

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust
Healthier Together 16 Bed Ward

Front Services Enclosure

Design and Access Statement

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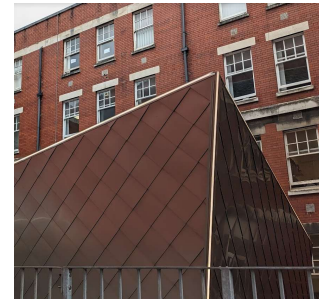
Buildings shape over time as they serve their users.

The Oxford Road campus is a *palimpsest* of healthcare functionality, layers of *old and new*, a robust balance of *historic and modern architecture* that serves to its' users 24 hour a day, 7 days a week.

This layering over time reflects the *radical change* from when the Oxford Road site was first opened in 1909, to the *modern hospital* opening in 2012.

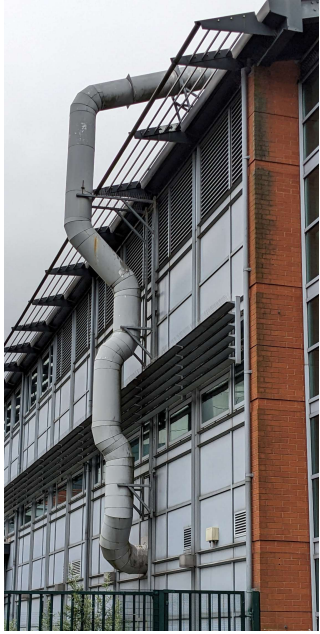
Twelve years on, the way we deliver care has once again *transformed and adapted* to modern ailments and delivery of care.

So too, our buildings must *transform and adapt* to the needs of the patients.



Palimpsest "old & new"





Existing pipes on campus

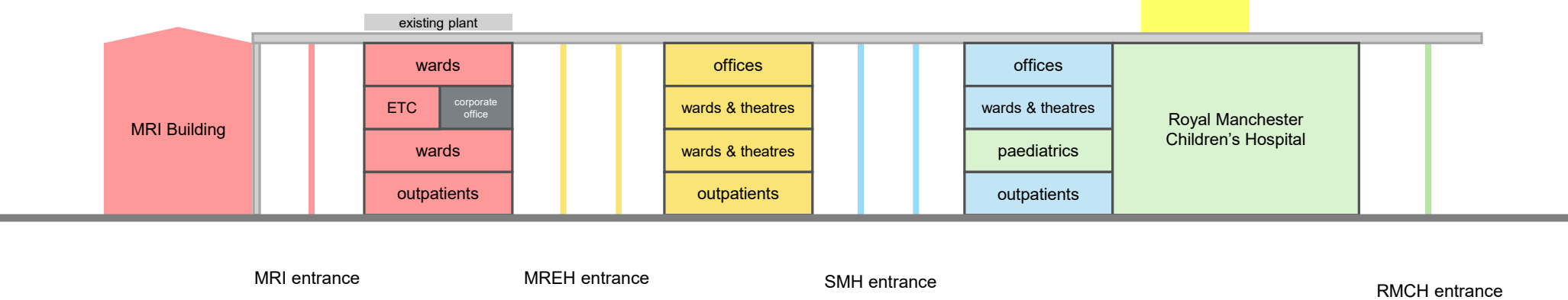


There is a playful nature around the Oxford Road campus. This is demonstrated most notably in the yellow 'fez' structure that sits atop the Children's Hospital, but also the Helipad Skybridge, the Ronald McDonald House Charities and City Labs projects, set upon the backdrop of century old buildings.

The concept proposal for this project has been generated and pulled from the abstract ideas of mechanics and pipework that serve hospital buildings around the Oxford Road campus. This is a modern interpretation of the Victorian architecture style by using bright colours and asymmetrical designs.



Existing departments along facade

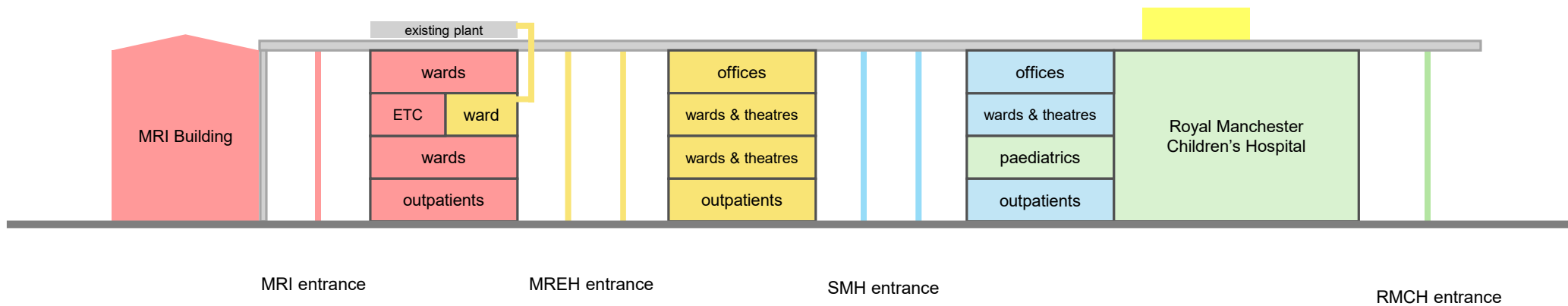


The proposal is primarily driven by insufficient space on or above the ward, via risers or otherwise, to get to the rooftop plant.

Currently along the Boulevard façade, every department is already a ward or in use as outpatients, apart from the sole corporate office use on the second floor of MREH.



proposed departments along facade



MFT propose to change the only existing office space along the Boulevard façade to a ward. There would be no further required updates to the other areas along the façade as they are already wards.

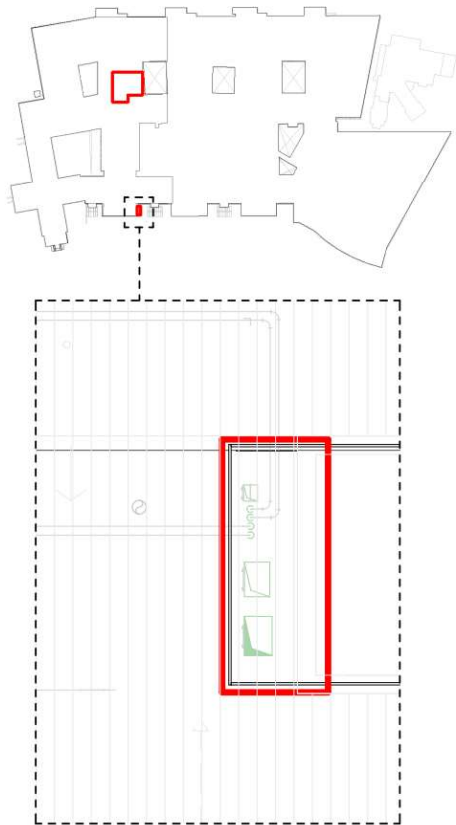
The new pipework that would need to come out of the building would be a one-off proposal.





Manchester Royal Eye Hospital





Existing façade of MREH

Location of proposed services duct

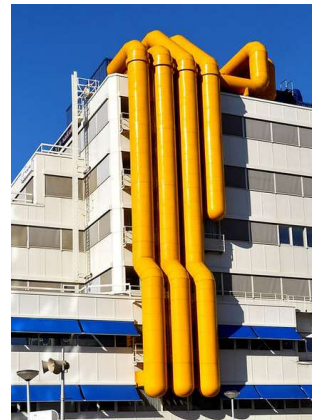
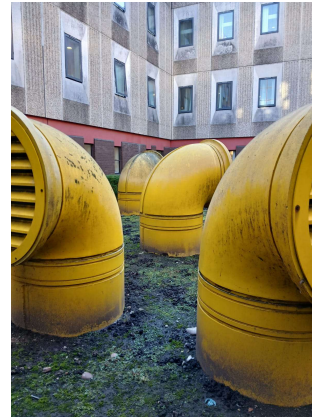
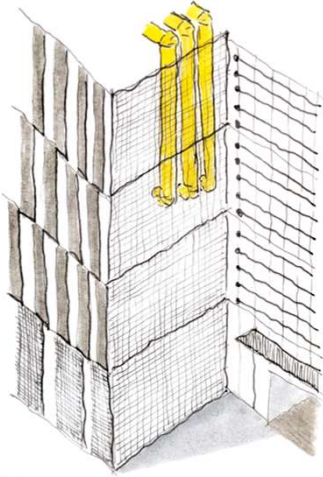
MFT can celebrate the delivery of a new ward by opening the facade in this way, and matching the colour scheme currently in used along the façade.

It will serve to showcase the important work to be done in transforming an existing office into 16 much needed bedrooms.

Proposal

The use of the colour and form in these projections out of the fenestration adds to the playful nature of the Oxford Road campus.

The added wonder and delight to the facade of the Eye Hospital may serve to enliven this portion of the oft-forgotten connection back into the older MRI building.



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