

Cole Brothers, an icon re-opened.

Sheffield's much loved department store – open again for events, pop-ups, exhibitions and ideas that don't want to wait for the final chapter.



An Icon Reborn

Our vision for Cole Brothers is simple: to restore this icon – beloved of so many Sheffielders – to its rightful place as a centrepiece and focal point of city life.





Alongside the many other exciting developments coming forward within the Heart of the City, the rebirth of this landmark will drive the continuing regeneration of Sheffield city centre, bringing people, jobs and creativity right back into the centre.

The formula is simple:

– A ground scape filled with lively retail, food and drink, and leisure

– Fantastic flexible workspace for Sheffield's best businesses above

– A few surprises dotted around in the basement and on the roof

But regeneration takes time and we're impatient. So how about we get you in the building now?





A Big Space, a blank canvas...

The future of Cole Brothers is taking shape, but we're not waiting around for the final chapter, and neither should you.




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SOUNDS
July 4th-6th 2025



Ahead of its long-term transformation, we're throwing open the doors for meanwhile uses, creating opportunities for organisations, businesses, communities and creatives to activate one of Sheffield's most-loved landmarks.




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Wires
The Podcast Festival


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Pod
speed
networking

Looking for:

Artists / Charities / Coffee Roasters / Collectives

Community Organisers / Crafters / Creative thinkers

Dancers / Designers / Disrupters / DJs / Educators

Entrepreneurs / Fitness Enthusiasts / Florists / Foodies

Gamers / Innovators / Makers Market traders

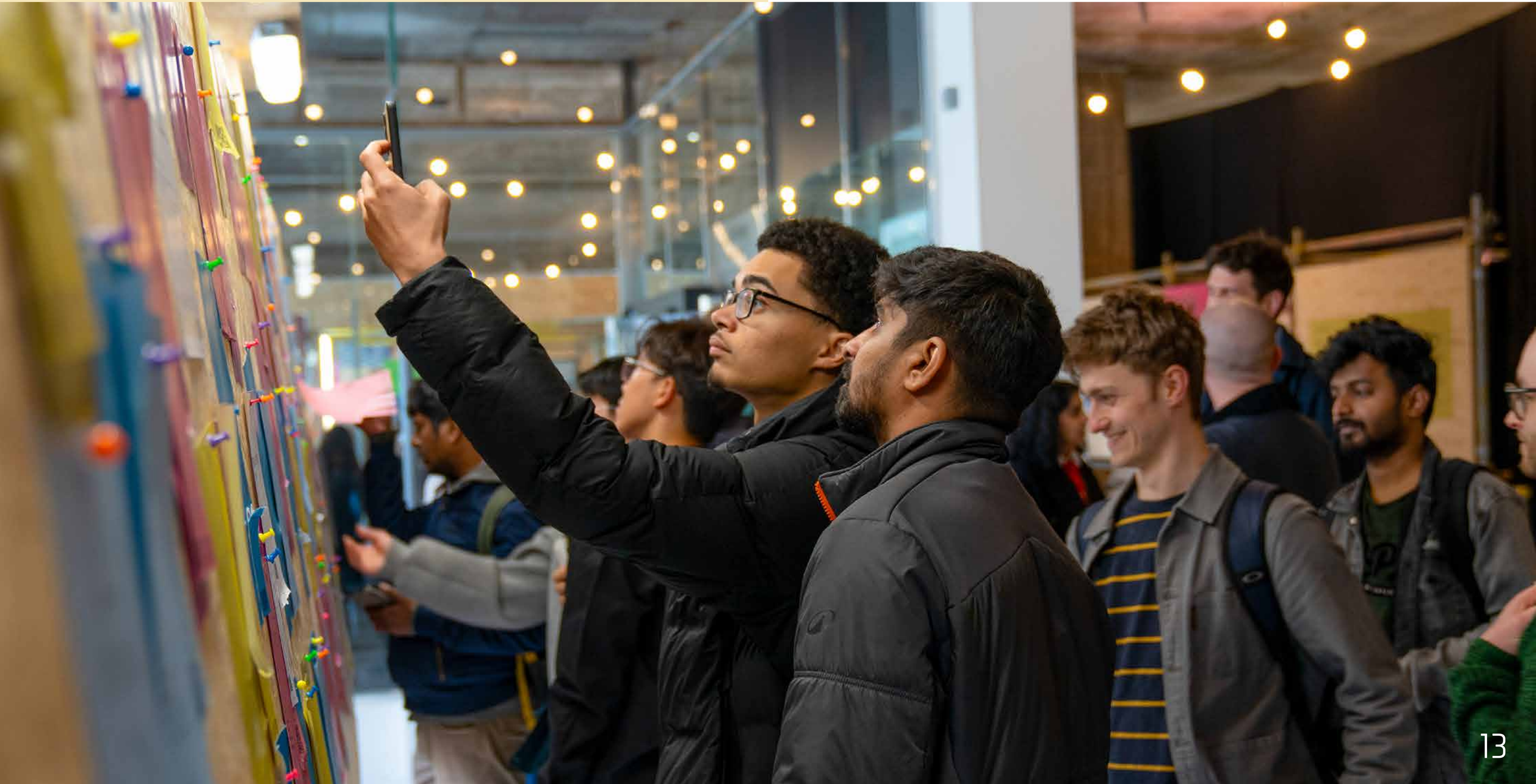
Musicians / Performers / Photographers / Social enterprises

Start-ups / Sports groups / Theatre groups / Visionaries




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Regeneration needs Pioneers

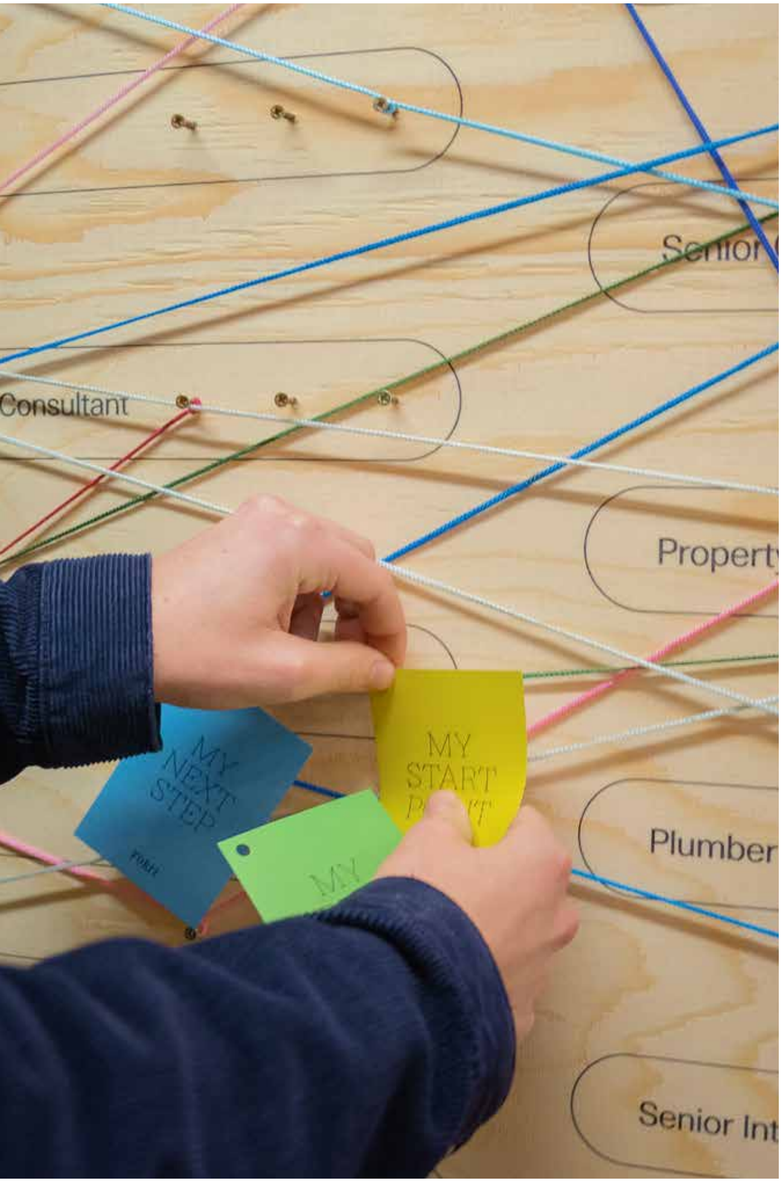
Have a look at how the Barkers Pool meanwhile use space at Cole Brothers has already played host to live music takeovers, podcast festivals, interactive installations and careers events since opening its doors.





Whether you're after inspiration or simply a nosey at what's already going on inside the former department store, the following stories will give you a flavour of what's possible in here.




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Crossed Wires:

Celebrated as the ‘Glastonbury of podcasting’, Crossed Wires needed a suitably edgy venue for its festival fringe events. Enter Cole Brothers.







ChristmUS at Coles:

Jarvis Cocker. Richard Hawley. DJ Pipes. Toddla T. Pete McKee. Adam Morley.

Forgive us for name dropping, but what better way to show off how Cole Brothers was transformed into Sheffield's coolest music venue for one weekend only.



Form:

The future of the built environment deserves a fitting backdrop, and what better way for students to explore how buildings can be reimagined than by standing in one?







Some Ideas need more than a weekend

We're looking for the right partner to make 10,000 sq ft of lower ground floor space off Cross Burgess Street their own for the next two to five years, curating a programme of events, experiences and activity that brings people back into the heart of Cole Brothers while its wider transformation continues.

This is a chance to be one of the first to put down roots as part of the building's next chapter. It's a genuine blank canvas with no infrastructure currently in place, giving you the freedom to shape the space from the ground up and make it a destination in its own right.

Interested? Drop us a line.




Russell Kane
Free
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Radio 2 Book Club with Sara Cox
...and many more!
Frank Skinner
BBC SOUNDS
Fringe
Crossed Wires
Newscast
Gardeners' Question Time
Football Daily



The Space, Barkers Pool

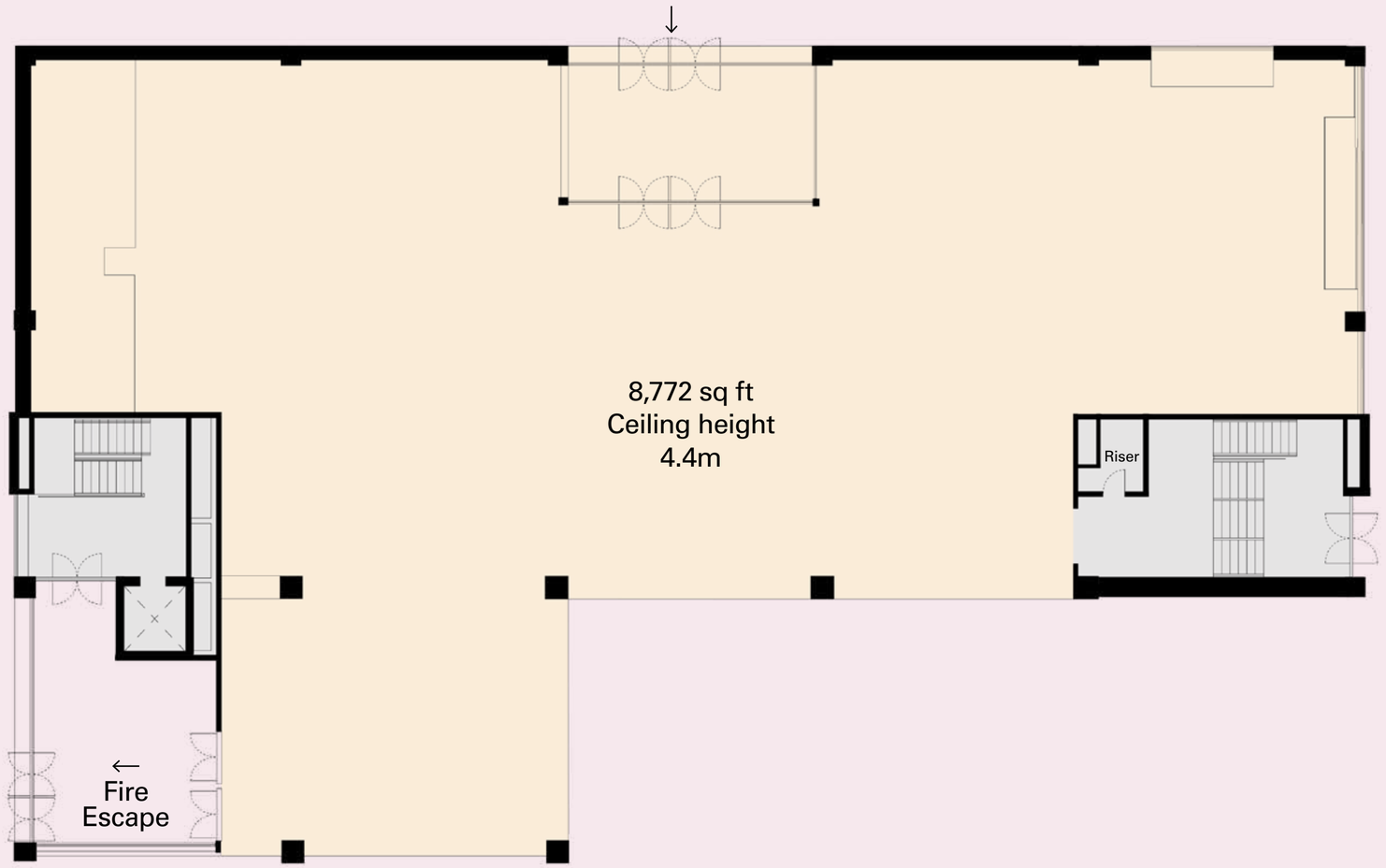
Ready to hire now — whether you're planning on bringing people together for business, pleasure, or a bit of both.



The space Barkers Pool

8,772 sq ft

Ceiling height 4.4m



The small print Barkers Pool

You've seen what Cole Brothers can become now it's time for the practical part.

Whether you're planning on bringing people together for business, pleasure or a bit of both, here's everything you need to know about the Barkers Pool meanwhile use space.

– Use of the space will be on licence from Sheffield City Council

– Venue capacity: 600

– Venue capacity on a Temporary Event Notice (TEN): 499

Fees:

– The wider building requires patrolling by fire wardens while the meanwhile space is in use - the cost for this is circa £40 per hour.

– Electricity used during the venue hire may be recharged.

– When the use is commercial or income generating a hire fee will be negotiated.

Utilities:

– The Barkers Pool meanwhile use space has electricity and lighting - technical specification available on request.

– There is no running water or toilet facility included - it is possible to hire toilets outside the building on Barkers Pool.

Branding:

– You may brand the windows during your event - any window designs must be applied to the inside of the window and removed after your event.



The Long Term Option, Cross Burgess Street

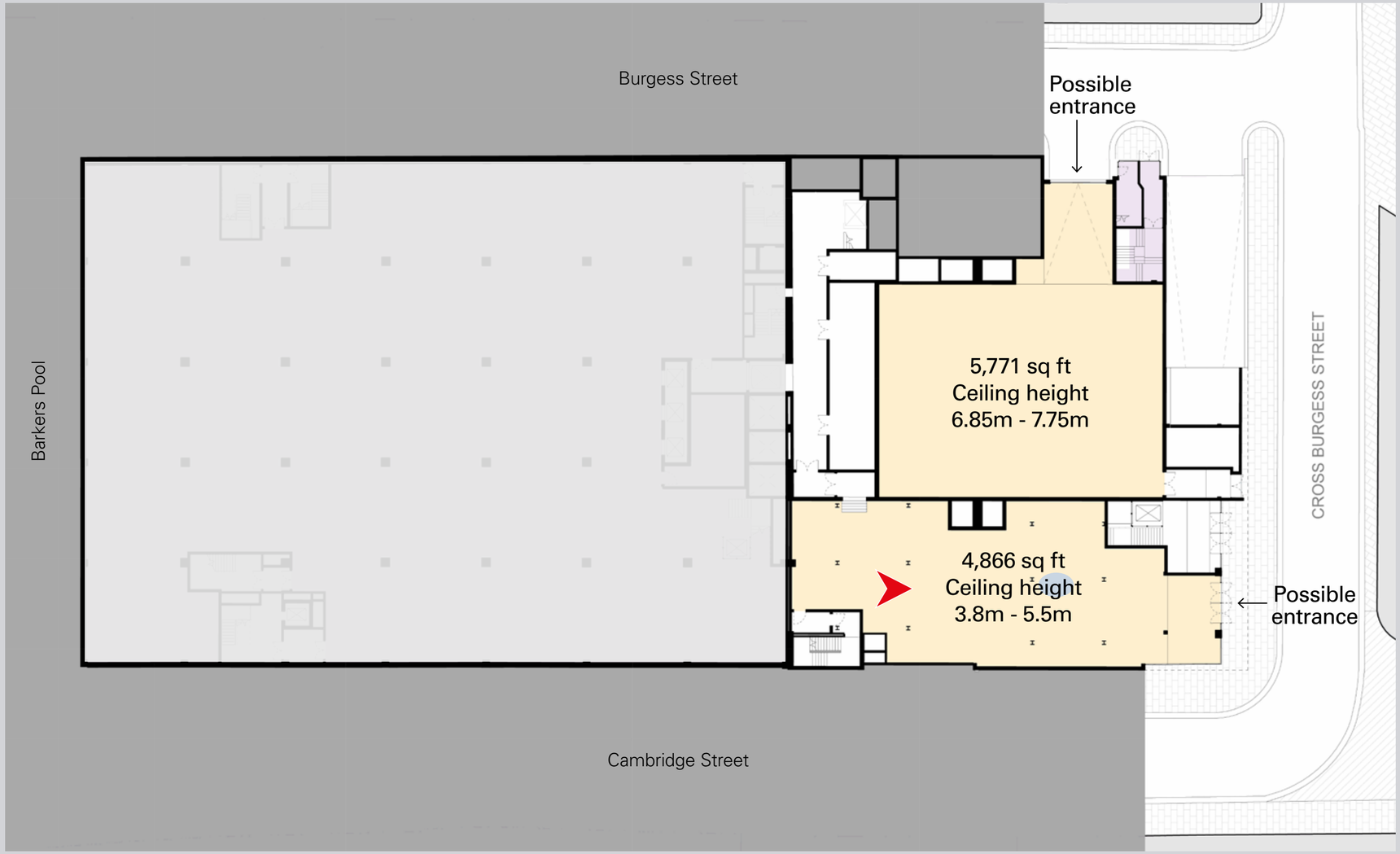
Lower ground floor

10,637 sq ft

Ceiling height range:
3.8m - 7.75m



View towards Cross Burgess Street entrance



Interested in this space?

Let's kick things off with a conversation, we're always happy to chat through ideas and explore what's possible.



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