



Trust Waikato

TE PUNA O WAIKATO

New Trust Waikato Building - Questions and Answers

What is happening?

Trust Waikato has commissioned a new building at its site in London Street, to better meet the needs of Trust Waikato and the organisations it supports.

What will the new building be like?

The new building will feature offices on the top floor, purpose-built meeting rooms and flexible spaces on the ground floor. The overall impact on our community will be enhanced coordination, more connected people and a more positive community impact.

This is in line with the Trust Waikato vision – to create vibrant and resilient communities.

What is the design like?

An holistic approach has been taken in the design of the new two story building which acknowledges and integrates cultural, historical and contemporary architecture.



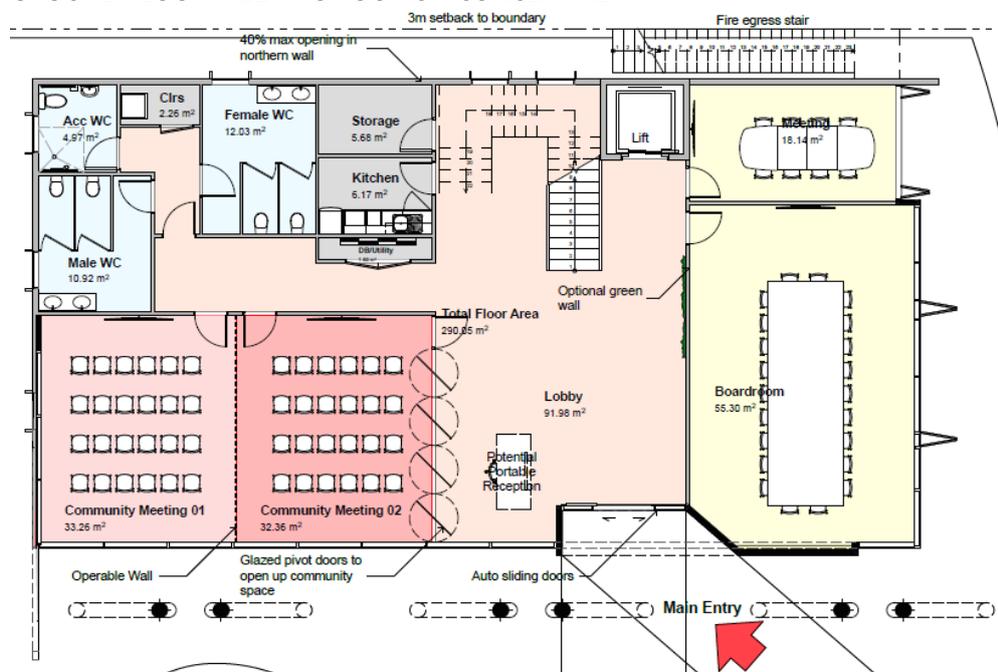
Trust Waikato has thoughtfully considered the heritage aspects of the site in terms of Trust House and the surrounding gardens. Design company Chow Hill Architects Ltd has fully

integrated the design and flow of the new building with the gardens and Trust House, which will both be enhanced by the new building.

The building will face South East across the Trust Waikato grounds and overlooks areas of important cultural significance. The new building will be welcoming and open to the community. It has been designed to take in the natural beauty of the area and the poles at the front of the building symbolise the bends in the Waikato River and the taniwha at each bend.

The ground floor will have two large meeting rooms which will be available for community groups. This floor will also include a medium-sized board room to hold Trust Board meetings and workshops. The upper floor will house Trust Waikato staff in an open-plan environment. It will also include meeting spaces where staff can meet with community groups.

GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOMS – CONCEPT PLAN



When will the building project begin?

August 2017 upon confirmation of building contractor.

When will the new building be complete?

Anticipated end April 2018.

What is the history of Trust Cottage?

Our records indicate it was built as an art studio for Gwendoline Rogers, the wife of Dr Rogers (who built what is now Trust House), in 1924. Rooms were added to the Cottage in the 1940's and 1950's and in the 1990's rooms were reconfigured. It had no official heritage protection but its relationship to Trust House and its history were an interesting part of Trust Waikato's heritage. The building itself is unremarkable architecturally and has been added to numerous times.

Our goal first and foremost is to be effective and give as much back as possible to the people of the Waikato community. On a number of financial and practical levels, Trust Cottage could not provide for the future community and Trust needs.

What about the impact on the neighbours during construction?

The Trust is mindful of our neighbours and we are in contact with each of the neighbours to notify them of timeframes and any expected disruption, which we hope to keep to a minimum.

Project manager Chris Steffert from Greenstone Group, will make sure neighbours are kept fully informed of progress and that they have someone to contact if there are any issues. The project manager will continue to report to the Trust Waikato Property Committee, led by Dennis Turton, Chief Executive.

Who can I contact about this project?

All enquiries can be directed to Dennis Turton, Trust Waikato Chief Executive, at (07) 838 2660 or dennis@trustwaikato.co.nz.