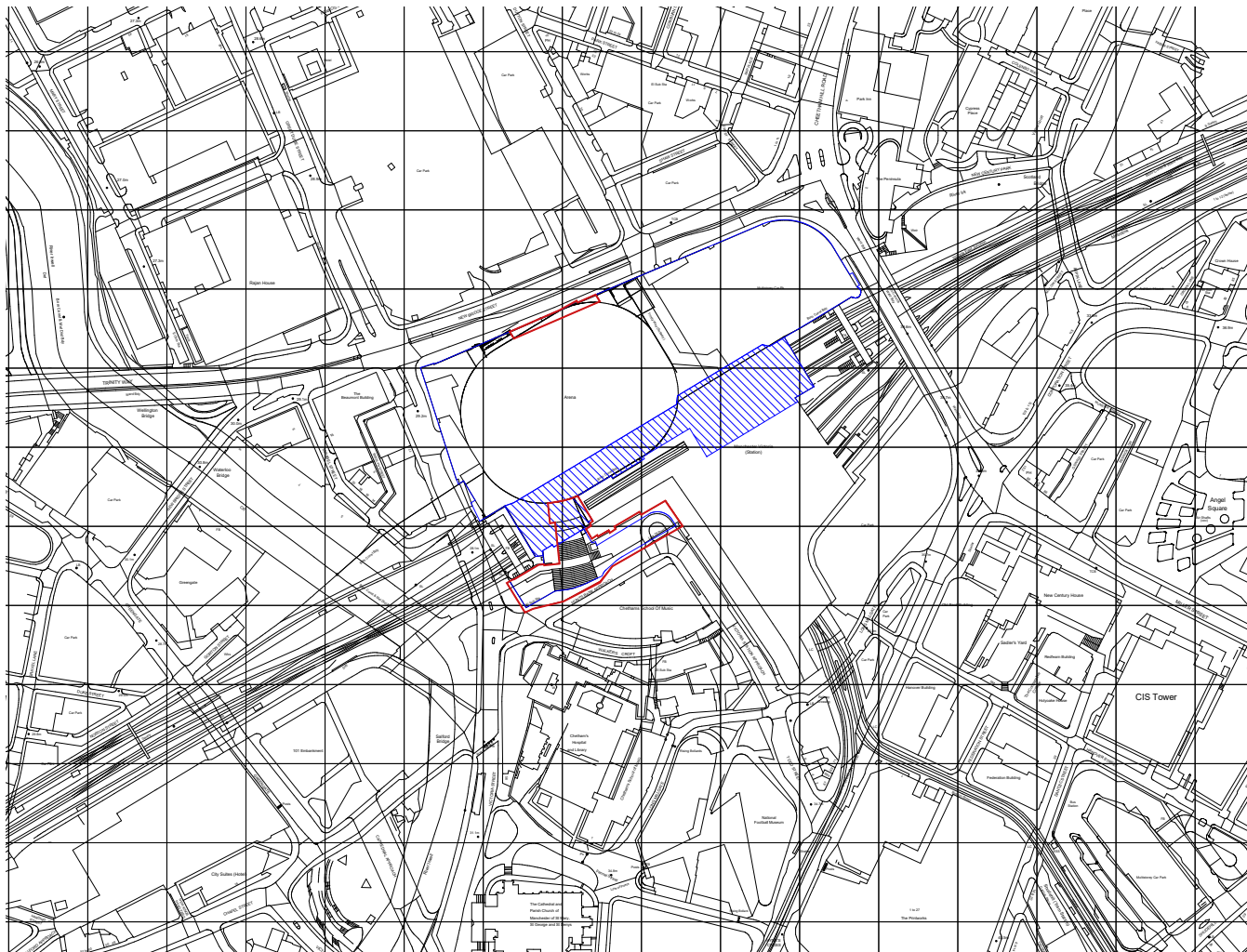


3.1 SITE LOCATION

The Manchester Arena is located in the city centre of Manchester, adjoining Victoria Station, the venue benefits from the adjacent public transportation link with a direct link via the City Rooms entrance. It is also in close proximity to the Medieval District, and Chetham's School of Music.

The new ramp intervention is located on the Hunts Bank Street, opposite the Chetham's School of Music . Whilst the proposed Trinity Way egress is opposite the new Manchester College site.



3.2 LOCAL CONTEXT

The Manchester Arena is located in the city centre of Manchester, adjoining the Victoria Station, the venue benefits from the adjacent public transportation link with a direct link via the city room entrance.



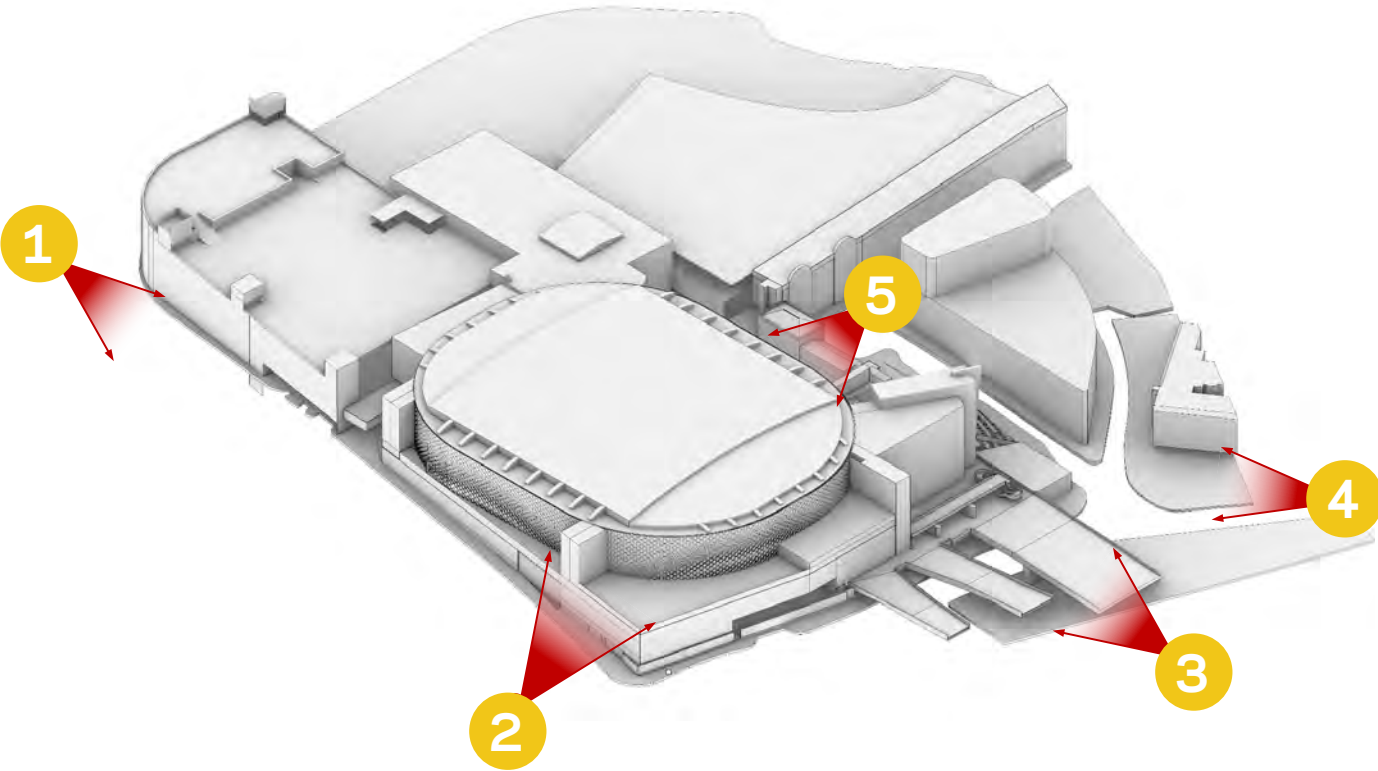
3.3 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

The immediate arena site does not contain any designated heritage assets and is not located within a conservation area. However, the City of Manchester (Cathedral / Medieval) Conservation Area is situated to the south of the site, and there are several designated heritage assets located within close proximity to the site, including the Grade I listed Chetham's Hospital and attached wall.

The Chetham's School of Music's new buildings create a separation with the older Chetham's buildings which have significant heritage value. Whilst the wider Medieval Quarter is also of historical & heritage value, it is again physically and visually separated by the newer Cheetham's music school buildings. So, the new arena intervention has little impact on existing heritage assets.

Additionally, elements of Victoria Station also have listed status.

A fuller Heritage Assessment is included as part of the accompanying Planning Statement.



Arena external approach viewpoints



Image of Chethams School of Music Bridge



1 Car park view from Trinity Way



2 Trinity Way



3 View from Highline



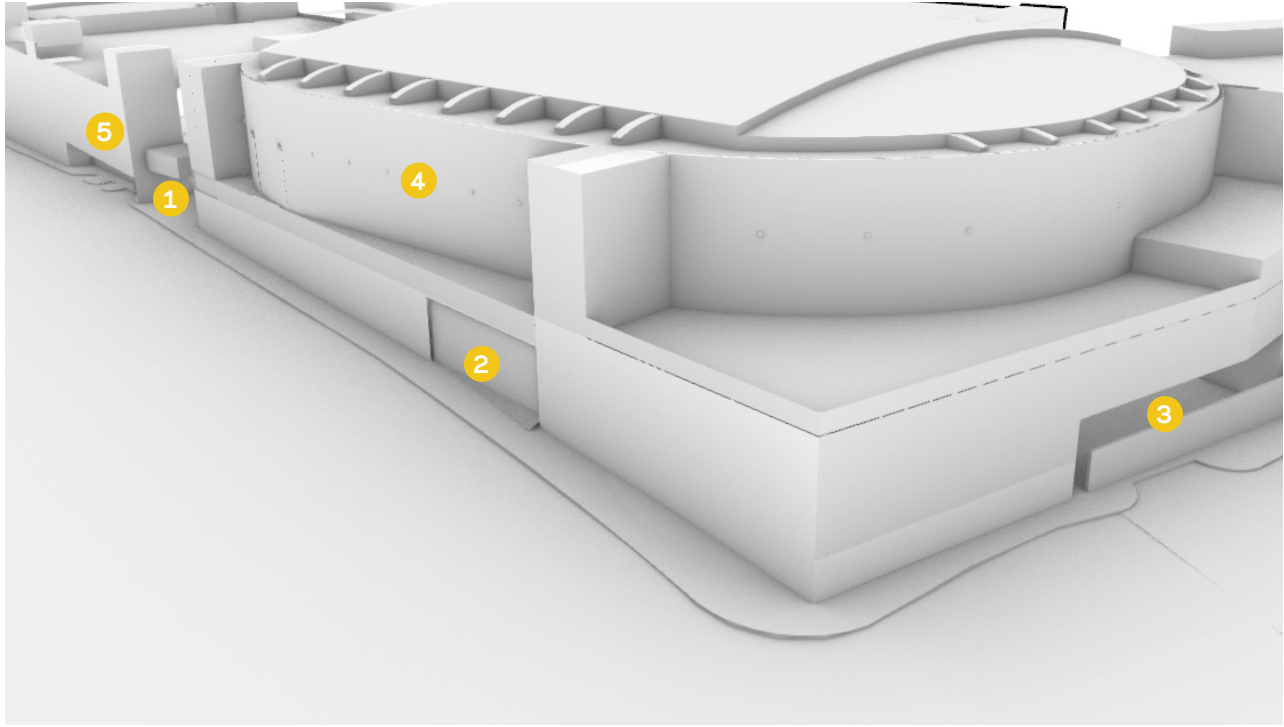
4 Victoria St and Hunts Bank junction



5 Victoria Station Approach

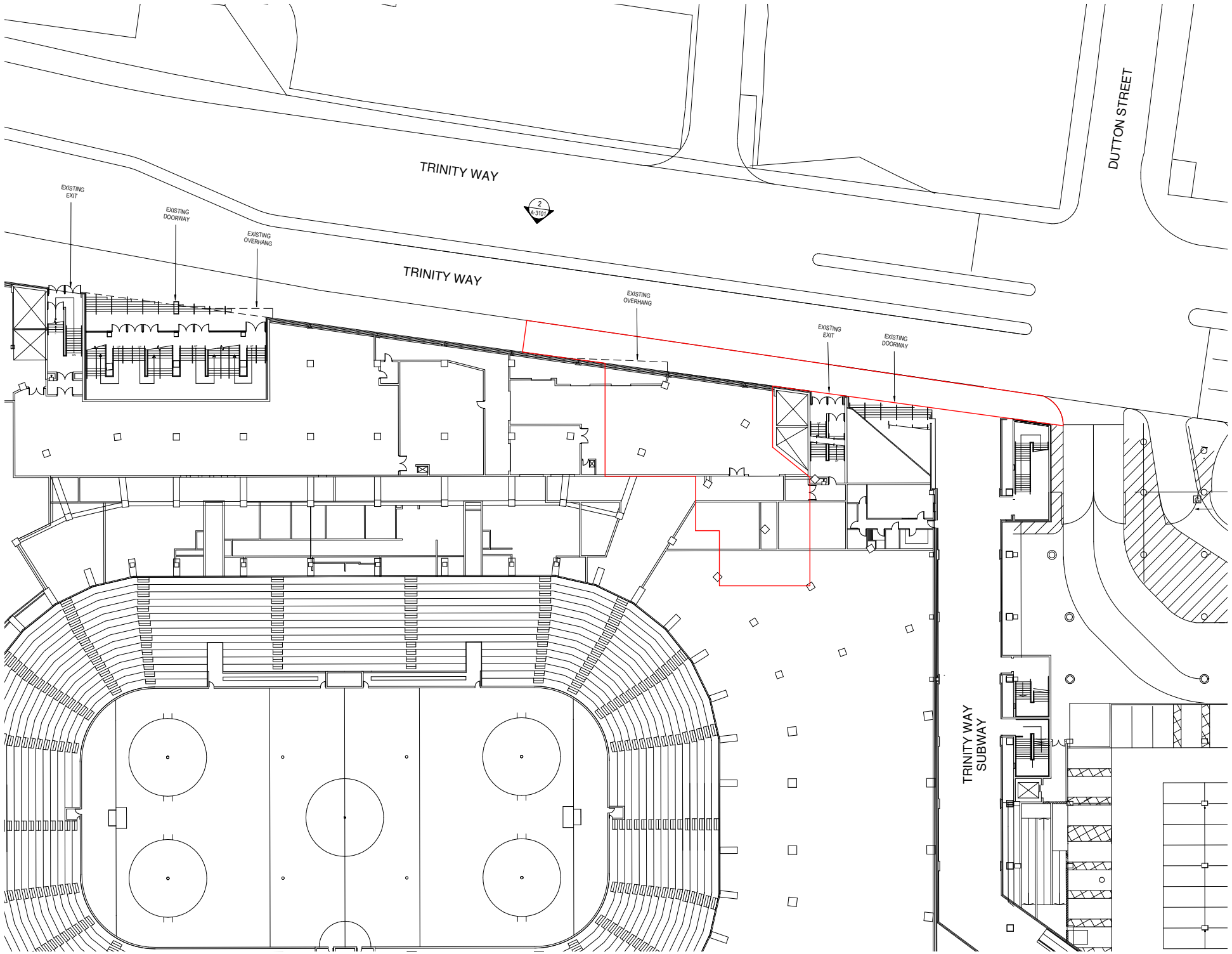
3.4 CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

There are relatively few constraints to the proposed Trinity Way egress. The foot path is relatively wide, and the new egress is proposed to enter via an existing ice plant room. The ice plant is aging and seldom used. Events that require ice such as Disney on Ice, will utilize temporary ice plant allowing the space to be re-purposed.



- Existing Condition**
- 1 CAR PARK ENTRANCE - MUST REMAIN
 - 2 LOWER TRINITY WAY ENTRANCE - CLOSE TO NEW EGRESS POINT
 - 3 SERVICE YARD
 - 4 ARENA TIN - MUST REMAIN
 - 5 CAR PARK - ADJACENT TO THE NEW EGRESS

3.5 EXISTING INTERIOR

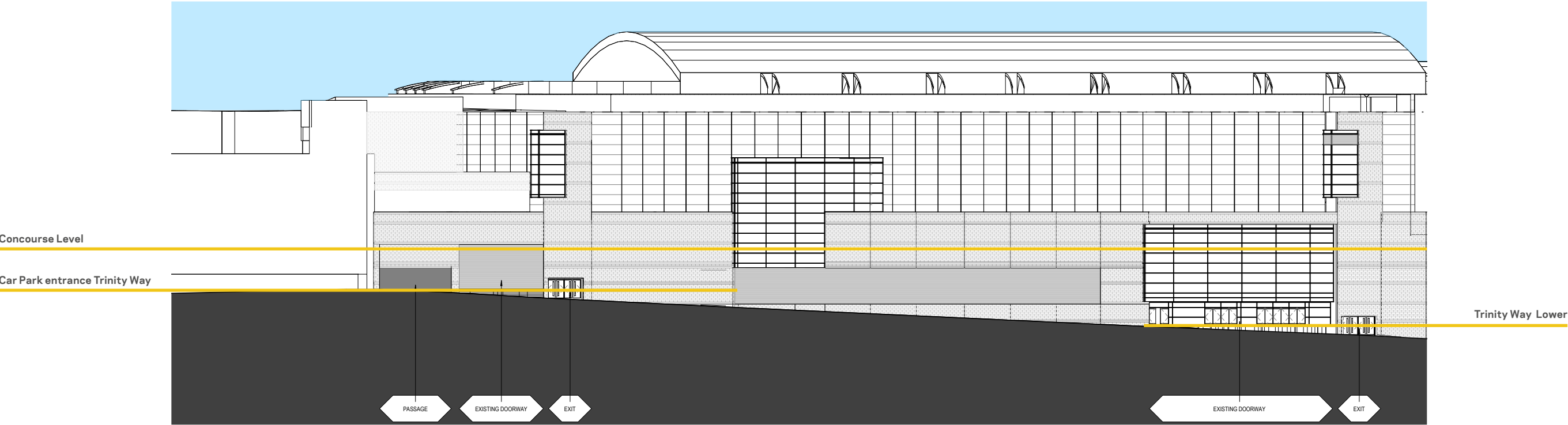


3.6 EXISTING LEVELS

The Hunts Bank entrance has a complexity of existing levels. Hunts Bank street slopes down towards the river. Whilst the existing access to the arena is via a large flight of stairs, over a bridge across the railway and into the arena.

The new development looks to simplify this journey, and considers the harmonious linking of the key levels

Trinity Way Lower Entrance :	+34m
Car Park Entry Point Trinity Way :	+36.2m
Concourse Level:	+42.3m



3.7 SUSTAINABILITY

The design team is committed to the sustainable reimagining of Manchester Arena that aligns with Manchester City Council's sustainable development policies, to become an international exemplar of sustainable arena design. Sustainability is becoming increasingly important to event producers, artists and performers and is now a consideration when playing a venue such as Manchester Arena.

The RIBA Sustainable Outcomes will be used to explain the sustainable vision of the emerging concept design and how it addresses the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Manchester Arena has two unique advantages to supporting a sustainable future for Manchester: firstly, it is an existing building, and the first principle of sustainable development is the re-use and refurbishment of existing buildings and infrastructure; the second advantage is its central proximity to a main city transport interchange. Both these advantages make the refurbishment of Manchester Arena as the logical choice in terms of sustainability.

