

RAMSGATE LUF

Newington Community Centre

The Newington Community Centre is a well-loved and well-used resource for local communities. It is run by the Newington Community Association.

Newington is a neighbourhood on the north-eastern fringe of Ramsgate and is amongst the 10% most deprived areas in England.

Thanet District Council has been successful in securing Levelling Up Funding to build an extension with a large teaching kitchen to expand on a popular food and cookery program run at the Newington Community Centre. Jan Kattein Architects have been commissioned to develop the plans for the extension.

These boards show one possible design option for the Newington Community Centre, these proposals will be developed and refined in the coming months.

The Newington Community Centre has a very active range of activities throughout the week that support local communities.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY



Community Food Club



Youth Cooking



Chill Club (youth)



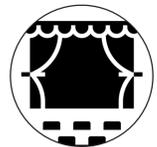
Family Cooking



Curry Club



Community lunch



Youth theatre



Bingo



Dog training

More than half of the activities run at the community centre are based around food and cooking.

The existing building is very exposed, inward looking, does not engage with its direct surroundings and is not flexible enough to support the Association's broad activity schedule.

The project presents a great opportunity to enhance the existing building and surrounding land, embrace the Newington Community Association's passion for food and support their desire to create a community garden - they have recently planted fruit trees on the sunniest part of the land.



▲ Axo view of the proposed Community centre extension and outdoor areas

02 kitchen extension with natural roof ventilation and glazed coloured tiles

the central sunny lunch yard

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glazed walkway with in-built storage and green roof

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04 community allotments

01 existing building retained and upgraded

05 orchard with play apparatuses

05 existing container office relocated

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The project proposes to refurbish the existing community centre by linking it to a new commercial kitchen around a sheltered and sunny lunch yard.

Site

This site arrangement creates a family of protected, intimate and sunny outdoor spaces for growing, socialising, playing and eating together.

Existing buildings

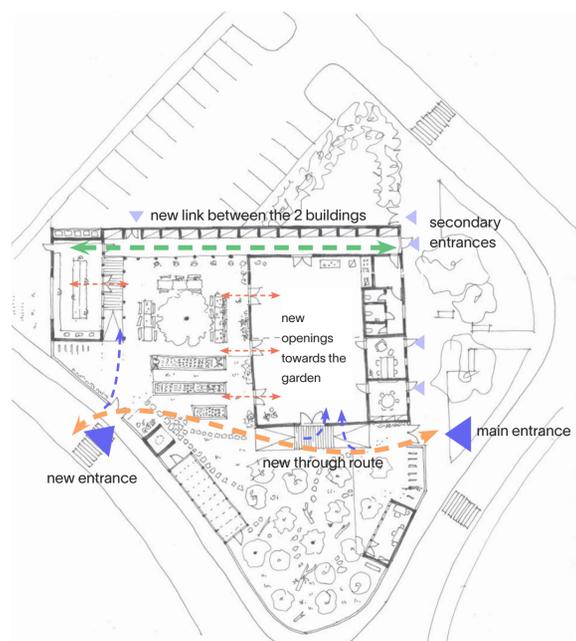
The existing building main hall is retained and upgraded whilst the Eastern facade is re-arranged to accommodate simultaneous uses.

The new consultation rooms are accessible from the street and the common facilities are accessible from a new common walkway. The existing office unit is also re-used and relocated in the orchard.

New buildings

A new large, self-contained kitchen which can host up to 15 people faces the existing common hall to create a vibrant sunny courtyard. Both buildings are connected via a new glazed and sheltered walkway which features a wall of lockable, user-specific storage units.

All project requirements have been established with the Community Association.



▲ diagram of accesses



▲ general arrangement and sunny spots all year round

