

# 05 Layout

The site plan shows the proposed location of the Visitor Centre, Kiosk and expanded parking. The site links well to the existing Lodge and importantly the orientation of the building ensures there are opportunities to view the Castle from within.

Development of existing areas and provision of new parking will provide 16 bus spaces, 16 staff parking spaces, an area for motor homes and motorcycles, 131 additional car parking spaces and a dedicated area for cycle parking.

The floor plans for the building encompass:

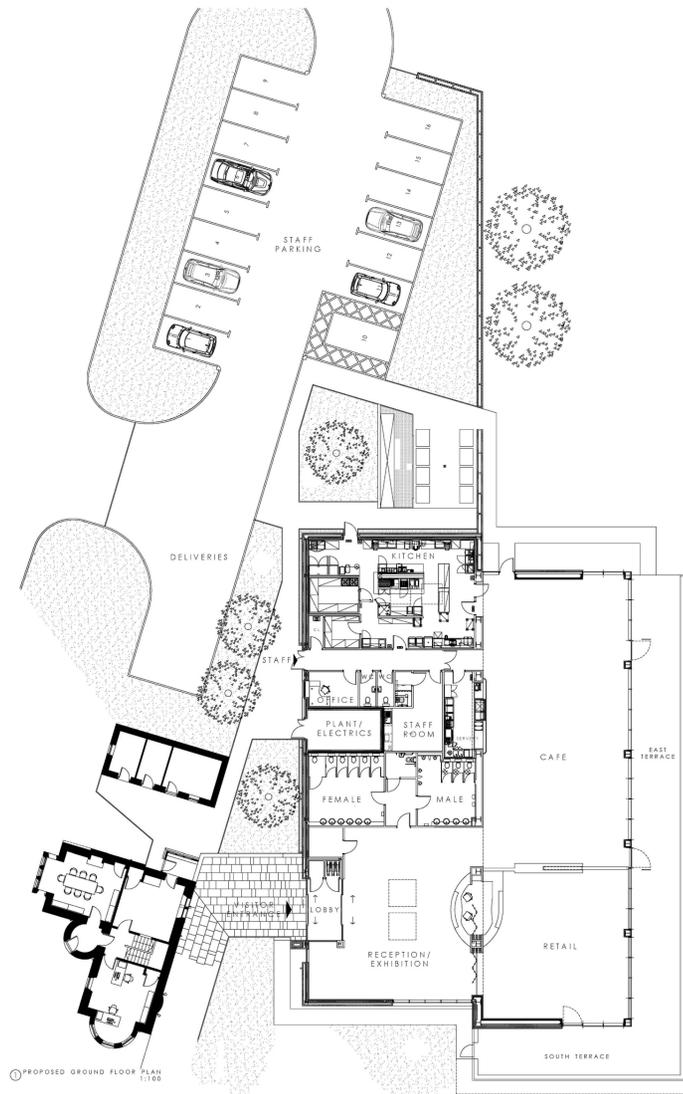
- Interpretation
- Reception with provision to purchase entry tickets in advance
- Amenities i.e. toilets (including disabled facilities)
- A café/restaurant
- Retail space

A separate Kiosk will replace the existing facility on site providing hot and cold drinks on a 'grab and go' basis.

Visitors arriving will be directed towards the entrance on the west. On entering, the permeable nature of the interior allows glimpses of Dunnottar beyond, whetting appetites and encouraging people to venture to the Castle. Moving through, the building opens up with a full-length glazed facade on the east. An external terrace running the length of the facade affords visitors a unique vantage point over one of the North East's most iconic landmarks.

Plans have been developed for interpretation and exhibitions. These will allow visitors to learn of Dunnottar's remarkable history through contemporary interpretation media, in a relaxed and comfortable setting. The interpretation will aim to bring key events in the Castle's history to life in a bold way with striking and evocative stills and moving imagery.

As well as revealing Dunnottar's unique history the interpretation will help visitors plan their trip and suggest other places to visit in the local area. The Visitor Centre will also create space for curated events for local people and contributors from further afield, extending the interpretation provided in a completely new way.



**The Visitor Centre Development will provide additional parking, interpretation space, reception and amenities, cafe/ restaurant and retail space.**

