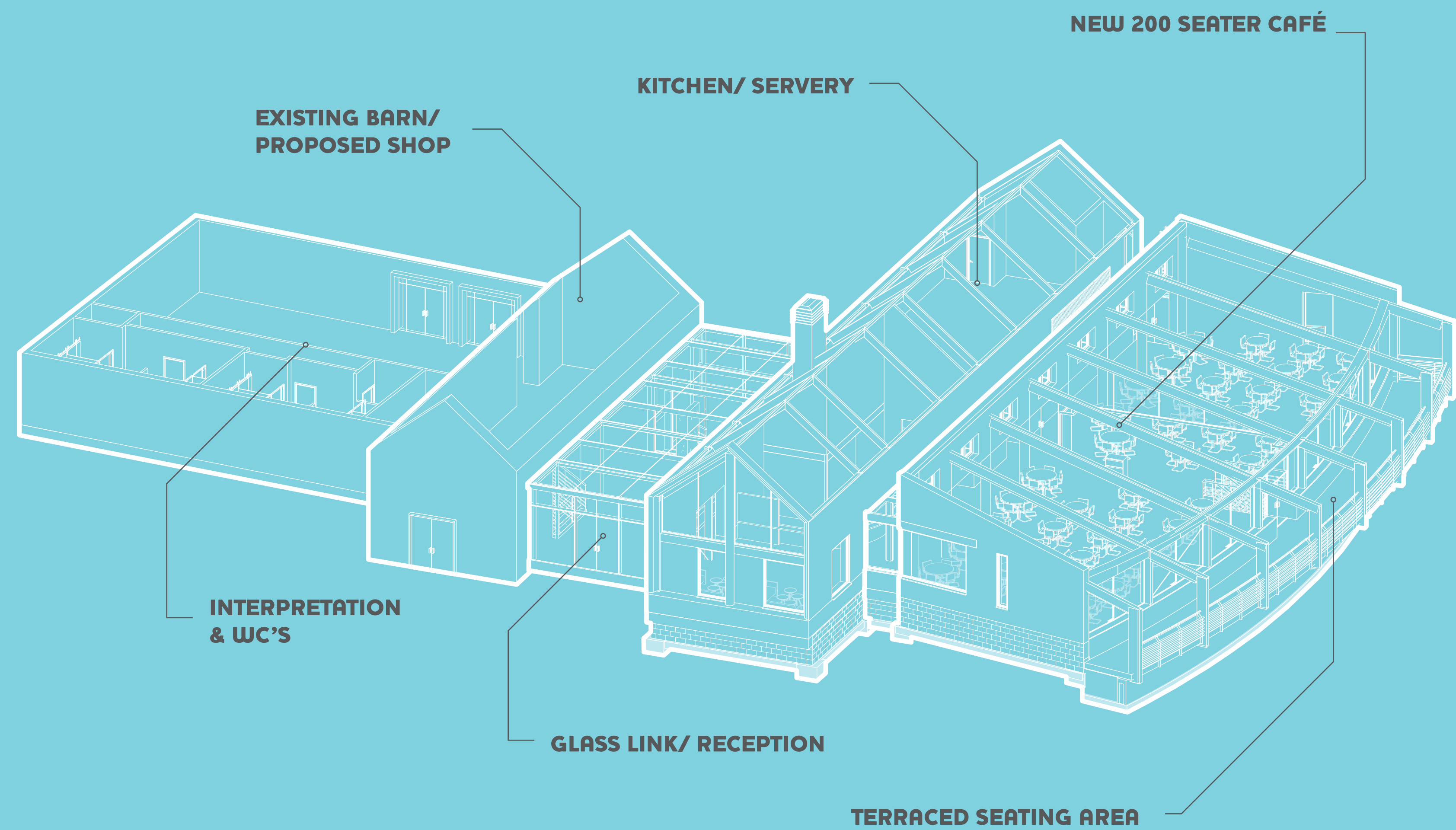


SLADE HOUSE FARM

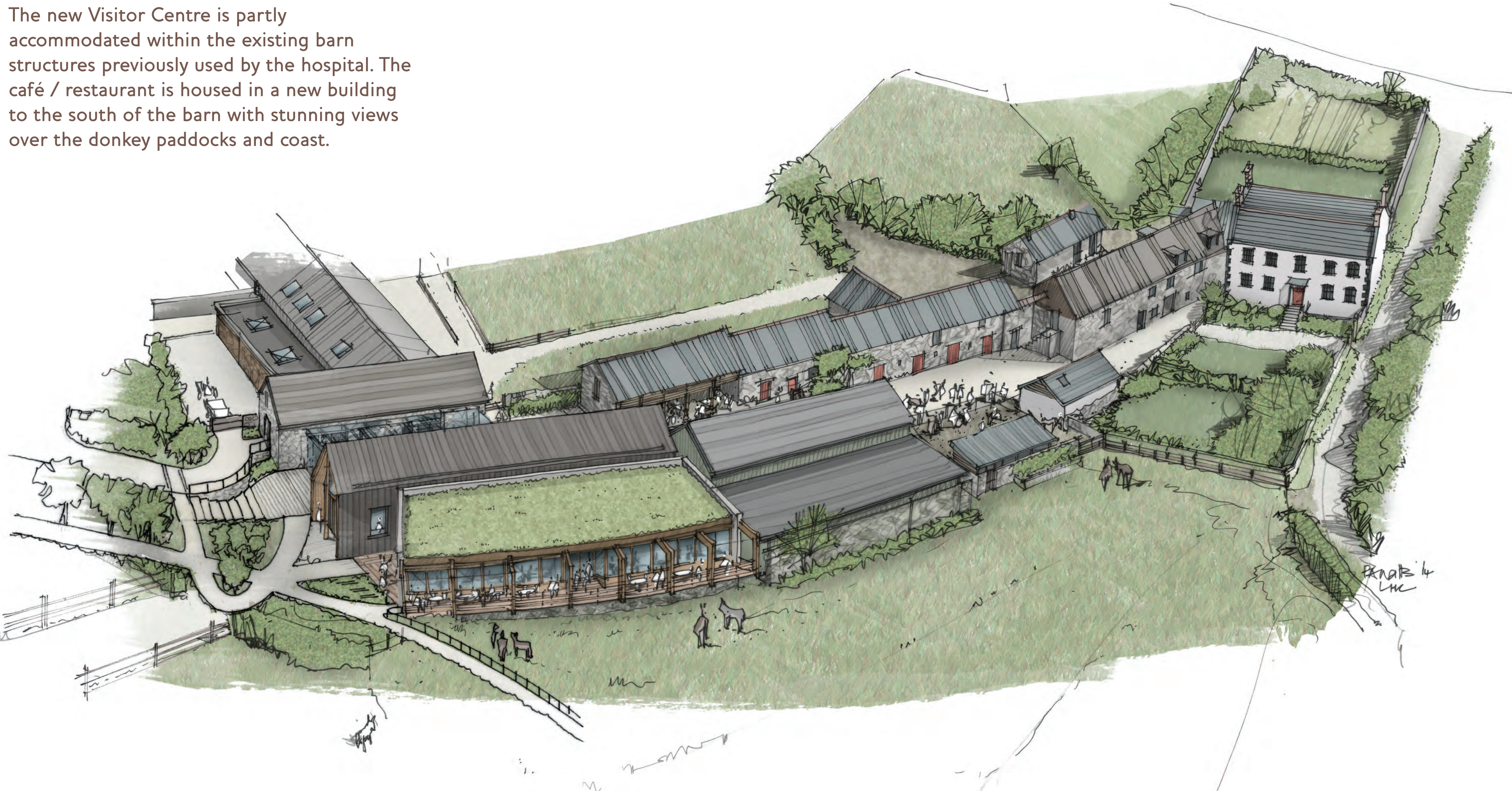
With the relocation of the vet hospital and donkey reception unit to Brookfield Farm thereby significantly reducing any biosecurity risk that may be present on the site, this provides an opportunity for some improvements to the facilities for visitors to Slade House Farm and also enables us to demonstrate and show differing aspects of the work we carry out in the United Kingdom and the rest of the world.



The proposed redevelopment will establish a clearly identified entrance and exit point to Slade House Farm and provide a visitor reception area, restaurant, interpretation centre and gift shop.

The masterplan will provide a better visitor experience, with a safe and convenient parking and drop off area and clear routes to guide visitors through paddocks where donkeys are clearly visible.

The new Visitor Centre is partly accommodated within the existing barn structures previously used by the hospital. The café / restaurant is housed in a new building to the south of the barn with stunning views over the donkey paddocks and coast.

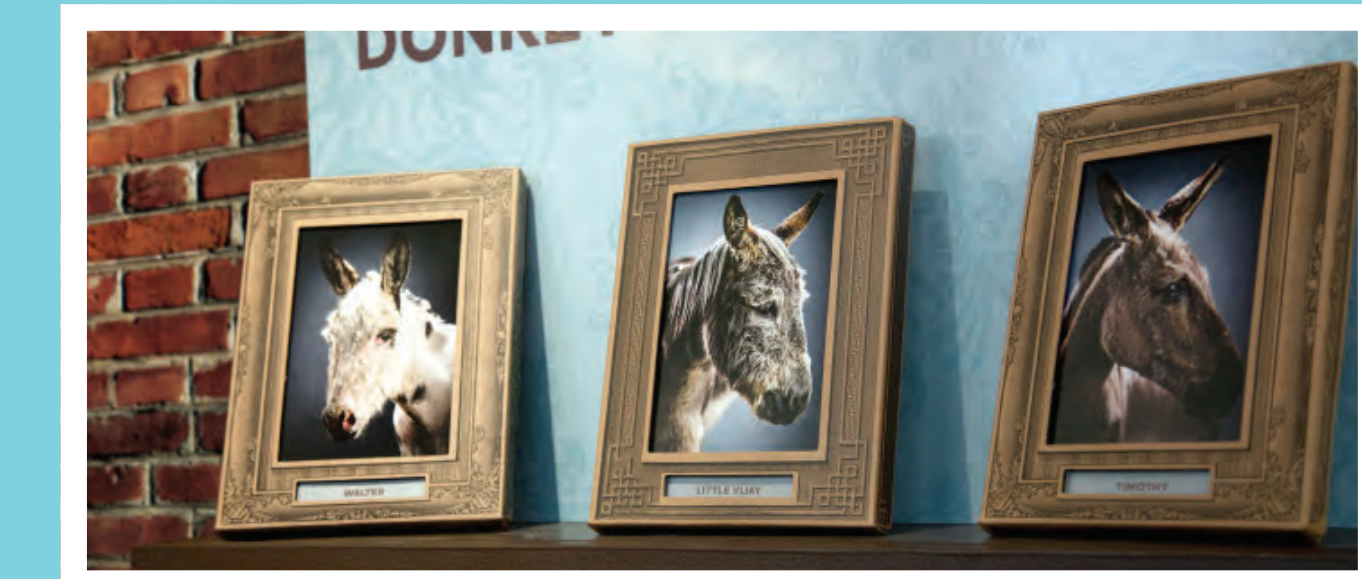
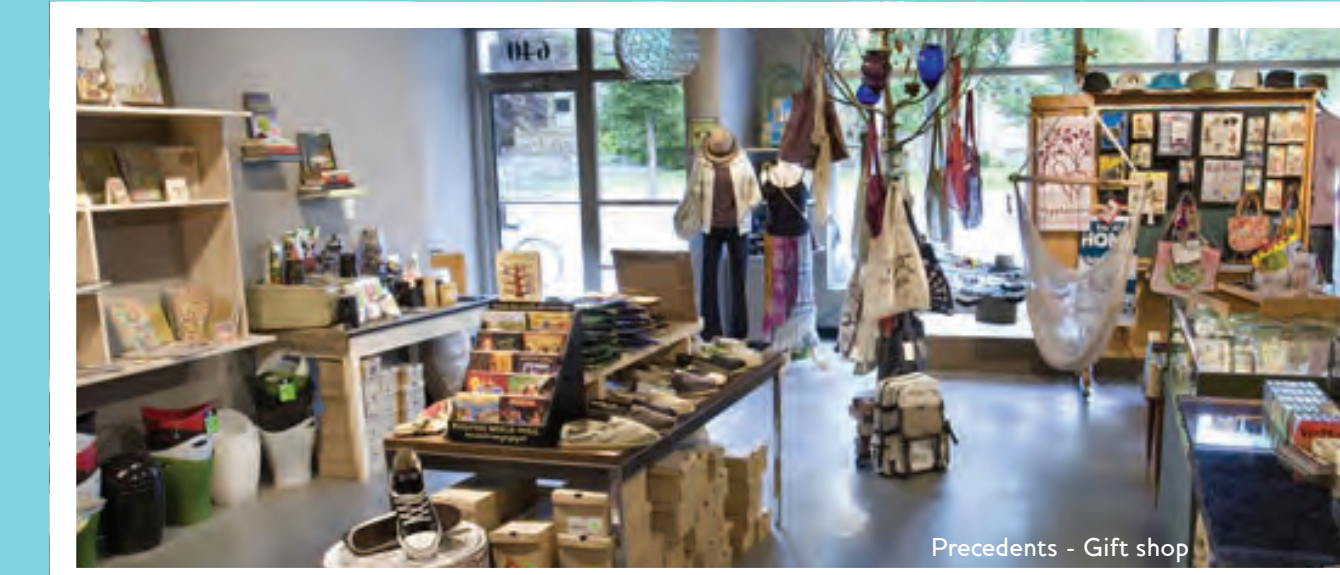
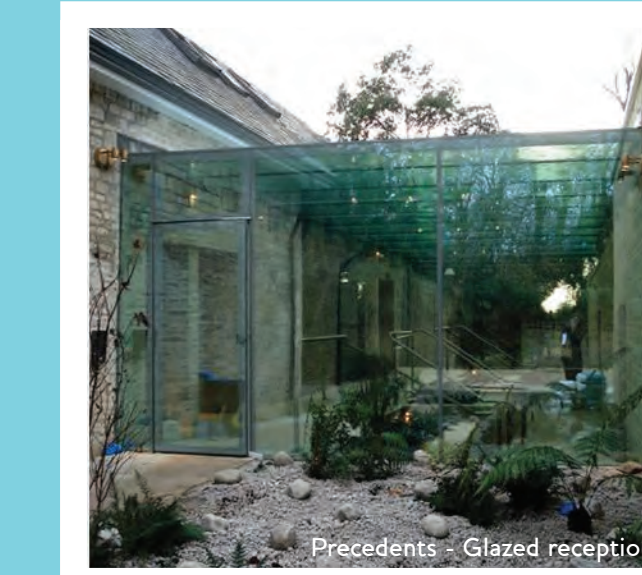


VISITOR RECEPTION

The reception space is sized to provide a 'meet and greet' point, so that visitors arriving can orientate themselves, as well as providing sufficient circulation space between the restaurant and shop.

Within the existing veterinary barns, the proposal is for these spaces to become a new shop and exhibition space.

The sales area and exhibition area would replace the existing facilities which are currently located in the Hayloft barns and which are no longer big enough to cope with the increasing visitor numbers. Linked to the barn is a new toilet block to accommodate the increase in visitor numbers.



RESTAURANT

The new restaurant has been sized to meet the future requirements of The Donkey Sanctuary. This includes providing an indoor dining area to seat 200 diners, as well as providing an outside seating terrace to take advantage of the views to the south across the Donkey Sanctuary to the coast.

The restaurant will also be capable of being subdivided into two distinct spaces via a movable wall allowing for a multi-functional facility where special events or visiting coach parties can have their own private space, thereby not affecting the day-to-day operation of the restaurant.



INTERPRETATION

We wish to create an area where visitors can see an interpretation of the charity's work including: the story of our founder Dr. Elisabeth Svendsen MBE; our rescue and re-housing work; our work to alleviate the suffering of working donkeys and mules across the world; and our donkey assisted therapy projects which show the benefits of human/ donkey interaction.

This exhibition area will lead through to a new gift shop as the current gift shop located in the listed hayloft barn will be more useful in its original form as an open Linhay Barn. This means the donkeys can once again inhabit the original farmyard buildings as space is freed up elsewhere due to the relocation of the vet hospital.

