

6 Architecture

6.2 Trinity Road Building

6.2.9 Link Blocks

Original 1950s Master Plan

The original master plan for the Civic Centre site included an auditorium and library to the west and north of the site respectively. The west wing of the Civic Centre was to connect to the auditorium and the library was to connect to the Civic Centre north wing creating a landscaped central courtyard (see plan right)

The auditorium and library were never realised however the areas on the facade of the Civic Centre where the link blocks were to connect are visible in the built Civic Centre - as they are faced in render rather than pre-cast concrete. These areas are highlighted in purple on the photos (right).

Proposed Link Blocks

The current proposals include two new link blocks for circulation between the Trinity Rd Building and existing Civic Centre in the same locations as the connections proposed in the original masterplan.

The west link block is a two storey structure, stepped in section with a relatively narrow floor plate at first floor (to avoid a clash with windows in the existing west wing) and wider ground floor. The building connects the existing committee rooms to the Trinity Building at first floor and incorporates meeting rooms and a private terrace area. At ground floor the building connects to the welcome space and provides additional open plan office space.

The north link is a bridge structure at first floor only for circulation purposes. The bridge structure creates a sheltered area to the proposed staff entrance from Trinity Street at ground floor.

Key Plan

- Original master plan - auditorium and library
- Link blocks
- Internal courtyard

