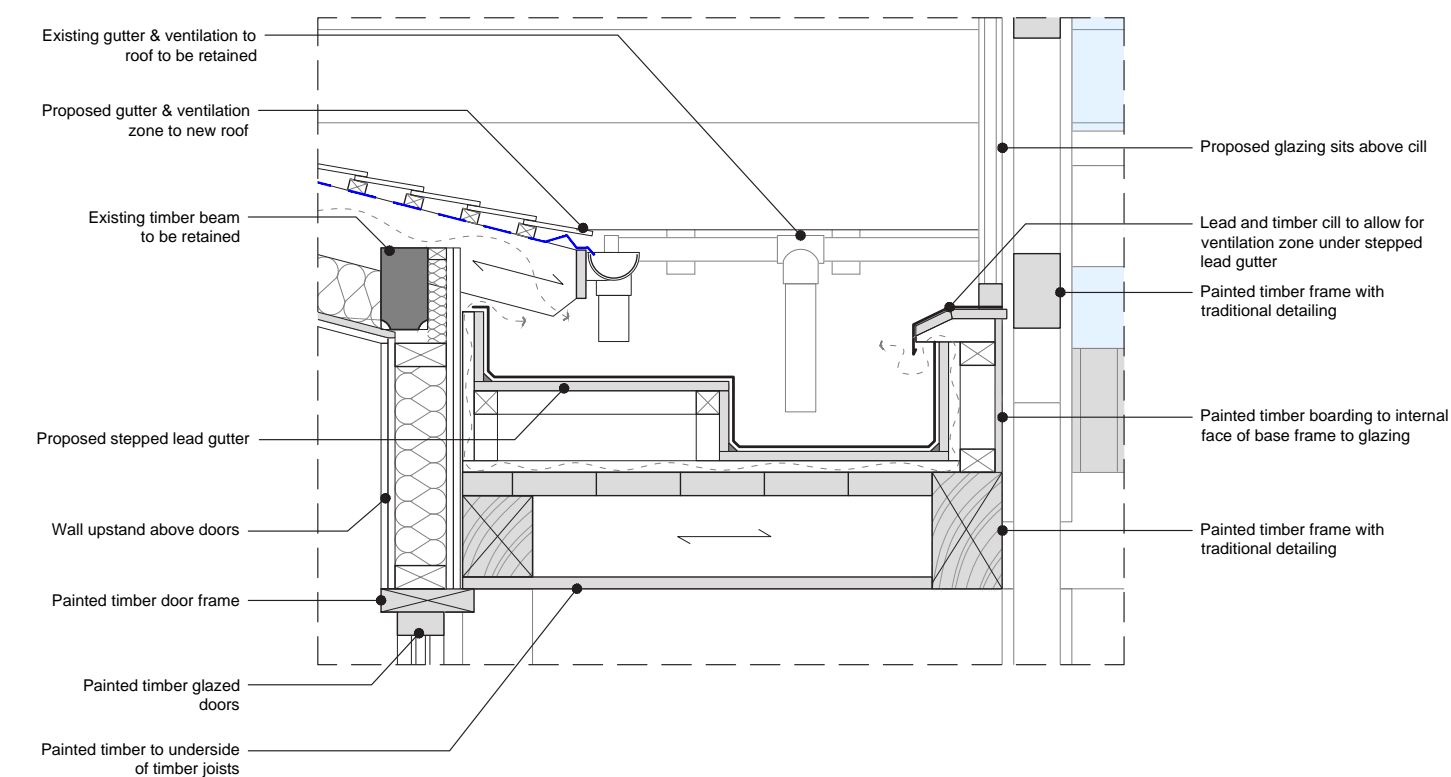
As outlined in the previous page, the existing perspex lean to extension is being replaced with a slate roof with conservation rooflights. The connection to the existing building is replicating the existing condition with the perspex roof, whereby there will be a traditional leaded detail from the existing roof eaves to the to the new roof form, as demonstrated in detail B.



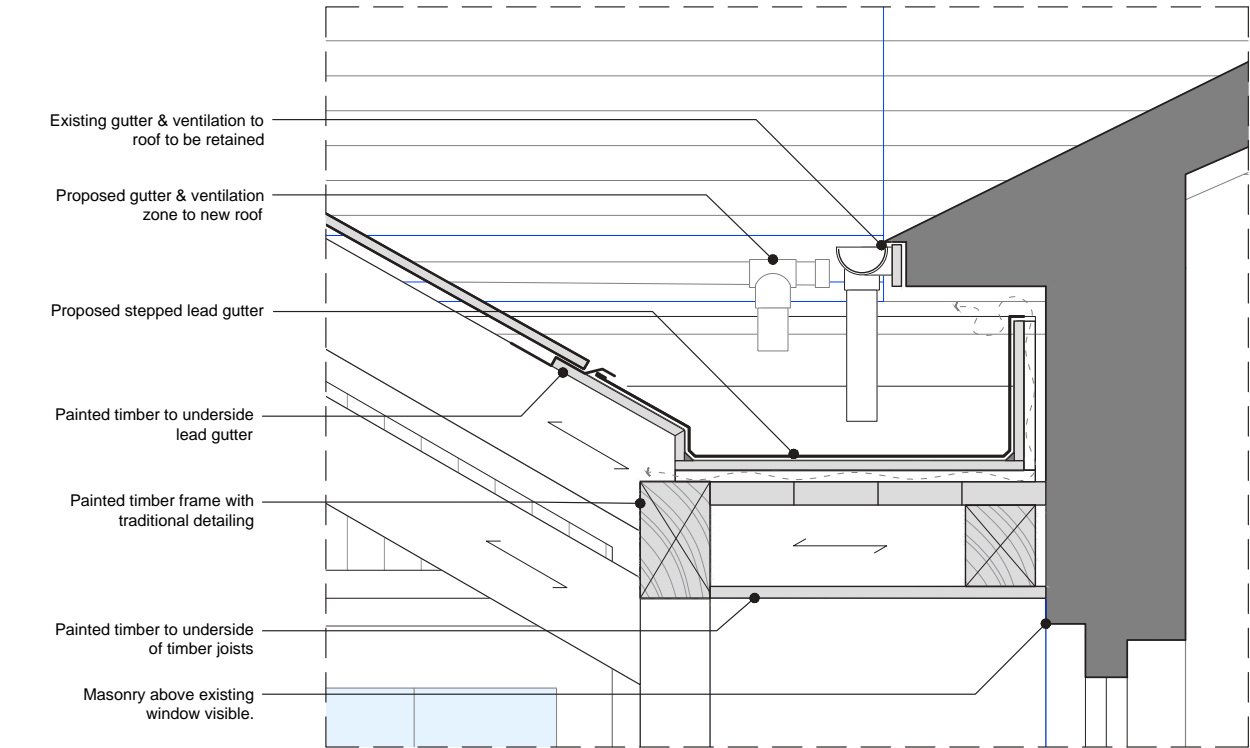
Section through proposed winter garden



Existing Stable Block (non original facade)



Detail section extract of proposed abutment A



Detail section extract of proposed abutment B