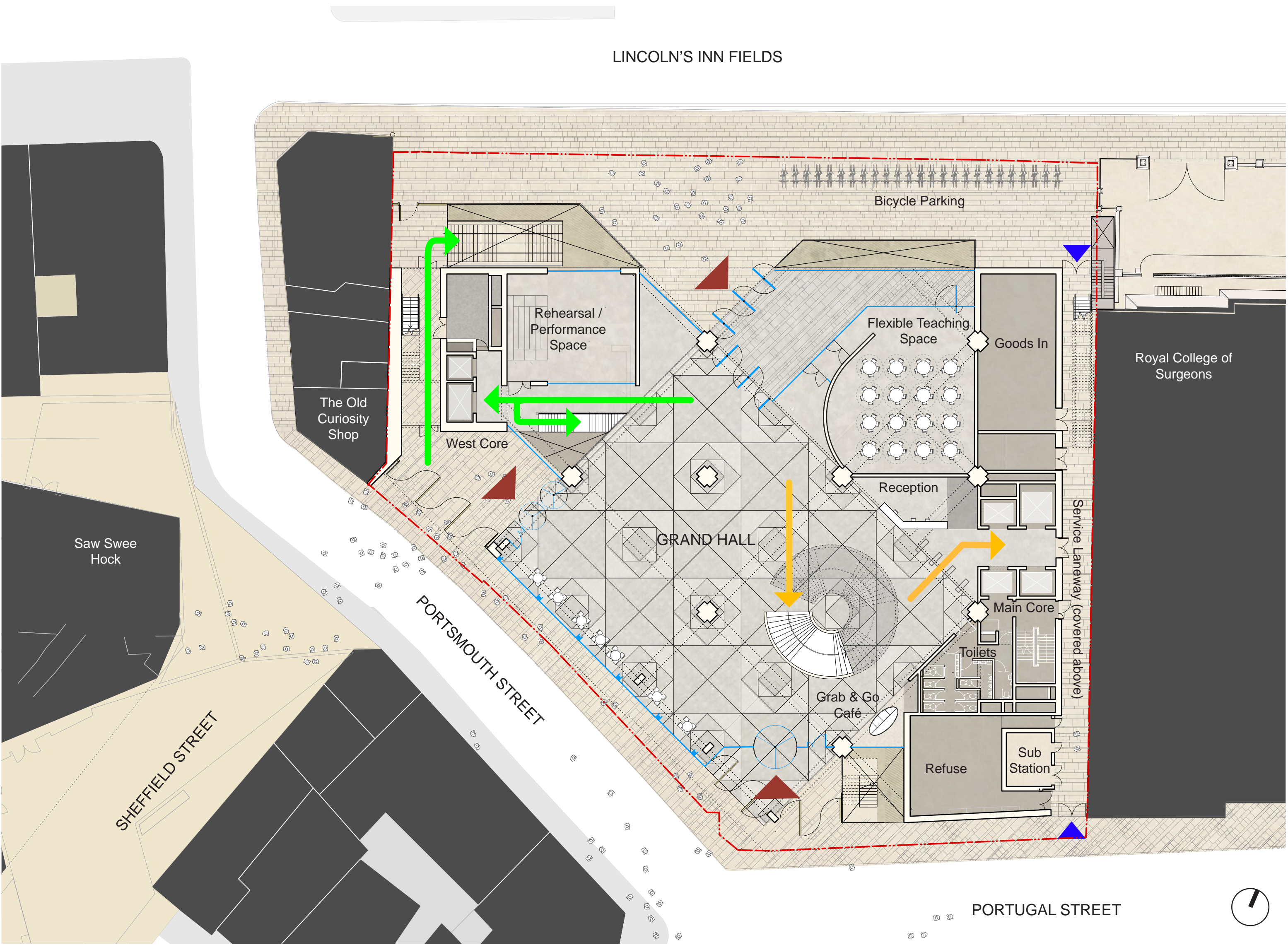




GRAND HALL

Legend

- Site Boundary
- Main Entrances
- Service Access
- Access to upper floors
- Access to basement
- Grand Hall Floor Pattern
- Glazing Line



Ground floor plan - scale 1:250



View of the Great Hall

THE GRAND HALL

The Grand Hall is a generous, largely unprogrammed, flexible civic space. This type of space does not currently exist elsewhere at LSE and will be suitable for a range of informal and formal uses including student fairs, performances and receptions.

A large teaching / event space is located on the eastern corner of the north facade. It looks out onto the entrance and to Lincoln's Inn Fields creating a generous space for learning, workshops, presentations. The arts rehearsal and performance space occupies the prominent corner of the main entrance to the north and when desired, can be made visible to the street level and concourse area. When privacy is required, a large curtain can be pulled across the glazing. The main reception desk and the 'grab and go' café are at the eastern side near the main lifts, allowing effective surveillance of the entire concourse area. The hospitality kitchen is at mezzanine level and is accessed and serviced from the eastern core.

The impact of the necessary security measures have been minimized as much as possible in order to maintain the sense of the Grand Hall being part of the city. Security to the academic and research levels is located at the top of the main stairs at level 2. Lift access is controlled by card entry resulting in discreet security points to the main lifts and fire stairs to the east, and to the lifts and stairway which lead to the basement levels located to the west. The forecourt and gated spaces of the new building will be open to students, teachers and the citizens of the city by day and will be rendered secure at night.

