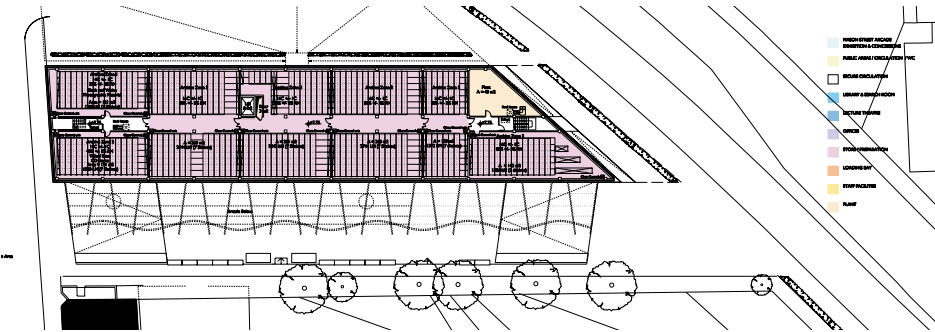




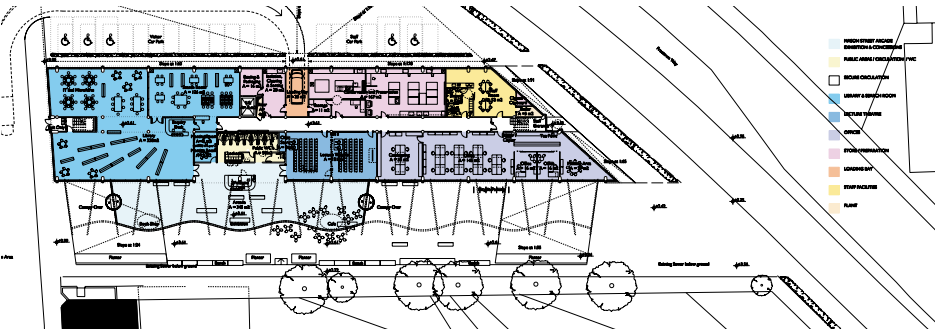
Following a design competition Pringle Richards Sharratt have been appointed to design the new History Centre at Hull.

This project is a joint venture between Hull City Council and Hull University to provide new accommodation for both the city archives/local studies collection and the University's collections (which include the Larkin Archive and the records of Liberty and various political groups). The building will be on a site on the eastern edge of the city centre, on a key route linking the city centre and the east bank of the River Hull. Funding is being sought from Heritage Lottery Fund and Hull City Council.

The History Centre is to provide integrated, state-of-the-art storage and public access facilities for the archival, manuscript, book and local studies collections. It will include storage, conservation, binding, IT, teaching and learning facilities as well as office space and rooms for visitors to consult material. Above all, the Centre is expected to be highly visible and accessible and a significant focus for local and community pride for generations to come. The design includes a repository on the upper floor, designed to provide a high degree of environmental control to comply with BS5454, with all the public spaces at ground level. These are flanked by a linear arcade running along the south face of the building, and a new park to the south.



Left: first floor plan showing archive
Below, left: ground floor plan with reading room, lecture and seminar rooms, public facilities, and staff areas



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3,300 m²
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