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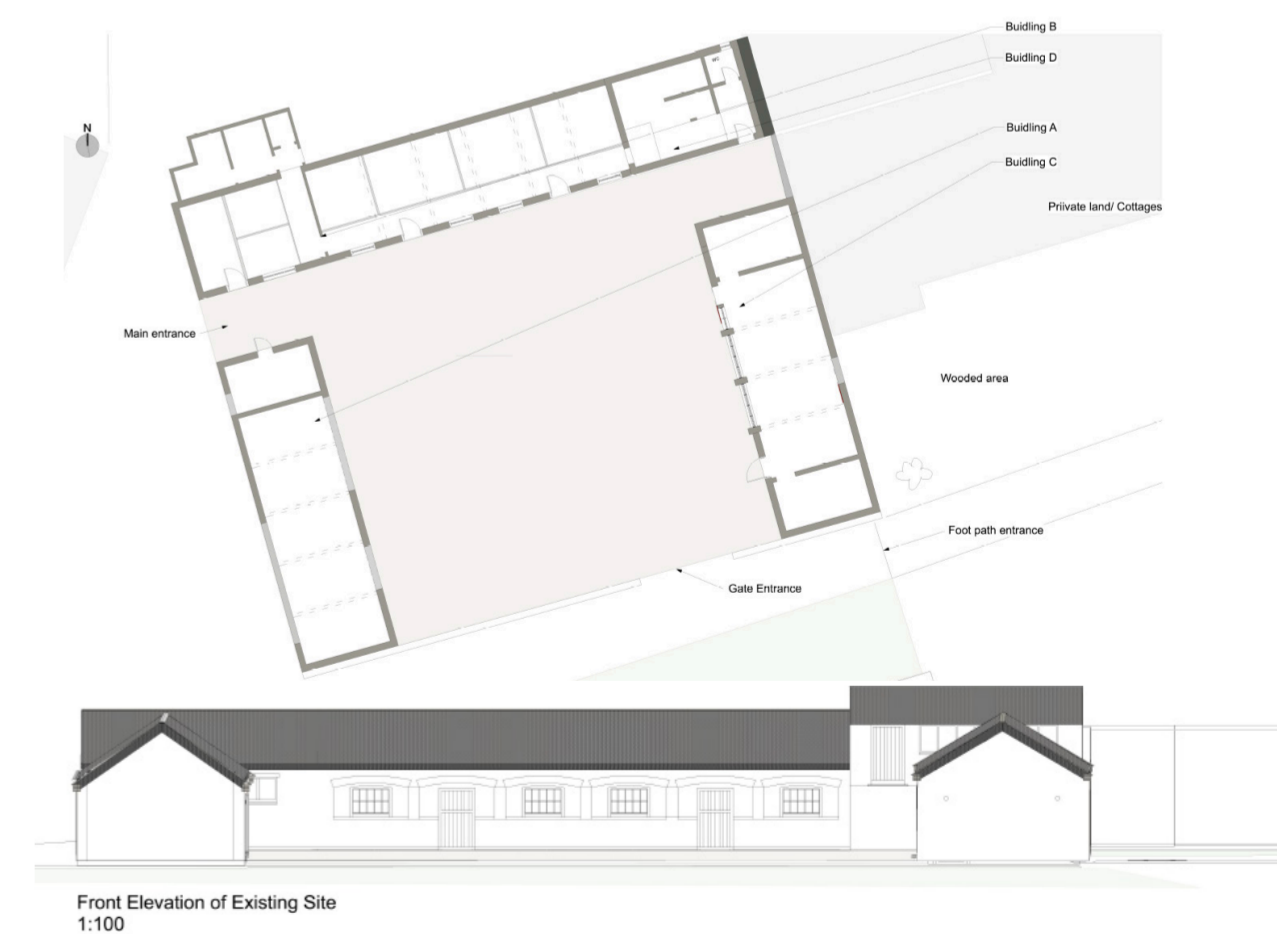
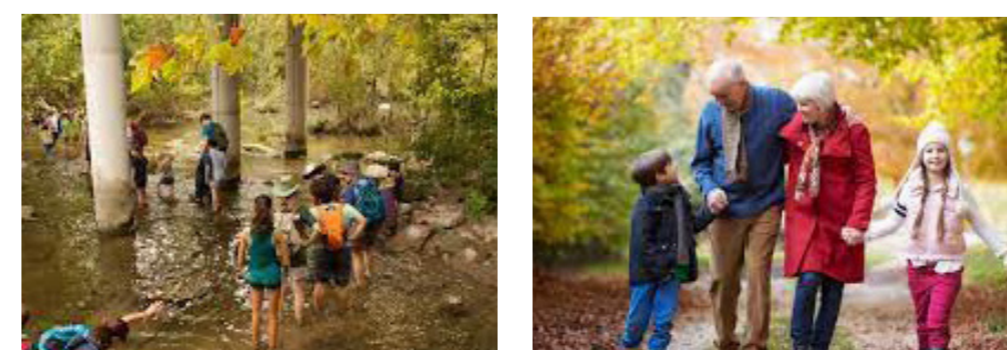
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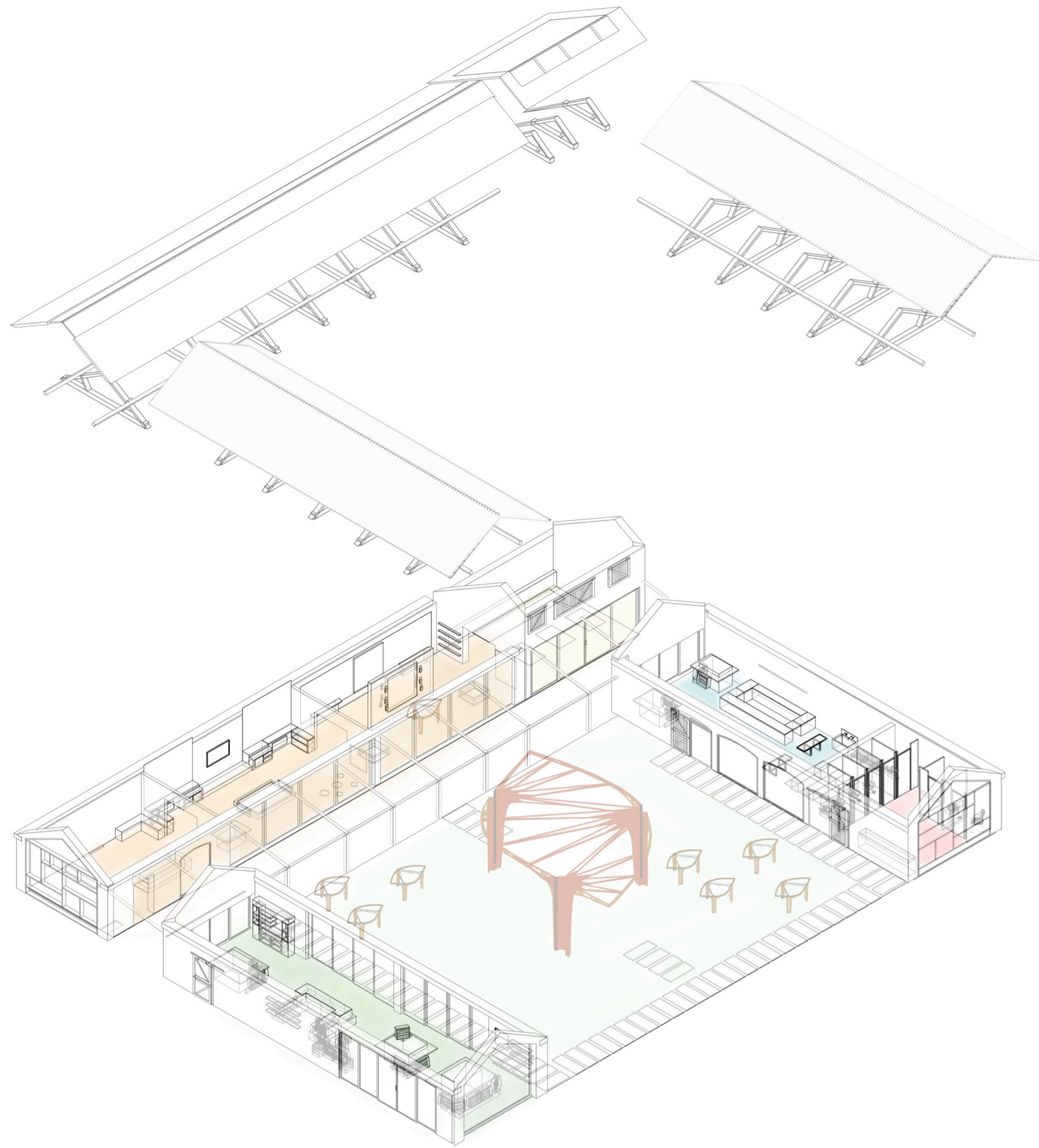
## Design Proposal for Delapre Abbey stables by Kiarla Clifford

The University of Northampton was approached by Delapre Abbey to convert the dilapidated stable blocks into a wellbeing centre which will support their thriving visitor economy, create jobs and support the needs of the community. After reviewing the site and the current events that Delapre Abbey provide, I have decided to create a wildlife education centre as I feel this complements what Delapre has to offer and the 500 acres of land at the site. It is very important to educate people about wildlife to increase the awareness around the need to conserve it. With the unique position of Delapre, within a busy town of Northampton, Delapre offers a perfect home for wildlife as well as being an ideal location for local communities to access to nature. In my proposal I have created my design with Delapre values in mind. I first identified the values that were key to Delapre Abbey and then used this as the central focus point of my design.

The key values I identified include: the importance of lifelong learning; connecting the community; providing a sustainable income and improving the wellbeing of the community. This will be achieved through offering activity-based programmes for all ages, as well as providing opportunities to connect to external charities. I have also created a sustainable income through various retail opportunities (such as the picnic station, woodwork studio and outdoor clothing hire). Also, my design will support improving the physical and mental wellbeing of the community as research studies, by the wildlife trust, show that volunteers wellbeing improved by 95% by being out in nature. Other health benefits also include reducing stress, improving concentration and physical health. I will convert one of the stable buildings into an interactive learning centre which then follows on to a trail centre which will provide information on different areas within the 500 acre park and woodland that can be explored.

Site Analysis -  
 Statutory Address:  
 STABLE BLOCK AT DELAPRE ABBEY - NN4 8AW  
 District: West Northamptonshire  
 Parish: Far Cotton and Delapre  
 National Grid Reference: SP 75954 59118

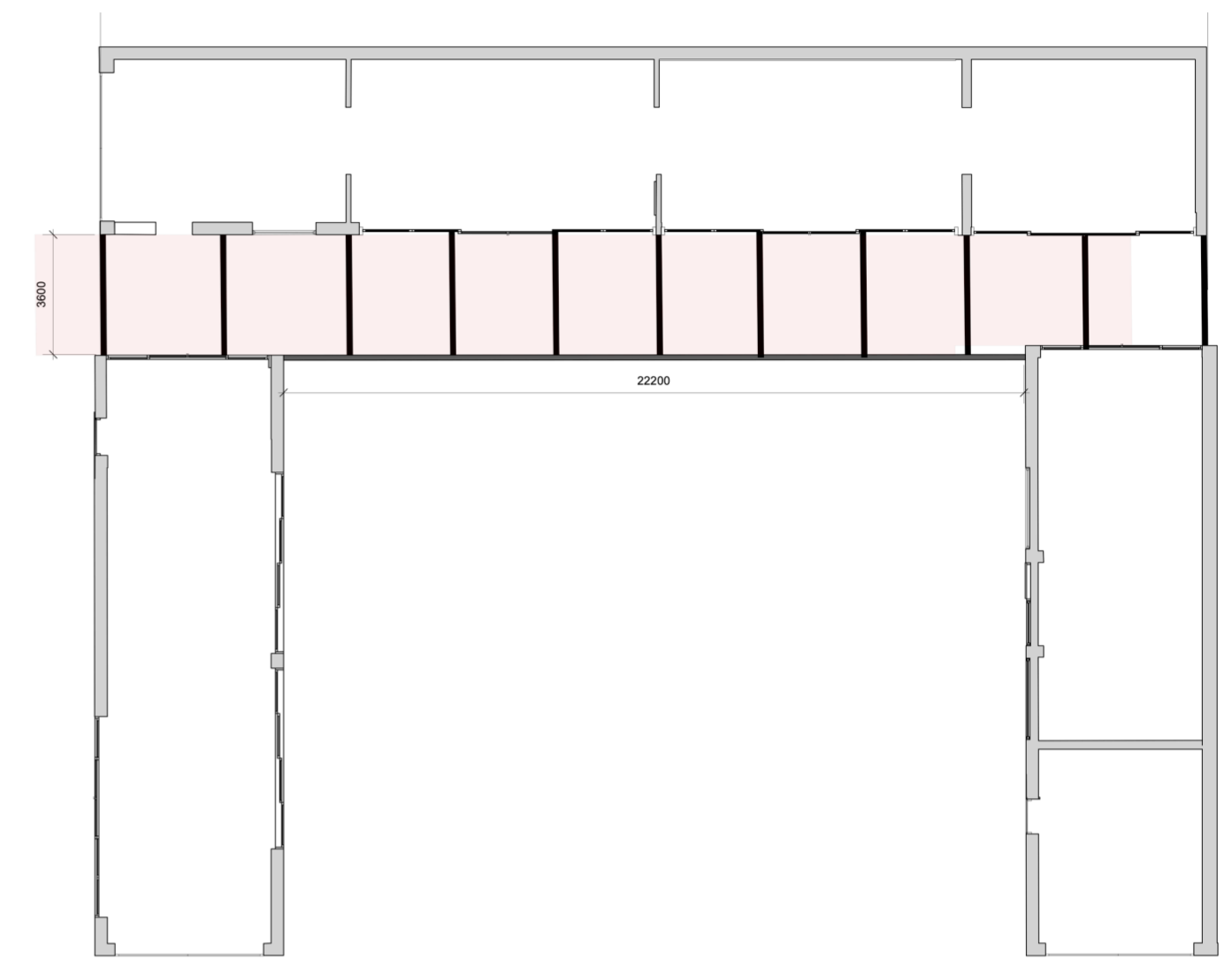




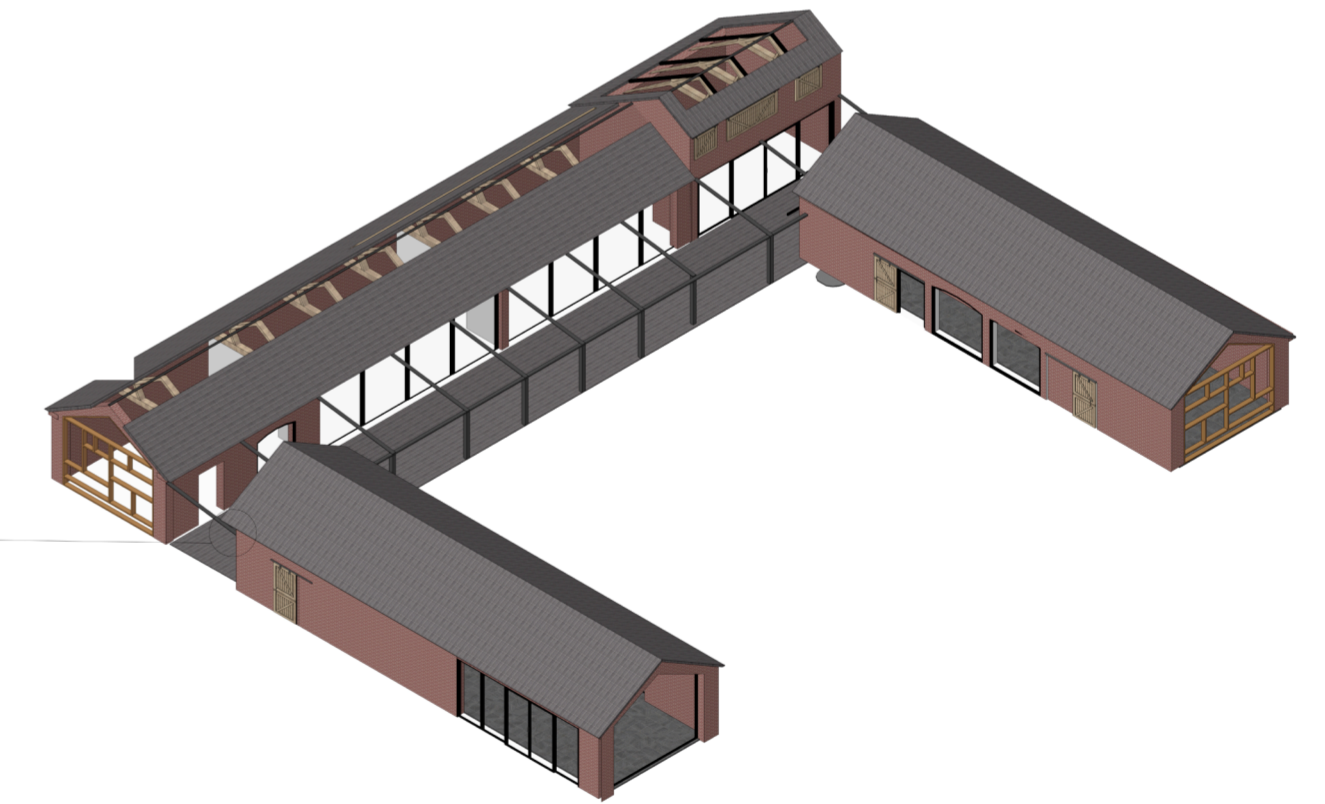
Layout

- Wildlife Centre/Trail Centre**  
 - An interactive learning space including a insect, larger animal and nature room. As well as a trail centre providing adventure routes for Delapre.
- Wood Work Studio**  
 - For lessons and events to teach bird box building, bug hotels and hedge hog homes
- Outdoor Clothing Hire**  
 - To get out into nature without the worry of dirtying your own clothes or if youd like to spontaneously go on an adventure.
- Sensory Garden / Outdoor learning**  
 - A pavillion in the centre which in time will have a plant overgrown roof provides a flexible space that Delpare can use for events.
- Picnic Station**  
 - A picnic station will provide a twist on traditional cafes where you can fill a picnic basket with fresh local produce to enjoy at your day out.
- Toilets**  
 - Including standard toilets, larger accessible toilets and baby changing/feeding facilities

Plan showing the new external walkway

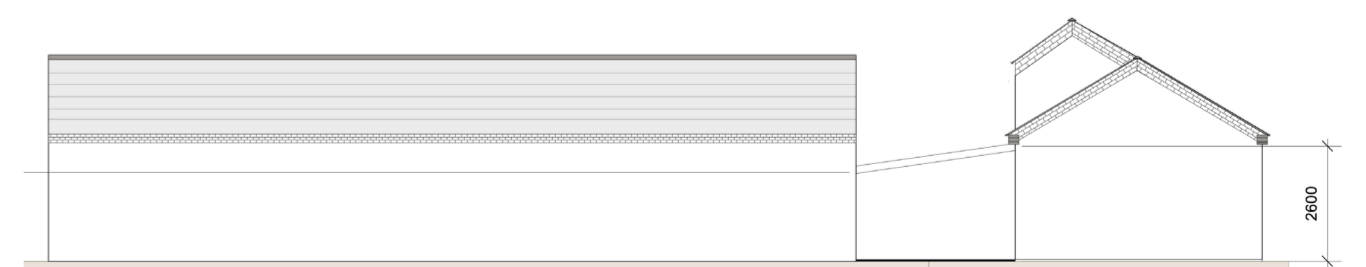


1 Floor Plan showing extension  
Scale: 1:100



2 Axo  
Scale: 1:100

Exploded Axonometric of proposed design



3 Side elevation  
Scale: 1:100



A1 - Picnic Station



B1 - Wildlife centre - Animal education room

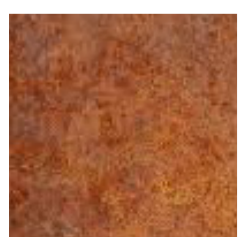


C1 - Outdoor Clothing Hire

Material Palette



**Brushed black stainless steel**  
By using steel for my lighting fixtures it adds dimension and texture. This material is low maintenance and is also very hardwearing.



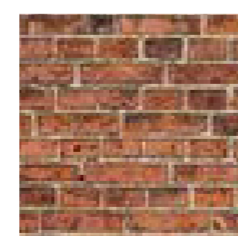
**Corten Steel**  
The protective rust that Corten weathering steel develops has a distinctive reddish-brown appearance which will create a natural feel overtime.



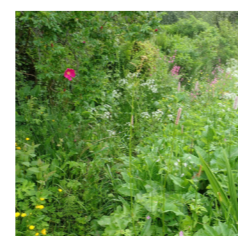
**Reclaimed Engineered Oak**  
For my furniture:  
18mm Rustic medium brown oak which is unfinished for a natural feel.



**Porcelain tile and paving**  
For my interior and exterior flooring: 10mm Midlake slate-effect Italian tile, finished in matte black.



**Exposed brick**  
By having areas of exposed brick it brings a sense of warmth, character, and texture to a space. It also speaks to the history of a building

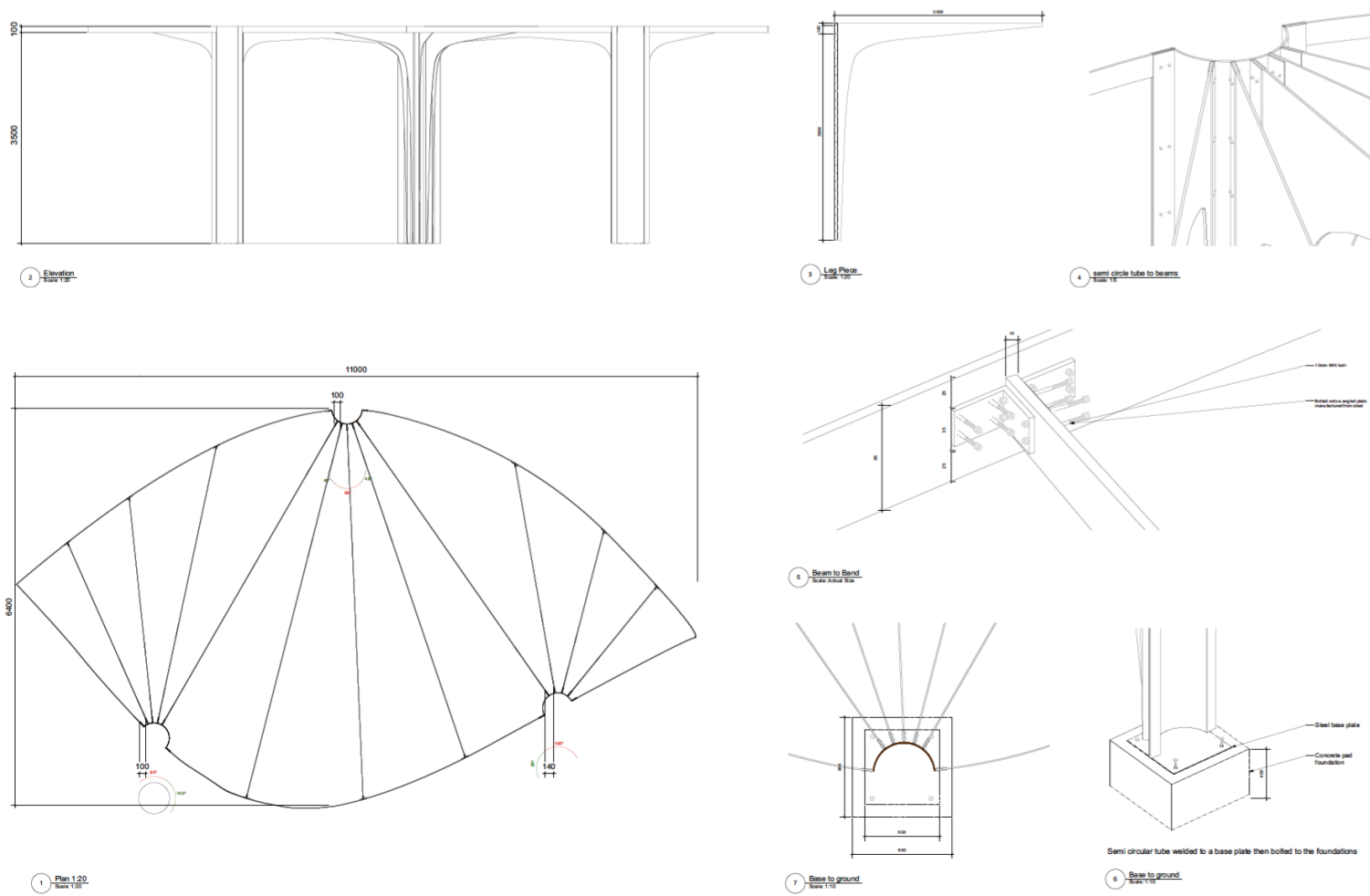
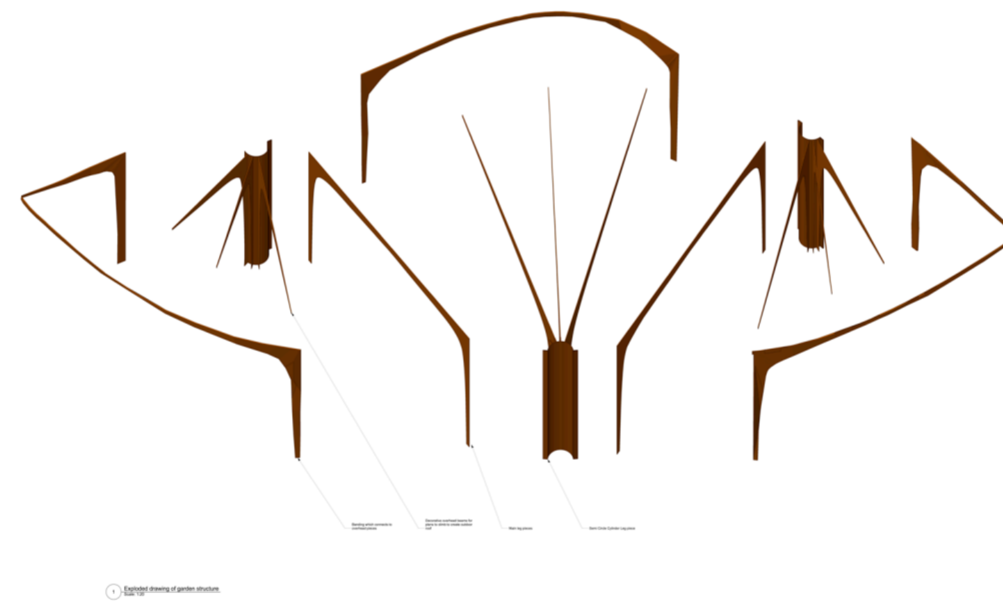


**Plants**  
The courtyard will be filled with areas of wild plants with different smells and textures. I will select low maintenance plants that will regrow every year.



Pavillion Detailing

Table Detailing



Material palette for the pavillion



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M10 Nut and Bolt

For the table oak is added with the above materials



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