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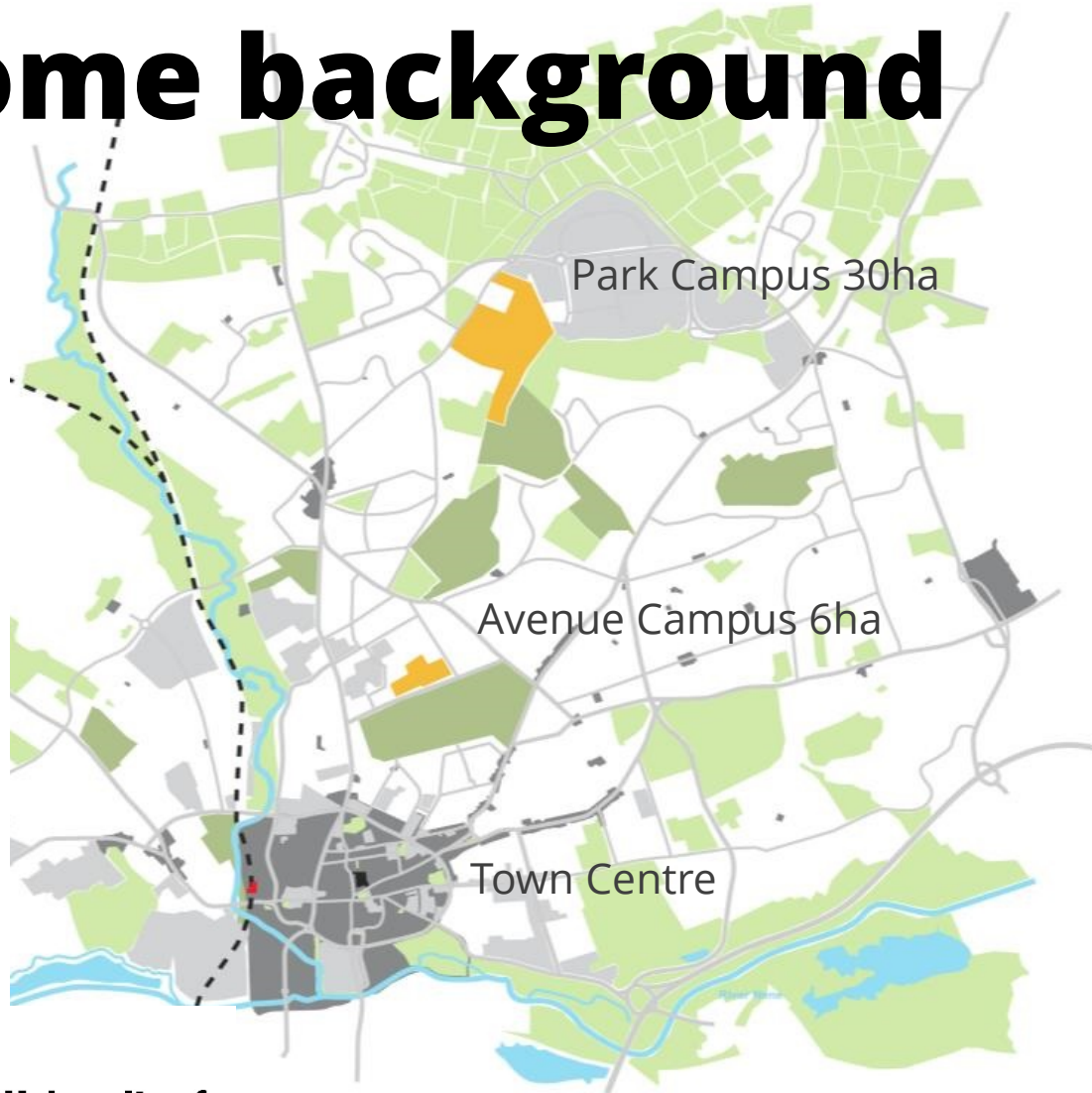
# **Out with the Old and In With the New**

**How to design a new campus from scratch  
...and make it work**



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# Some background



14,000 Students FTE

Two edge / out of town campuses

Six schools

- Education,
- Social Sciences,
- Arts,
- Business,
- Health,
- Science /Technology

1261 – University of Northampton

1265 – University dissolved

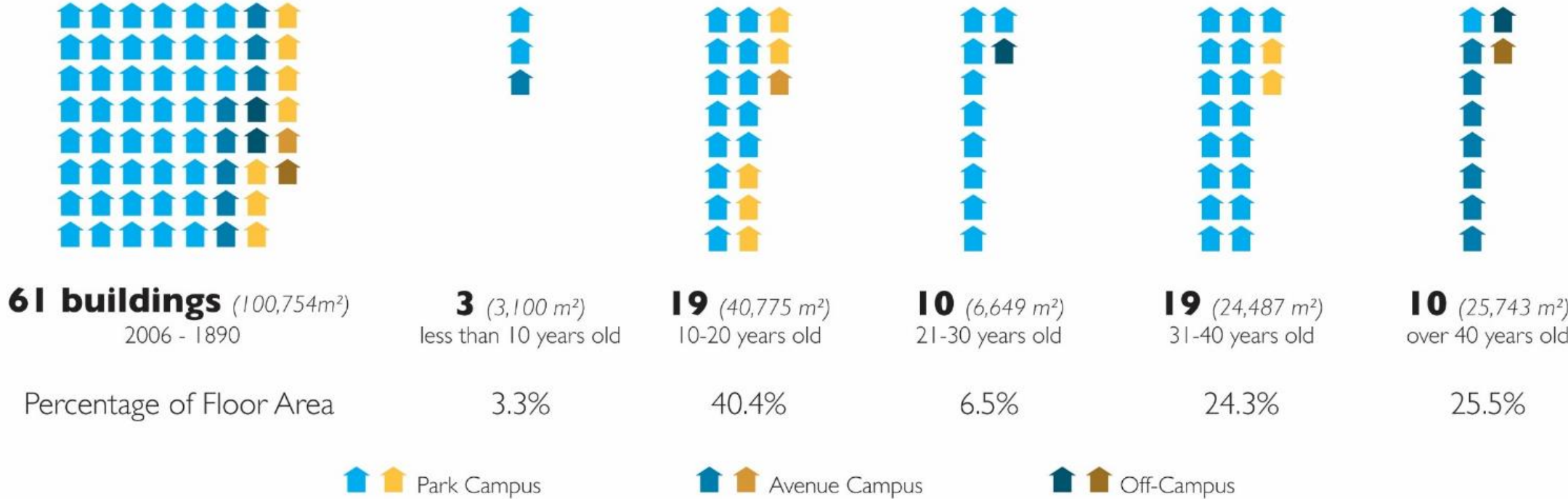
1924 – Northampton Technical College

1975 – Nene College

1999 – University College Status

2005 – Full University Status ...840 years on

# A University of 61 buildings



**In 2011...**



# VISION

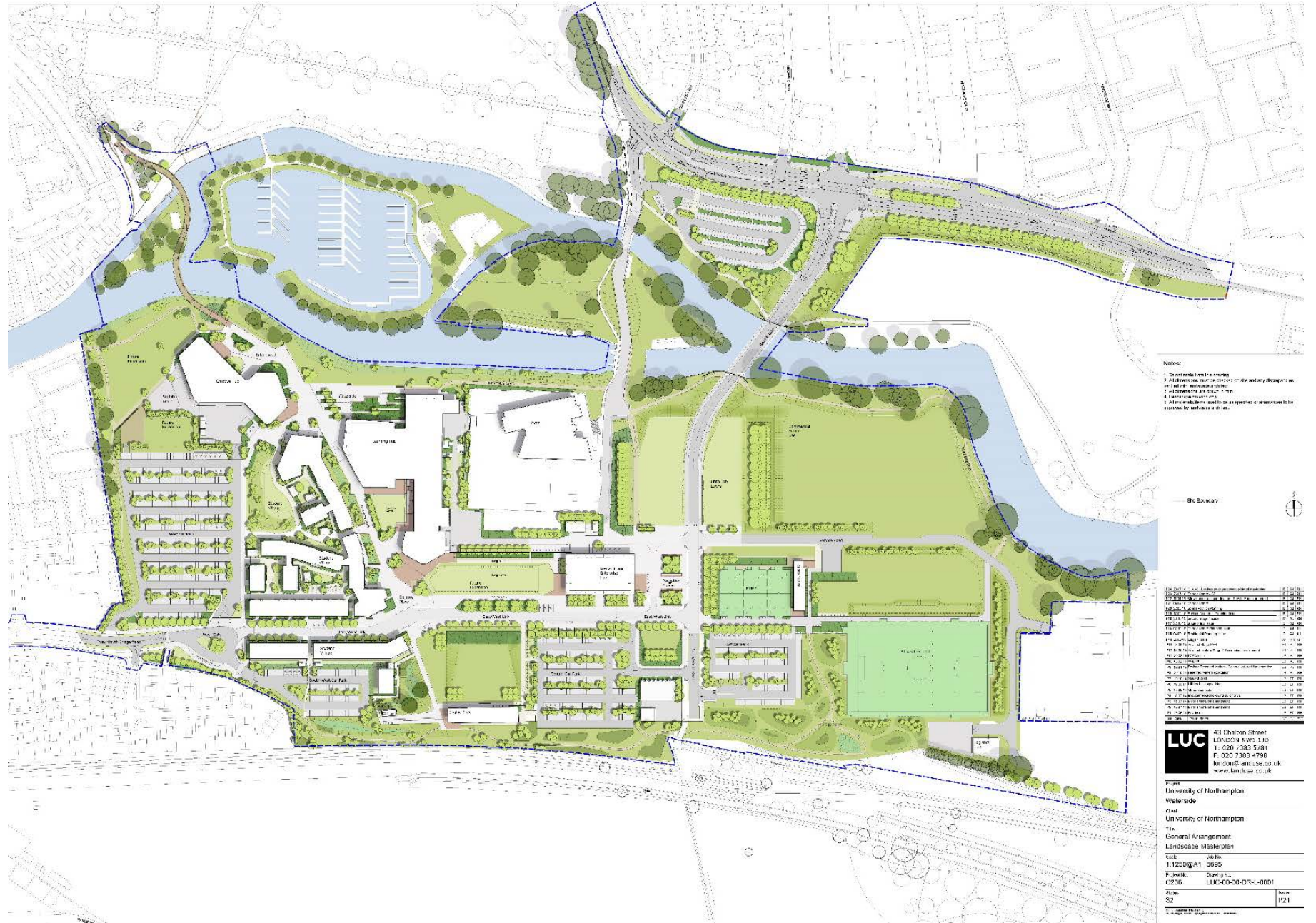
*Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others. - Jonathan Swift*

**To  
turn  
this...**





# ...into this!



**It had some  
interesting  
features...**





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**and so a team went to work...**

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**CH2MHILL**

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 **Turner & Townsend**

**LUC**

  
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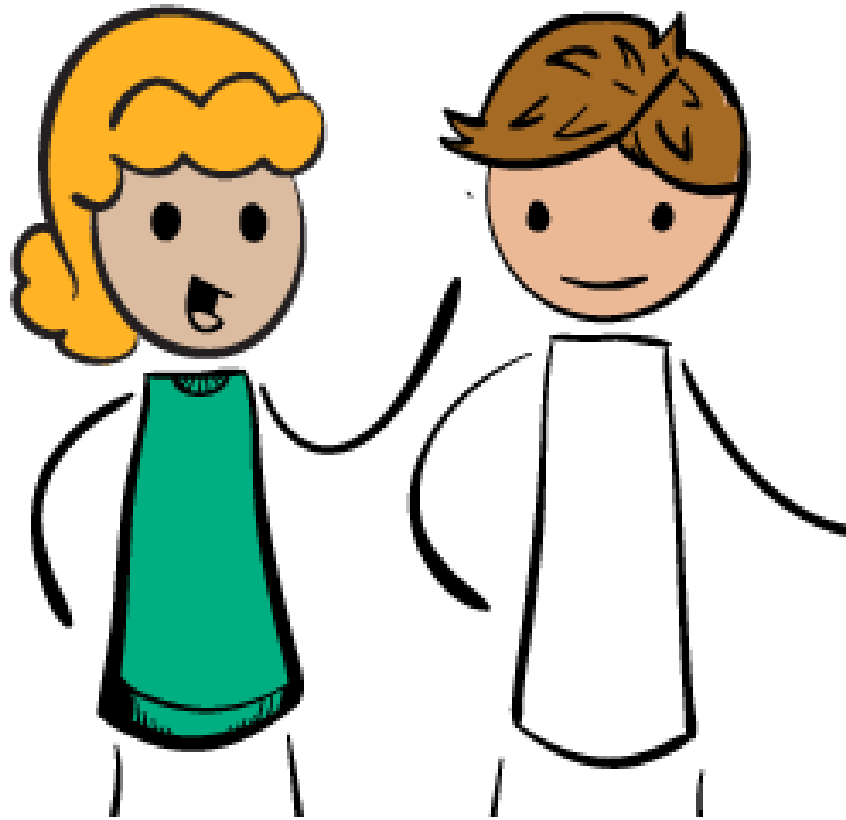
# Masterplanning

**Masterplanning is about understanding the **sustainable** relationship between the built environment and the communities that live, work and play within that environment. It is about **strategically** organising an achievable vision for a specified area. We must imagine large scale, while remaining **realistic** about details.**

# What did we have?

- 24 hectare brownfield site;
- Grade 2 Listed Locomotive Shed;
- 14,000 students;
- 2,000 staff;
- £330million budget.

# What would you design?

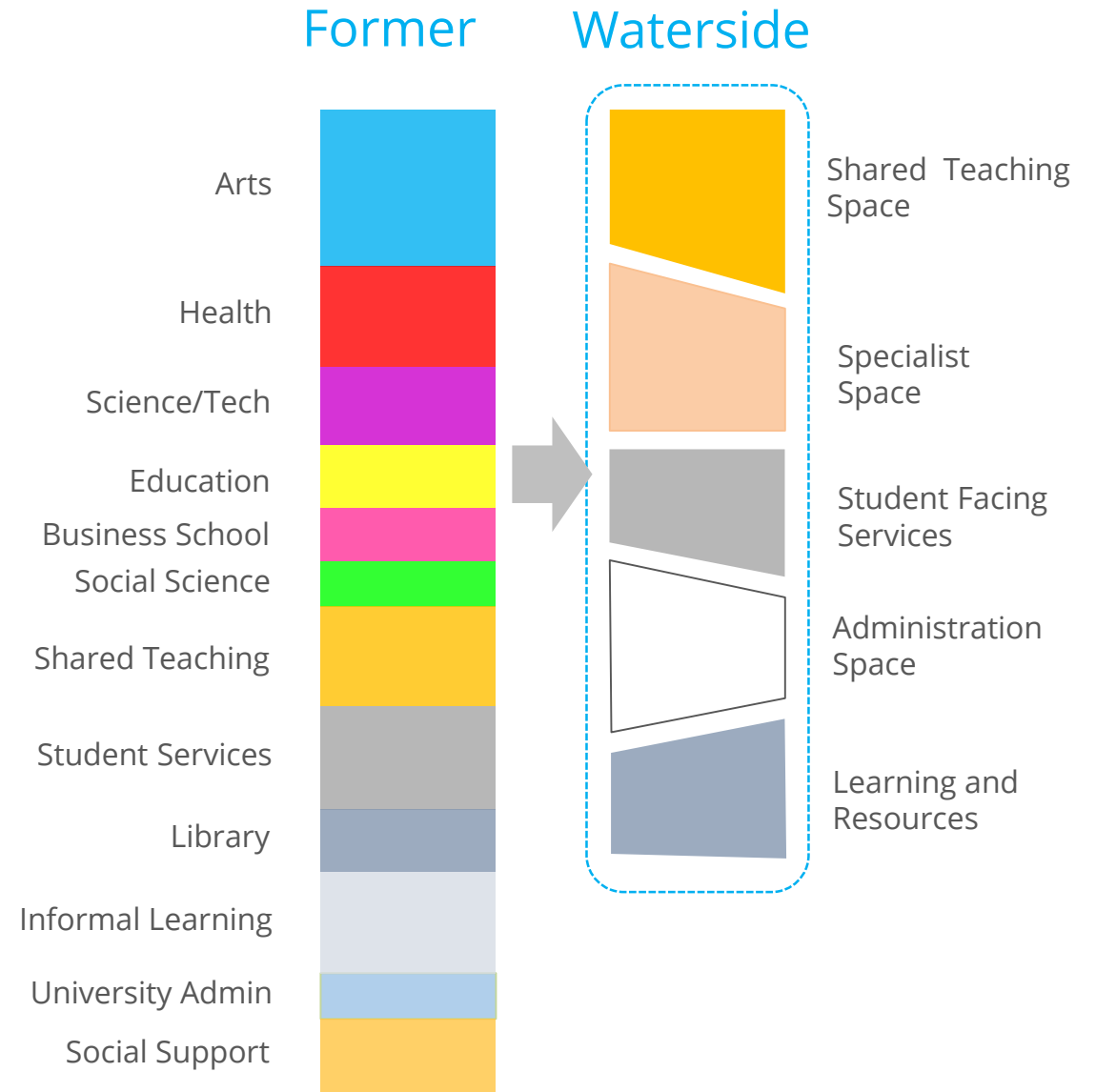


# Feedback



**What did  
Northampton do?**

- Re-thinking of organisational structures;
- 'The learner' at the heart of the campus;
- 'Non-silo' approach to campus planning;
- Fundamental shift between 'owned' to 'shared';
- A commitment to sustainability.



# How the metrics stack up...

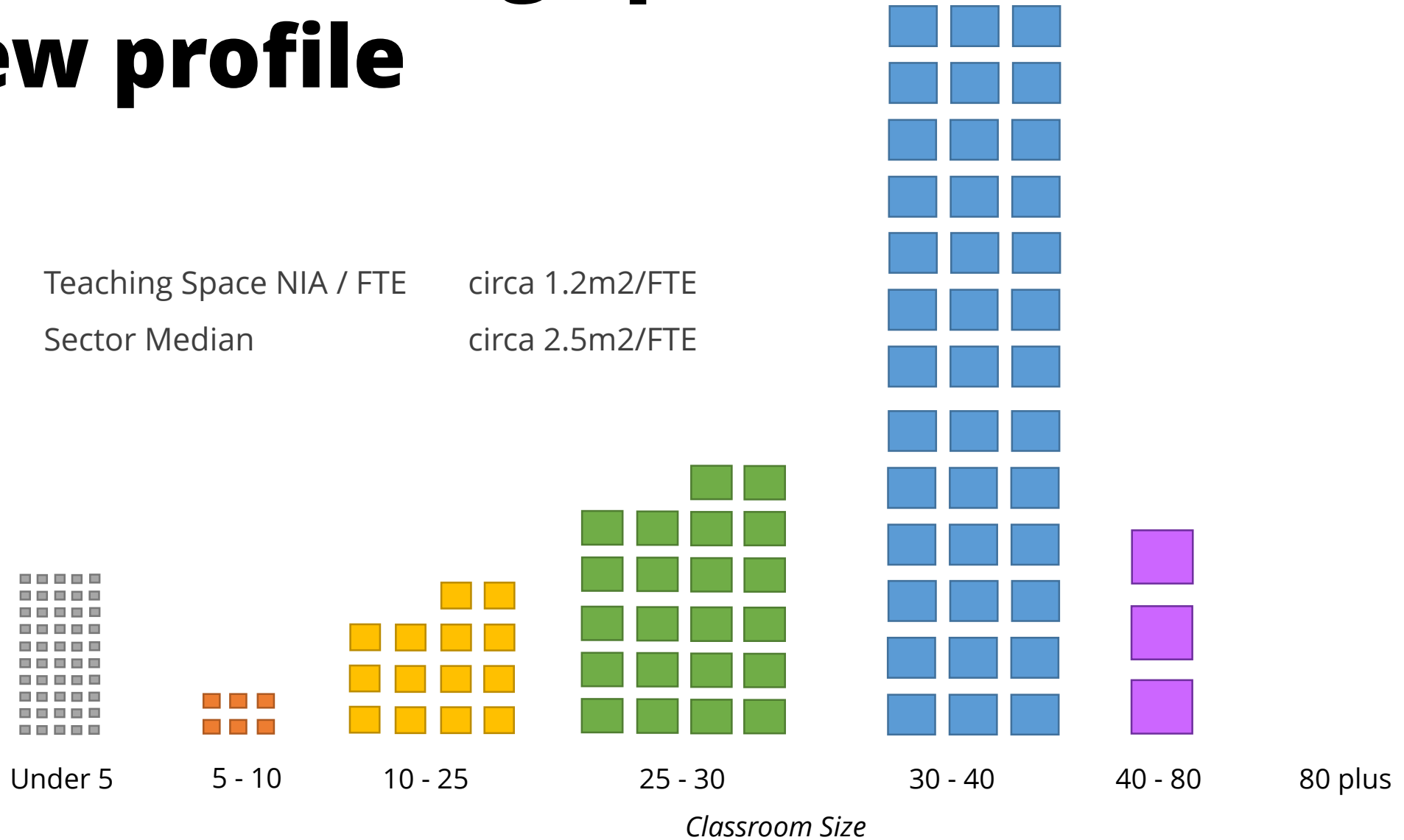
- 'Learning Commons' increased from 21% to 31%;
- '*Owned* specialist' space reduced from 53% to 24% '*shared skills*' space;
- Academic Workspace reduced from 15% (owned) to 9% (shared).

# Academic Workspace Principles

- avoid organisational silos;
- work anywhere;
- enable collaboration;
- create communities;
- flexible and efficient.



# Shared Teaching Space - a new profile



# NEWS

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## No more 'droning dons' as university drops lectures

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*Sian Griffiths and Julie Henry* Published: 10 April 2016

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**MAIN DISPLAY**

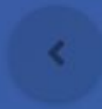
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# Learning Hub



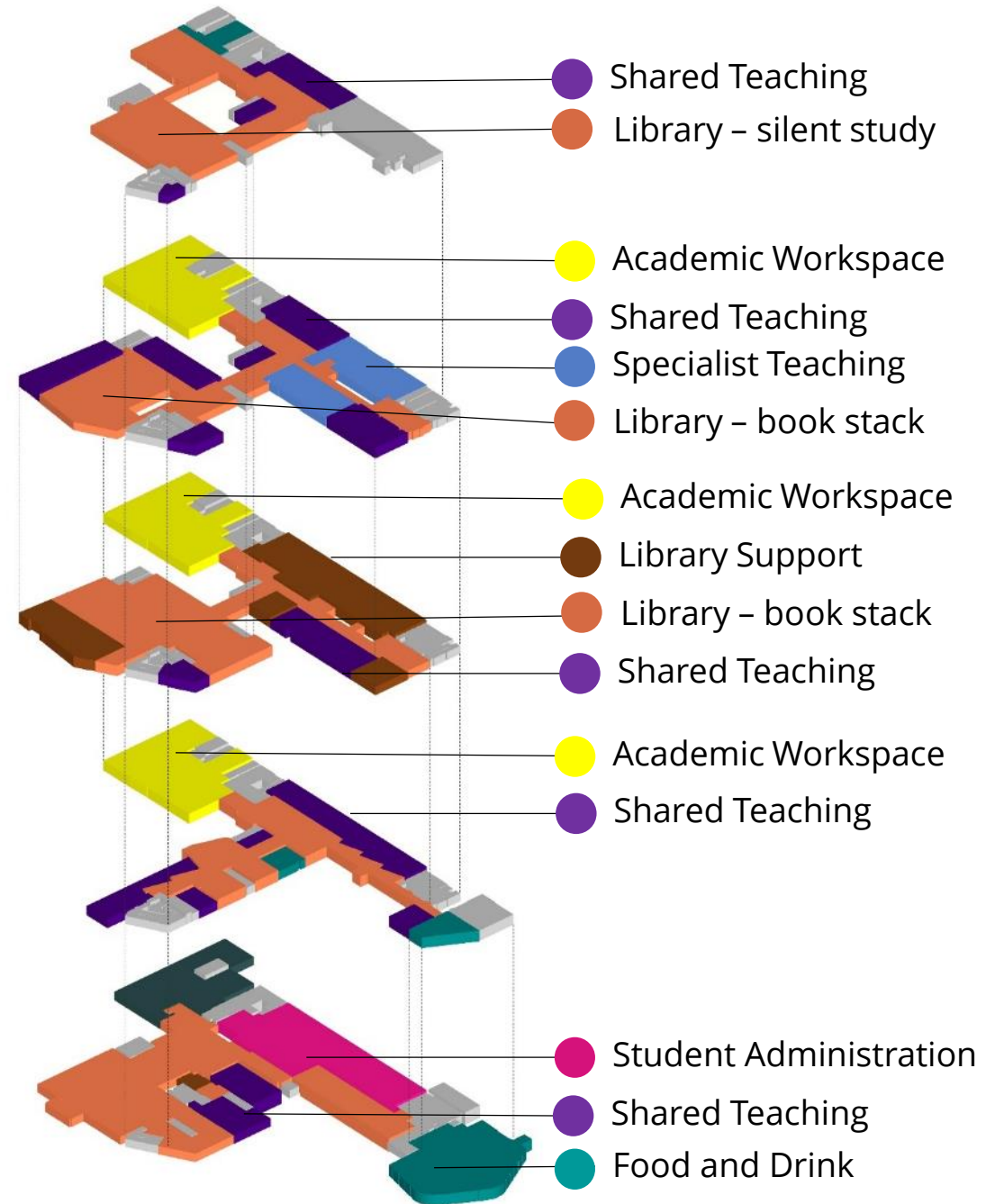
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3rd  
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1st  
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# Creative Hub

- Arts and media studios;
- Science and engineering laboratories;
- Gallery space.



# Senate

- Postgraduate Research Space;
- Teaching building;
- OVC space.

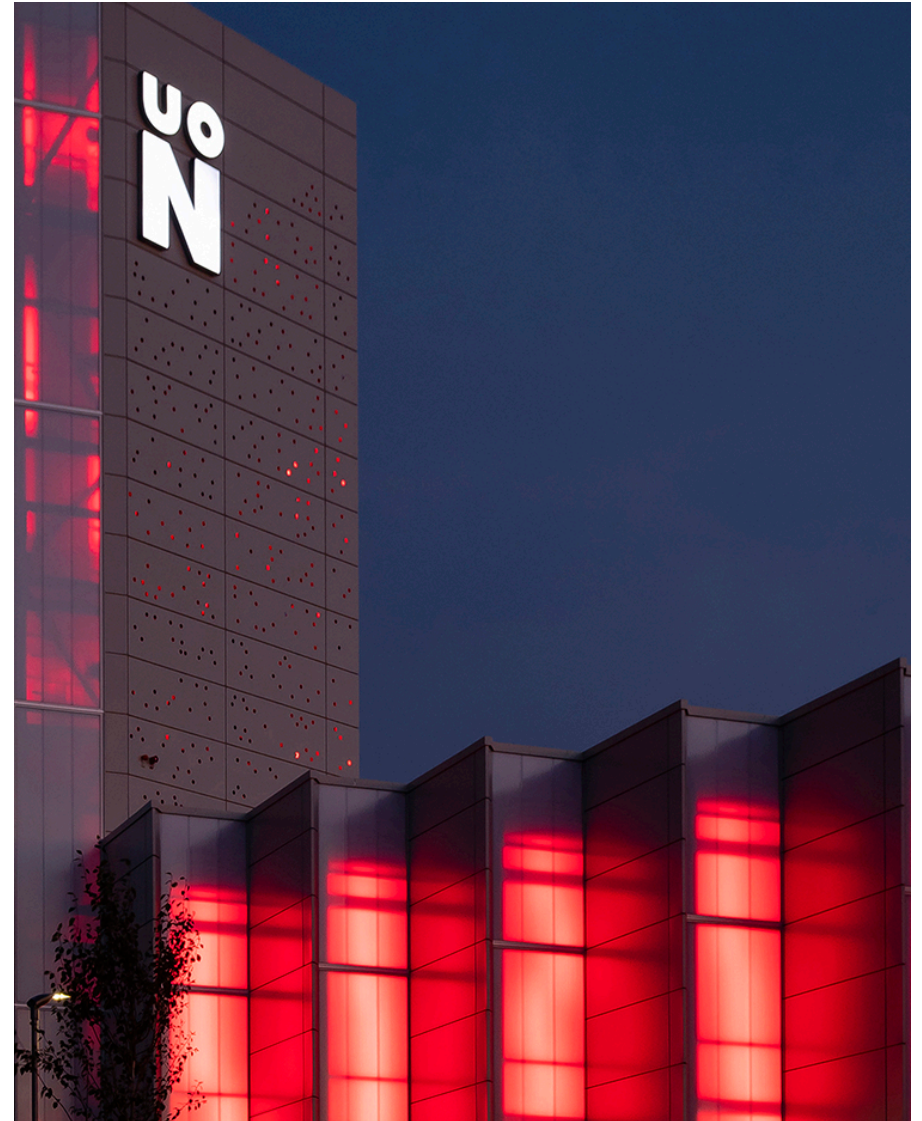


# Engine Shed

- Students' Union administrative hub;
- Café open to the public;
- Heritage focus;
- Meeting rooms.

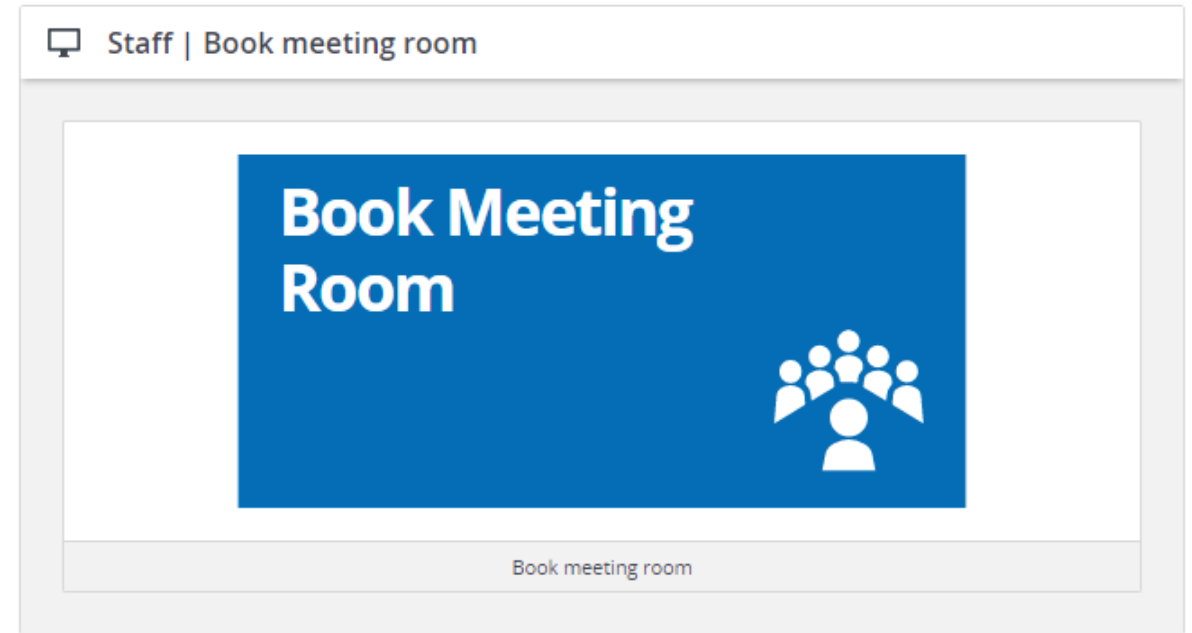
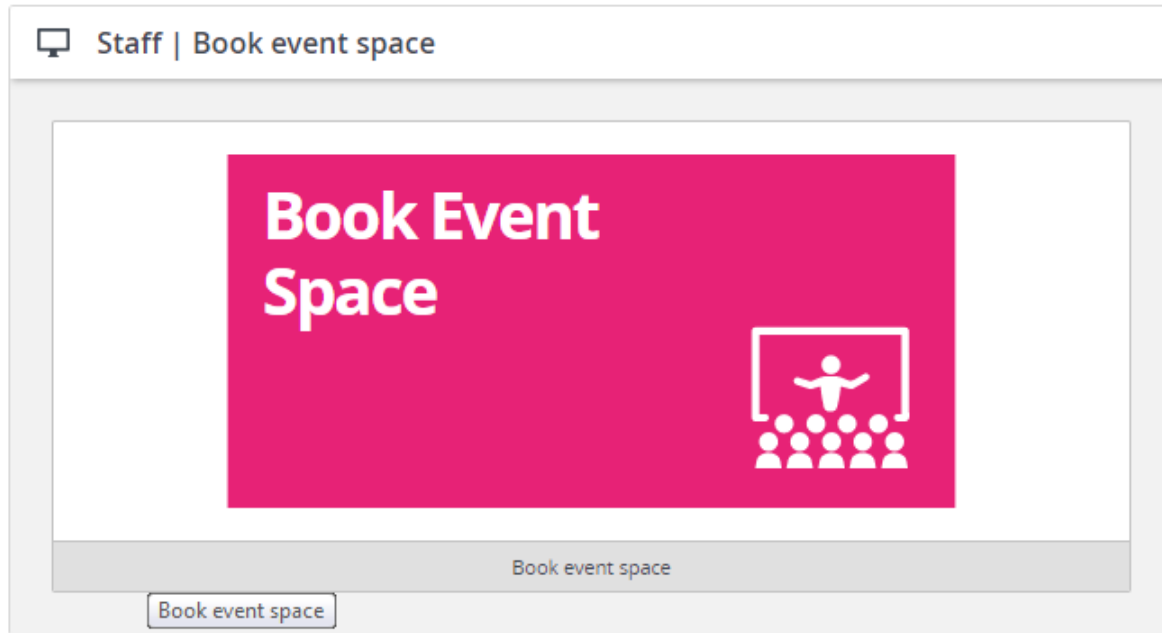


# Energy Centre



**How did we  
make it work?**

# Room bookings



# Office hours



# Revised bus services





# Don't just take it from me...



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