

THE BEEHIVE WILL BE A
MODERN COMMUNITY HUB
IN THE HEART OF
BURGESS HILL

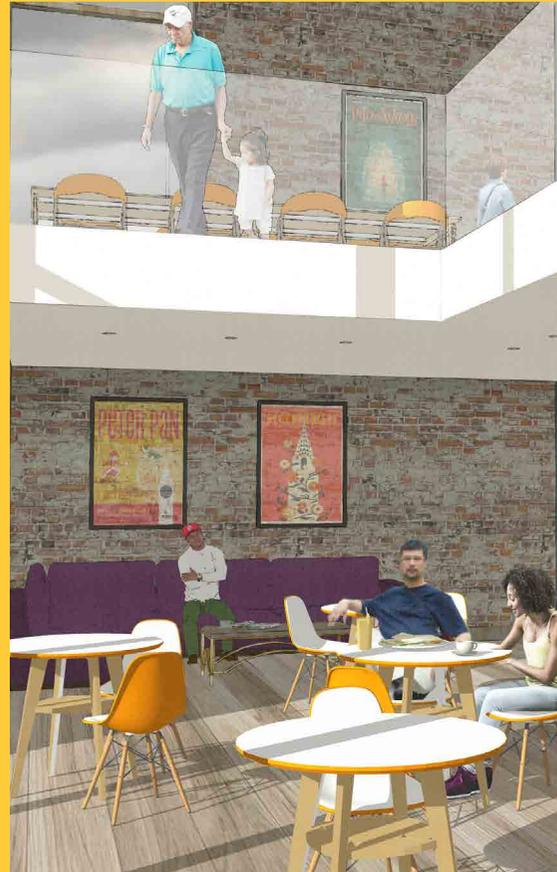


The Beehive will be located in Cyprus Road on the former site of the Royal British Legion. It will be an accessible, modern, and welcoming community facility designed to provide much needed community space and a modern theatre for the town's talented local drama groups and societies. The Beehive will be a venue for high quality professional performances. It will have a dance studio and rehearsal suite, meeting rooms and break-out areas. Over time and subject to funds, it can be expanded to provide more facilities for our growing town.

We will need residents' support for this project and a consultation survey will follow.

**“ Let's give Burgess Hill
an arts centre and theatre
it can be proud of ”**

The late Dame Vera Lynn CH DBE LLD MMus



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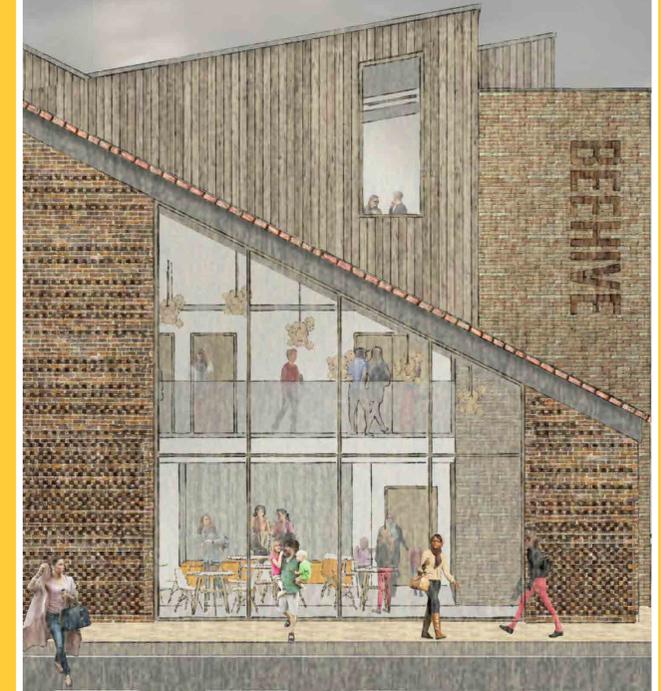
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**A MODERN
COMMUNITY CENTRE
AND PERFORMING ARTS
VENUE**



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The Beehive is designed as an attractive modern building with an internal layout that can be quickly reconfigured for a range of uses.

A core element is the theatre, a characterful and inviting space with seating set on an upwards slope and two galleries, capable of hosting shows for up to 300 people.

Our vision is to extend The Beehive so that it includes the existing Cyprus Hall. Cyprus Hall and its rooms will get a major refurbishment and the combined buildings will give Burgess Hill a community venue that will meet the town's needs for generations to come.



The Beehive name was selected by pupils at Downlands School and the Burgess Hill Local History Society. It both reflects the town's brickmaking heritage (the name given to the brick making kilns) and that it will be a busy place - like bees in a beehive.

FUNDING

Burgess Hill Town Council will not increase council tax to repay the loan. It will be repaid from our budget without cutting any services.

Cost of Phase 1: £5.27m

Funded by a loan from the Public Works Loan Board of up to £4.8m.

The rest will come from cash that the Council has set aside and other already identified third party funds (e.g. s106 monies and gifts). The Council will continue to seek funds from other sources to either reduce the amount it borrows or use it towards the cost of Phase 2 and Phase 3. Our aim is to borrow no more than £4.4m.



PROFESSIONAL TEAM

This plan and design has been put together by a highly professional team including the former director of the Royal Opera House, the former director of the Brighton Dome and the Aedas Architectural and Design Practice who have won awards internationally for their work.



The building will be completed in three phases but will be ready for use when Phase 1 is completed.

Phase 1: This will be the main build featuring all the key aspects including the auditorium.

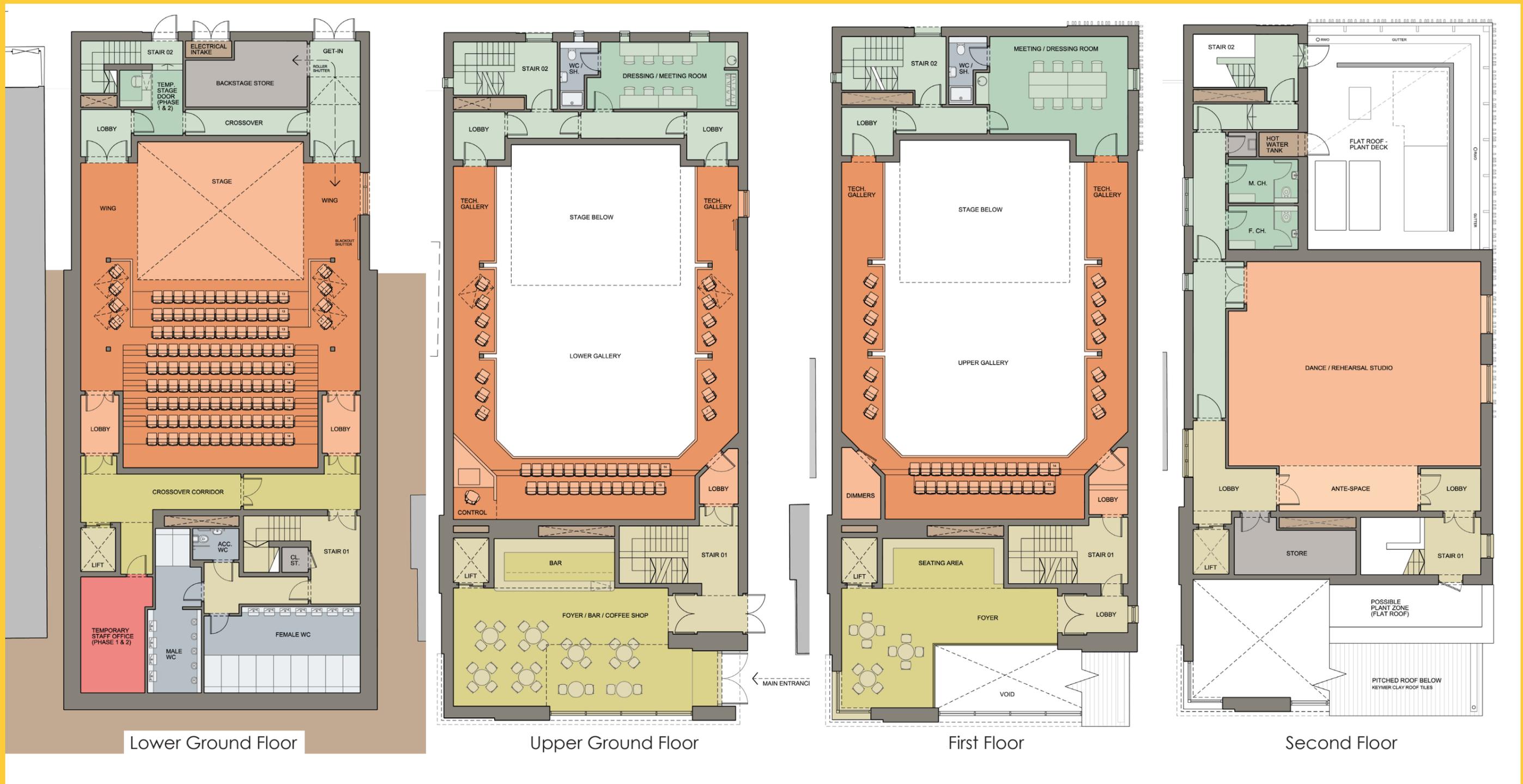
Phase 2: Creates a dedicated rehearsal, dance and education suite. Additional cost £300,000.

Phase 3: Rebuilds the facade of Cyprus Hall, completely refurbishes the building and links the building to the Beehive to create new space. Estimated additional cost £1.6 Million.

Planning Permission was granted in January 2020, for Phases 1 and 2.



LAYOUT FOR PHASES 1 AND 2



The second floor will be fitted out in Phase 2 of the Build (which we would like to do as soon as Phase 1 is completed, if we can). Phase 1 and the initial part of the project is to build the main theatre, external and internal structures and the community facilities. To view the plans in more detail please visit www.beehiveartscentre.com

The live performance space can accommodate up to 300 depending on stage configuration. The centre will enable people of all ages to enjoy a variety of events, from local pantomime, regional exhibitions and national music to community groups holding regular meetings for their members and training courses. With the ability to expand The Beehive with a phase 3 extension that incorporates Cyprus Hall the town will have a venue that can cater for our growing town's needs and serve as a premier community facility and performing arts venue to be enjoyed now and for generations to come.