

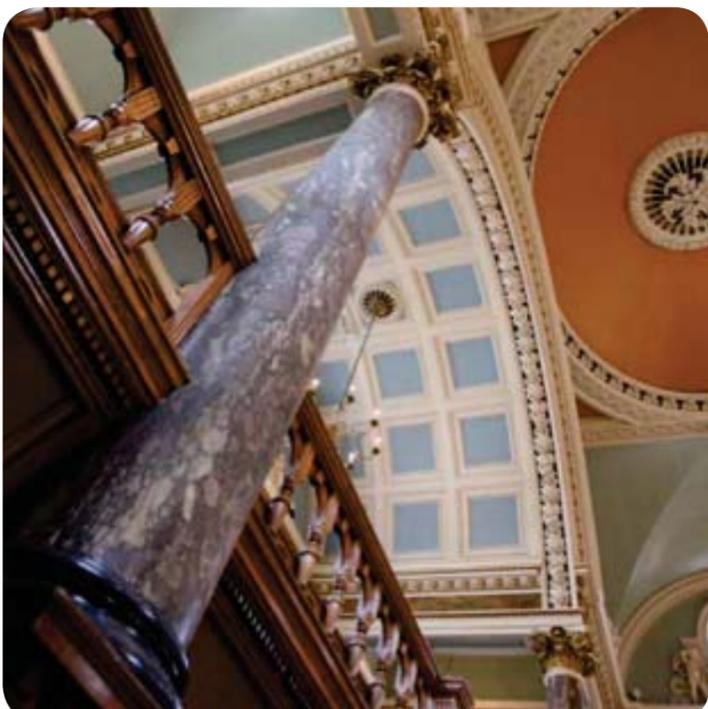
Welcome



Chelsea Old Town Hall

Thank you for taking the time to view our plans for a much-needed internal face-lift of the historic Grade II* listed Chelsea Old Town Hall.

We welcome your feedback and any comments you may have about the proposals.



Main Hall interior

The planning process

Planning and listed building permissions will be required for the proposed internal refurbishment of the building.

The planning application will be submitted in May 2017.

Once the planning application has been submitted to the Council you will be able to view it on our planning portal at www.rbkc.gov.uk/planning.

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What does the project involve?



Ceremony Room interior

Our plans

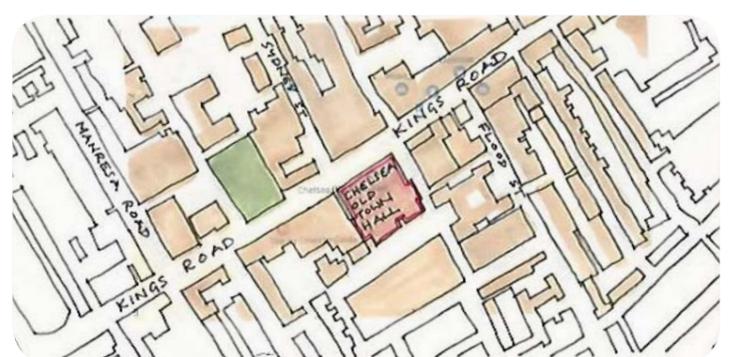
The works include modernising the office accommodation and some public areas (excluding the Chelsea Library), and restoring the Main Hall, Small Hall, Cadogan Suite and Ceremony Rooms to their former Victorian grandeur. Improvements to the Registrar's Office, its reception area and toilets also form part of the proposed works.

The refurbishment will be undertaken in phases to ensure the building remains open throughout the works with minimal disruption.

The building will continue to house the Citizens Advice Bureau, library, and some Council staff following the refurbishment.

The aims of the refurbishment are to:

- Undertake the careful restoration of a historically significant building
- Improve the working environment
- Allow a more flexible and efficient use of space
- Reduce building running costs, and
- Increase revenue for the Council through enhancing the spaces and services available for hire.



Sketch of the site

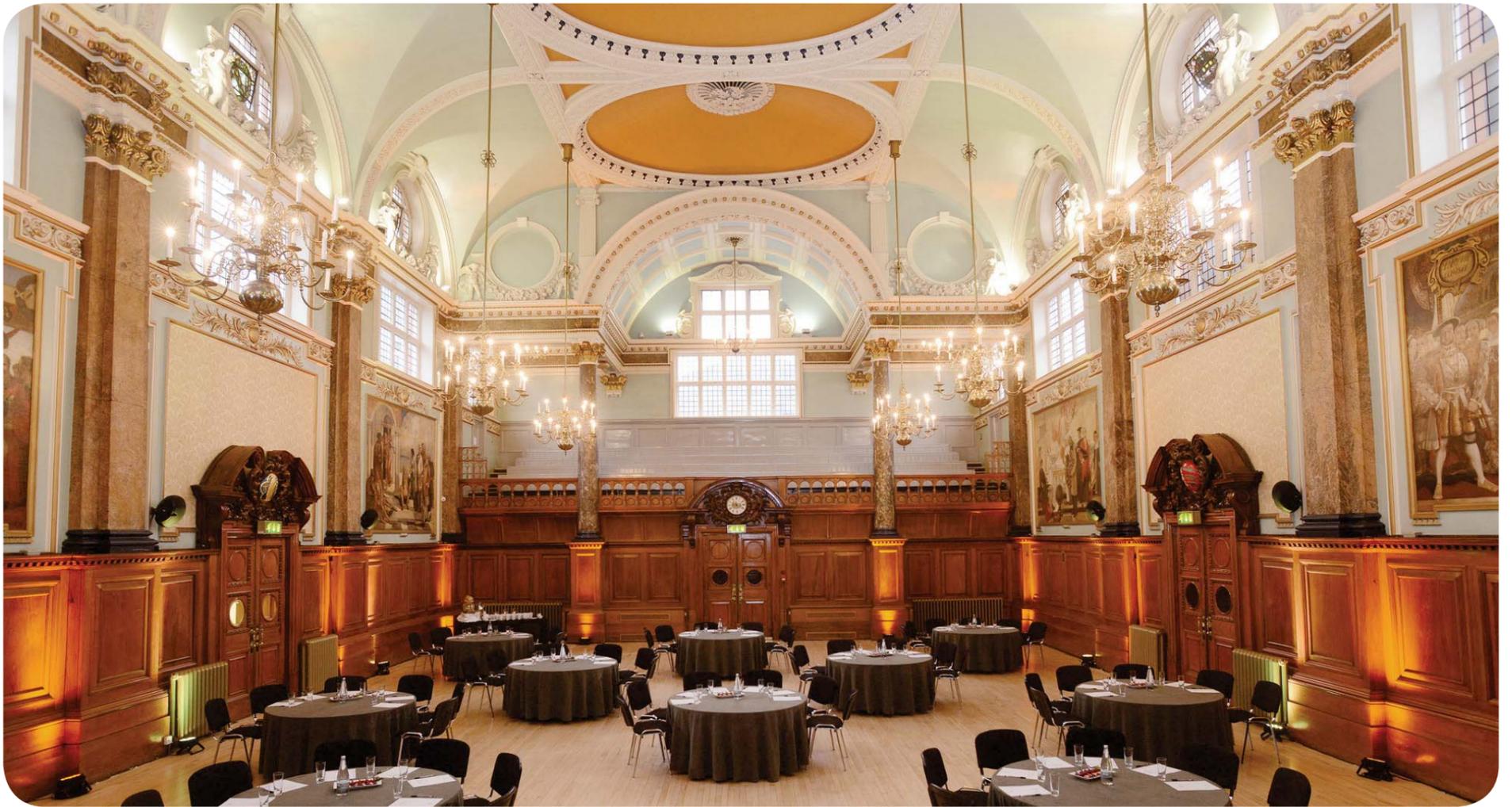
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A new improved facility



Main Hall interior

The purpose of the works to refurbish Chelsea Old Town Hall is to provide a modern, clean, accessible and fit-for-purpose facility for all users while retaining its historic charm. All works will be undertaken cautiously to ensure there is no damage to the existing decor and artwork. We have employed historic building experts and engaged with Historic England and the local planning authority as part of the formal pre-application process to specify and guide the restoration works.

The refurbishment works in the Main Hall and Small Hall, Cadogan Suite and Ceremony Rooms will include:

- Redecoration of the walls, ceilings and decorative mouldings, including cleaning and repairing high level cherubs, fixed furnishing and equipment (excluding frescos and areas of gold leaf)
- Re-finishing of the timber panelling and French polishing of all historic doors and architraves
- Cleaning and restoring marble columns
- Improving the lighting and installing a new sound system
- Repairs to the stage, balcony and windows.



Current Small Hall interior

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Artist's impression of the new function entrance

The project will also:

- Refurbish office accommodation, toilets, kitchens, ancillary areas and circulation spaces
- Redesign and refurbish the Main Reception and the Registrar's Reception
- Create a new, dedicated entrance for Conference and Events guests on the right hand side of the building as you enter from King's Road
- Provide new meeting rooms
- Provide new ventilation, lighting and air conditioning
- Improve acoustics
- Install a new security system and improve the existing fire alarm.



Artist's impression of the new meeting room areas

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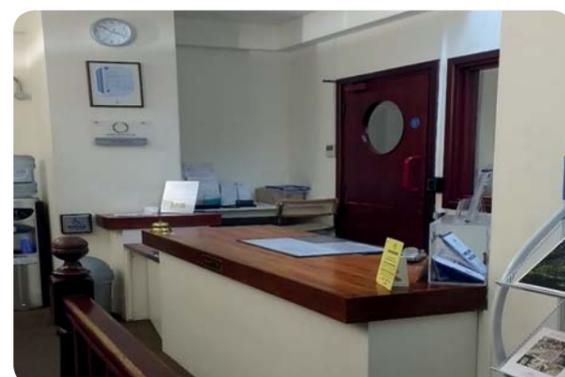
Artist's impression of the Main Reception



Current Main Reception



Artist's impression of the Registrar's Reception



Current Registrar's Reception

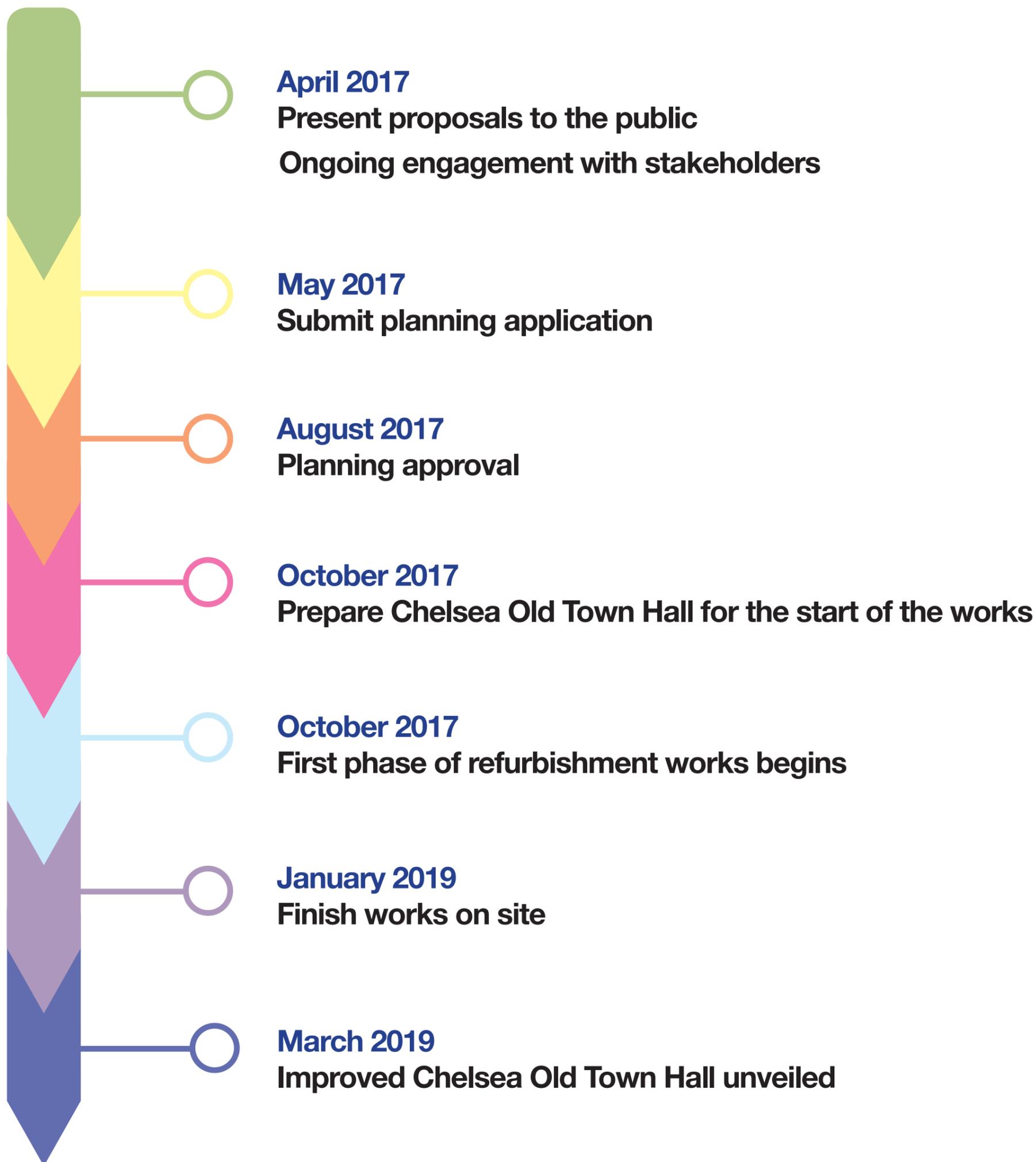
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Overall timeline of activity



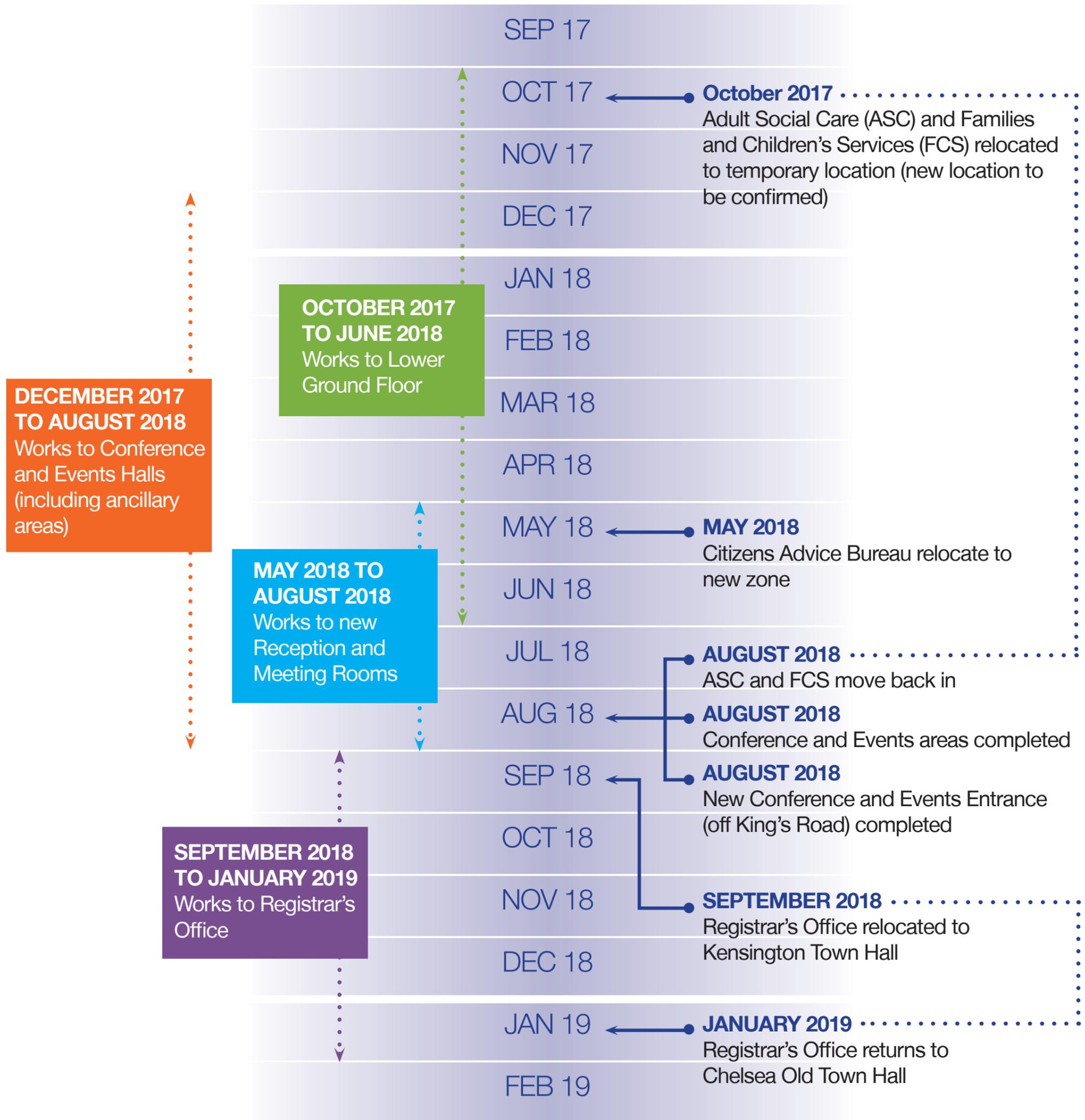
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Phasing of refurbishment works



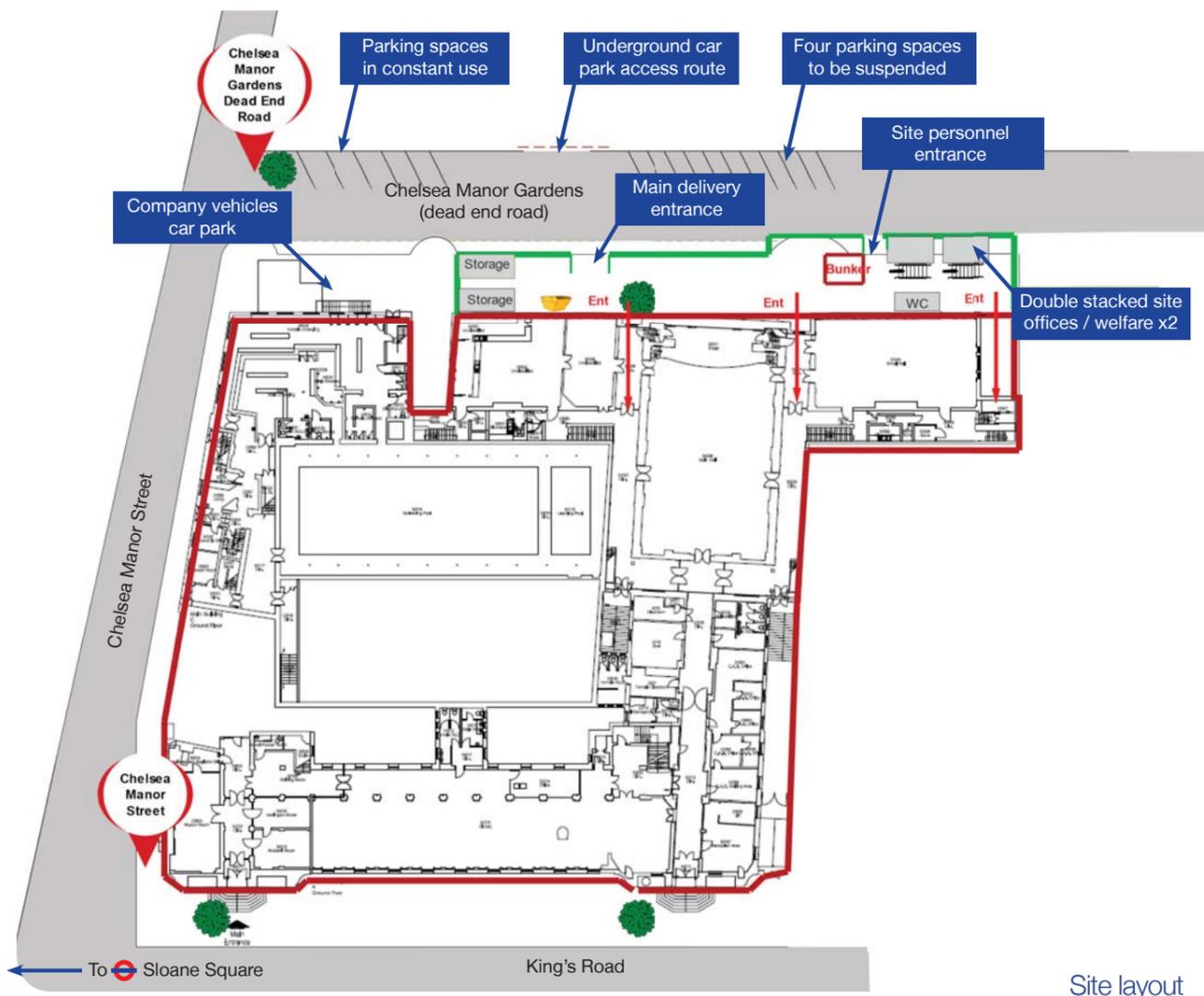
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Onsite construction activities



Site layout

The majority of the works will be contained within the main Old Town Hall building. Deliveries and work vehicles will use the existing Council parking spaces on Chelsea Manor Gardens to drop-off and park.

There will be some inconvenience to the local community by way of temporary loss of parking bays. Four parking bays on Chelsea Manor Gardens will be suspended during construction to ensure safe turning access to the site. We will do what we can to minimise disruption and endeavour to keep you updated throughout the duration of the works.

There will be a traffic management plan in place which will focus on minimising the impact of construction traffic in the area where and when possible. The traffic management plan will also ensure the safety of road users and pedestrians.

Any roads surrounding the Chelsea Old Town Hall which are affected by the construction work will be kept clean on a daily basis and as and when required.



Rear of Chelsea Old Town Hall

Considerate neighbours

The main site access for construction vehicles and workers will be at the rear of the building, via Chelsea Manor Gardens. As this is primarily a residential area, we completely appreciate the importance of being considerate neighbours by providing residents with advance notice and up to date information about the works. We look forward to having an open dialogue with our neighbours to ensure the contractor's access requirements are managed safely and considerately.

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Many buildings have been redeveloped in the Royal Borough over the last few years and the Council has a great deal of experience in this type of work. The contractor, consultants and architects have all been appointed, in part, because of their satisfactory experience in Kensington and Chelsea.

Noise and dust

The areas where building works are taking place will be separated from public areas by hoardings to minimise the disruption and impact on local residents and businesses. Noise and dust levels will be monitored to ensure they are kept to a minimum.



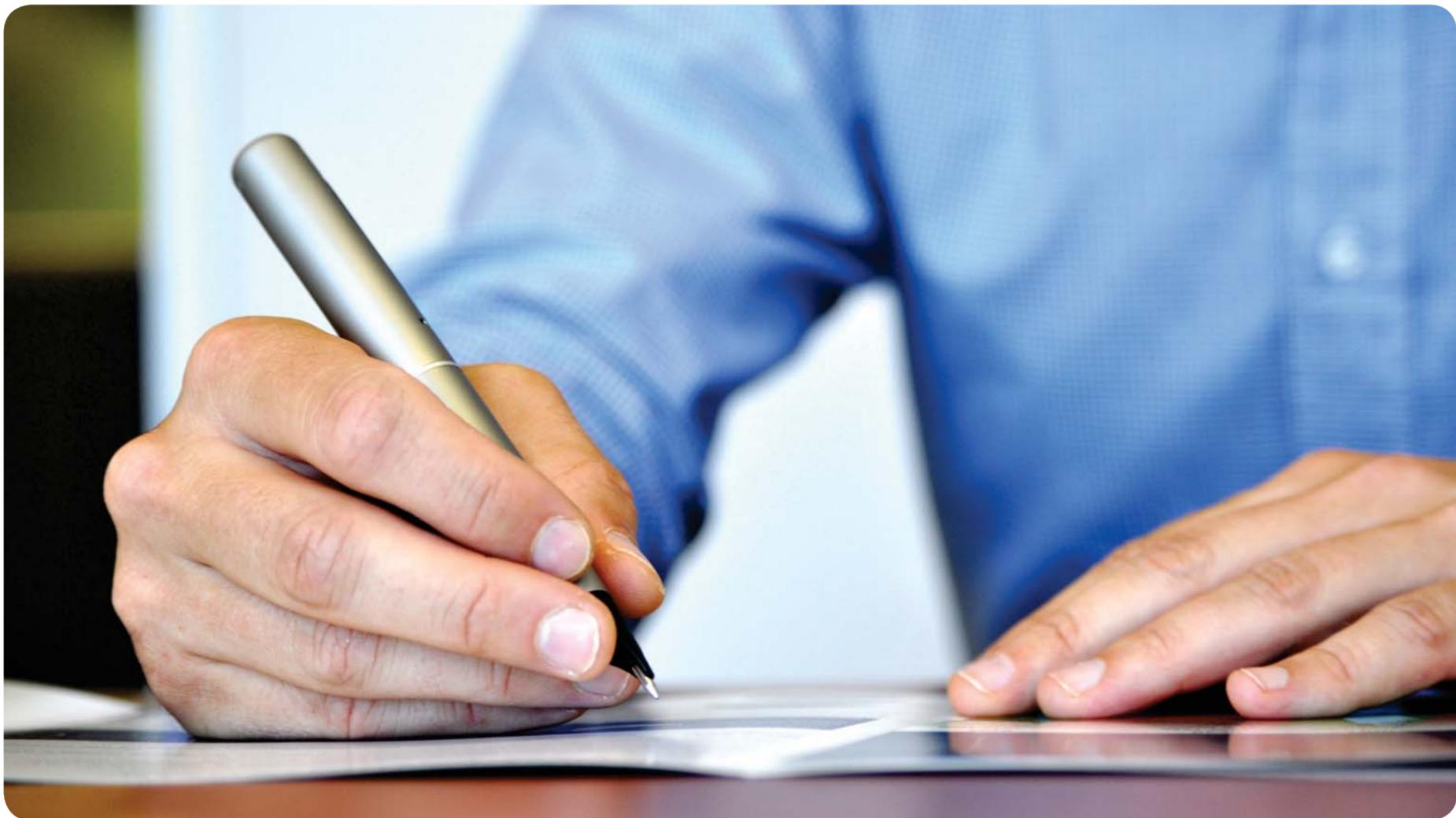
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Next steps



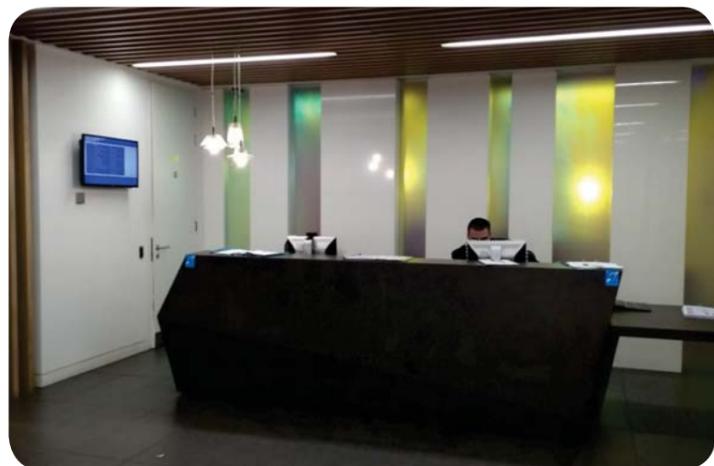
Thank you for attending the public exhibition on our proposals for refurbishing the Chelsea Old Town Hall. We hope you found it informative.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak to a member of the project team here today or complete a feedback form.

Following this event, we will be accepting feedback until 20 April 2017. Comments will be taken into account as part of our planning application submission to the Council in May 2017.

You will also have an opportunity to comment as part of the Council's planning process.

Pending planning application approval, we will also keep you updated via our website, leaflets and e-updates (for those who sign up for it) as the project progresses.



Indicative interior

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