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01. Introduction











Guy Taylor Associates has been commissioned to create a concept design document for Southwell's Welcome Center and Tourist Information Center. The Welcome Center will provide a shelter with adapted washroom facilities, a tourist information center and an exhibition space. This will be the first point of entry for the visitors of Southwell.

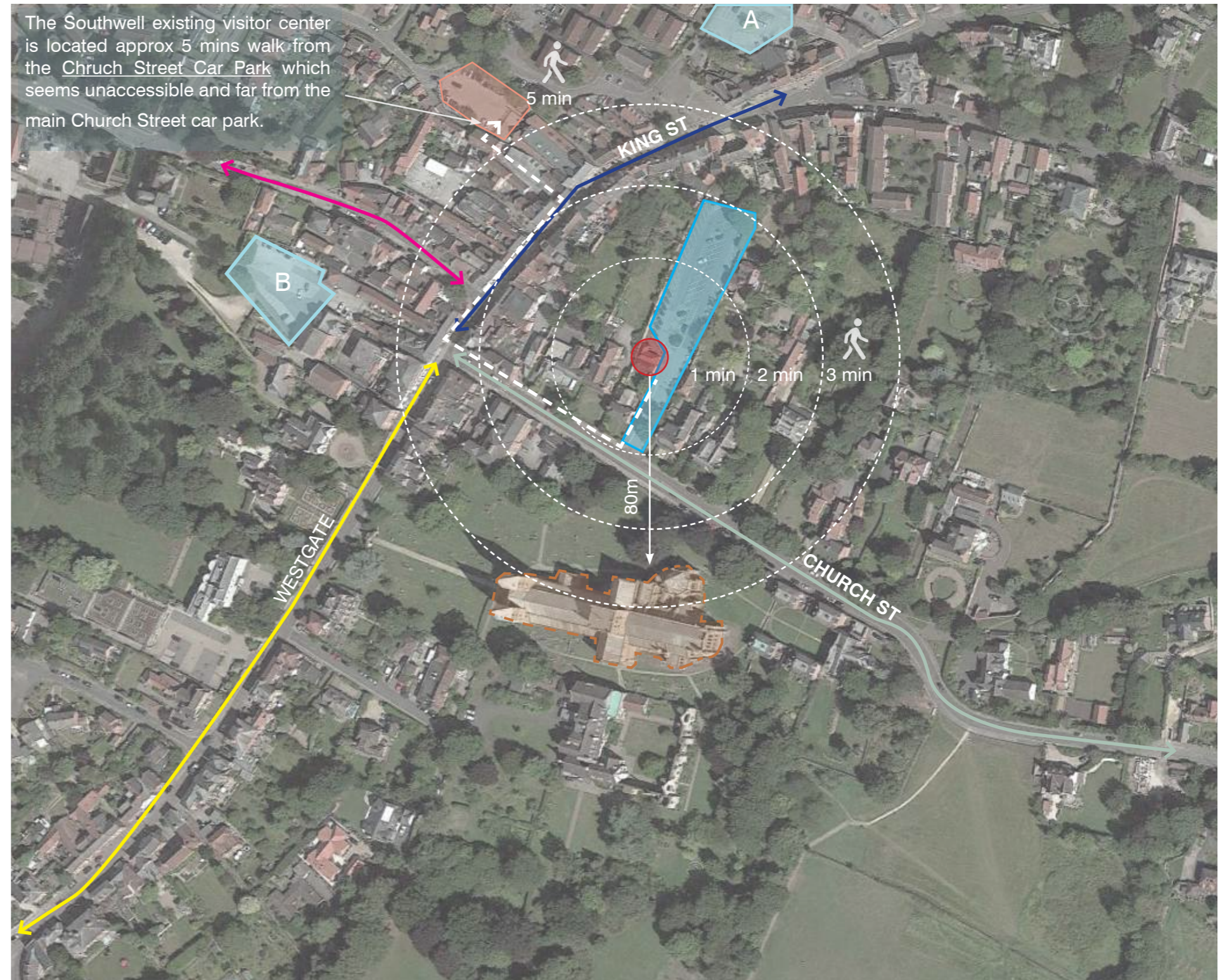
Currently, the existing Southwell Tourist Information is temporarily located within Southwell Library and is equipped with a limited parking area. Consequently, there is a significant opportunity to design a Welcome Center and relocate Southwell's existing visitor and information center adjacent to Southwell's public toilets and Church Street Car Park. The site offers a great opportunity to propose the Welcome Center as the Church Street Car Park has the most Car Parking spaces and is the most navigable car park and has the most conspicuous signs leading into the Church Street Car Park. The site has sufficient spaces to provide other amenities such as seating, and spaces for local volunteers in the summer to help accommodate visitors in the future.

The Exhibition space will provide an opportunity for exhibiting interesting archaeological and historical findings of Southwell, as well as provide a facility to offer temporary exhibitions to nurture the wealth of history and arts and crafts of the community of Southwell. The information space, will provide a space for volunteers to provide information leaflets, and a space to discuss the attractions and 'what's on?' for the visitors and tourists of Southwell.

02. Initial Response

LEGENDS:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Site |  |
| Existing Southwell Visitor Center |  |
| Southwell Minster |  |
| CAR PARKS | |
| - Church Street Car Park |  |
| - The Saracen's Head Hotel Car Park |  |
| - King Street Car Park |  |
| STREETS: | |
| Westgate Street |  |
| Church Street |  |
| King Street |  |
| Queen Street |  |



02. Initial Response

Images into the Car Parks

Notes:

This page illustrates other car parking spaces does not have a clear sign that leads into the car parking spaces. In addition, their proximity is far away from the library, where the existing information and tourist center is located.



1. Entrance to Church Street Car Park.
Clear signs and indication leading into the Car Park.



2. Entrance to Saracen's Head Hotel Car Park.
No clear signs and indication leading into the Car Park.



3. Entrance to King's Head Car Park.
No clear signs and indication leading into the Car Park.



03. Immediate Context

Design Principles:

The design principles are rooted in the reference of Southwell Minster, specifically the Chapter House. The proposed Southwell Welcome Center will preserve the existing structure of the Southwell Public toilets and will envisage constructing a sculptural form of an interpretation of the Minster's Chapter House. The Southwell Welcome Center proposes a flat roof with a skylight that optimises natural lighting and draws inspiration from the flat roof that the Southwell Public Toilets priorly constructed, as illustrated in Image 1.

Materiality:

The proposed material choice such as limestone is influenced and echoes the materiality used within the Minster. Brick has previously been considered. However, the use of Brick is predominantly used within Residential Buildings. The building seeks to pursue its use for a civic and symbolic purpose. Therefore, the use of brick materiality and colour palette does not fit with the Minster's design intention.

Colour Palette:

As shown in Images 2 and 3, the material choices reflect the iconic identity of Southwell Minster's Chapter House. The aim is to establish a strong connection and harmony with the Minster's identity, serving as the primary impression for visitors. Therefore, opting for natural limestone in a brown or sandy brown hue aligns closely with Southwell's identity, making it the most appropriate for the Southwell Welcome Center.

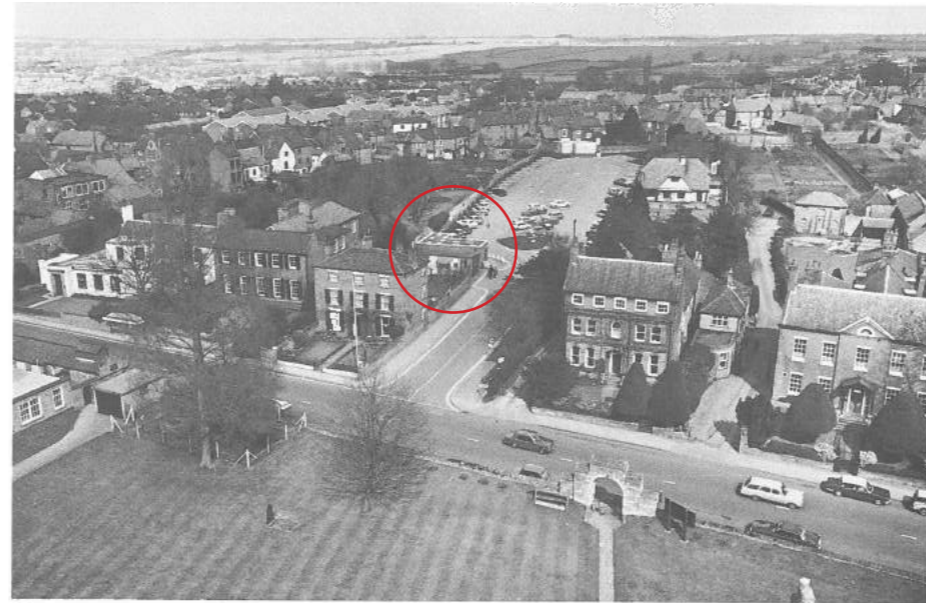


Plate IV: The prebendal sites along Church St. opposite the Minster Yard. On the left are the National Westminster Bank and Minster Lodge on the site of Norwell Overhall. On the right is North Muskhams. The houses either side of the entrance to the modern car park were built on the site of Norwell Palishall, when the prebendal house was demolished at the end of the 18th century. The prebendal gardens extend back to the rear of the properties along King St.

01. Views from Southwell Minster.



02. Chapter House Seats (google image, anon)



03. Southwell Minster Chapter House (google image, anon)

03. Forms & Inspirations (Precedent)

Main Inspirations:

Niall McLaughlin Architects:

Auditorium Oxford College Campus

Using these architectural feature to allow natural lighting in within the visitor center. This ensures that visitors and volunteers have sufficient lighting when they are in use. Furthermore, this reduces of artificial lighting.



Wanted to express this detail from the chapter house by using the same lighting principles to allow natural lighting. The Niall Mclaughlin's Bishop King Edward Chapel sets a precedent to follow within the design which will be incorporation within the design

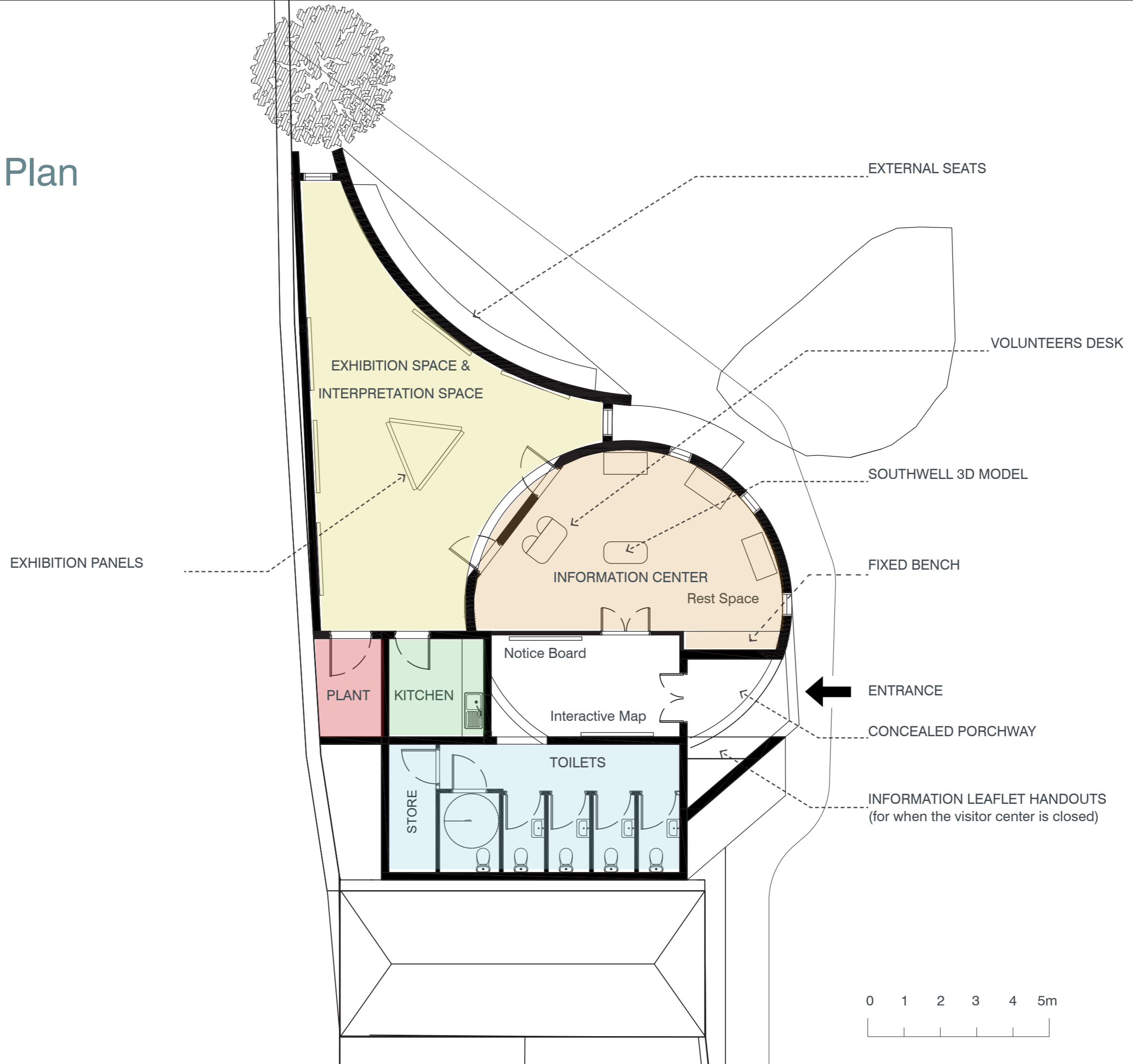
Inspirations:

Niall McLaughlin Architects:

Bishop King Edward Chapel



04. Floor Plan



05. Visual:

Church Street Entrance: Landmark visible from Church Street.



05. Visual:

View from Carpark



05. Visual:

View from Entrance



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