



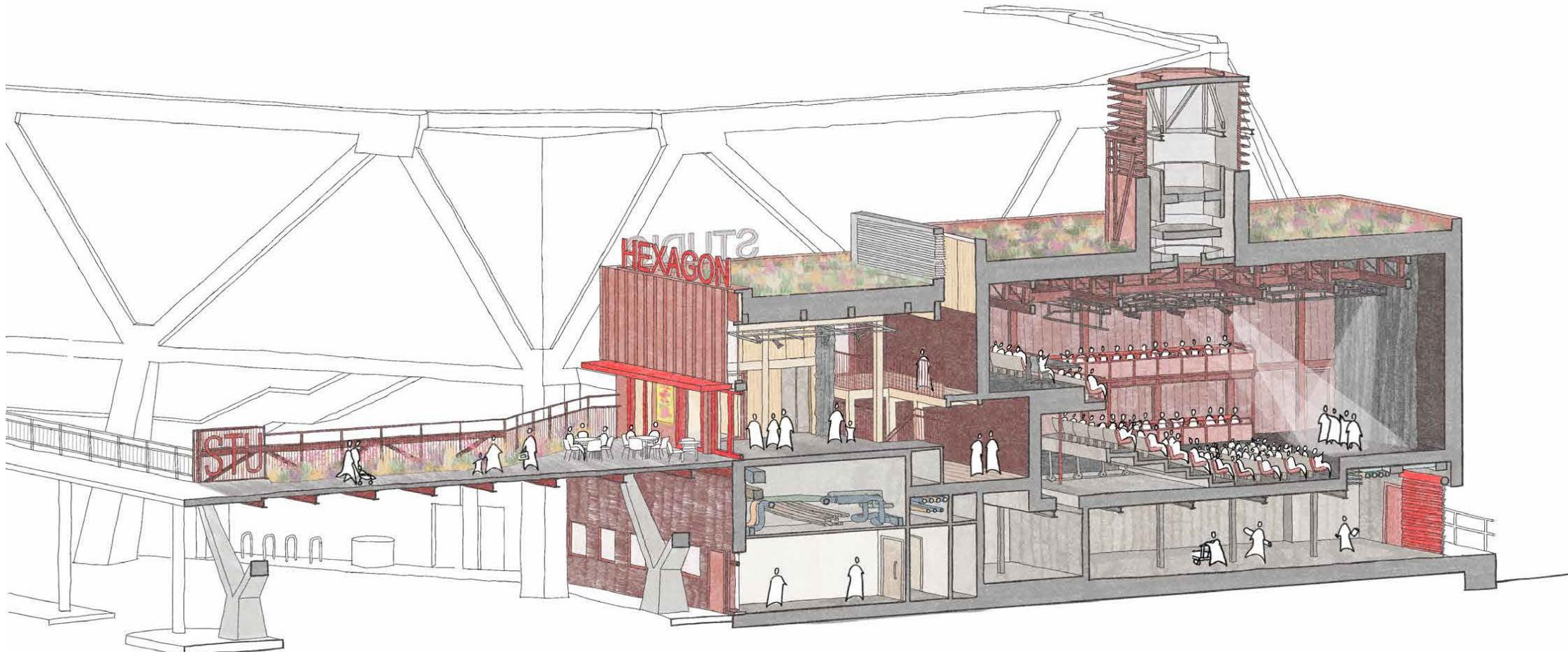
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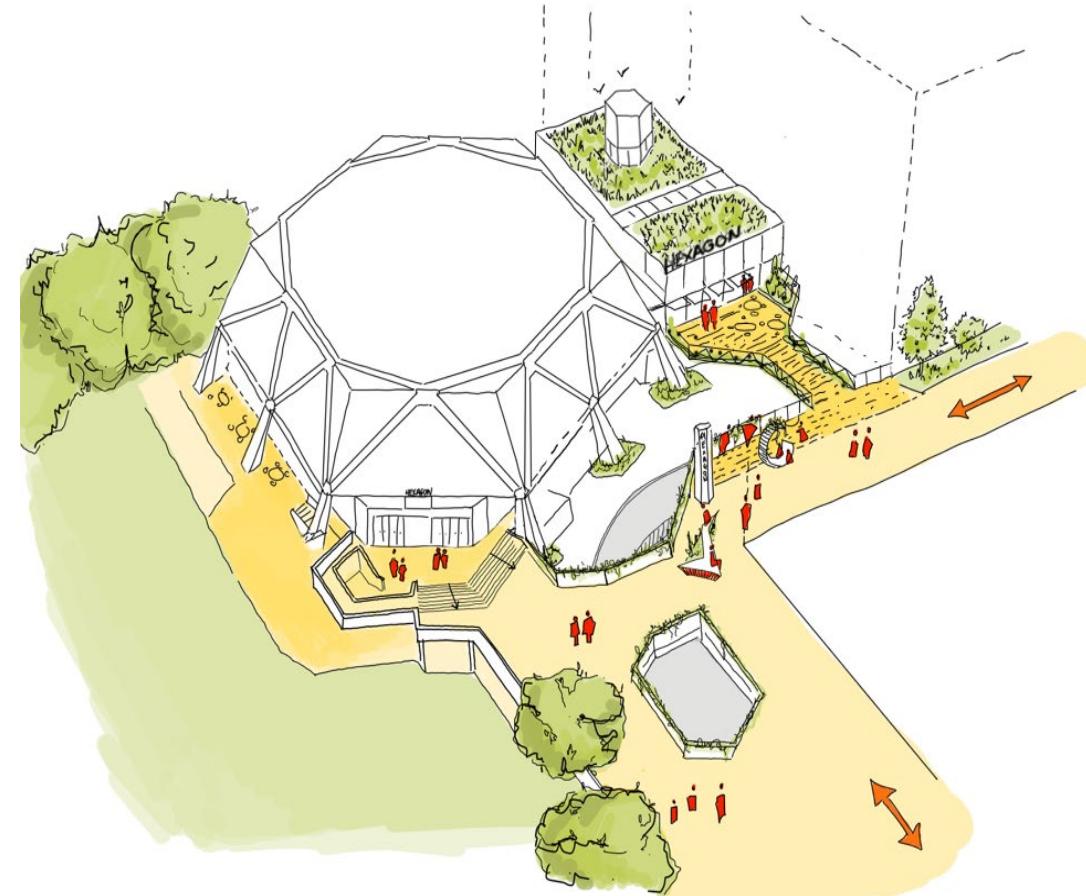
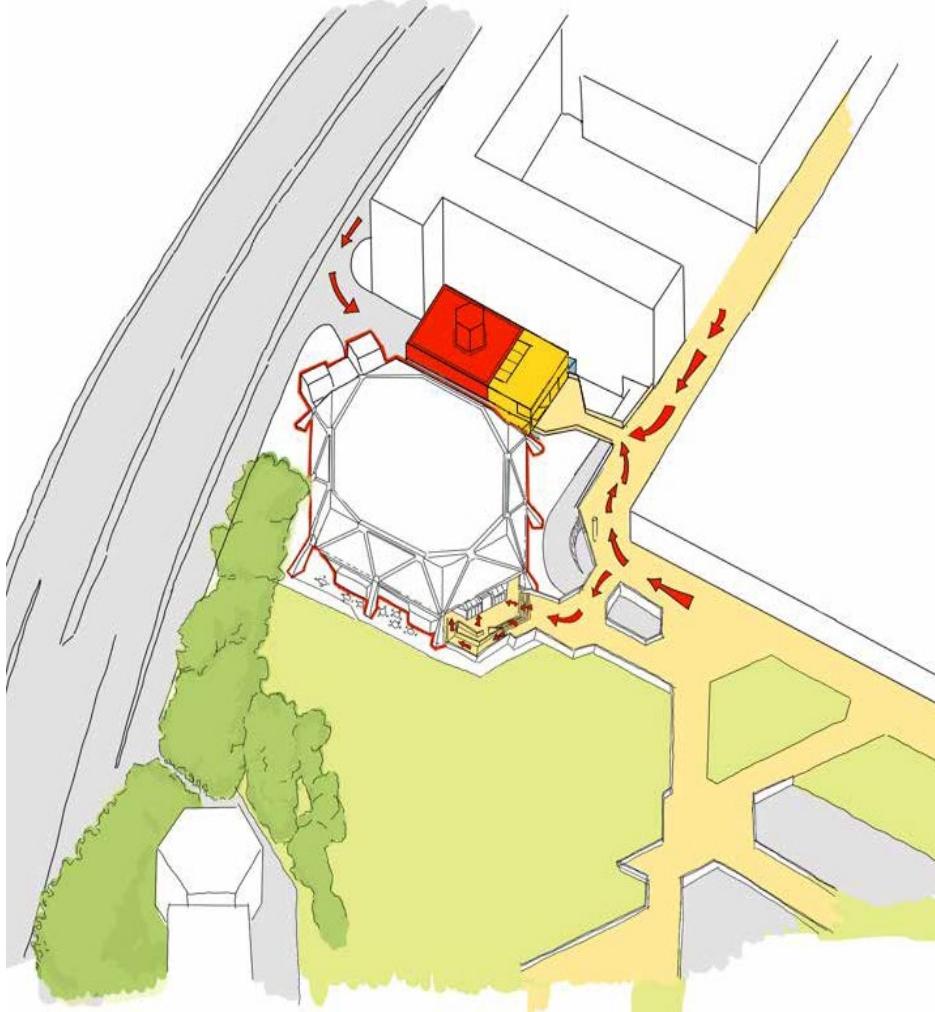
Studio Theatre update

John Luther,
Artistic Director

Studio Theatre



Environmental sustainability and improved accessible setting



Decarbonising The Hexagon



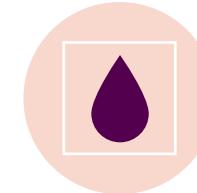
The ageing gas boilers are being replaced with a Ground Source Heat Pump system



A pair of 120m bore holes were drilled to extract warm water from the chalk aquifer below the ground



Part funded by Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and Levelling Up Fund, approved by the Environment Agency



A heat pump removes some of the heat from the water to heat the theatre before returning the cooler water to the ground

Studio Theatre: Queen's Walk view



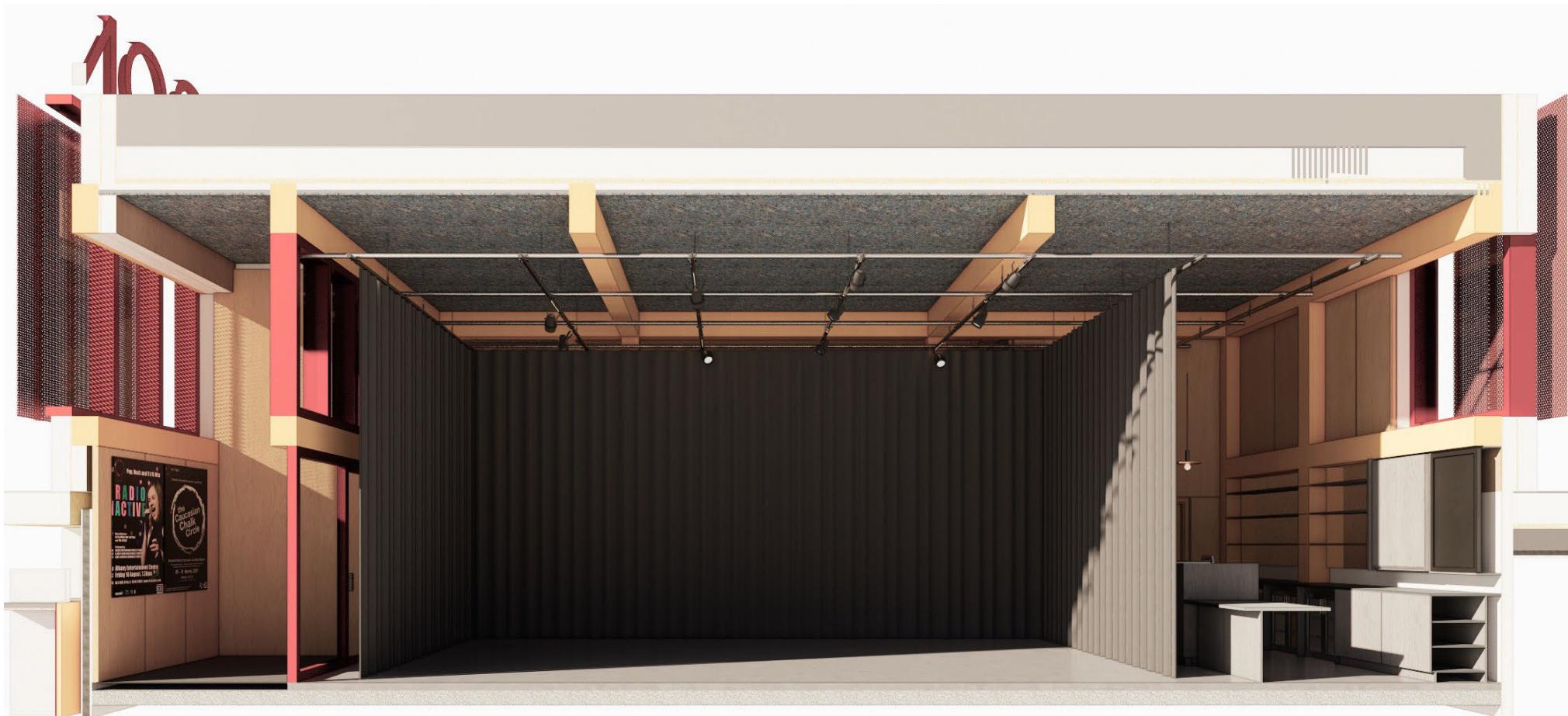
Studio Theatre: Queen's Walk Entrance



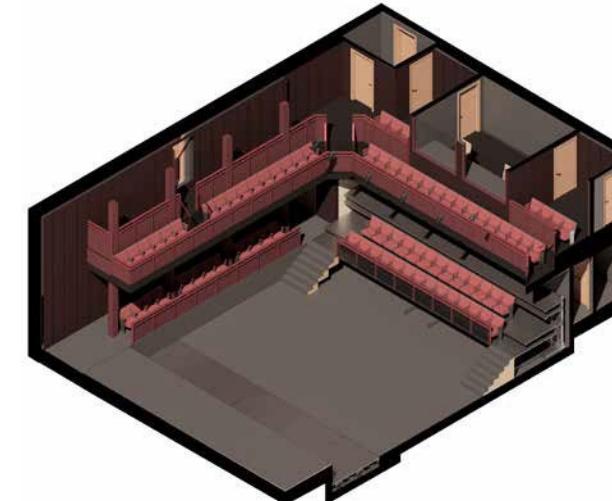
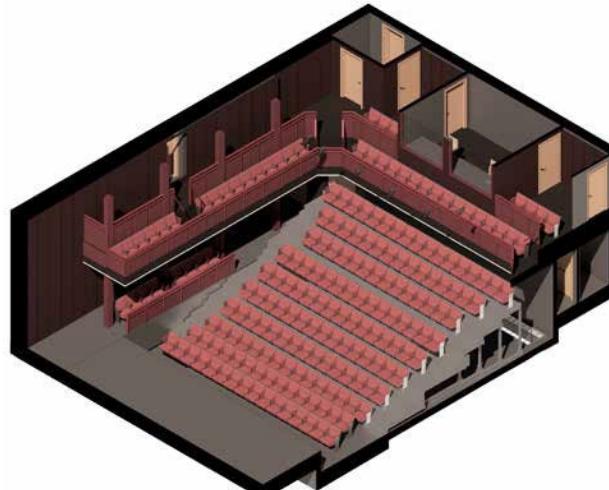
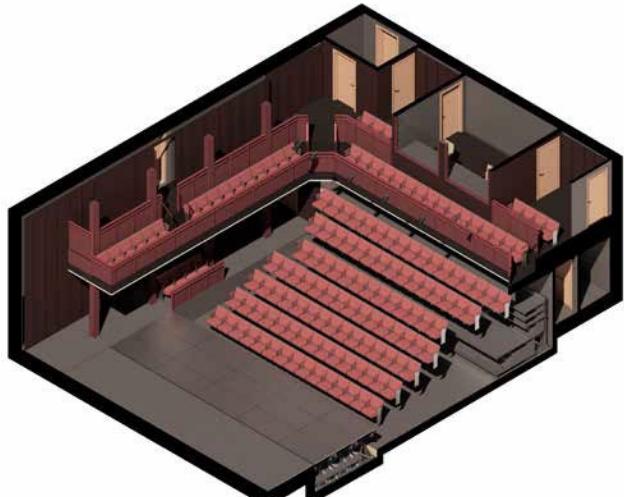
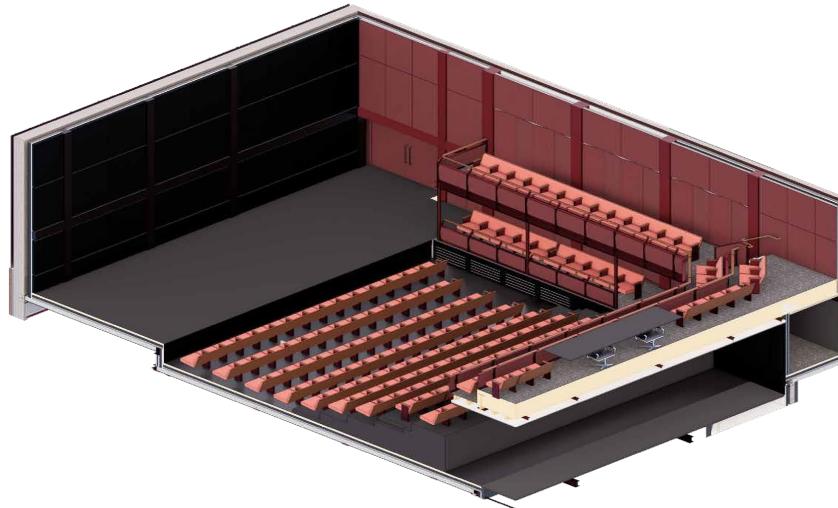
Flexible Foyer, Bar & Rehearsal Studio



Foyer - Rehearsal mode



Auditorium



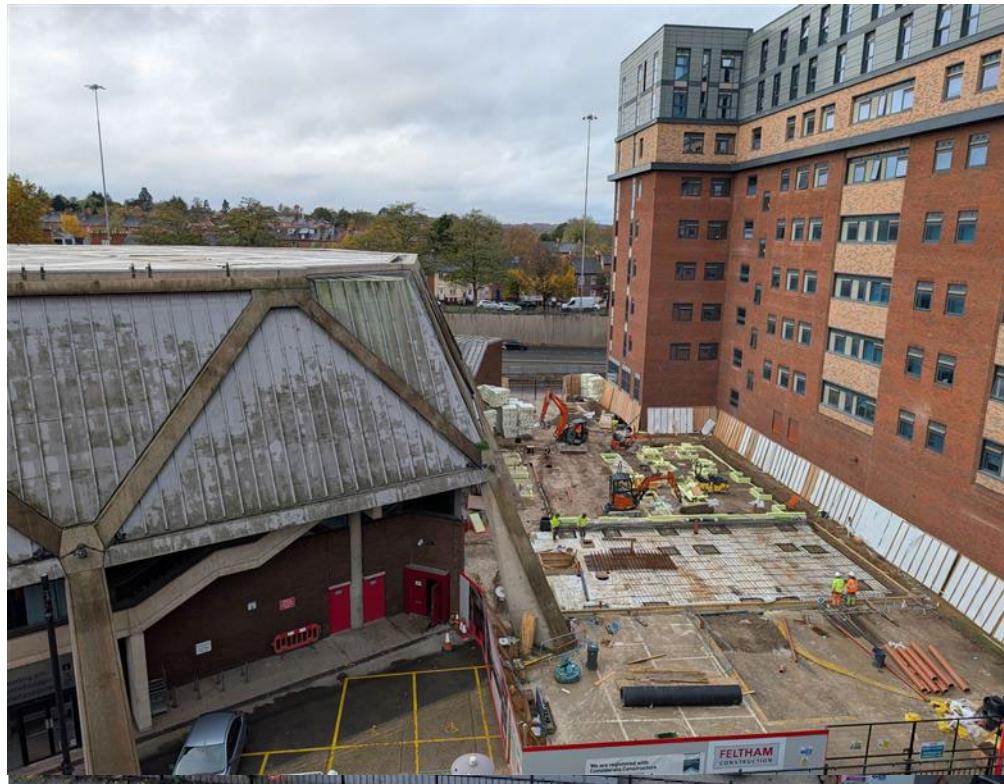
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June 2025 – November 2025



Key Milestones

- Main build from November 2025
- Decarbonisation works completed by autumn 2026
- Studio Theatre opens to the public spring 2027

