

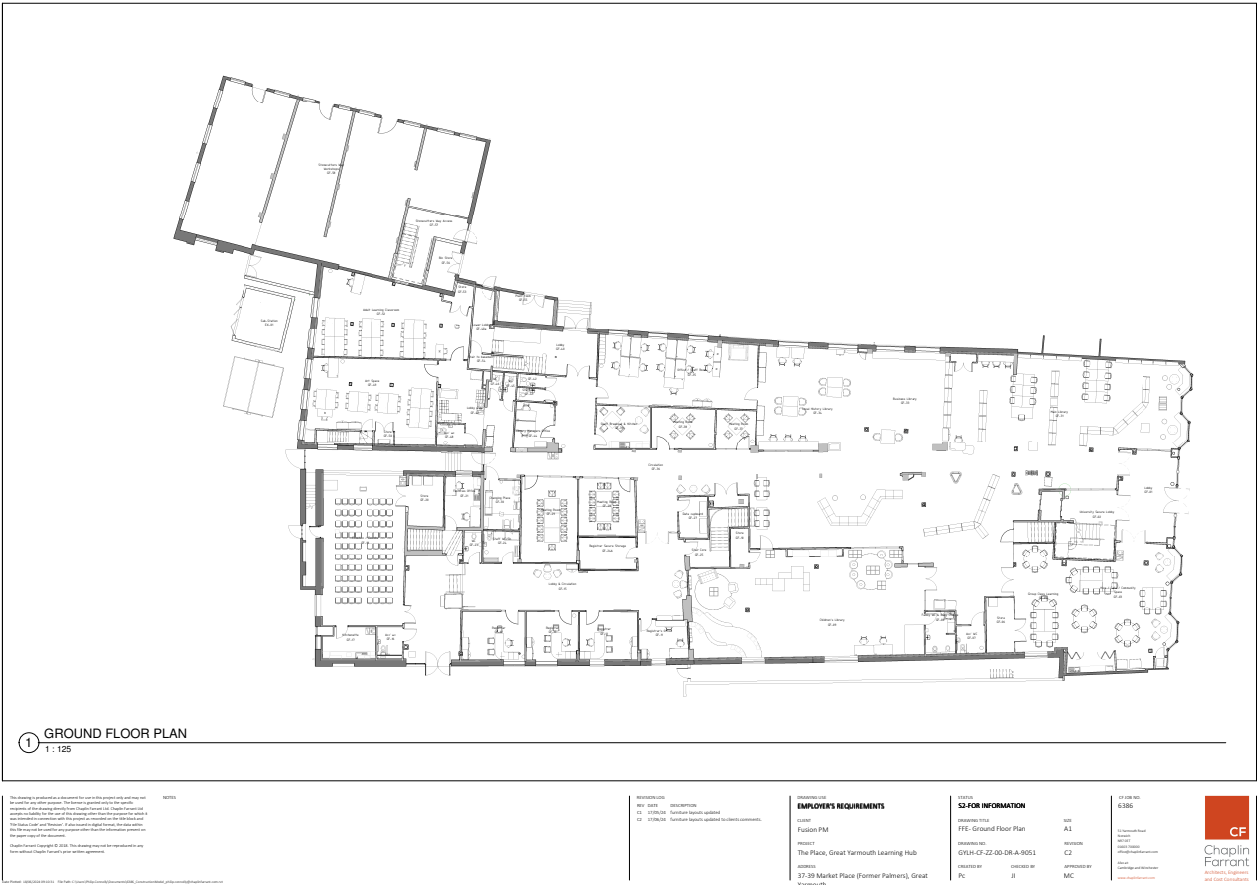
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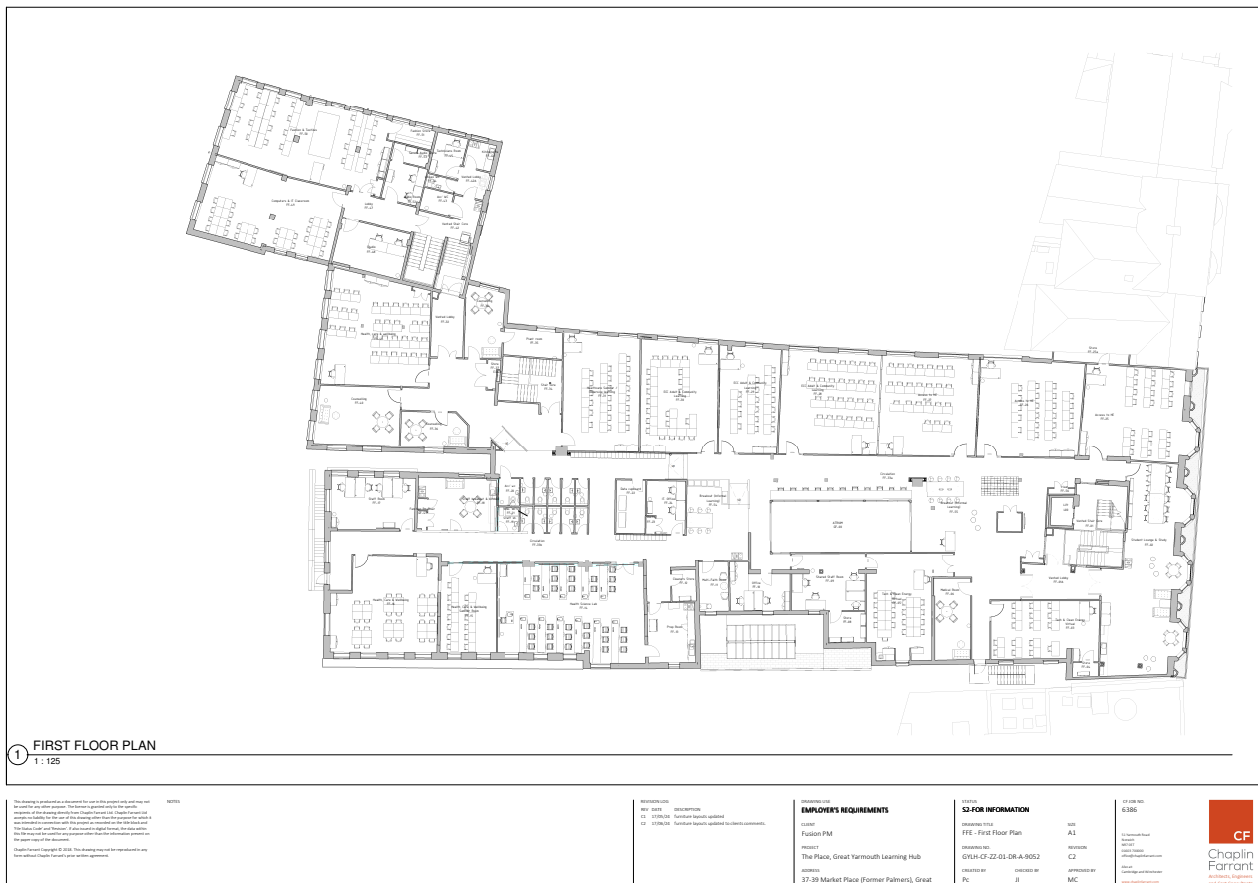
VISIT TO THE PLACE. Monday 2 December

Fourteen members visited the old Palmers Store to see the progress being made to turn it into the University Learning Centre. There have been dramatic changes since our last visit. The Library will be occupying the ground floor and basement with the latter being used for storage of books etc. An old Row runs the length of the store and its position will be indicated. To the left of the entrance will be a community and activities area which will be known as The Hive with facilities for drinks. The old lift shaft remains and you will be pleased to know that a new lift is being installed. There will be a large section for the children's library. To the west of the lift there is an open space for exhibitions. The floor above it has been removed showing the stained glass skylight and this allows more light into the building.

Below is a drawing of the ground floor and running through the middle is the course of the old Row.



Just inside the entrance will be an area to obtain access to the university sections on the first and second floors. Here there are large and smaller rooms for the ground floor or lectures, meeting rooms and areas for scientific and nursing study. At the back of the building there are spaces for weddings and other functions.



Above is the first floor showing part of the University Learning Centre.



To the left are the stained glass skylights which can be seen from the ground floor as part of the first floor has been removed,

Below is a view from one of the first floor windows showing the large space between the banks and covered market and in the distance can be seen the tower of the Minster with its green roof. In the foreground is part of the balcony which runs along the front of the building. Unfortunately there will be no access to it.



Photograph of the group wearing hard hats, boots and hi viz jackets. This was taken at the back of the store in the old Men's Department.

All of us were most impressed with the progress made and of the enthusiasm of Adri Van Der Colff, the Project Manager, who showed us round.

CIVIC VOICE AGM.

Civic Voice is an umbrella organisation for civic societies throughout the country. Ian Harvey was its joint founder and is stepping down as CEO. The AGM was held in London on Saturday 7 December and we are very grateful to Gillian Harwood, one of our members, who very kindly agreed to attend the AGM and here are parts of her report.

Martin Hamilton confirmed he was standing down as Chair of CV to be replaced by a duo – Robert Osborne and Andrew Jackson. This is an experiment.

Two other people standing down are David Evans and Margaret Hollins. Finally Ian Harvey, Founder and CEO was leaving after a long period of service. There were lots of thanks and congratulations to these people. Big thanks to Martin for pursuing the source of the lost funds - £93,000.00! (plus some interest) The money is now back in the coffers. Martin said the police were absolutely hopeless. Huge thanks to Ian Harvey for everything he has done for Civic Voice over 14 years. He is leaving to work internationally. He was given a special card (which I signed on your behalf). Both Martin and Ian will become Vice-Chairs.

CV is approaching The Heritage Lottery Fund to see if they can get a grant to help with funds so that a new Chief Executive can be properly paid and possibly have staff to help in the future. The organisation needs more new trustees.

The emphasis for the coming year will be:

- Re-acting to the Government's coming planning ideas
- High Streets, BIDS and Town Centres
- Heritage especially with community involvement
- Regional Forum meetings will continue
- Continue All Party Parliamentary Group

The meeting was hugely cheered up when Gryff Rys Jones got up to speak. He emphasised that he did not agree with Starmer about clearing away Nimbys etc. He said Civic Voice was all about giving citizens a voice to protect their local patch from bad and over-development etc. Now more vital than ever if free-rein is given to developers in the bid to build a million and a half homes. (I despair that we can't get permission for our offer of FOUR new homes in Great Yarmouth!) Growth at any cost is not the answer!! (he said.) Change is inevitable but it needs to be done well. I must say, he was just great fun and held the room rapt!

With best wishes,
Gillian

IMPROVING CHANCES OF GETTING A JOB IN GREAT YARMOUTH

On 5 December a small group of members met with Catherine Richards, Principal of East Norfolk Sixth Form College, Mollie Ellis from the Department of Works and Pensions and Dr. Sarah Flindall.

The aim was to see how we could improve the employment prospects of people living in the Borough. We discussed the causes of why so many failed to get jobs and what were the possible solutions. We listed the advice for obtaining a successful interview and drew up a list of organisations we felt it would be helpful to liaise with.

We realise the enormity of the task but have drawn up an action plan and will meet again in the new year to take the project further. If anyone would like to be part of this group please let me know.

MEMBERSHIP

Most people have renewed their annual subscription of £10. If you have yet to do so a membership form is attached giving details of how you can pay Susan Page. We can always do with more members so perhaps you would consider encouraging some of your friends to join.

May I wish you a happy Christmas and all the best for 2025.

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