

# Department of Physics, Cavendish III

West Cambridge Community Consultation  
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# Pre-Application Presentation

## Agenda

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1. Introductions

2. Background

3. Programme

4. Plot Constraints & Opportunities

5. Design Principles

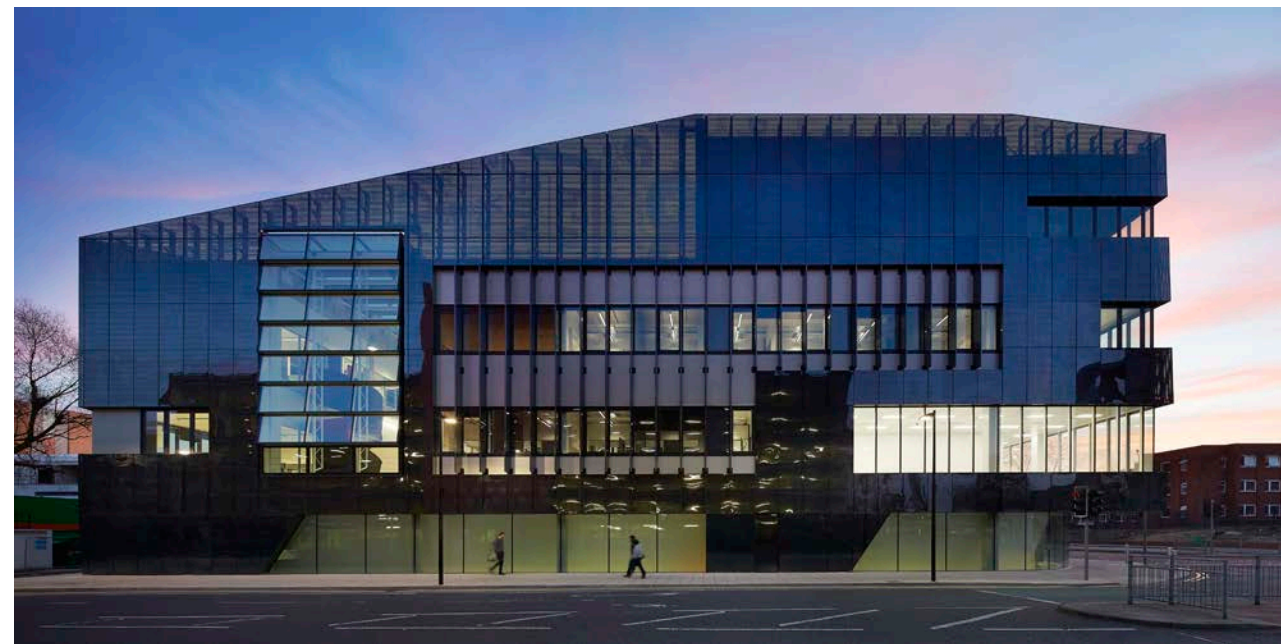
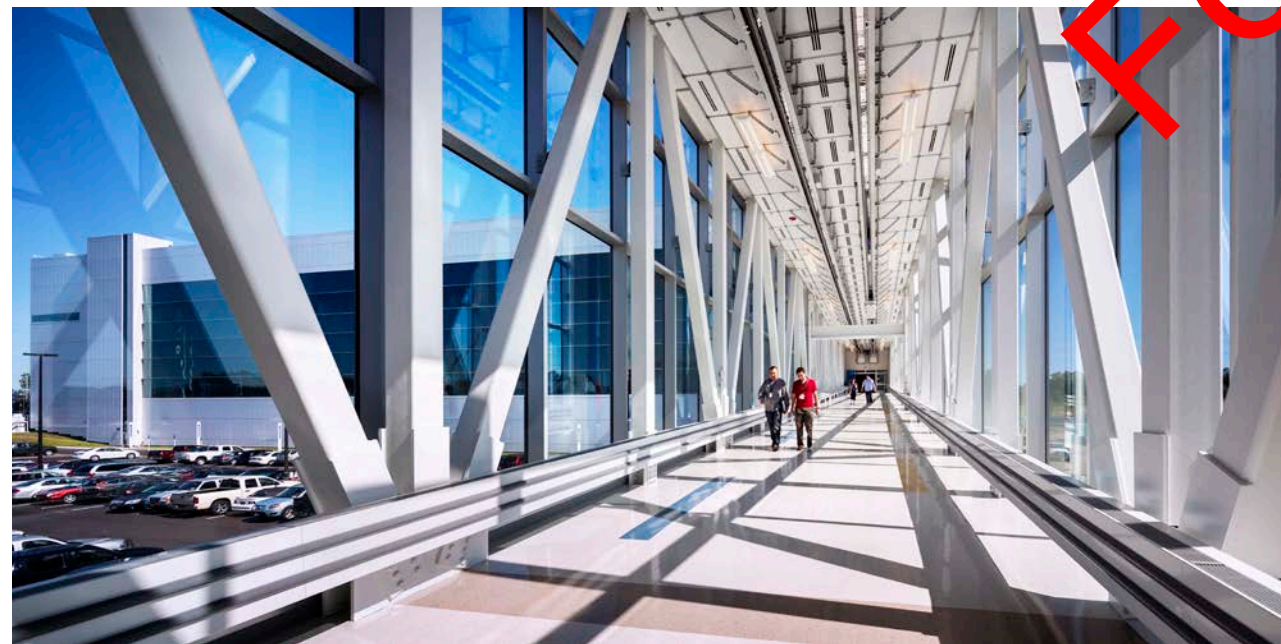
6. Q&A

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# Introduction

## Jestico + Whiles



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## Experience of Laboratory Design



**Mountbatten Building**  
University of Southampton



**National Graphene Institute**  
University of Manchester



**Australian Institute of Physics**  
University of Sydney

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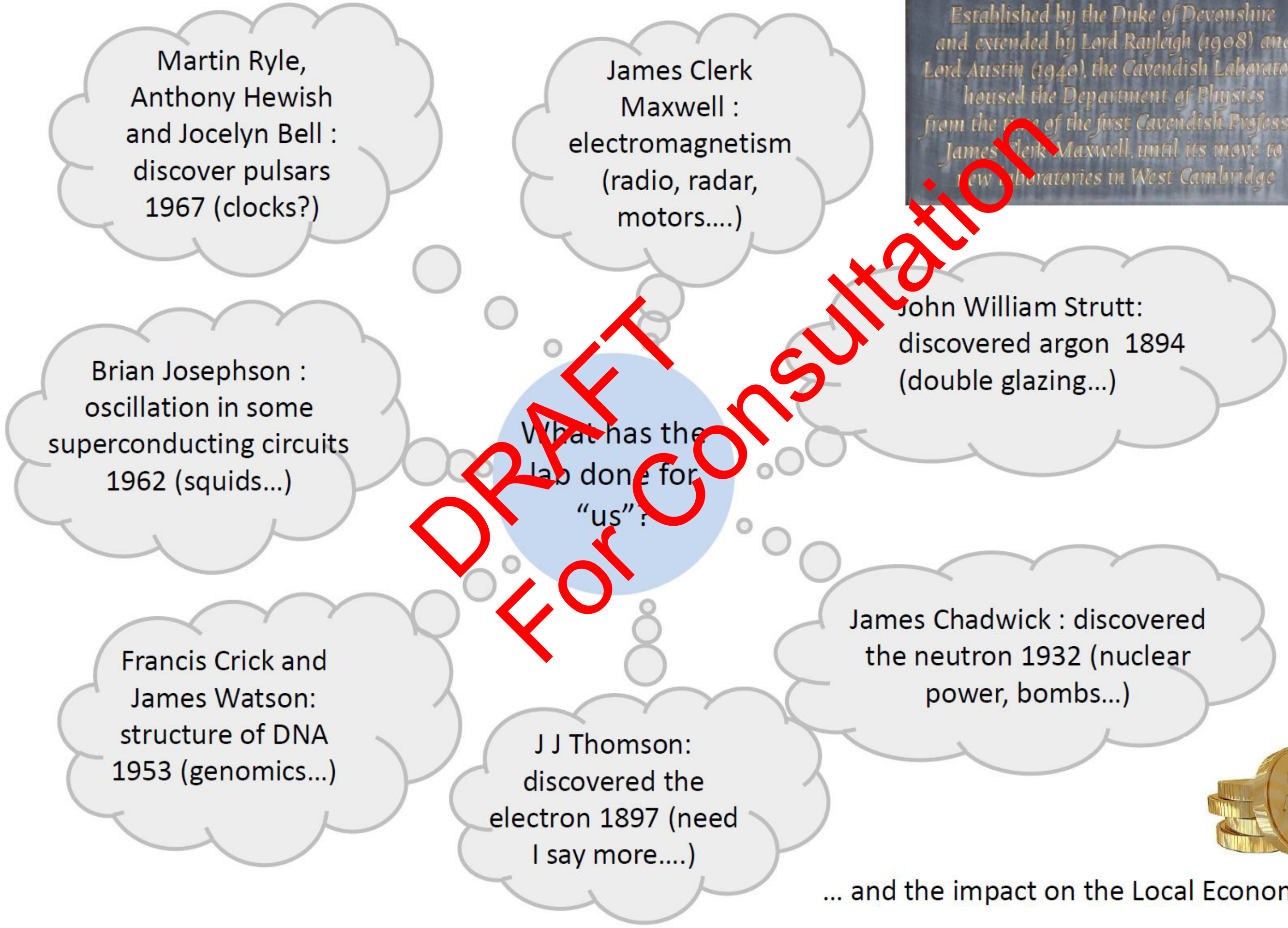
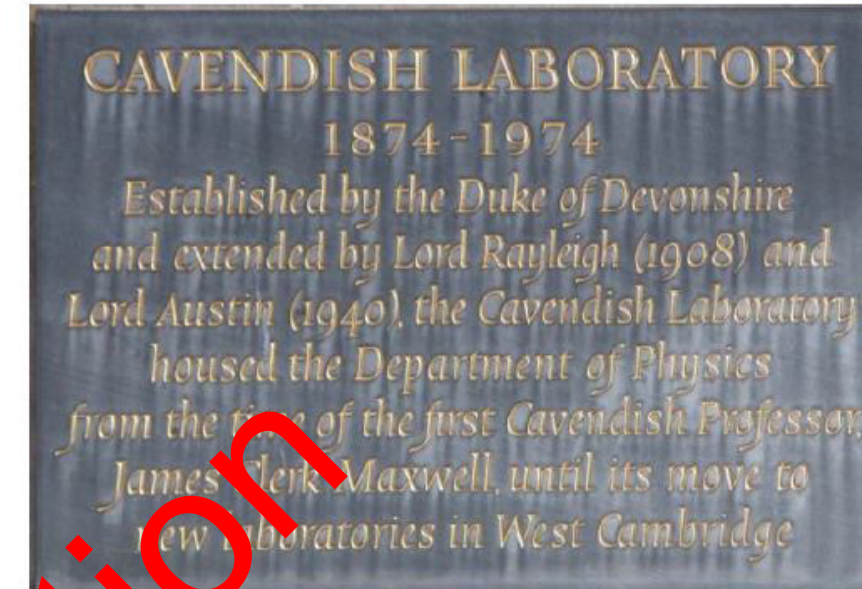
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# The Cavendish Laboratory: Past & Present

## Background

Founded in 1874: building funded by the Duke of Devonshire – William Cavendish

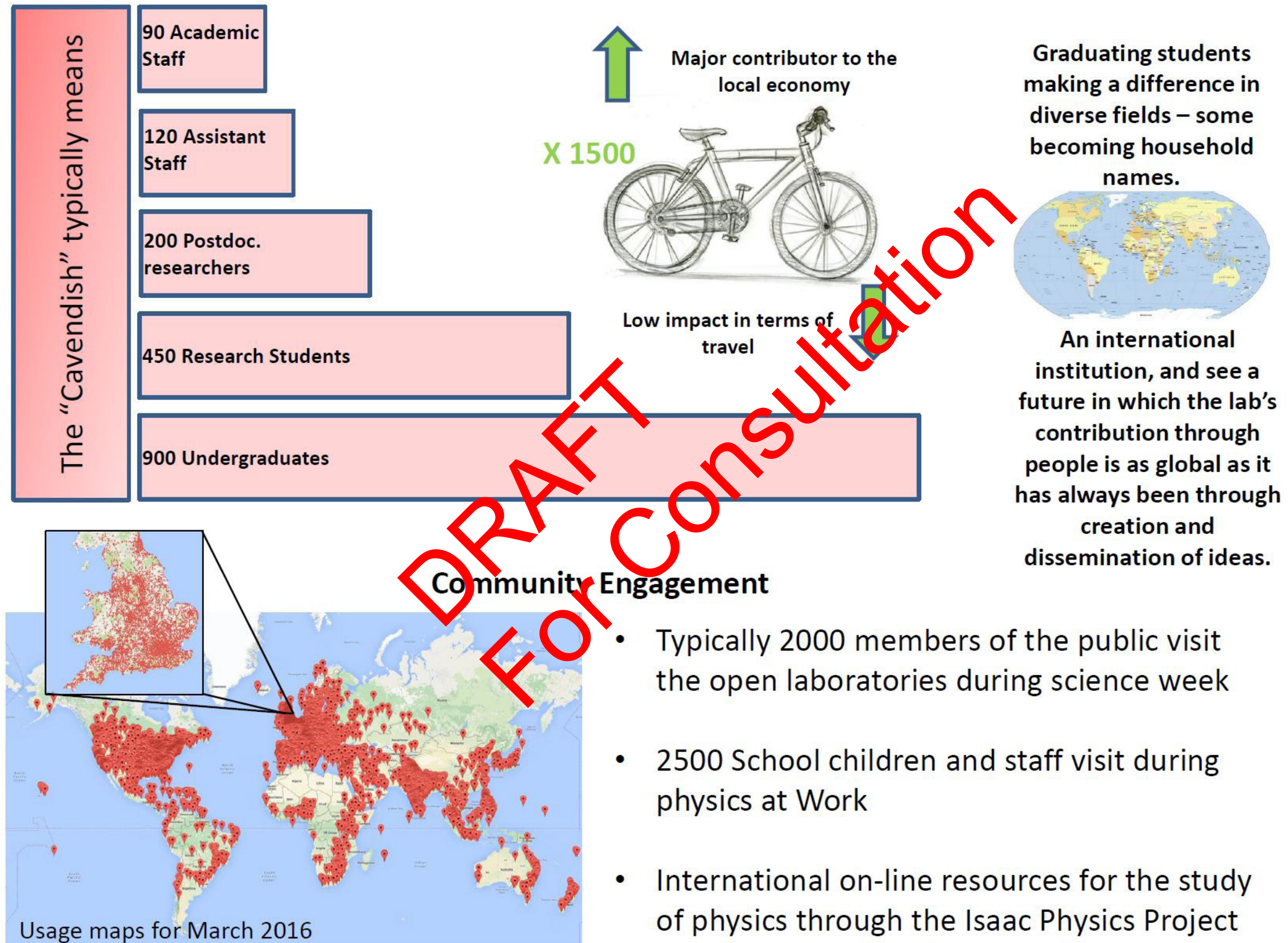


... and the impact on the Local Economy



# People are a more important “Product” than “Research Output”

## Background





## The “Swynnerton-Dyer Ellipse” and the move to West Cambridge (1972-74)

### Background

Constructed using the CLASP System

- Cheap and quick.
- No elegance, longevity or sustainability.

Buildings have been flexible. But...

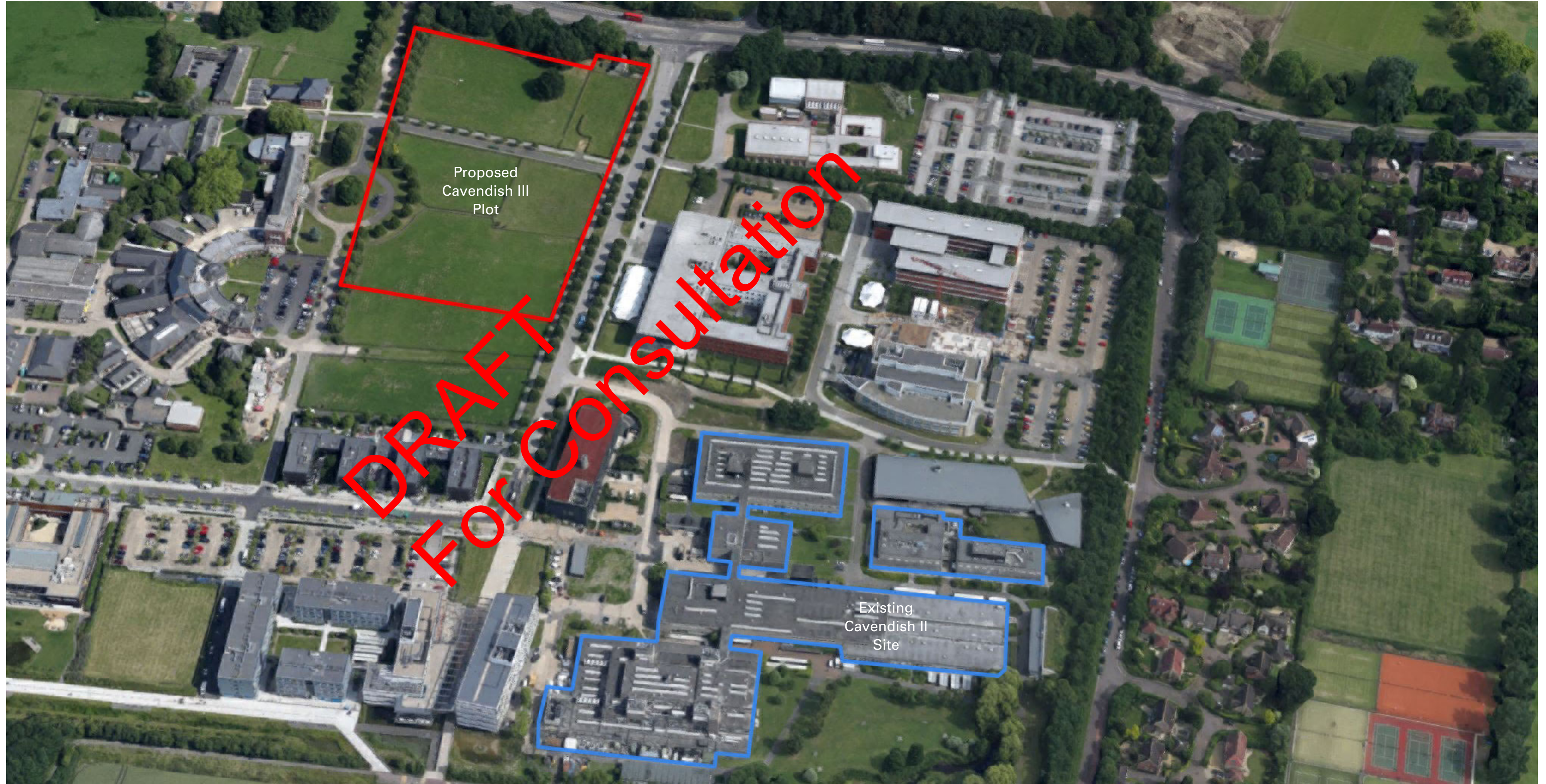
- Leaked through the roof from day one.
- Asbestos used in construction.
- Single Glazed, leaking aluminium fenestration- no mitigation for solar gain.
- No insulation- problems with temperature and humidity.
- Upper floors cannot be used for sensitive work- steel frame shakes!
- Piecemeal additions over time in reaction to funding opportunities.
- Operations become disjointed, less effective with minimal interaction.





# Background

## Existing & Proposed Sites





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## Programme

### Stage 2 Design Programme

- RIBA Stage 1 Review January 2016
- RIBA Stage 2 Concept Design commenced March 2016
- RIBA Stage 2 Concept Design completes September 2016
- RIBA Stage 3 Concept Design commences October 2016
- Masterplan to Planning Committee (target) November 2016
- Cavendish Plot Reserved Matters Application May 2017
- Enabling Works Commences October 2017
- Construction Commences March 2018
- Completion June 2020



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### Plot Constraints & Opportunities

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# Plot Constraints & Opportunities






## Existing Plot

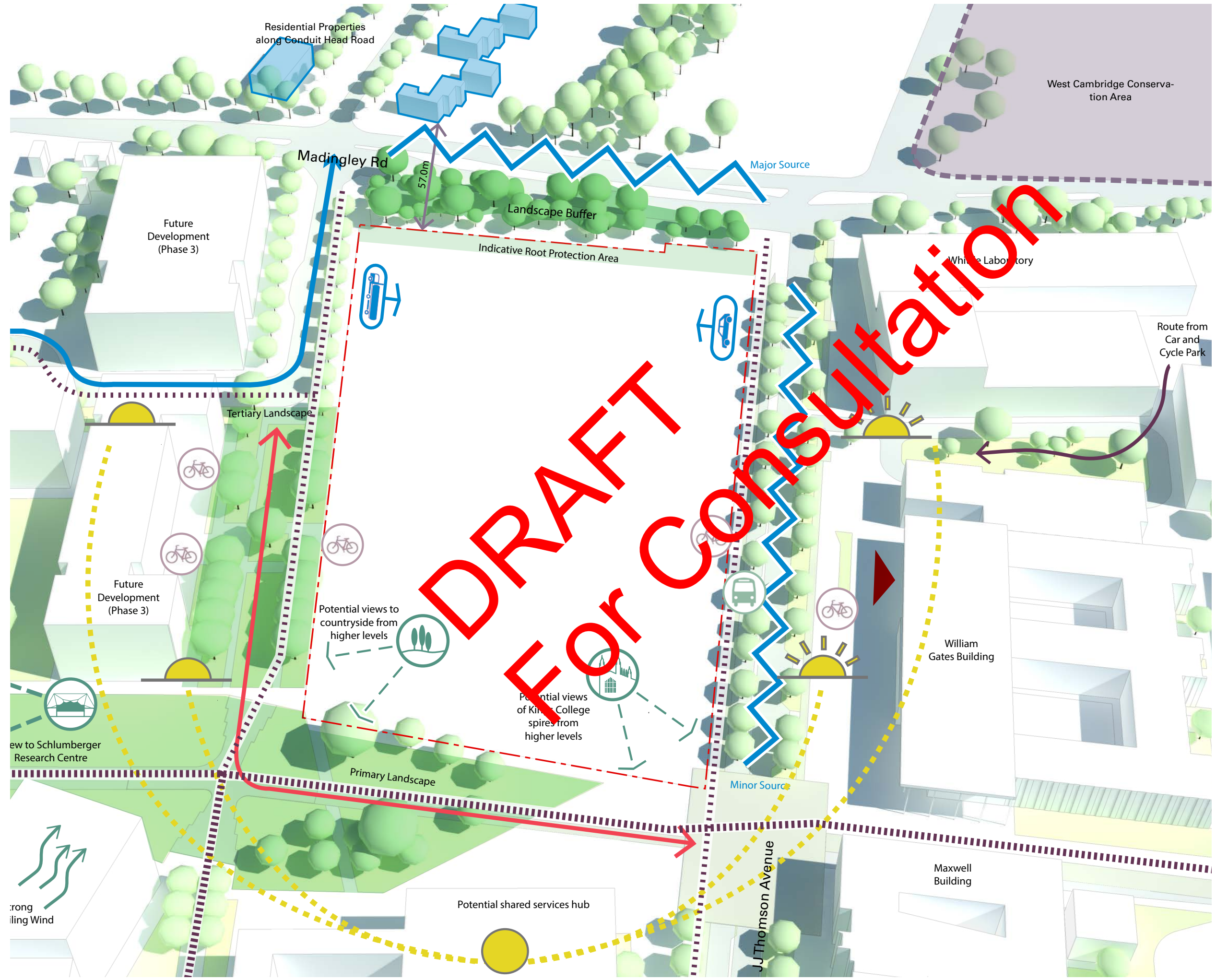




# Plot Constraints & Opportunities

## Plot Analysis

-  Source of noise and vibration
-  Pedestrian/cycle route
-  Service Route
-  Emergency/Maintenance (access to be confirmed)
-  Indicative Plot Boundary





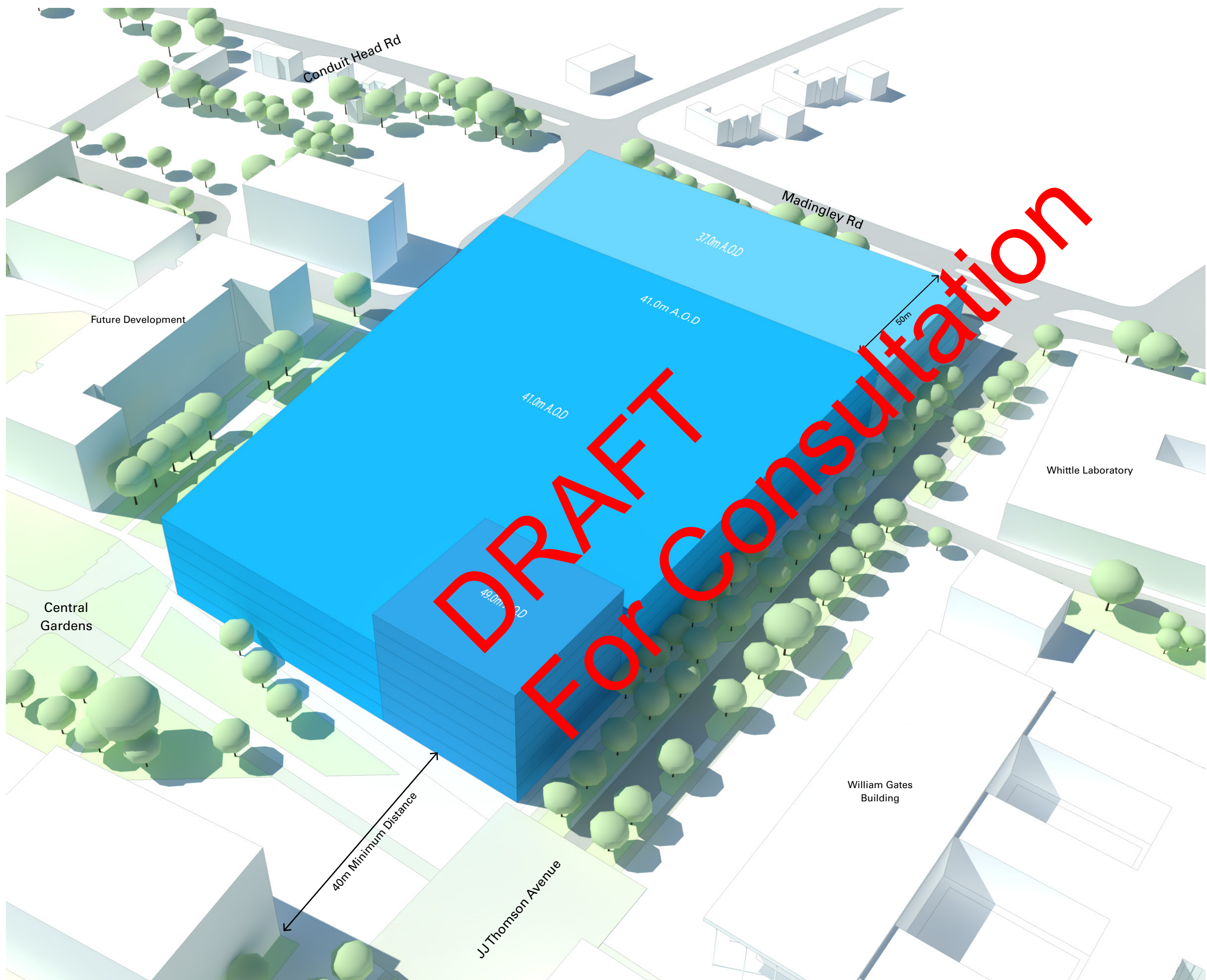




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## Parameter Plan Massing

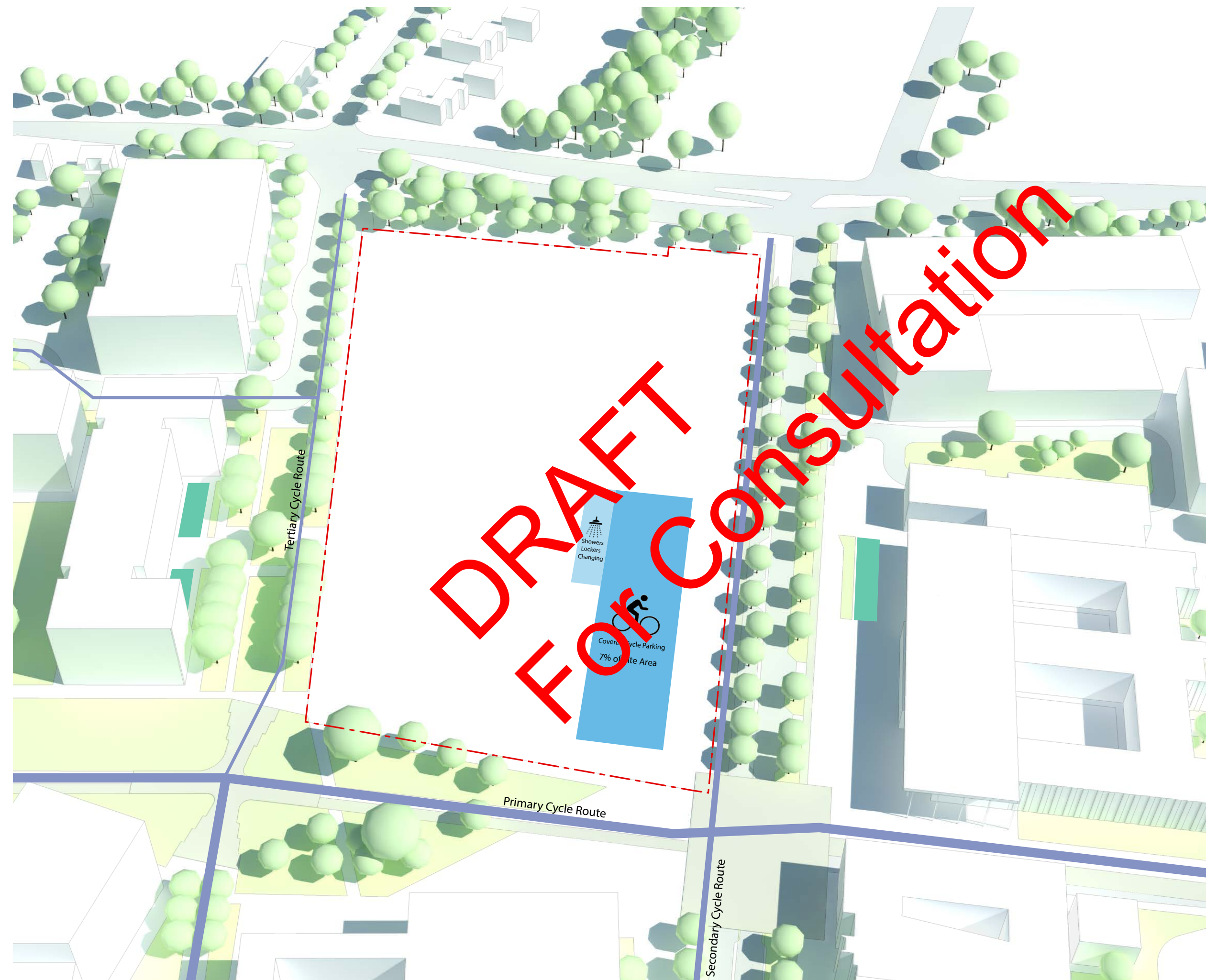
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- 41.0m A.O.D
- 37.0m A.O.D
- 34.0m A.O.D





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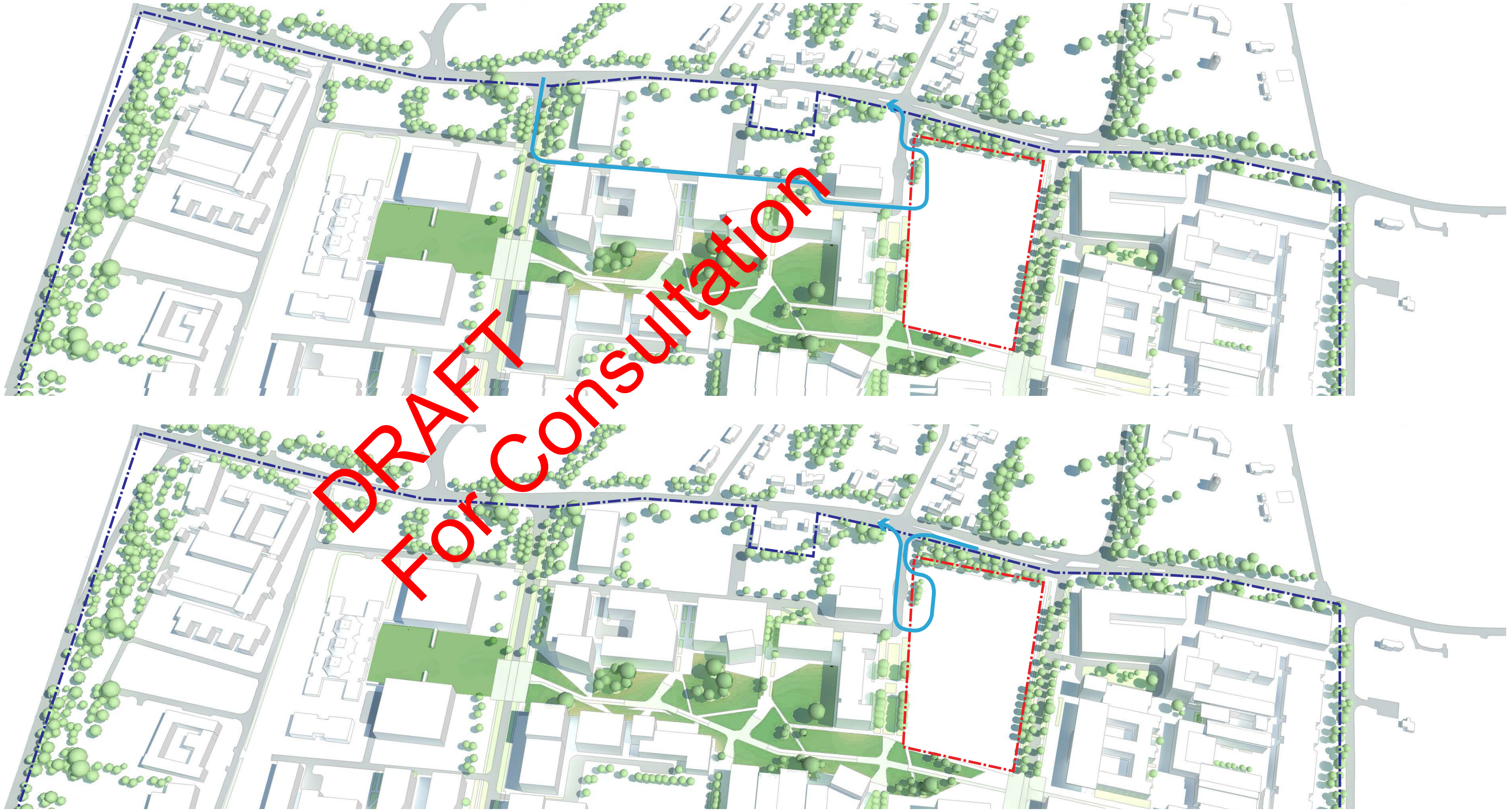
## Cycling Provision





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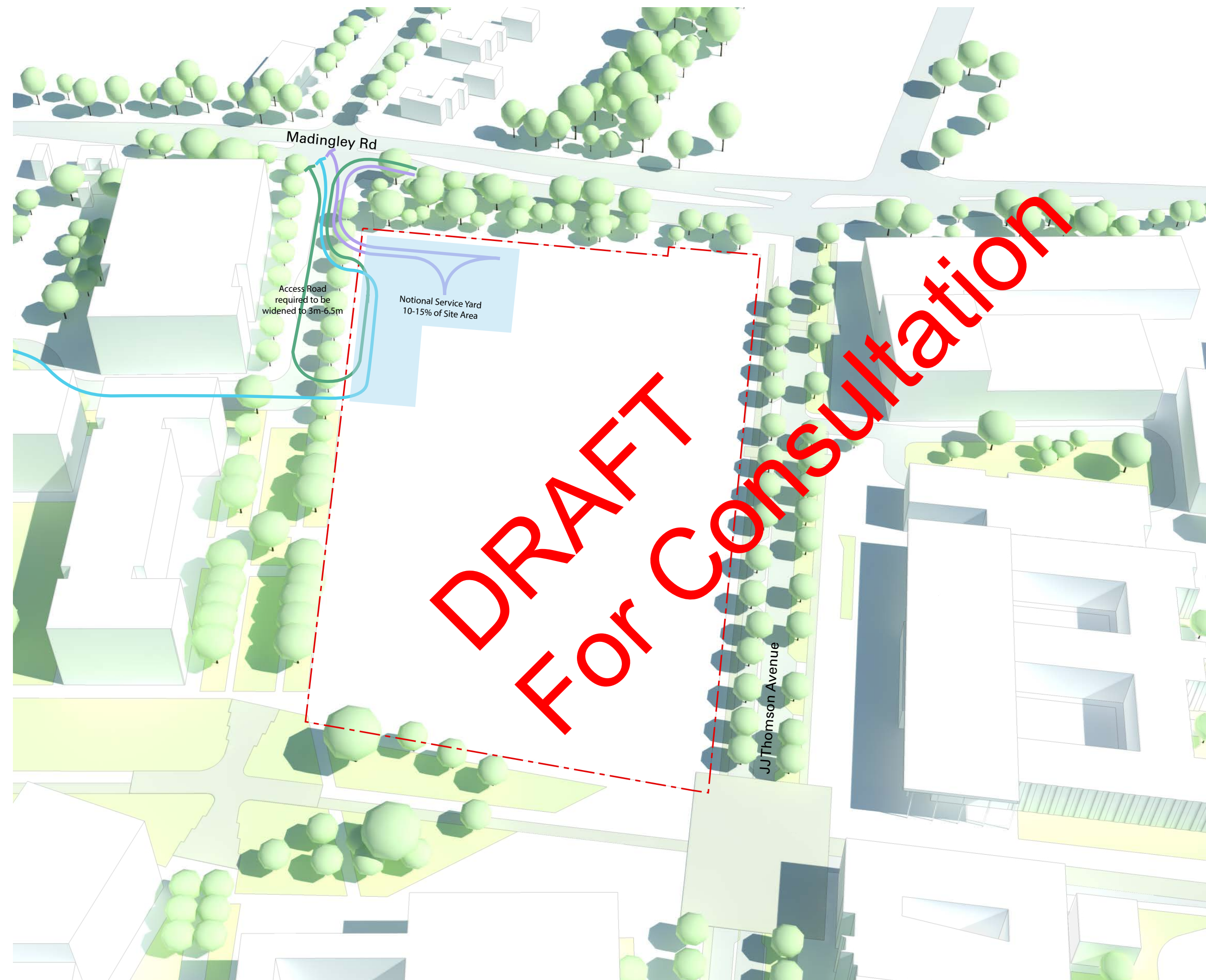
## Site Access Options





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## Service Access



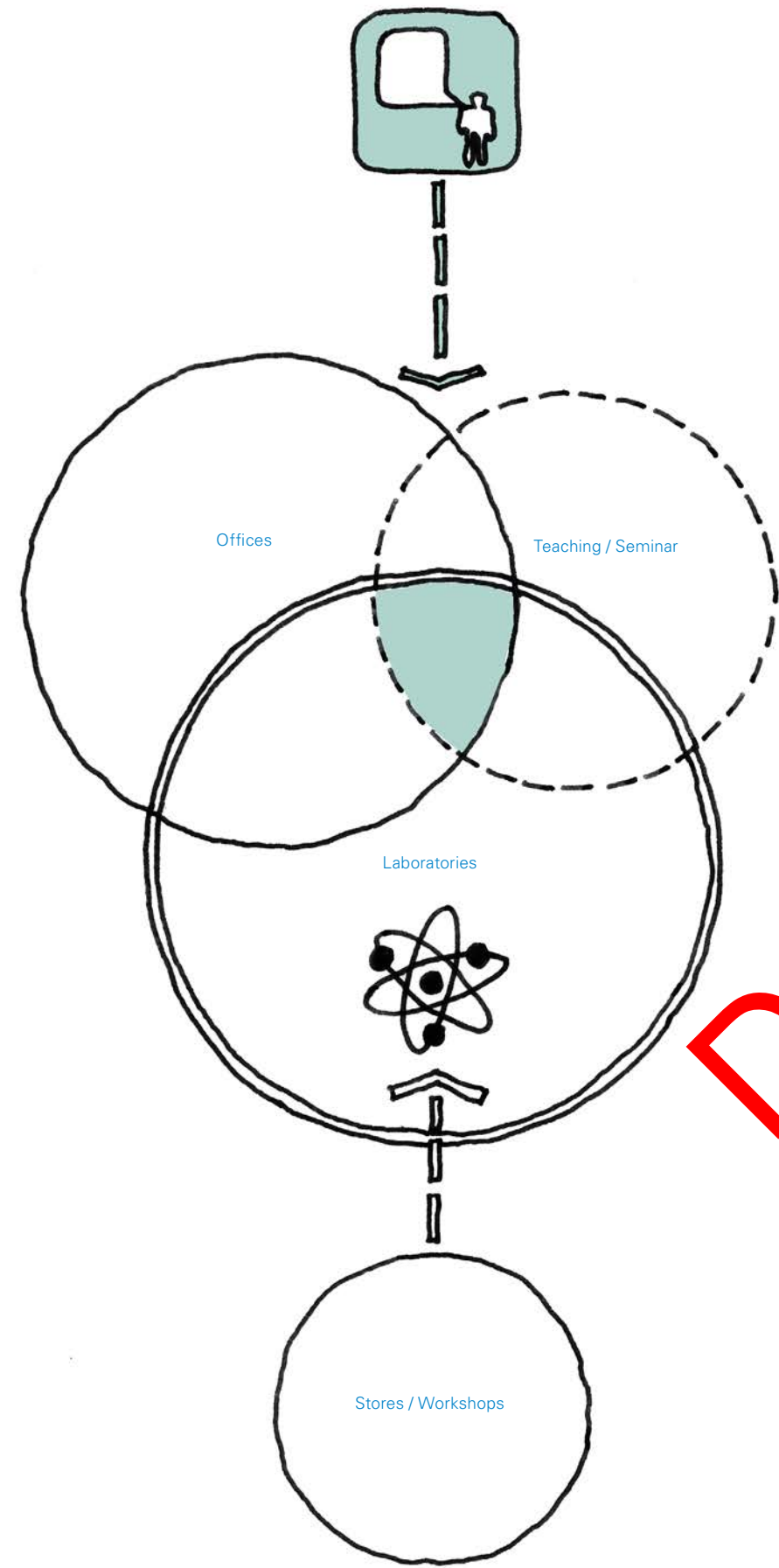


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# Pre-Application Presentation Key Design Principles



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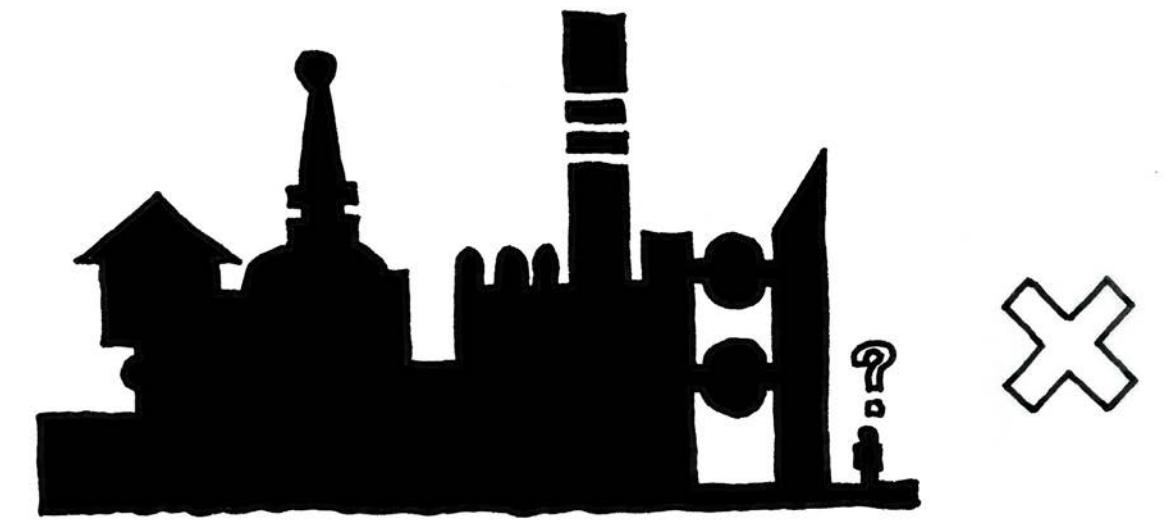
JJ Thomson  
 Discovered the electron in 1897  
 Ernest Rutherford  
 Rutherford became Director of the Laboratory in 1919  
 James Chadwick  
 Discovered the neutron in 1932



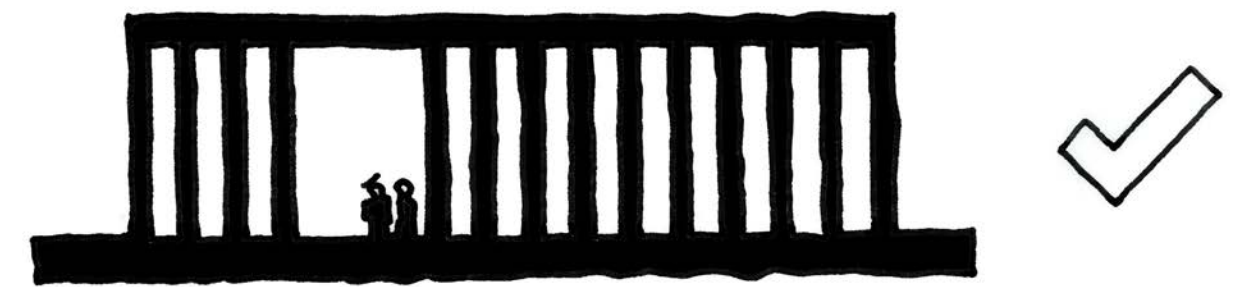
Francis Crick & James Watson  
 Determined the double-helix structure of the DNA molecule in 1953  
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 Nobel Prize awarded in 20??



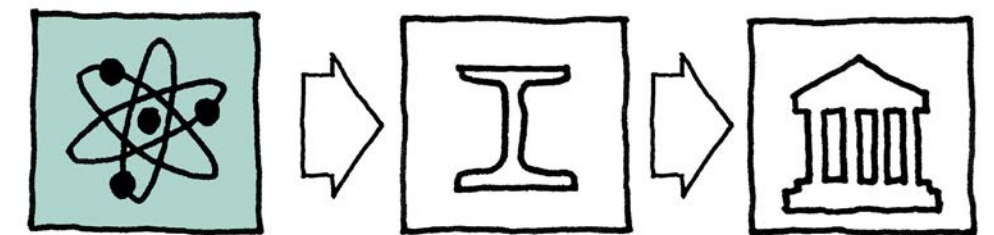
Identity



Fashionable = Transient



Classic = Timeless



Timeless Design

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**Any Other Business**

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