The New Hall is part of a small settlement of buildings on the edge of the village. This proposal places both the visitor parking and the new building on the east side of the site. Placing them there allows visitors to arrive by car, walk to the new building and then on to the library. The proposal places the new building to face towards the garden. There is a wonderful sense that anyone can walk across the lawn, alongside the front of the library. The new building has a simple plan of rooms, whose repetitive structure gives an interesting expression to the facade. The building makes a transition in which there is an opening up to the elevation at a natural sequence. The new building will bring a greater number of people to this beautiful place.

The Library and the Garden

The peaceful atmosphere of Gladstone's Library is a precious quality for a publicly accessible building, and for the New Hall with its arcaded face, acts as a kind of gatehouse to the whole site, the place where visitors arrive first, before continuing on to the Library. The New Hall has a simple form at the front, with a clearly defined boundary on the east side. There is a wonderful sense that anyone can walk across the lawn towards the Reading Room. The two front of the paved court is designed to bring the focus of the building down to the level of the garden. The New Hall with its arcaded face, acts as a kind of gatehouse to the site. The design proposes a simple form made of a car park and a clear architectural identity as the “New Hall” to reflect its prominent location at the front of the site. The proposal presents a simple brick building with an entrance set into the wall. The arcade along its front acts as a place of arrival, to give covered access to all its rooms, and as a nice place for outdoor reading. The interiors of the New Hall are lined with wood paneling and the timber structure of the roof is exposed within order. An arcade along its front acts as a place of arrival, to give covered access to all its rooms, and as a nice place for outdoor reading. The interiors of the New Hall are lined with wood paneling and the timber structure of the roof is exposed within order. An arcade along its front acts as a place of arrival, to give covered access to all its rooms, and as a nice place for outdoor reading.

The ground floors of the new library are designed to be light-filled and have a high pitched roof like a barn or a village hall. Its spaces are arranged in a row, so that the plan is simple and orderly. An arcade along the front acts as a place of arrival, to give covered access to all its rooms, and as a nice place for outdoor reading. The interiors of the New Hall are lined with wood paneling and the timber structure of the roof is exposed within order. An arcade along its front acts as a place of arrival, to give covered access to all its rooms, and as a nice place for outdoor reading.