

**MEB Design Ltd**  
Chartered Architects

# FEASIBILITY STUDIES

MEB Design is an award-winning architectural practice with 3 offices in Clerkenwell (London), West Malling (Kent), and Oxford. We are authentic and work closely with our clients to create buildings which improve their lives. We design buildings to compliment and enhance the environment and are clear about our role in supporting a sustainable world.

## Our Method

MEB Design is often asked to start off a project with an architectural Feasibility Study. This is a limited appointment where we investigate and evaluate a site or building with our clients and seek to identify a 'preferred option' which meets the needs, suits the budget, and is likely to get the necessary permissions. We ask 8 questions which are summarised below:

- **Who are you?**

We need to understand what you do, and what is your vision, ethos and values, and hopes for the future. We need to know why you are here on earth.

- **What have you got?**

We need a physical base on which to work, and we need to know about any legal restrictions, and other matters of special interest affecting the building or site.

- **What are your needs?**

We will consult relevant stakeholders to develop an informed consensus of what you need to fulfil your vision.

- **What are your options?**

We will identify and explore a range of suitable high level options, evaluating the pros and cons for each.

- **How will the Authorities shape your preferred option?**

We will seek, as appropriate, the reactions of Statutory bodies and consult with them where possible, for example Historic England and the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

- **What costs are involved to meet your needs?**

A Quantity Surveyor can be consulted to identify a gross construction development order of cost for the options.

- **Can your preferred option be funded?**

This is a question we as Architects cannot answer. We can discuss ways to raise income or manage costs with you from our previous experiences.

- **What are the risks involved?**

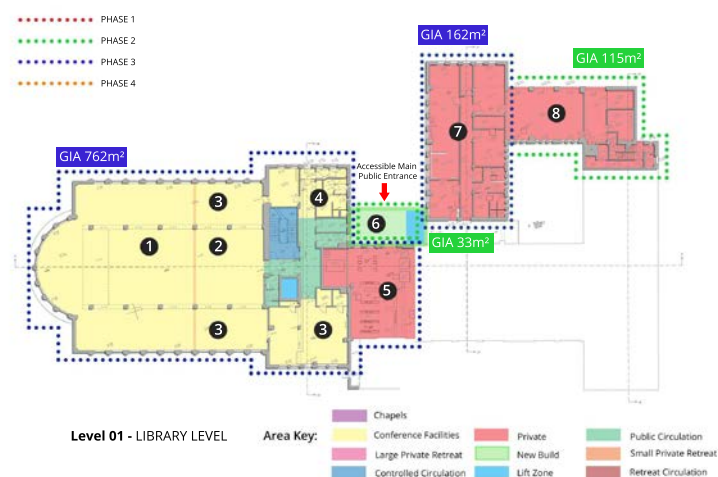
Primarily this will be planning and cost risk, though other risks will be identified so they can all be managed.

Having answered these questions a 'Preferred Option' should have been identified and tested. We will document the study so you have a well considered record of the process which can be shown to all interested parties, published, and used as a basis on which to determine how to proceed further. The Feasibility Study is not seen as a document of decision; it will give you good and accurate information as to how to meet your needs in an architecturally imaginative way.

## Our Studies

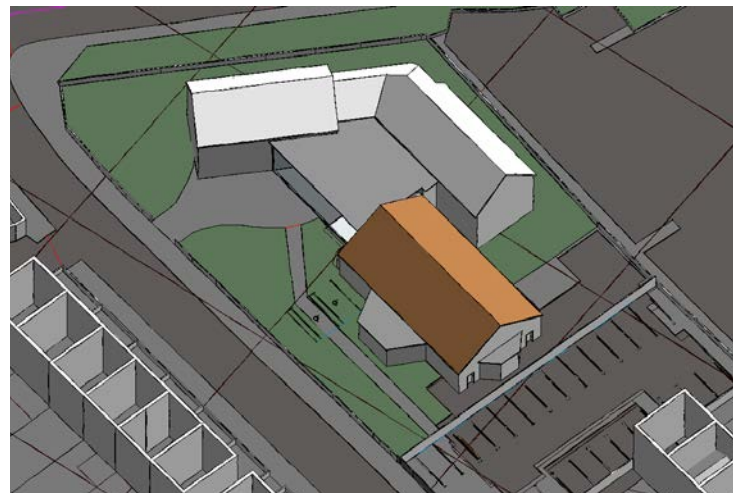
### Prinknash Abbey, Gloucestershire

This monastic building, constructed in 1972 had fallen out of use. The feasibility study explored how new appropriate uses could be introduced, and the building's fabric restored. A 4 stage plan for development emerged.



### Staines Congregational Church, Surrey

The church needed to understand how the fabric of its building could be made 'fit for purpose in the 21C'. The feasibility study explored how this could happen and how the site could be better used.



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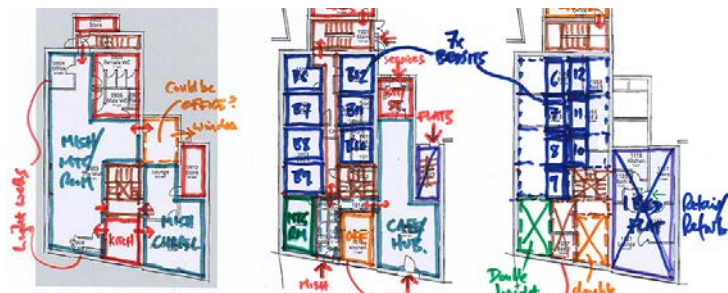
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### St Clement's Community Property Trust, Oxford

Three properties over two sites were studied and proposals prepared that needed to generate an income whilst also being of benefit to the community.



### St Edmund's Church, Northamptonshire

Set within a conservation area, the feasibility study advised the church on how best to overcome their current operational difficulties and how to be net zero by 2030.



### Dairy Meadow Primary School, London

Demand is set to rise for this 'outstanding' Ofsted-rated school as the nursery's potential enhancements aim to make it the local community's preferred choice.



### St Aldate's Church, Oxfordshire

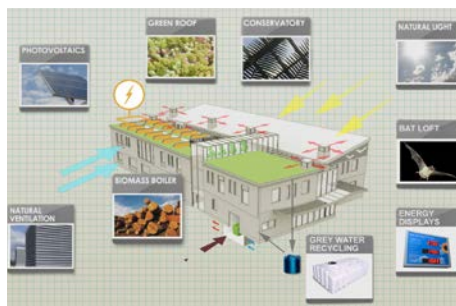
The feasibility study explored how to extend and alter a Grade II Listed church in central Oxford to meet current needs. The church was last altered in 1999 -2002.



## Content Examples



A sun analysis on this former farm and stable site was included.



A sustainability strategy for a sixth form college science centre.



An internal visualisation of a new community hall was prepared.

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