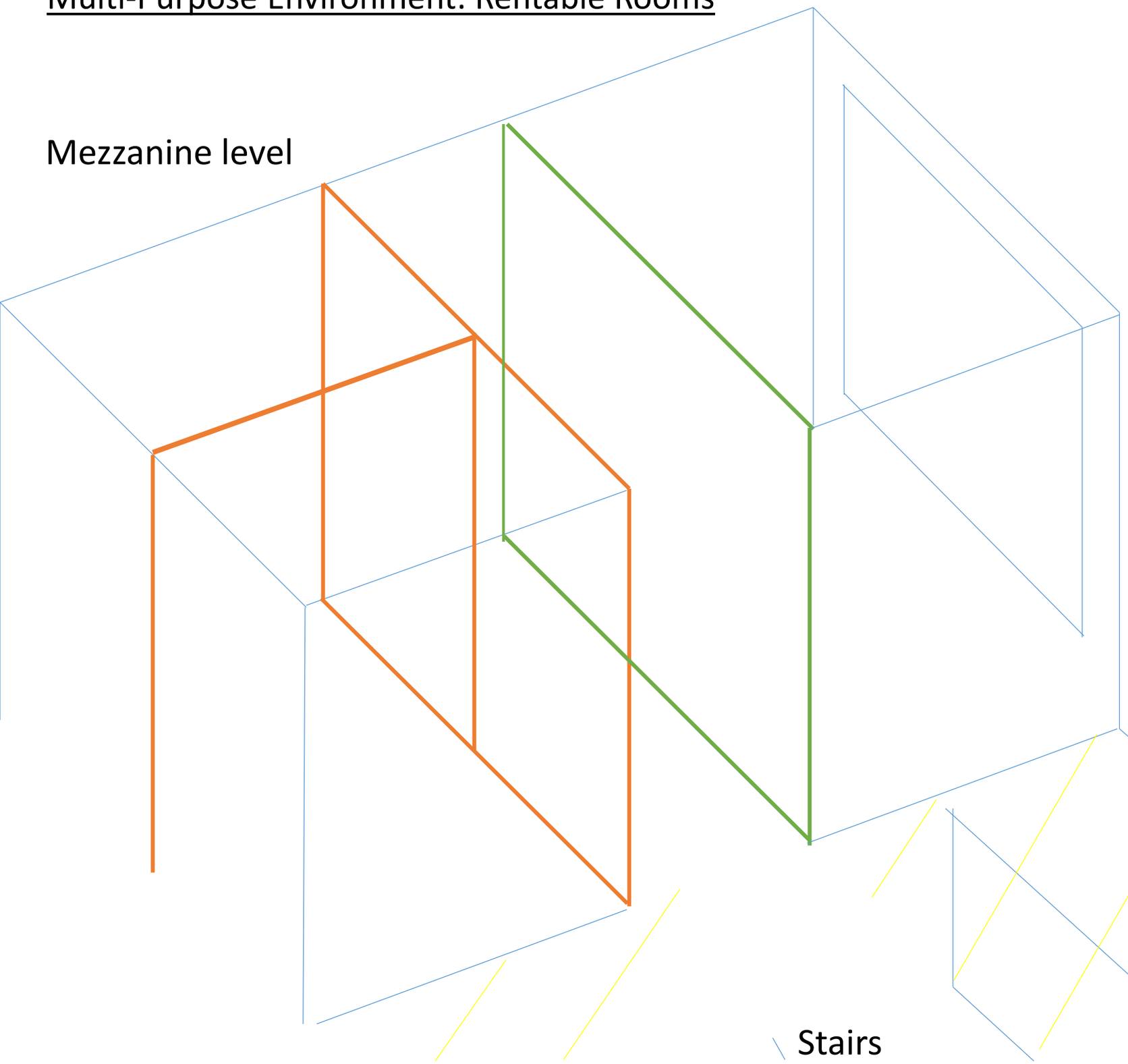
Key Points on Internal Use of Existing Building

- The aim is to ensure the existing space is usable once the asset is purchased for Phase 1 of operation.
- The existing space will incorporate the Community Environment, Multi-Purpose Environment and the Environment Centre.
- Though the overall design will be fresh and modern in the longer term, the immediate occupation is expected to make use of existing furnishings readily available on the island, with improvements made over time.
- The separation of spaces to include meetings rooms etc, again will be something developed over time, with room dividers used in the shorter term. Stud walling is relatively inexpensive; however, and has already been discussed with local tradesmen, including a separation wall/door in the stairwell from the ground floor to the first floor.
- The use of the Multi-Purpose Environment and Community Environment will be reviewed during Phase 1 to ascertain whether the space is effective and, whether improvements are necessary for Phase 2.
- The Environment Centre plans are shown within the architectural designs, and immediate use will include existing exhibition materials from Comann na Mara, RSPB, geology exhibitions from Director Dr Jean Archer and, connecting the local environment to climate change and conservation using Uist Wind displays; developed in partnership with Taigh Chearsabhagh, Comann Eachdraidh Uibhist a Tuath, RSPB, Comann na Mara, Scottish Natural Heritage, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Community Energy Scotland. The exhibition materials will be improved during Phase 2 to incorporate interactive exhibitions.

Multi-Purpose Environment: Rentable Rooms



Orange lines – division into smaller room rentable space for business use, creative use (i.e. art studios) & community use

Green lines – division into larger space for meeting room & community activities, glass panels to enable light penetration & maintaining views

Also space above stairs with restricted height for breakout and thinking zones.

Multi-purpose but incorporating business, community, therapeutic and creative activities.

Multi-Purpose Environment: Incubator Hub & Learning Environment

Floor 1

Additional meeting rooms/Quiet spaces will be included on Floor 1 in the longer term.

Co-working desks

Meeting rooms/Quiet Zone

Presentation Screen

Group desks

PCs for Learning Environment

Lockers

Stairs with stair lift

Breakout/Reading space

Community Environment/Multi-Purpose Environment

Ground floor

Kitchen for all users

Library corner

Business Space

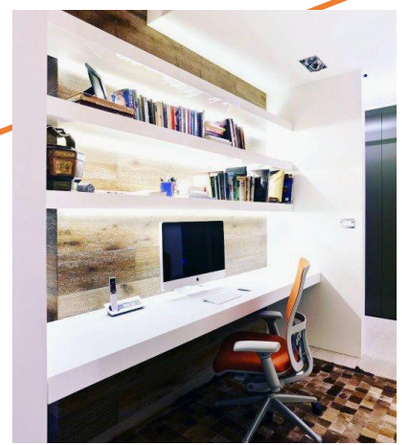
Community/Business entr

Tool library

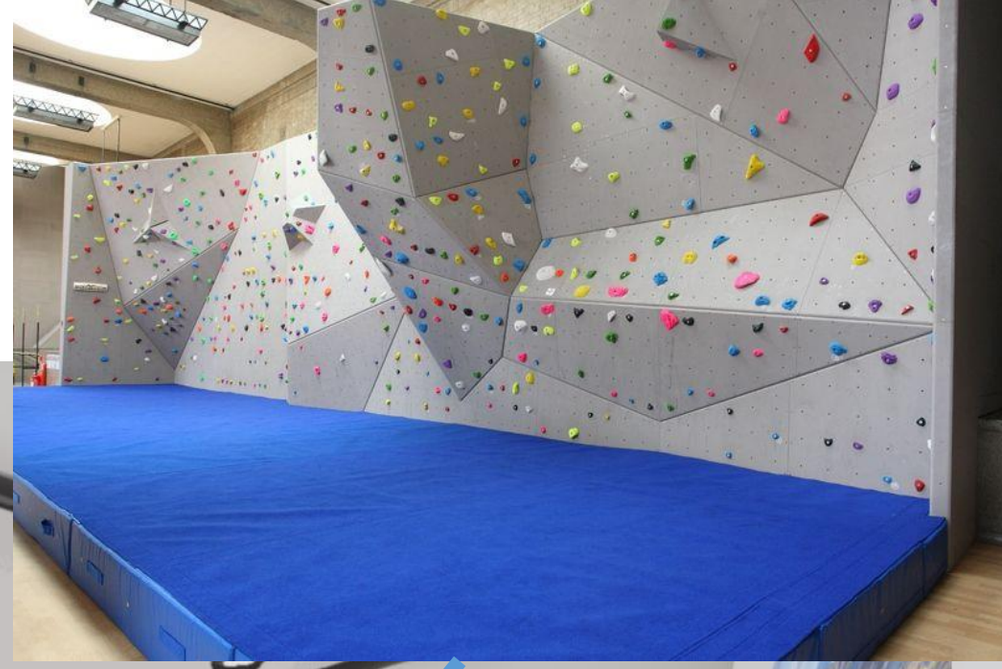
NUDC office

PCs for visitor searches/Local info

Storage



Direction to toilets & Environment Centre

<u>Environment Centre</u>

Incorporating bouldering wall on new storage partition wall, to be taken further across room for increased storage space.