

# What's happening in the Market Square?



Upcoming changes to the Market Square - Image by WSP. Showing area already allocated for a stage.

## Works to the Market Square

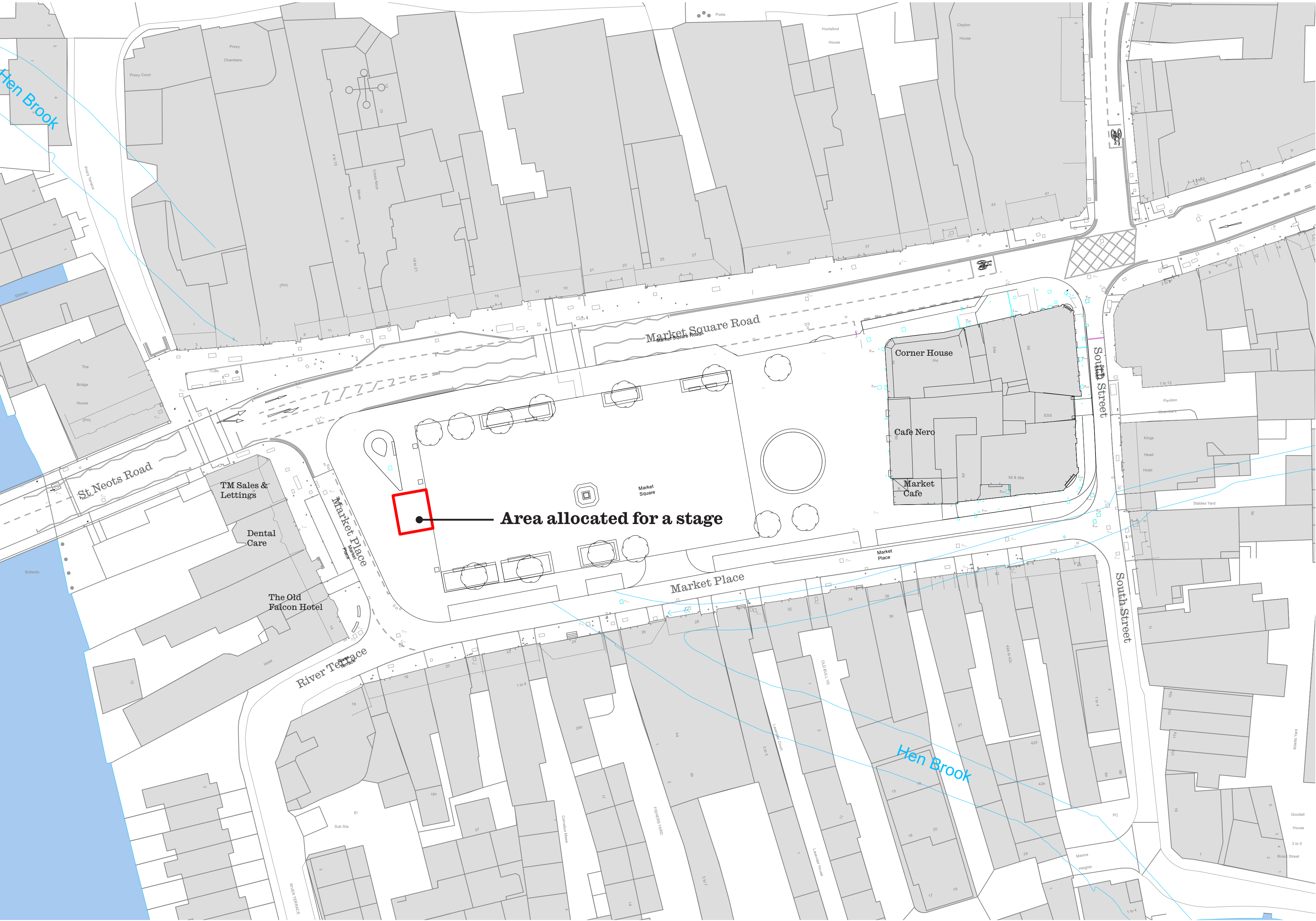
Work has started on the Market Square to pedestrianise the space and introduce improved landscaping and planting.

## The future of the Market Square

Huntingdonshire District Council wish to improve the amenities of the square with the provision of a stage to support live events in St Neots.

Today we would like to share the evolving designs for a new stage with you as residents, visitors and business owners to hear what you have to say.

Please share your views on our website at:  
<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/people-communities/market-towns-programme/investment-in-st-neots/the-projects/>





# What have we learnt?

Our first public engagement took place in July 2024.  
The design options presented on the following three boards have been developed in response to that feedback.  
**This page summarises that feedback. In July we asked you about:**

## Performance

**96%** of respondents said they would like to see a performance space in the square.

*“As visitors it is great to have things going on in the square - keeps us coming back”*

## How can we make hosting events easier?

**75%** of respondents said provide a permanent structure

*“Small enough to not be imposing - big enough for bigger events”*

*“make it medium sized supporting flexible growth for big events”*

## The Stage

**100%**

of respondents felt they would like to see a permanent raised stage in the square

## Music in the Square

Would you like to see permanent Audio Equipment in the square?

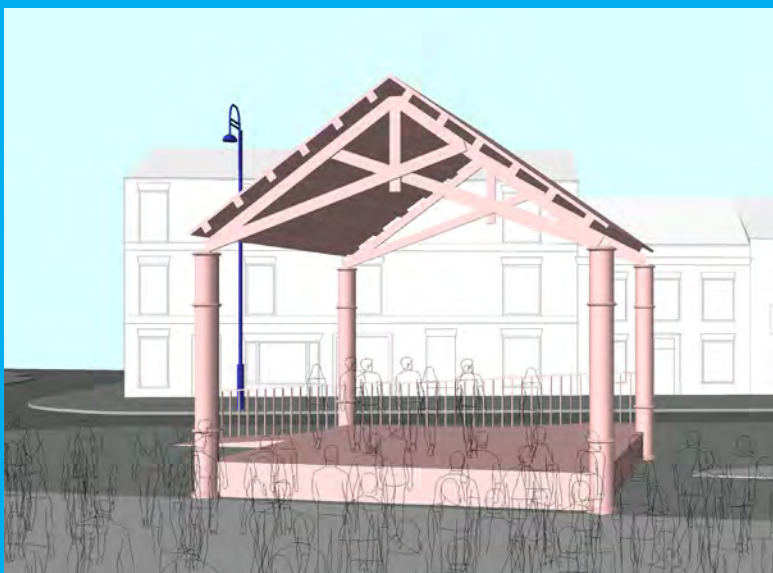
**50%** of respondents said Yes, I like the idea of plug & play

**50%** of respondents said No, it can be hired in when needed

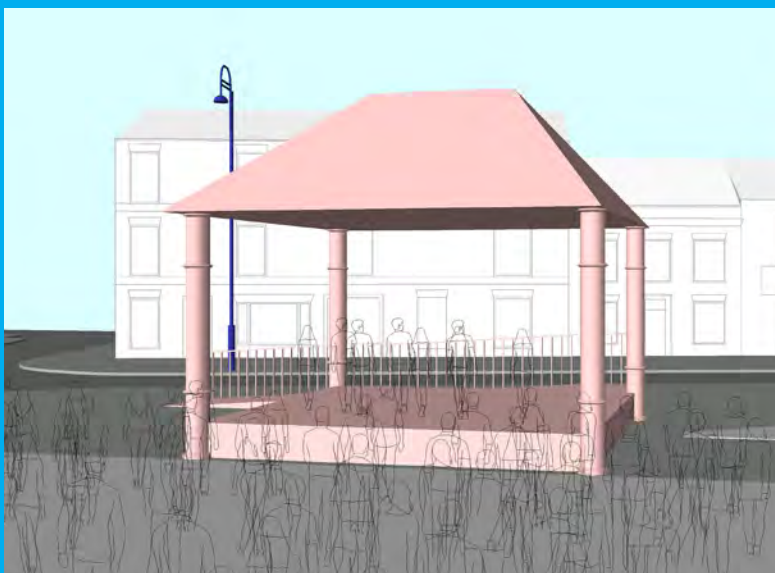
## Material & Form

There was a positive response to to the open gable and hipped roof form.

**Most people agreed the stage should feel like something and have a civic presence beyond its functional use as a stage.**



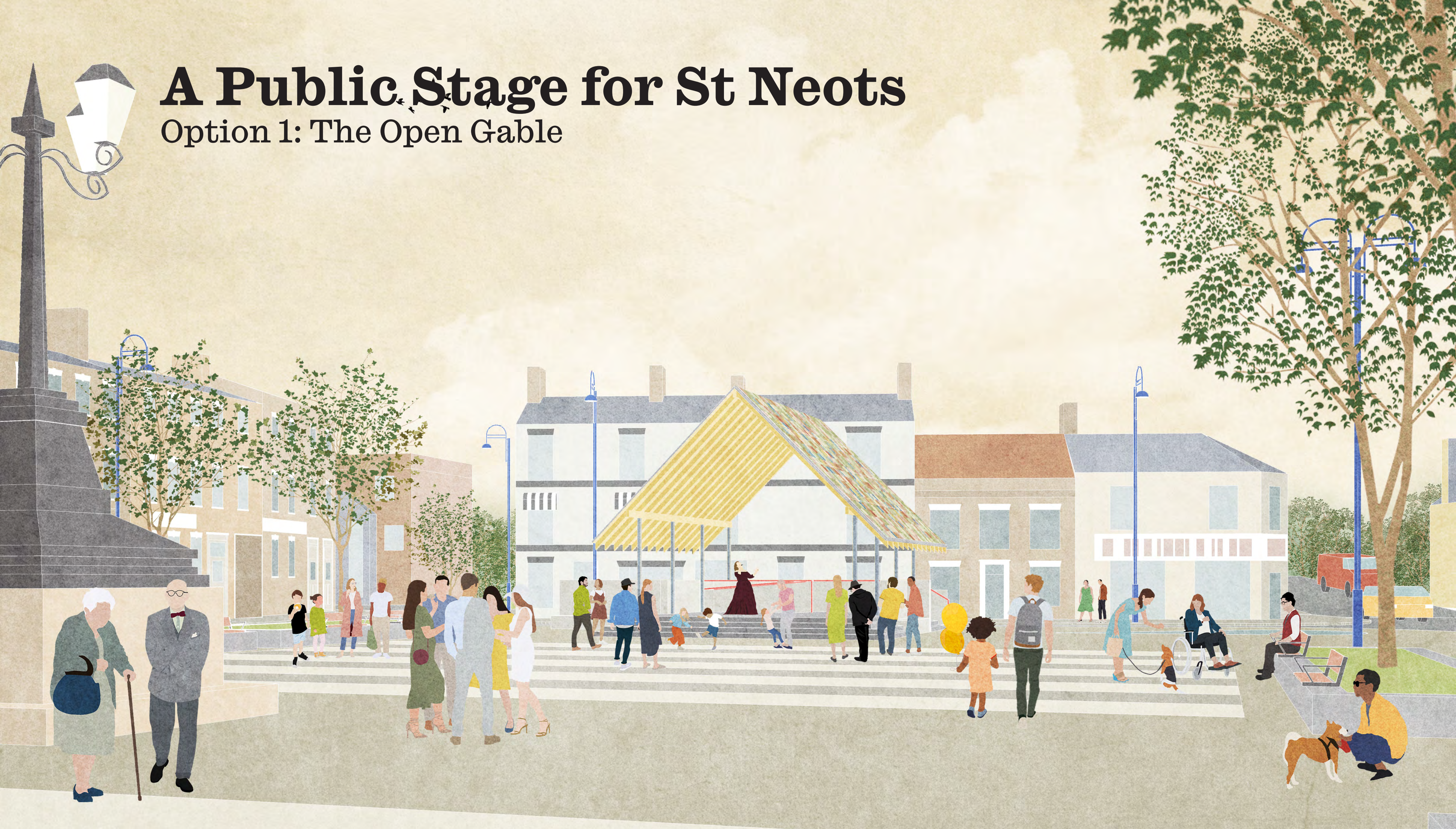
Open gable roof



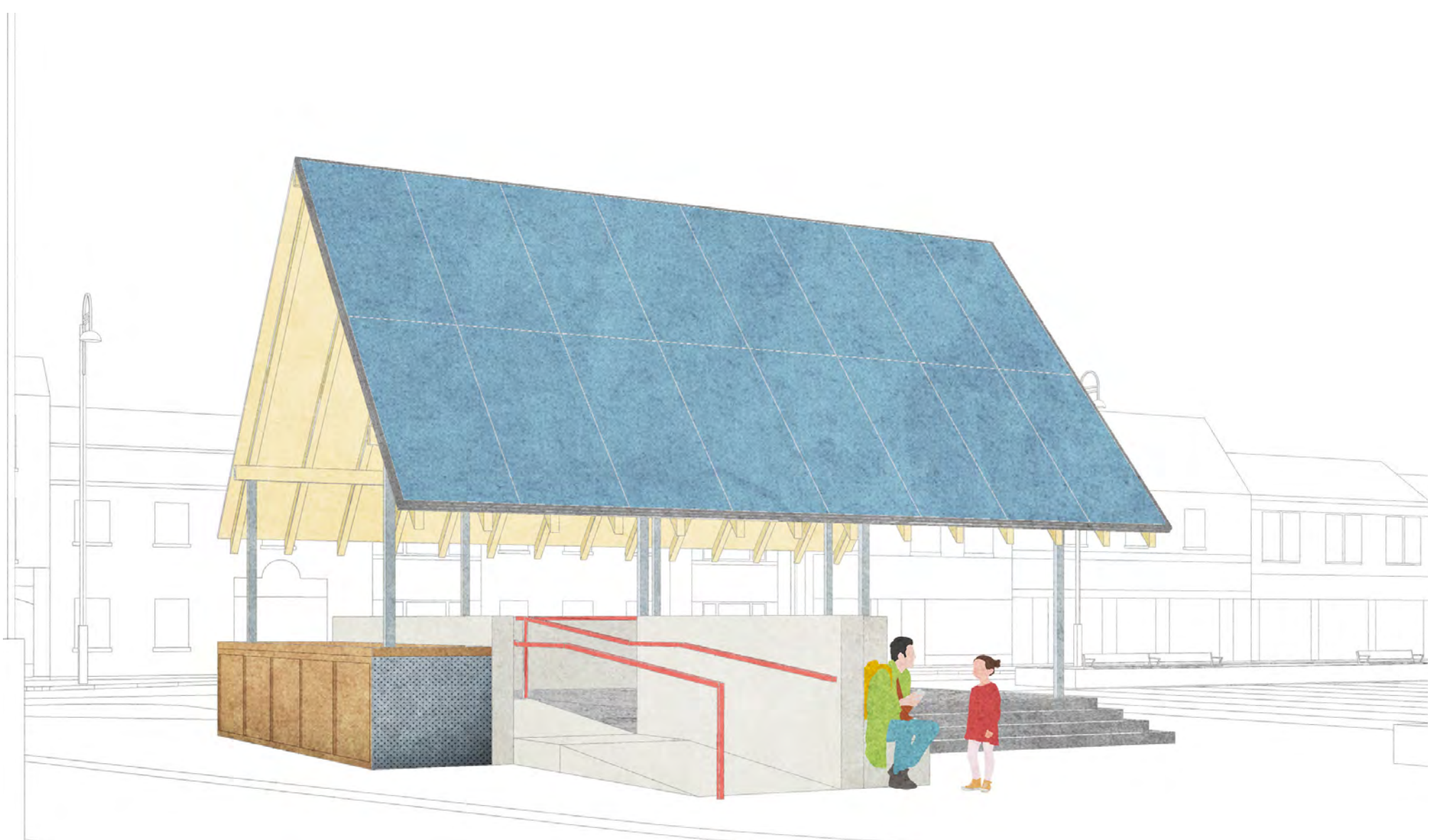
Hipped roof

## Material & Sustainability





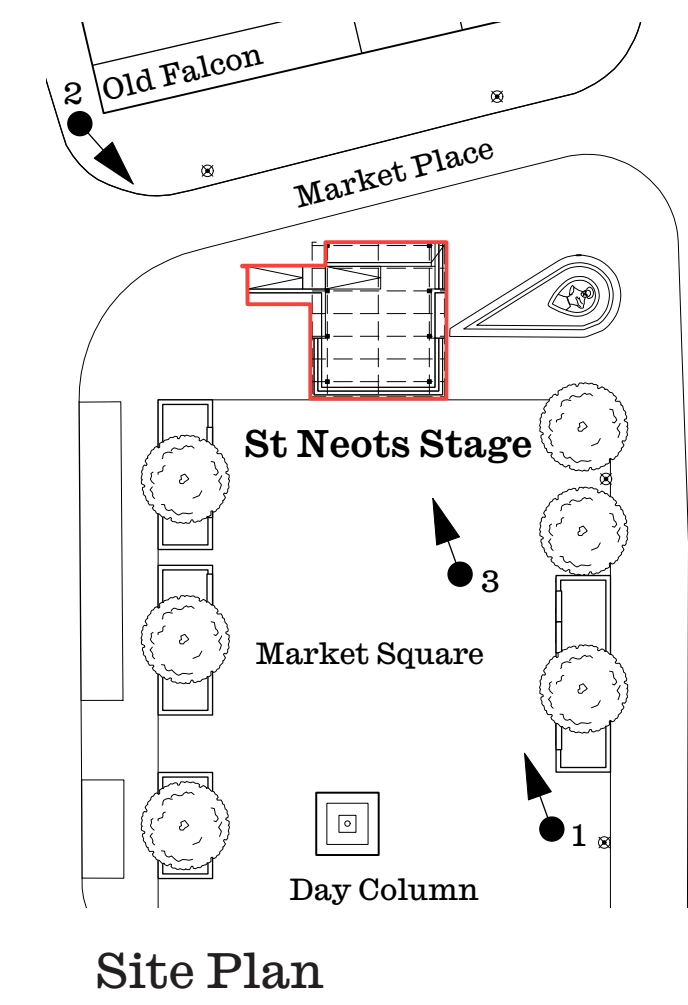
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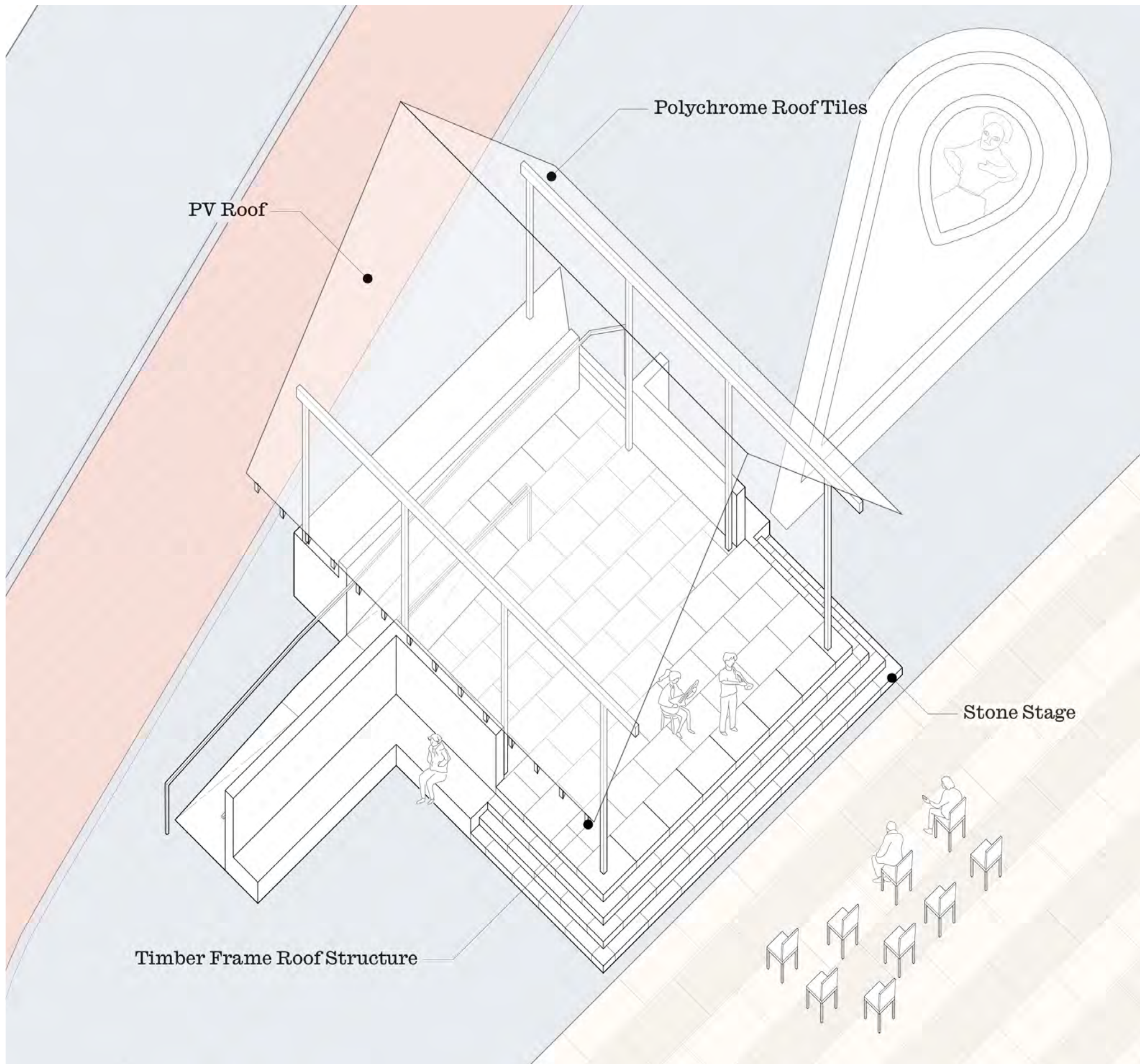
2. View from Old Falcon Inn



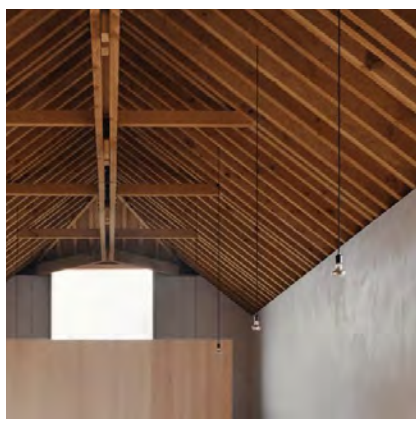
3. View of Stage



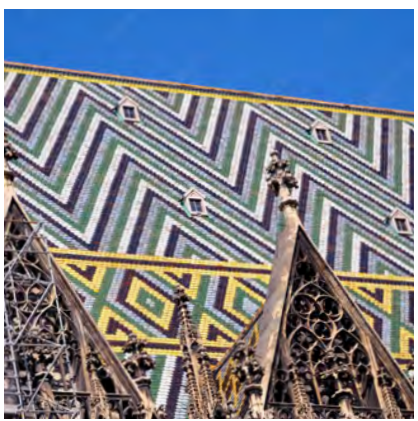
Precedent - Eastern Curve Garden  
by muf architecture/art



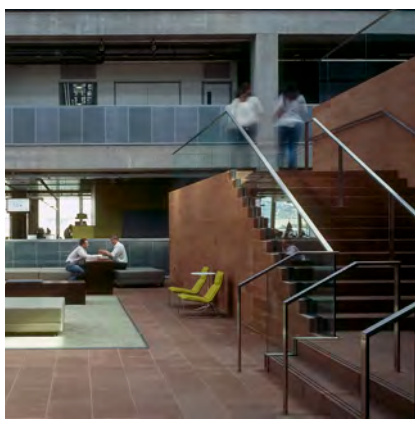
PV Roof



Timber Frame Roof  
Structure



Polychrome  
Roof Tiles

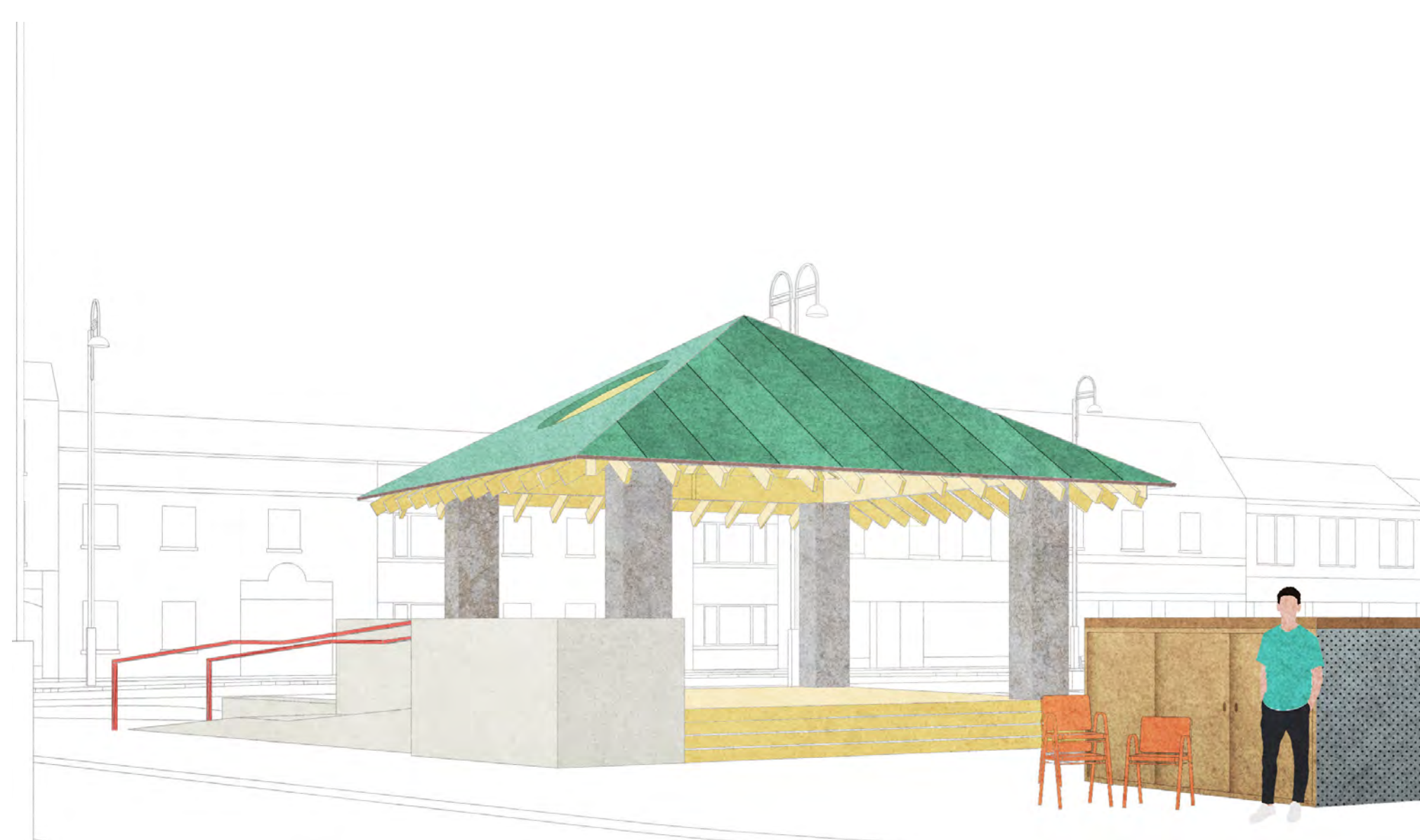


Stone Stage

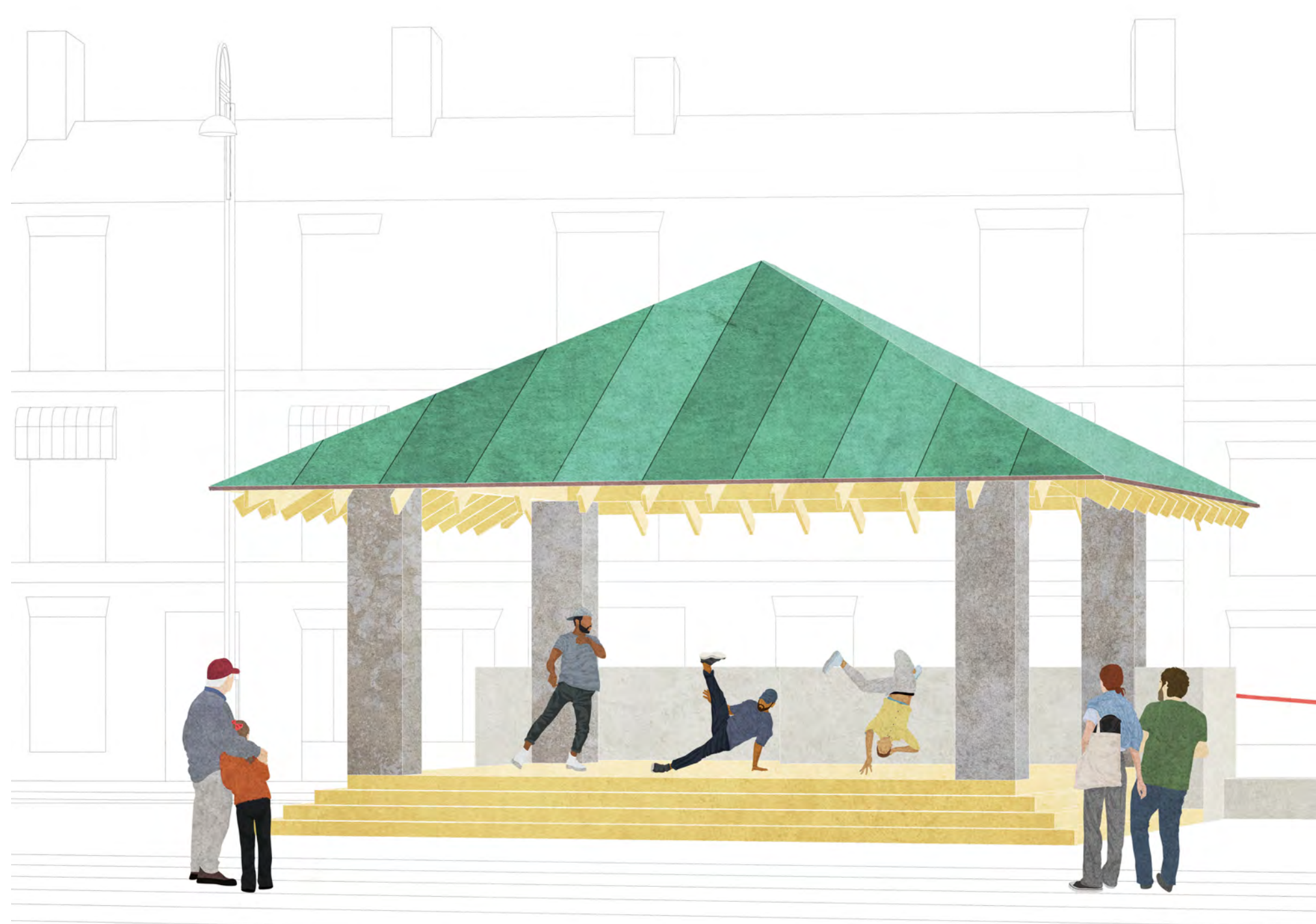




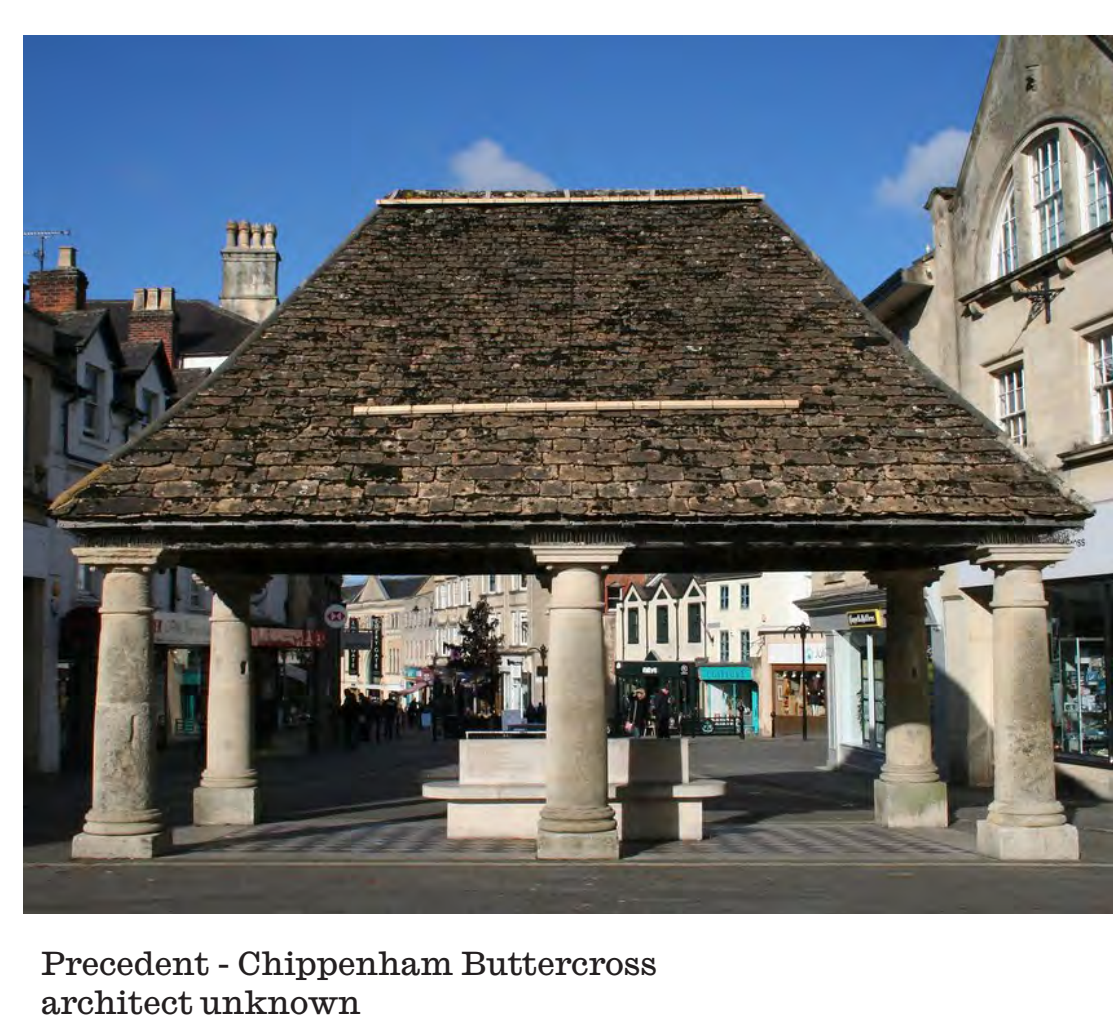
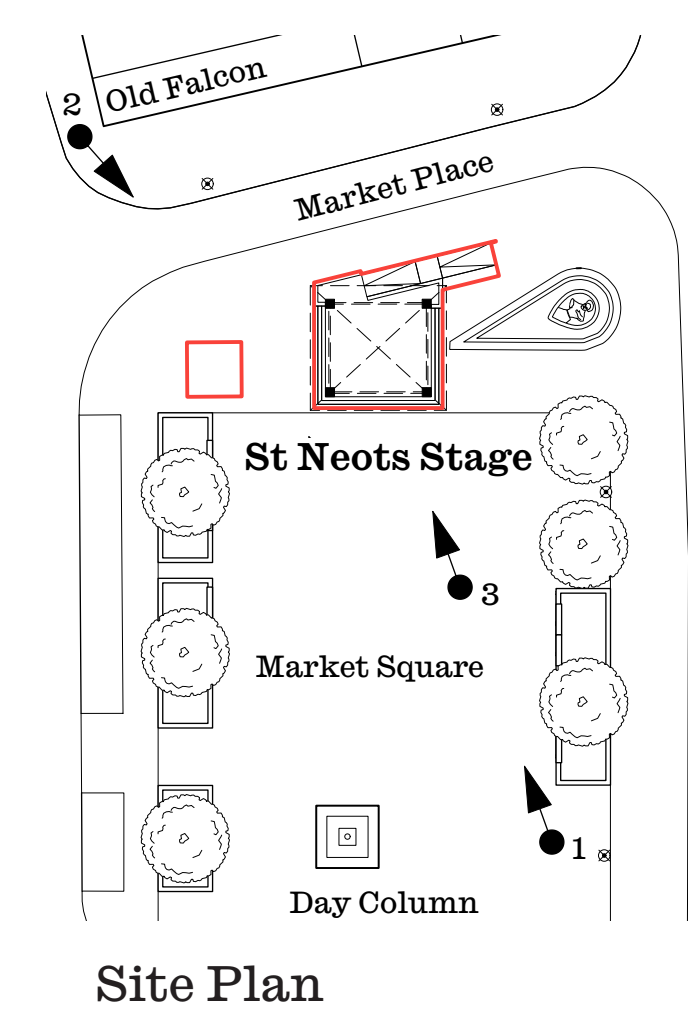
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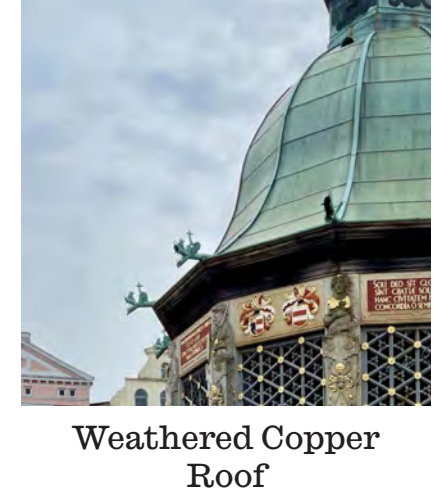
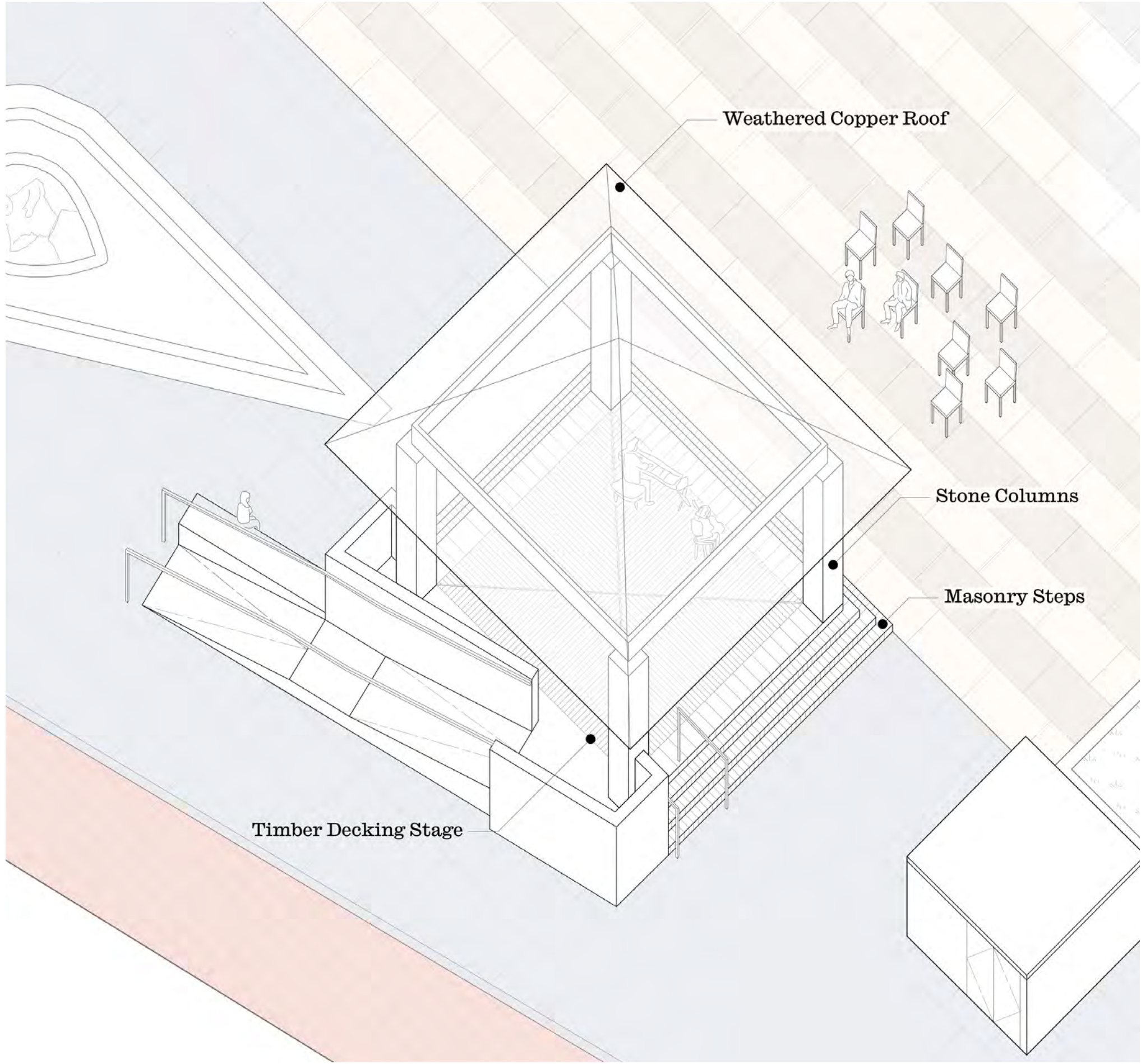
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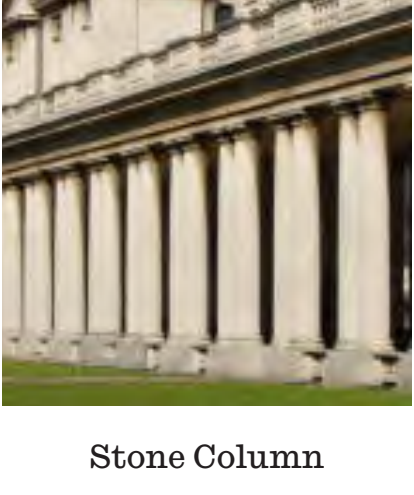
3. View of Stage



Precedent - Chippenham Buttercross  
architect unknown



Weathered Copper  
Roof



Stone Column



Timber Decking  
Stage



Masonry Steps





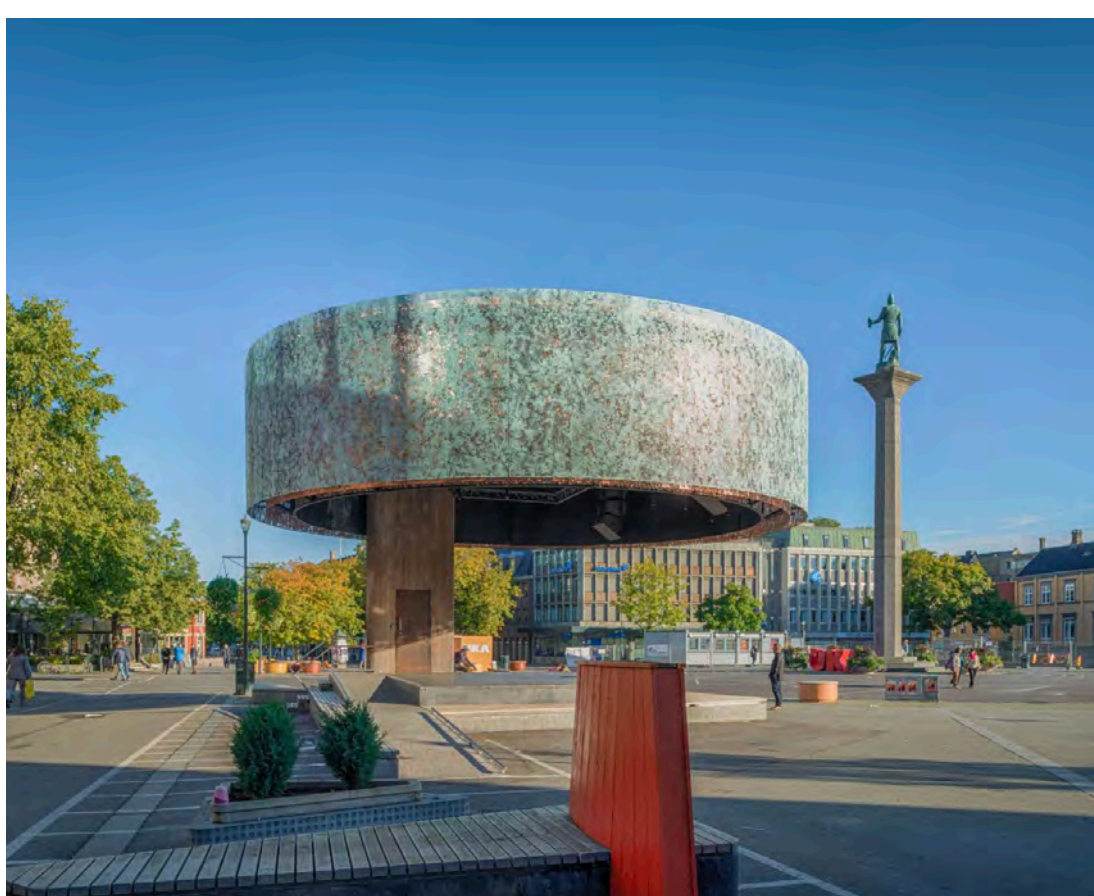
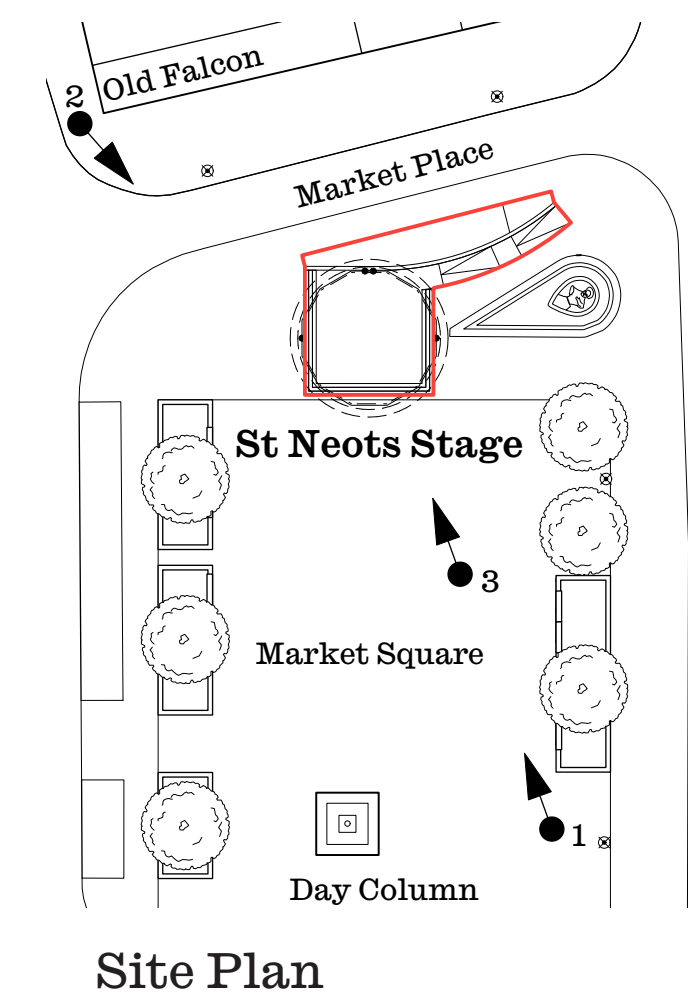
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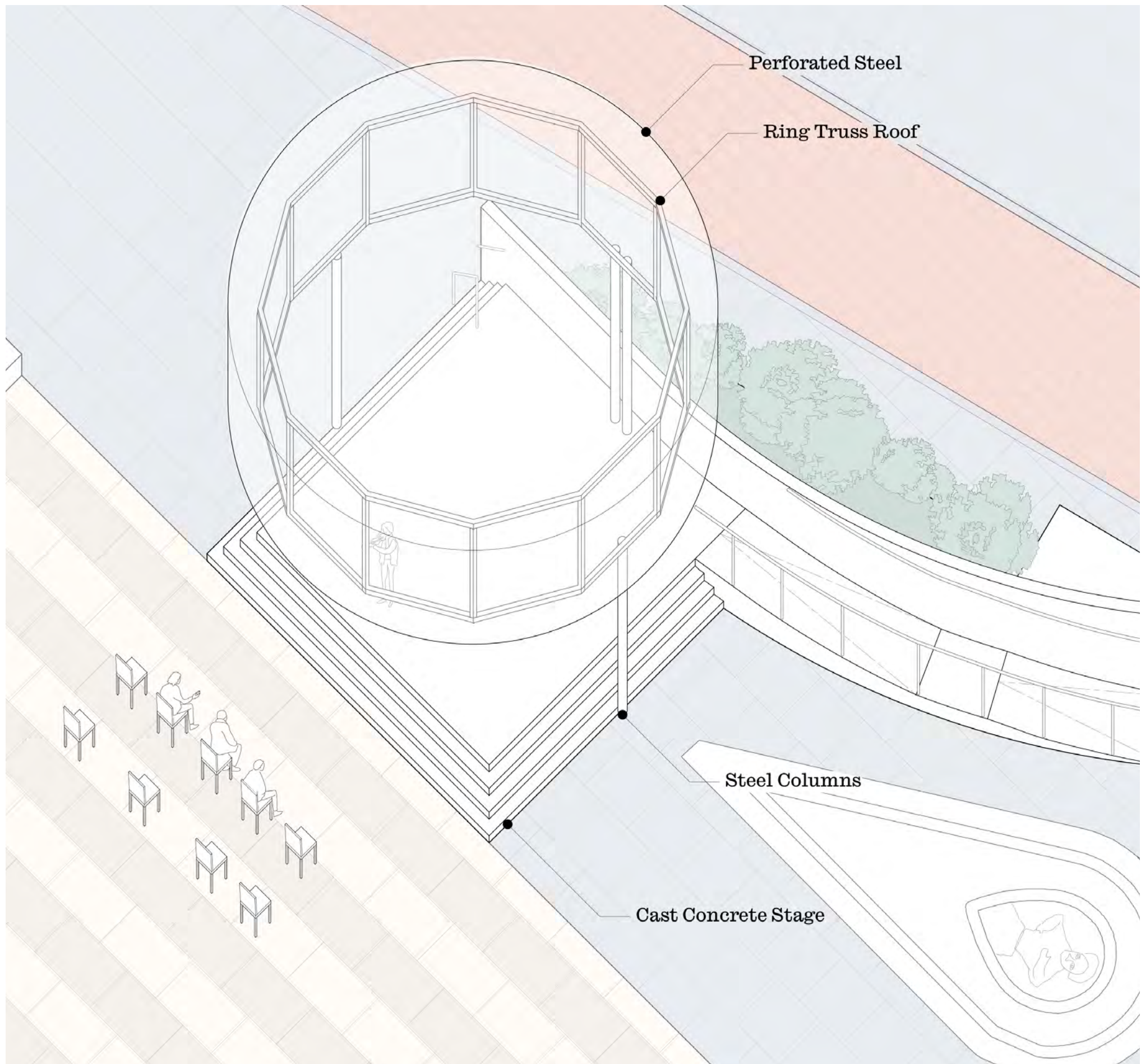
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3. View of Stage



Precedent - Hverdagsscene Torvet by HUS Arkitekter



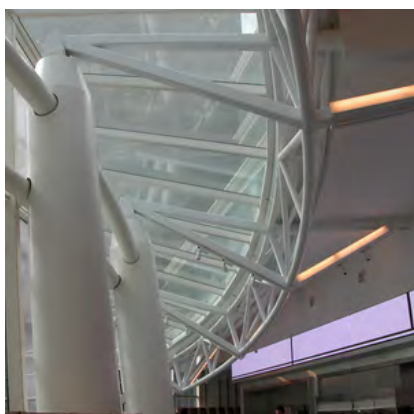
Perforated Steel



Steel Columns



Cast Concrete Stage



Ring Truss Roof