Our design approach responds to the importance of retaining the visual openness of the landscape setting of Salts Mill as intended in Lockwood and Mawson's original plan of allotment gardens fronting Victoria Road and Caroline Street.

Conceptually, the new building is configured as a garden landscape, subservient to its adjacent historic built heritage. Taking advantage of existing site levels, a garden landscape is arranged over two levels: an upper civic garden and terrace accessible to the public as part of a visitor orientation and heritage hub; and a lower college garden providing break out and amenity space for Shipley College and the Saltaire Collection.

Accommodation at the lower level sits underneath a public garden terrace giving views across the site from south to north and providing a beneficial amenity space. At street level the building is expressed as a free standing pavilion within a garden, set back from the historic pavement edge to align with the formal open spaces of the model village layout on Victoria Road.















