

Parklands and Precincts: Visions for Education in Manchester

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Part of the area that would come under plans for the education and medical area of the city, seen here in a pre-WWII map largely unchanged from the Victorian city

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The University of Manchester

The pre-war Victoria University of Manchester



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The College of Science and Technology



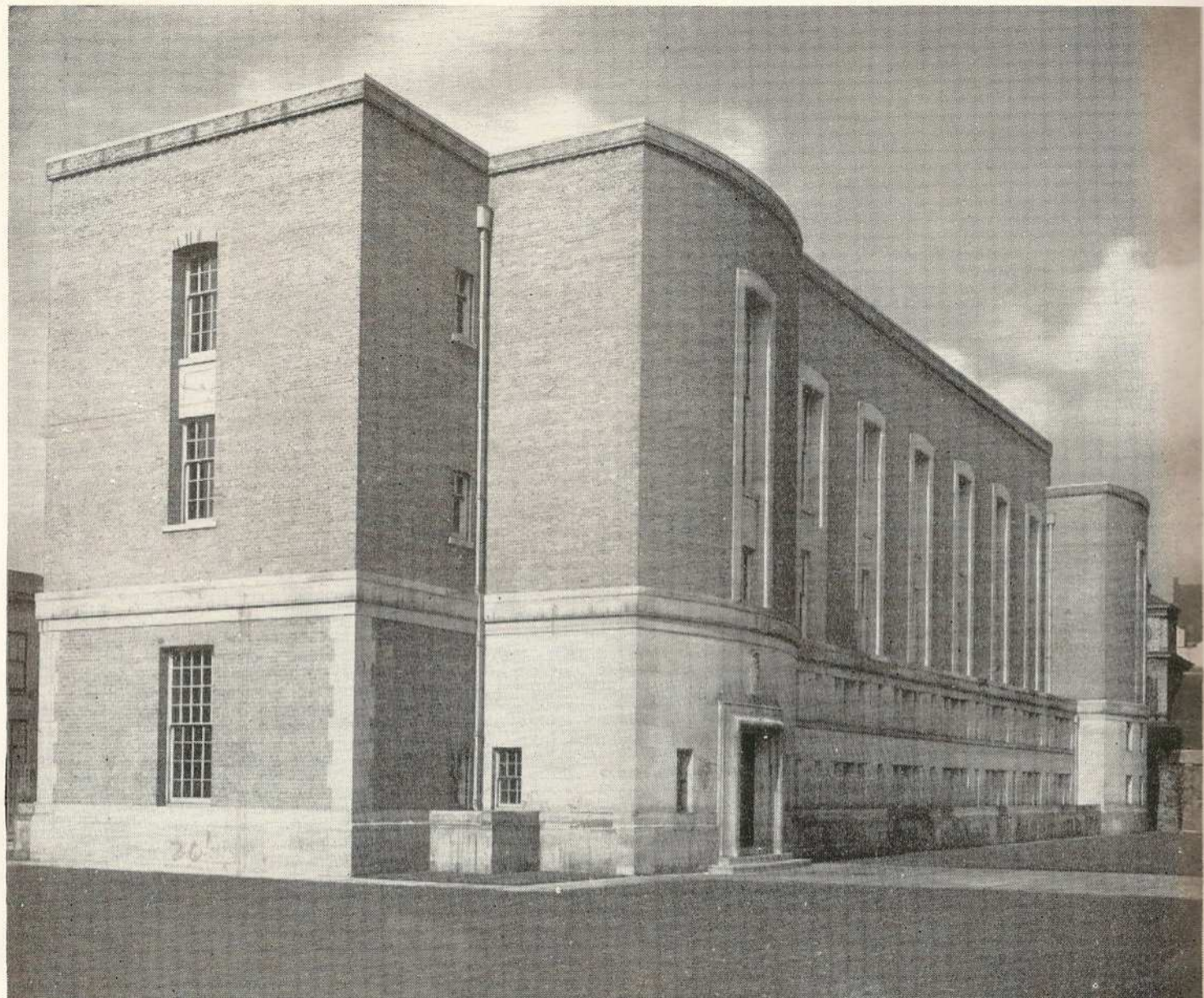
Learning, medicine and the arts

‘Beneath their apparent inertia and philistinism lies dormant the seed of a cultural renaissance. Already before the war has stirred into restless life their intellectual curiosity and innate desire for beauty. Our task is to tend and cultivate this natural growth, to feed it and give it scope to thrive’

‘When the new buildings rise and their setting takes shape they will give Manchester something that will be the envy of all other cities.’

Excerpts from 1945 plan

The Arts library, 1937



The Dental School, 1940



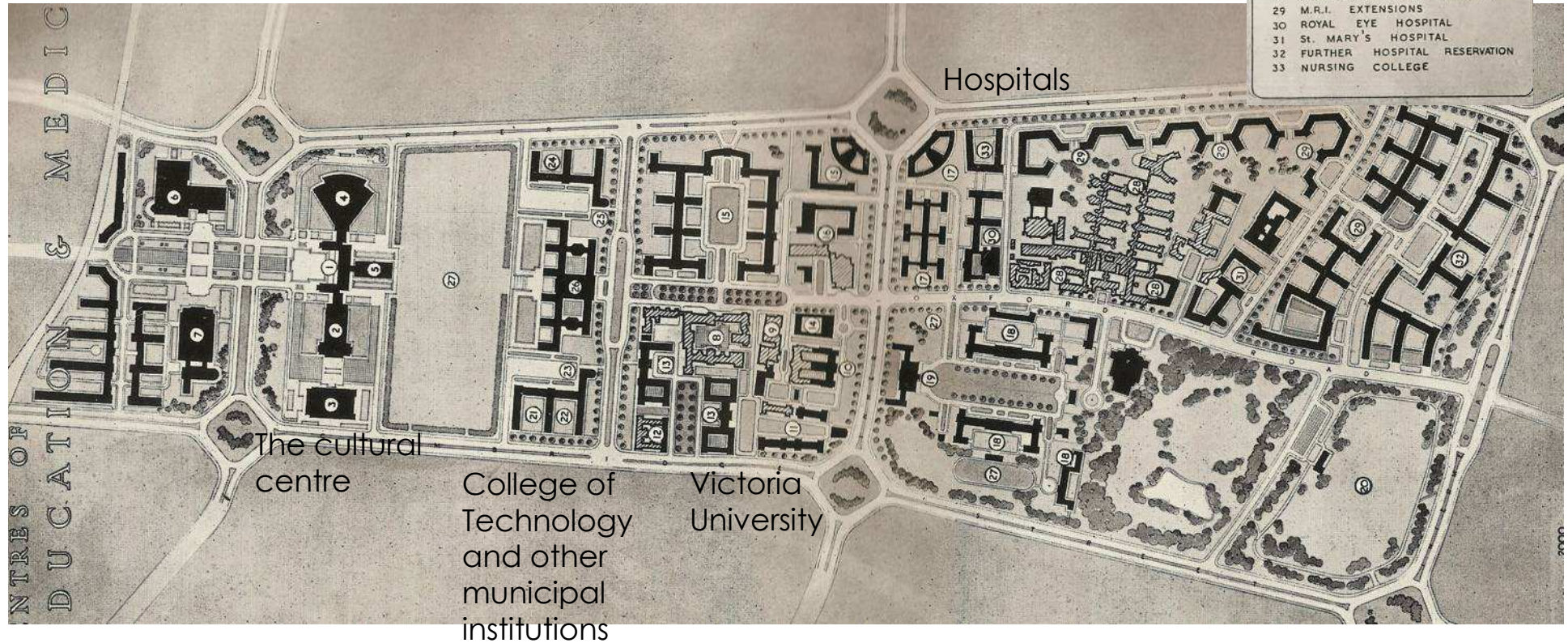
The extension to the College of Science and Technology

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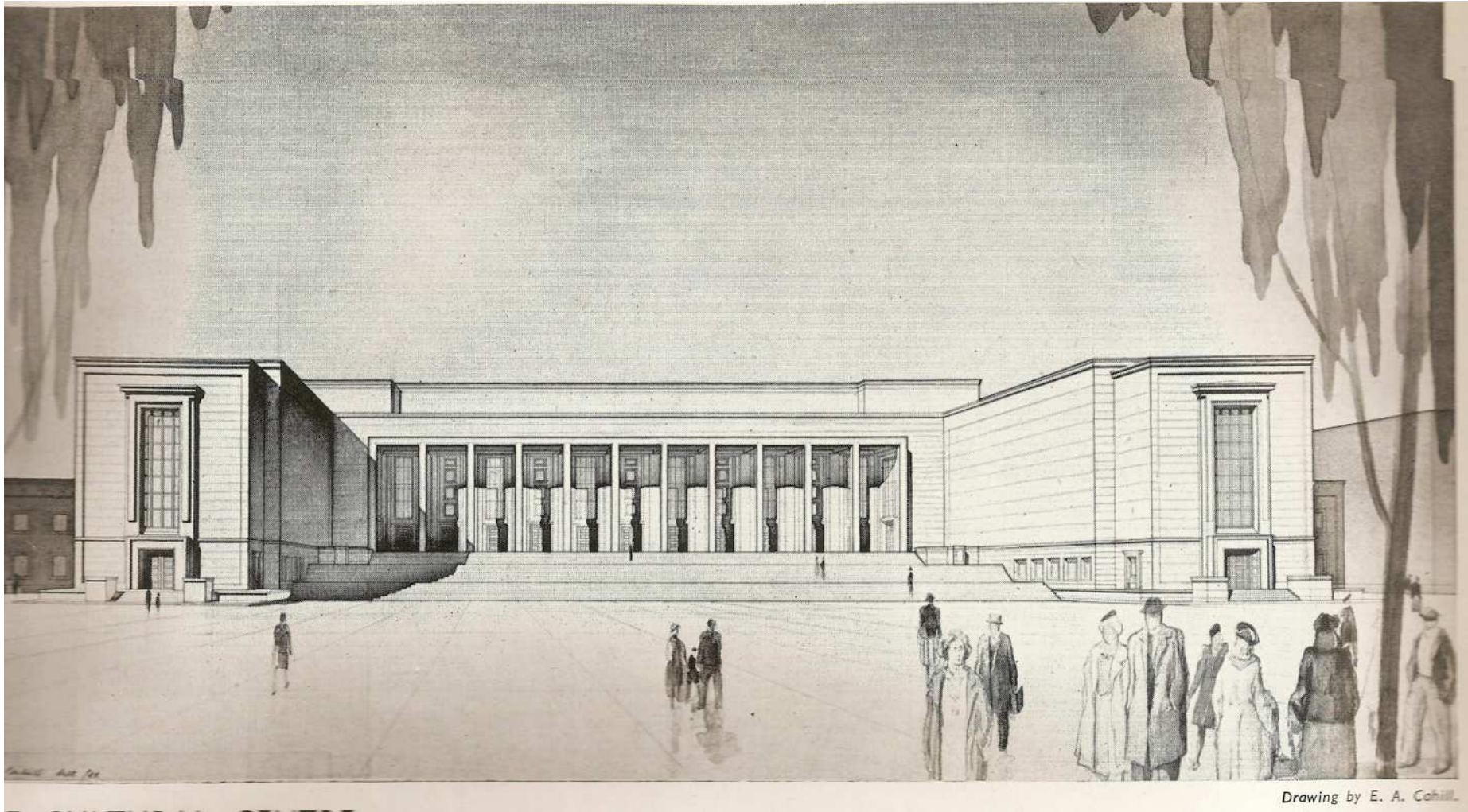


The 1945 Plan for learning, medicine and the arts

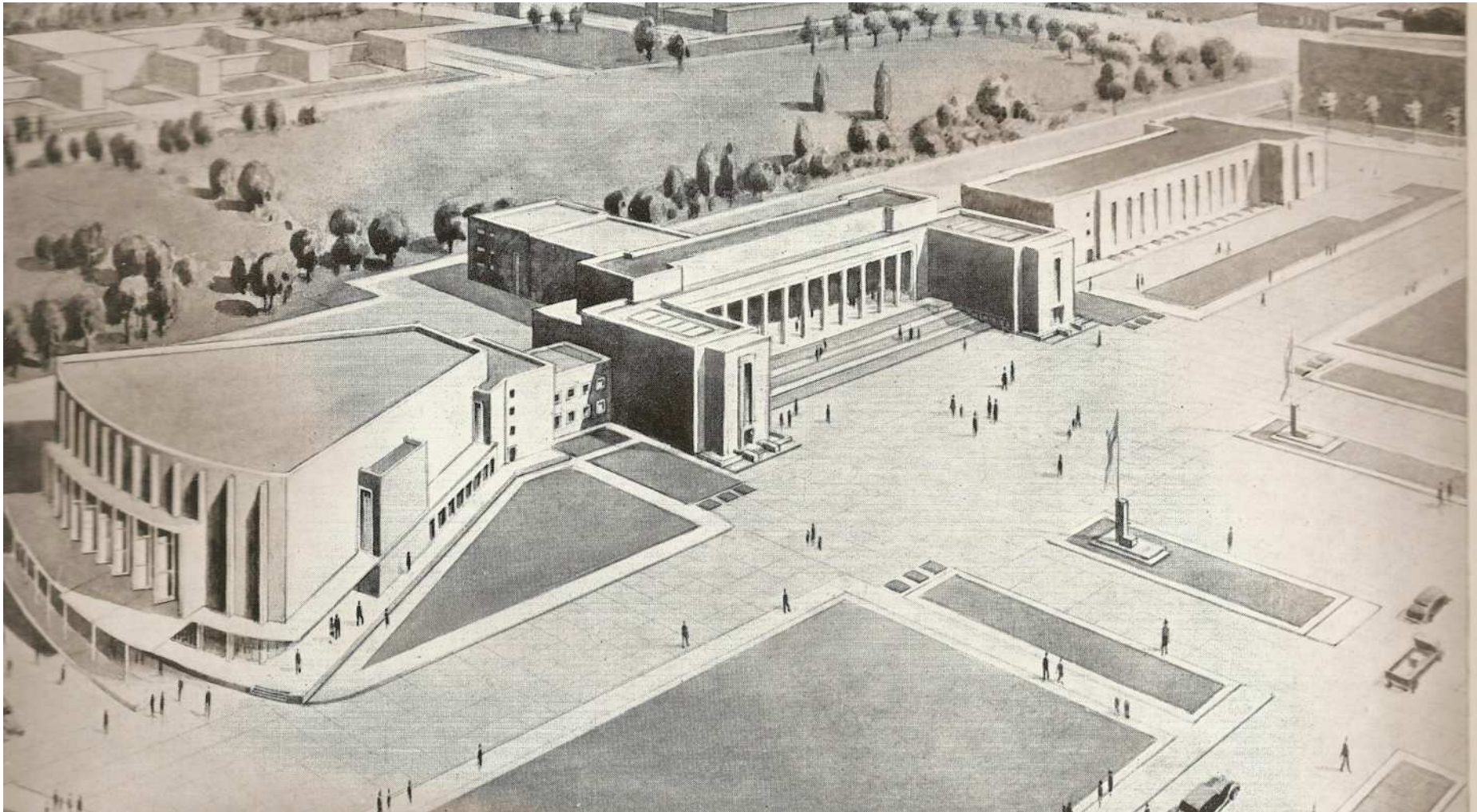
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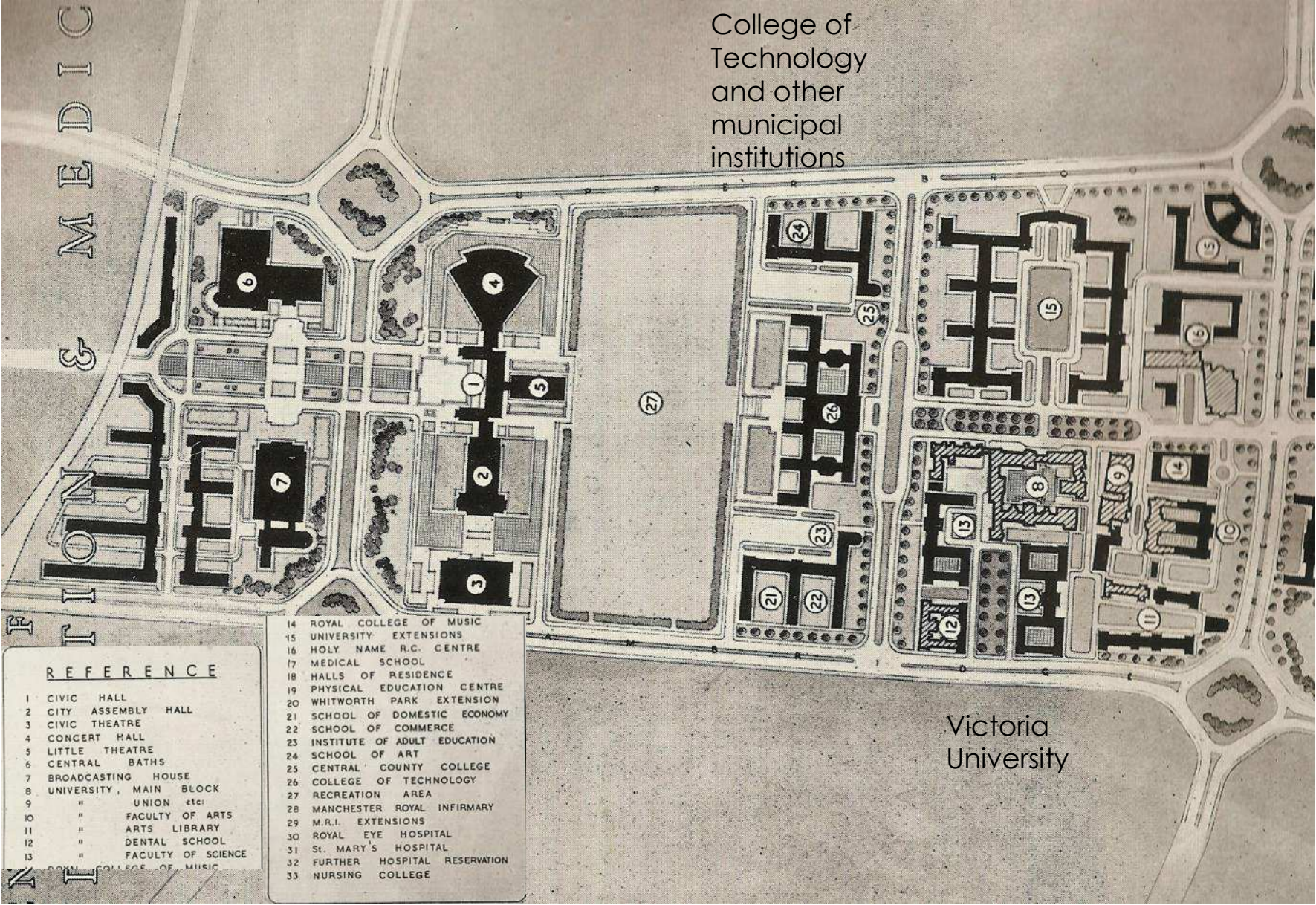
The processional way leading to the Civic Hall



The Civic Hall, Concert Hall, Assembly Hall and Park



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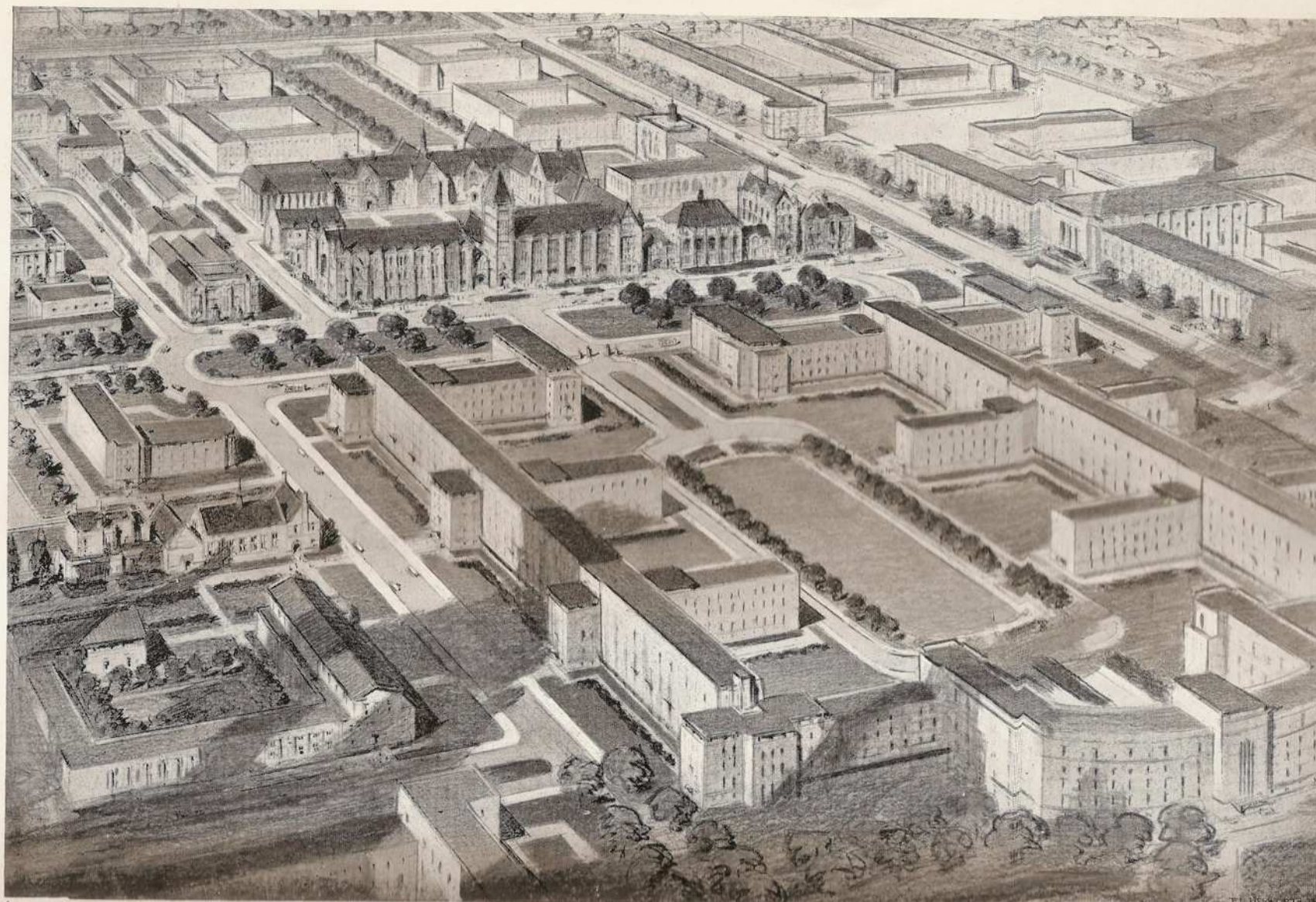
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The area around the Victoria University

Cambridge
Street

Oxford
Road



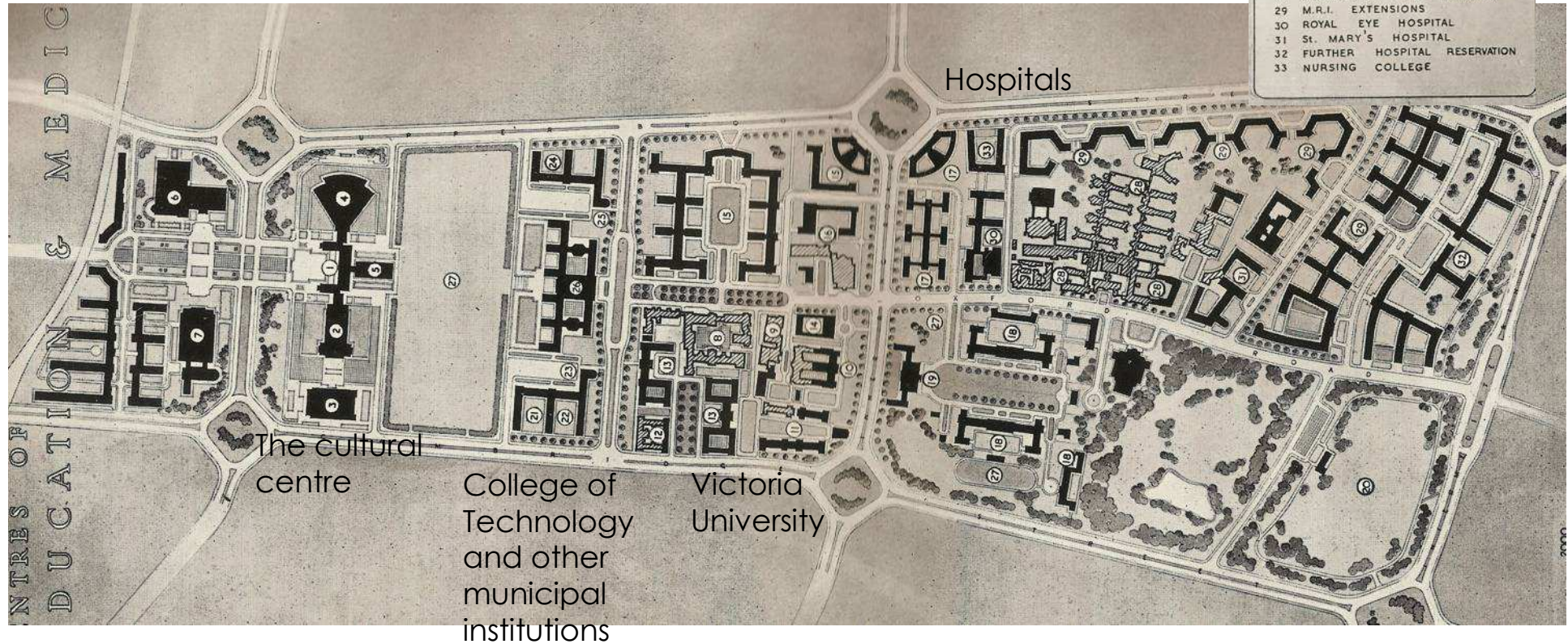
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The Hospital centre

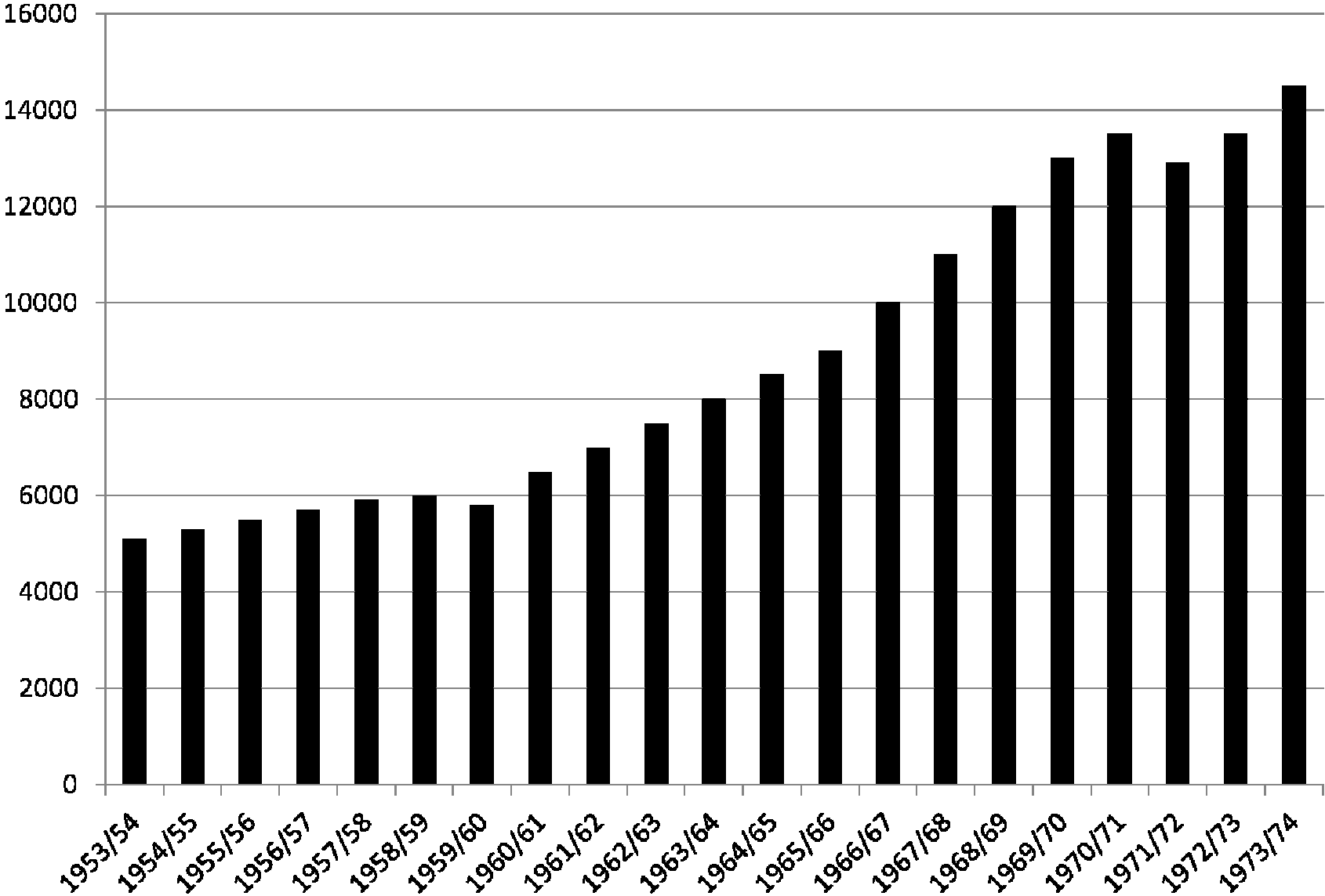


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Students at Victoria University



View towards the city, c.1960



University buildings planned before the Education Precinct Plan

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Left: Staff House, Mobberly
Tower and Refectory.

Below: Williamson building

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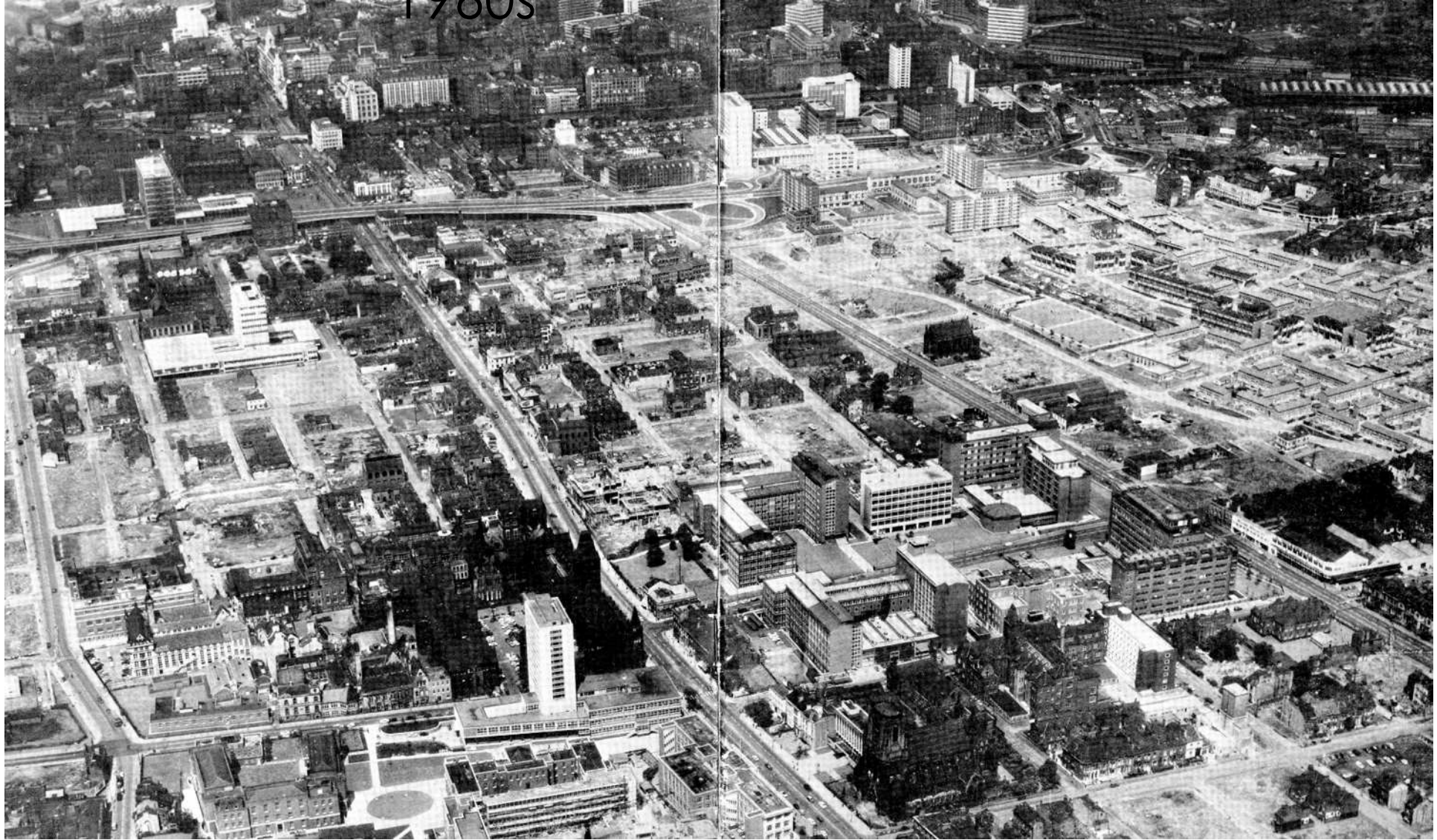
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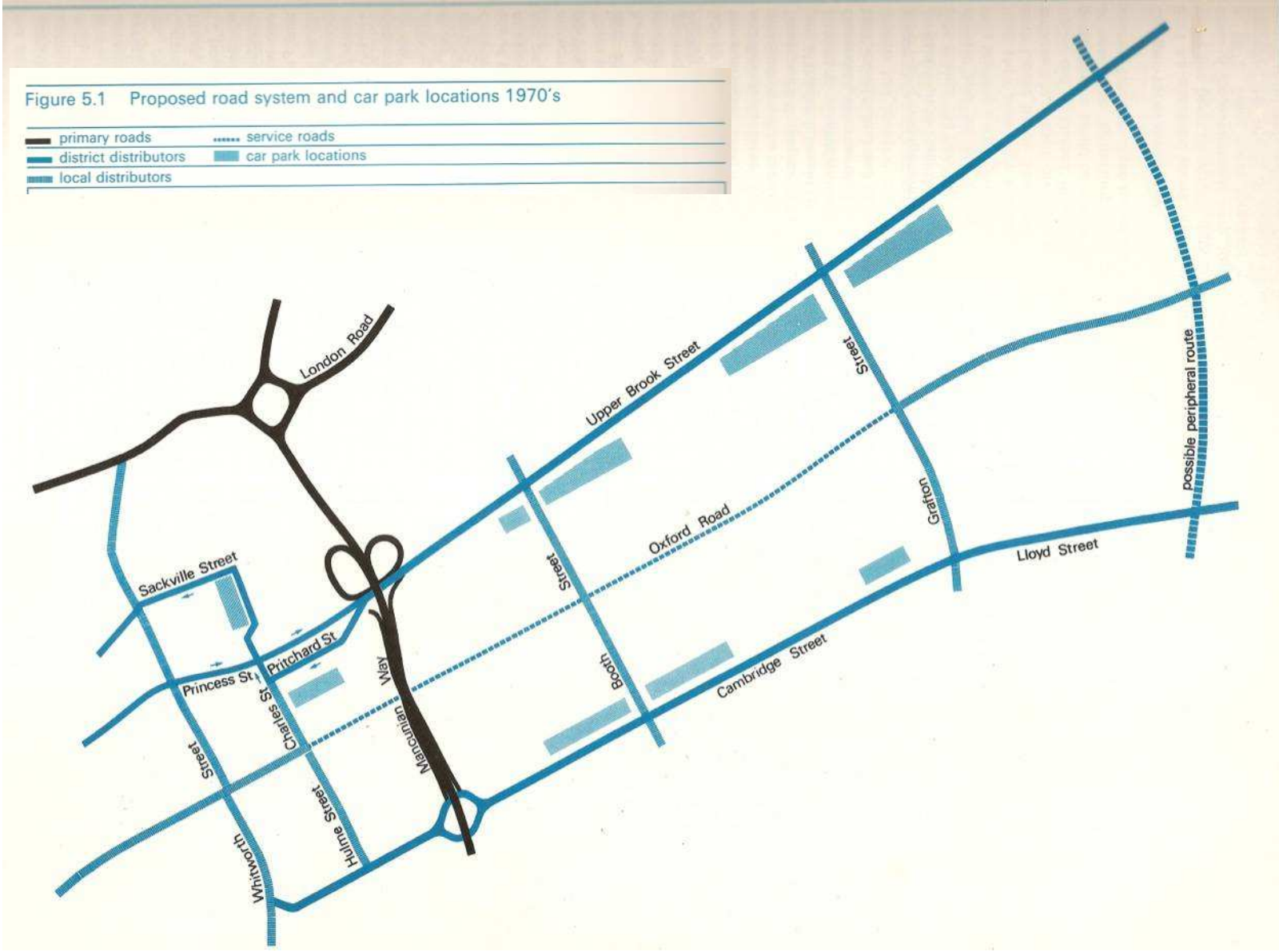
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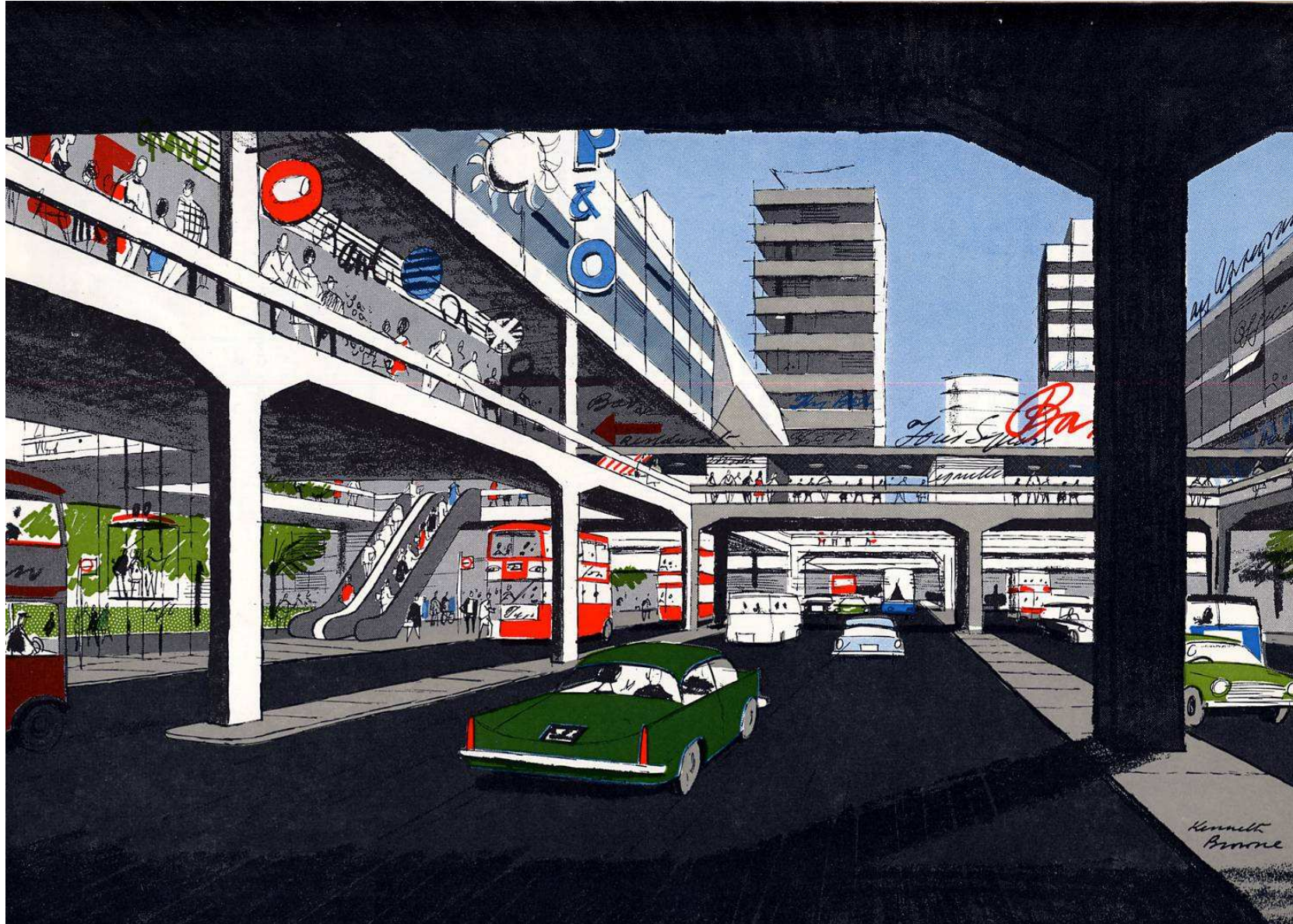
The proposed Precinct area mid 1960s



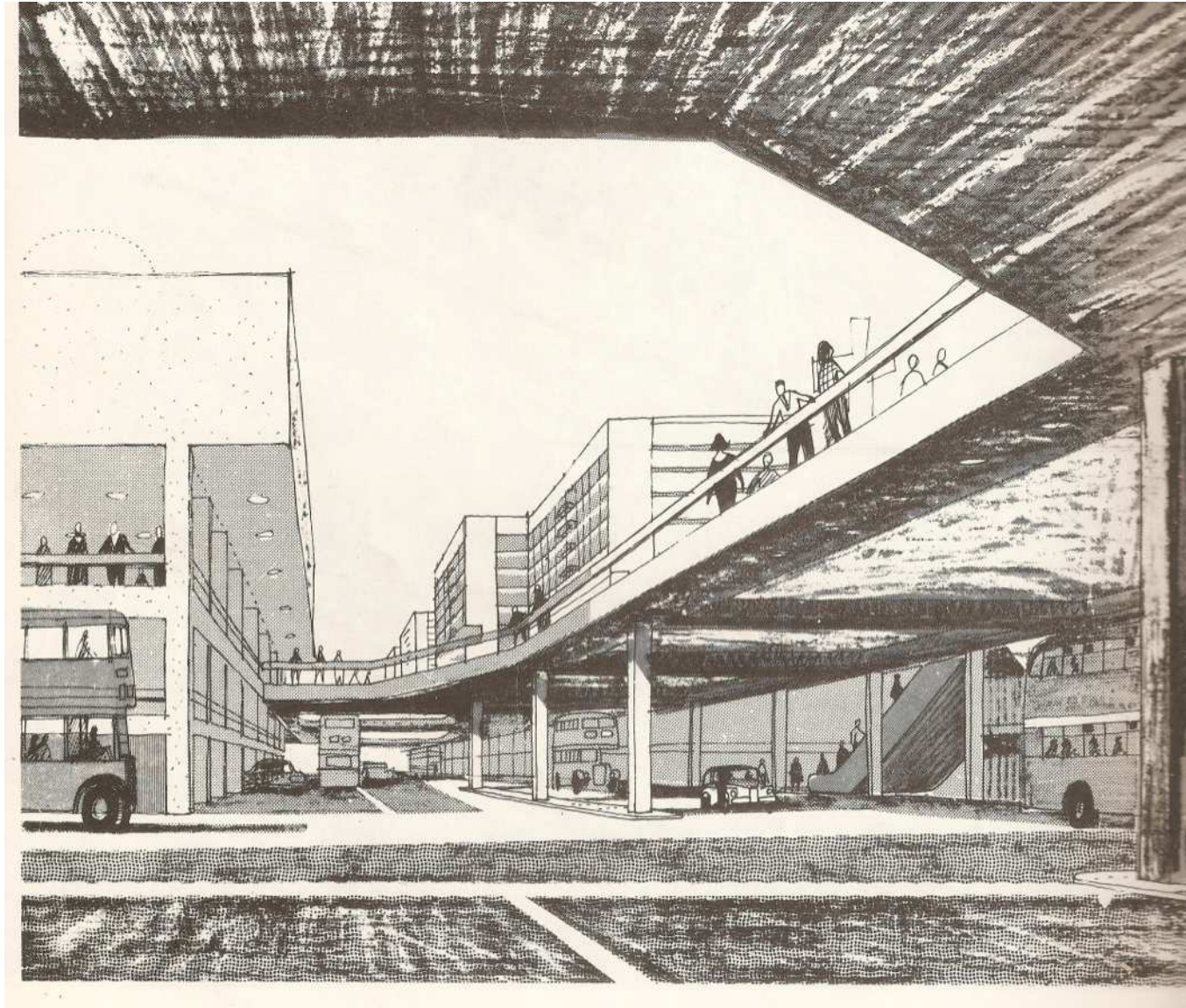
Roads plan



A vision of Buchanan's 'Traffic in towns'

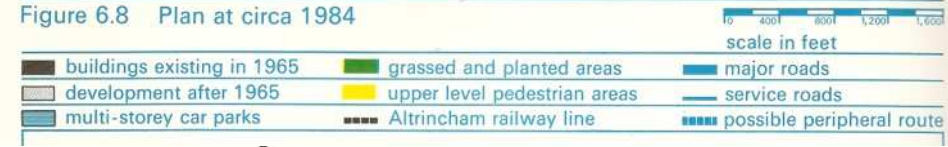


Pedestrian decking to link RNCM with student accommodation

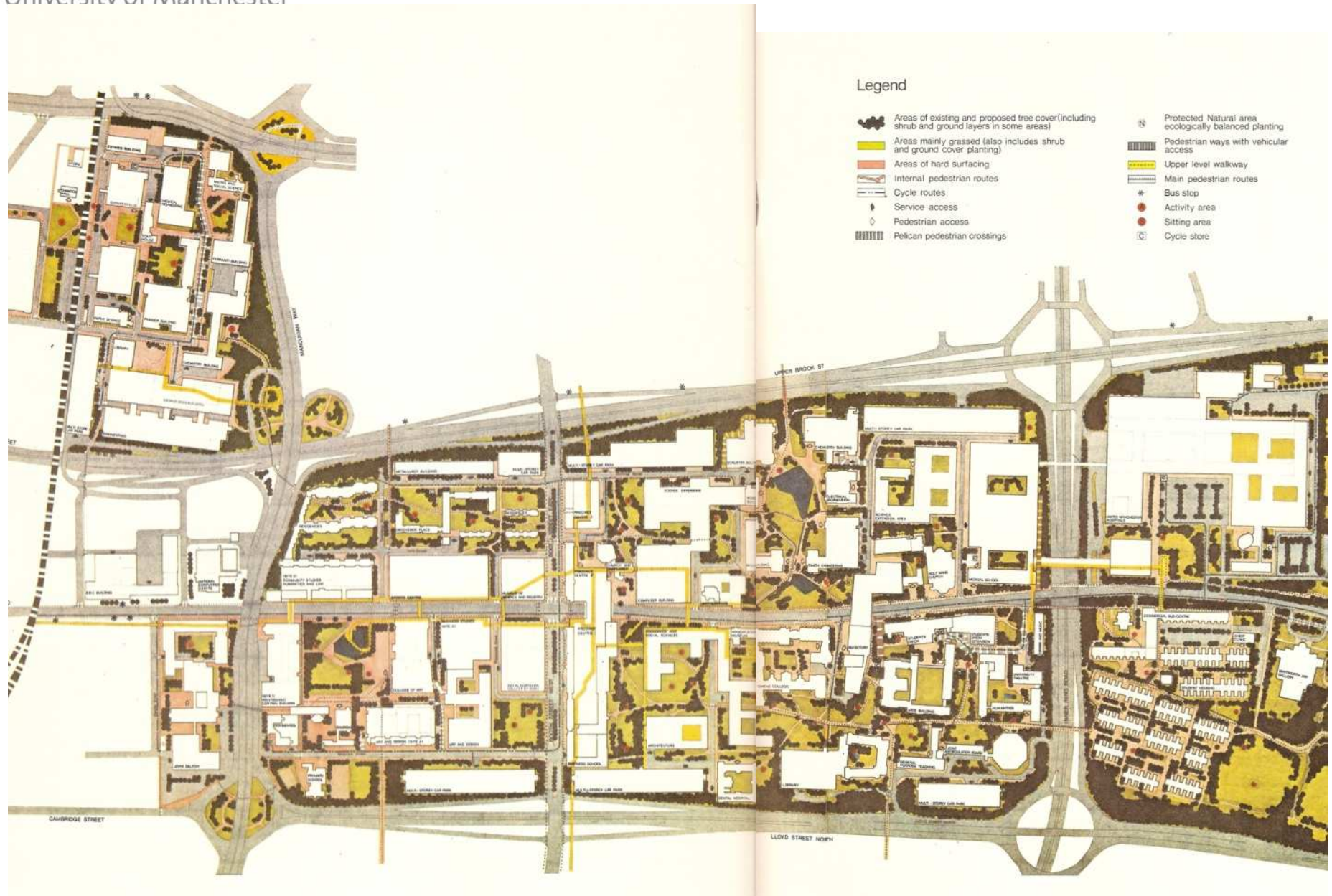


Education Precinct in 1984

Figure 6.8 Plan at circa 1984



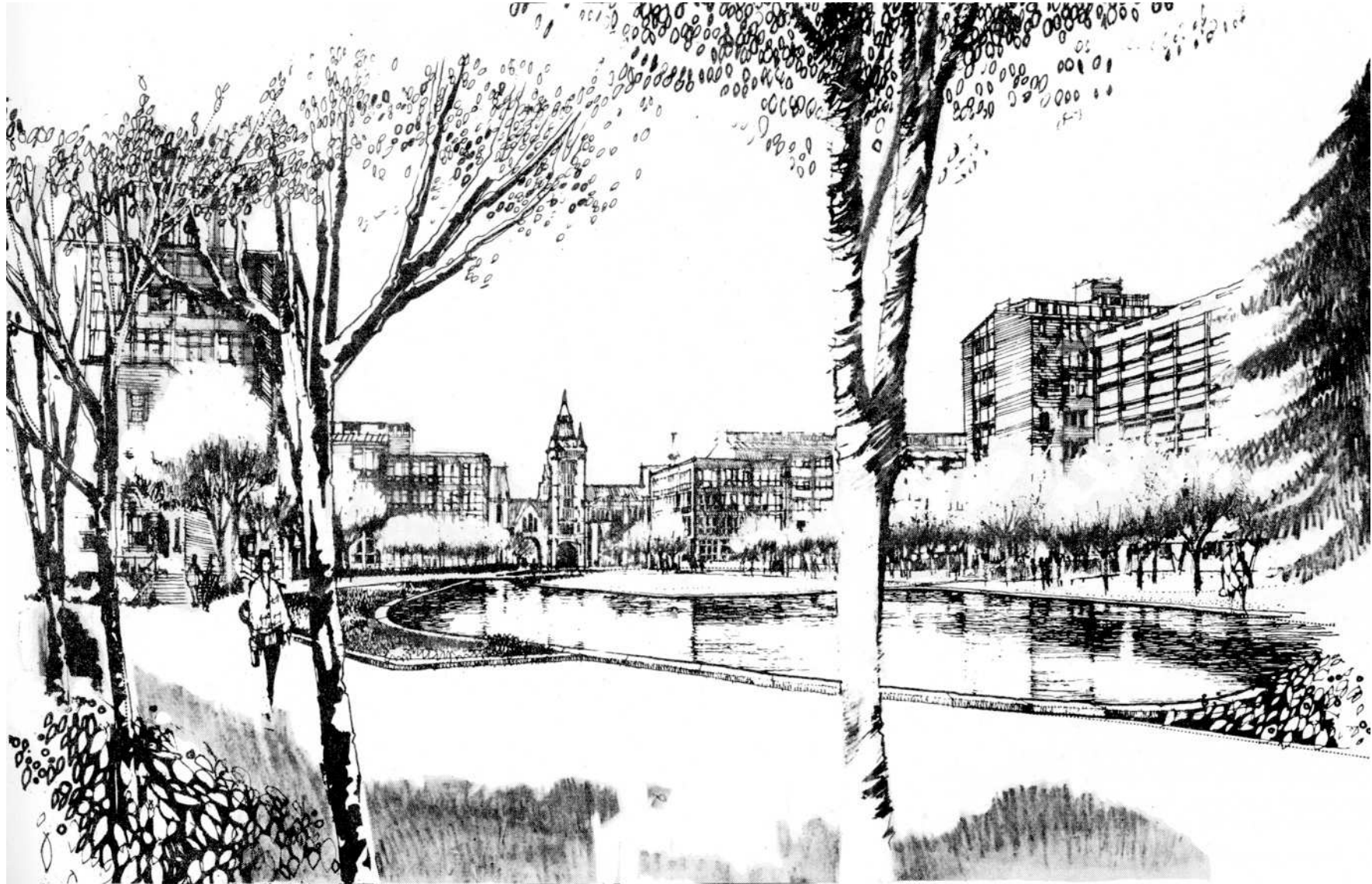
The proposed landscaping plan from the 1967 Education Precinct Plan



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Brunswick Street closed and transformed to parkland



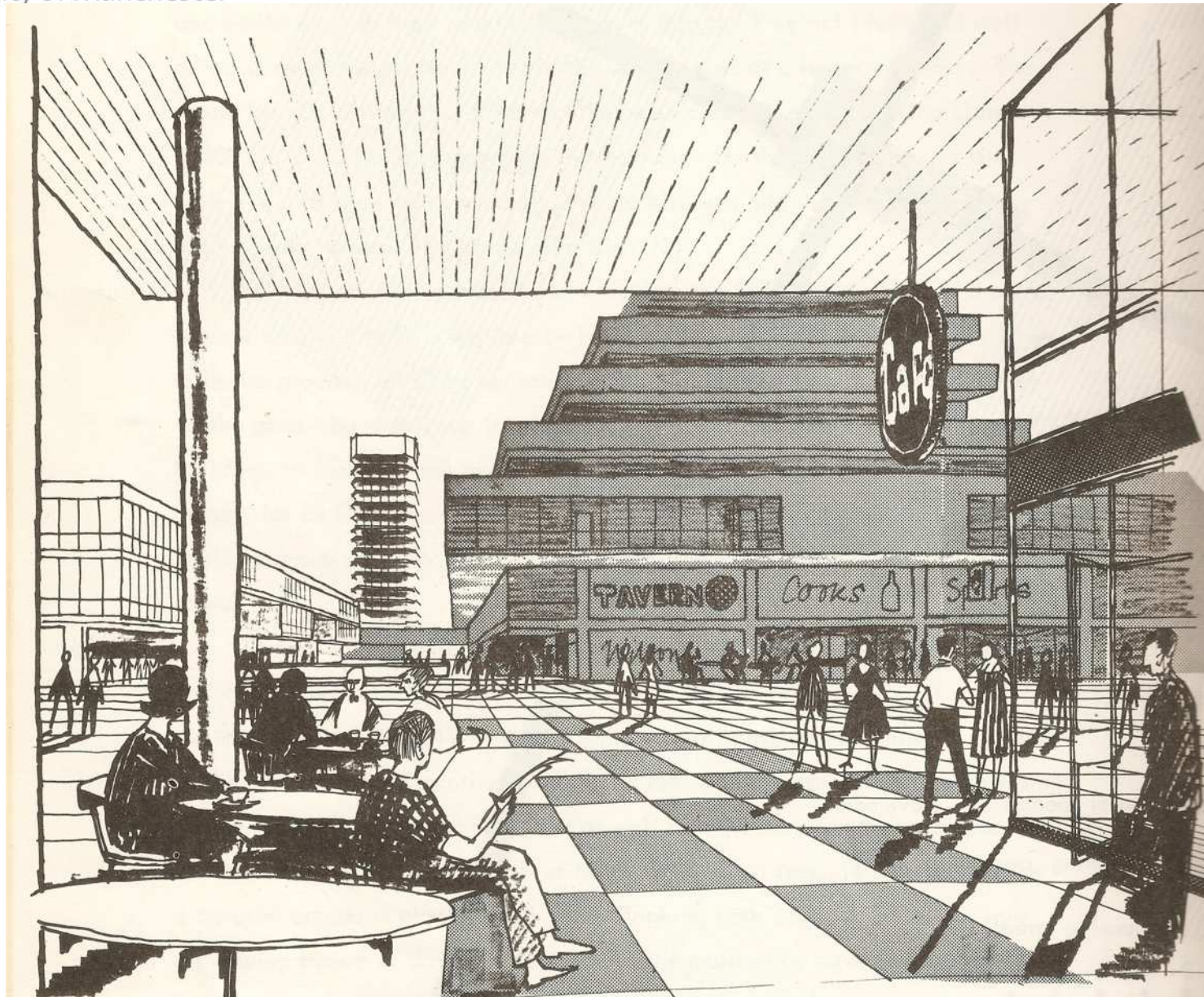
View of Maths Tower and lawn on Oxford Road



An early proposal for the Refectory crossing Oxford Road once closed

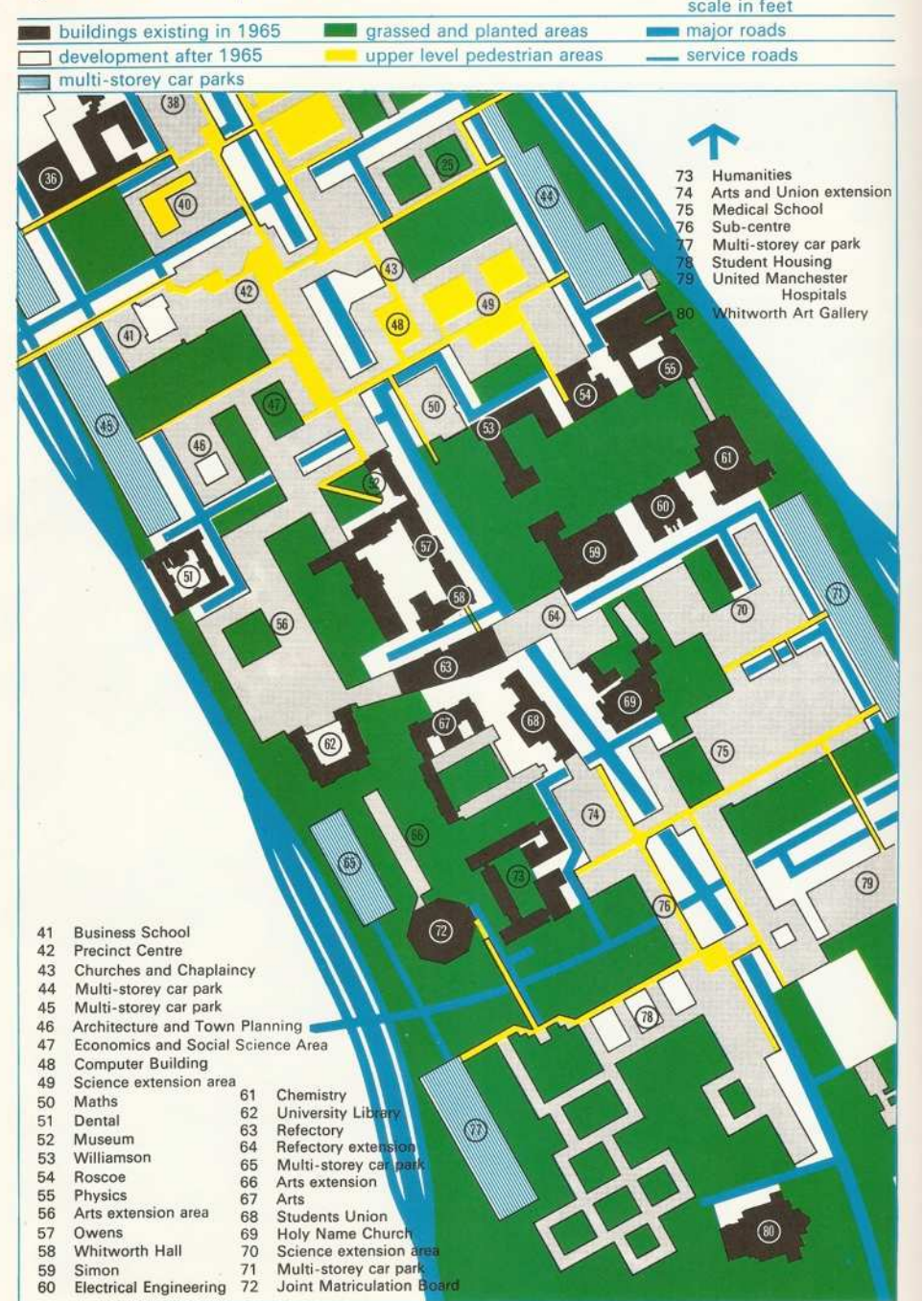


Shopping area looking south along elevated walkway to Maths Tower



Proposed University area in 1984

Figure 8.1 University area, 1984



Proposed UMIST area in 1984

Figure 9.2 Institute area, 1984

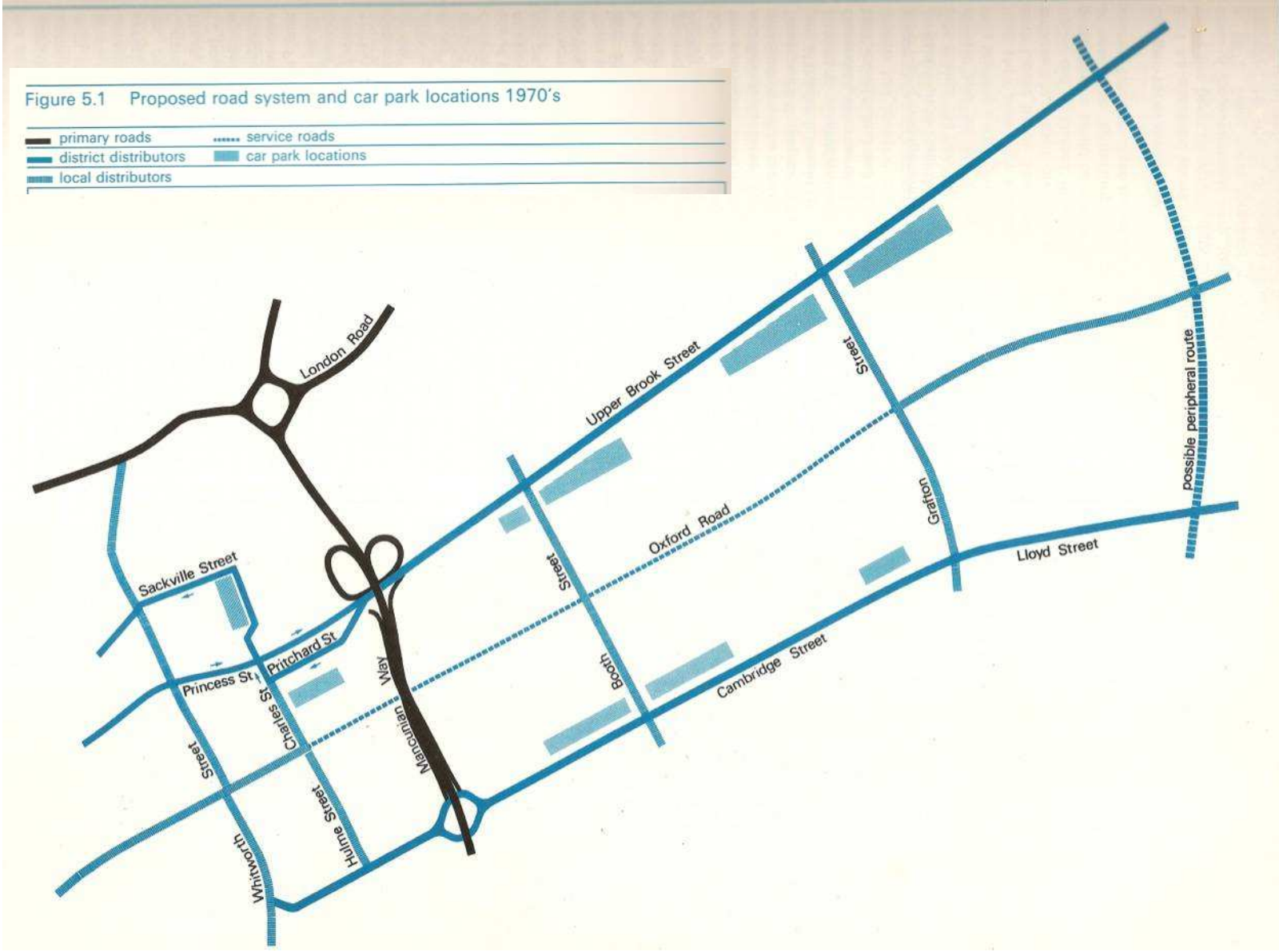




The Maths Tower,
Precinct Centre and
Medical School



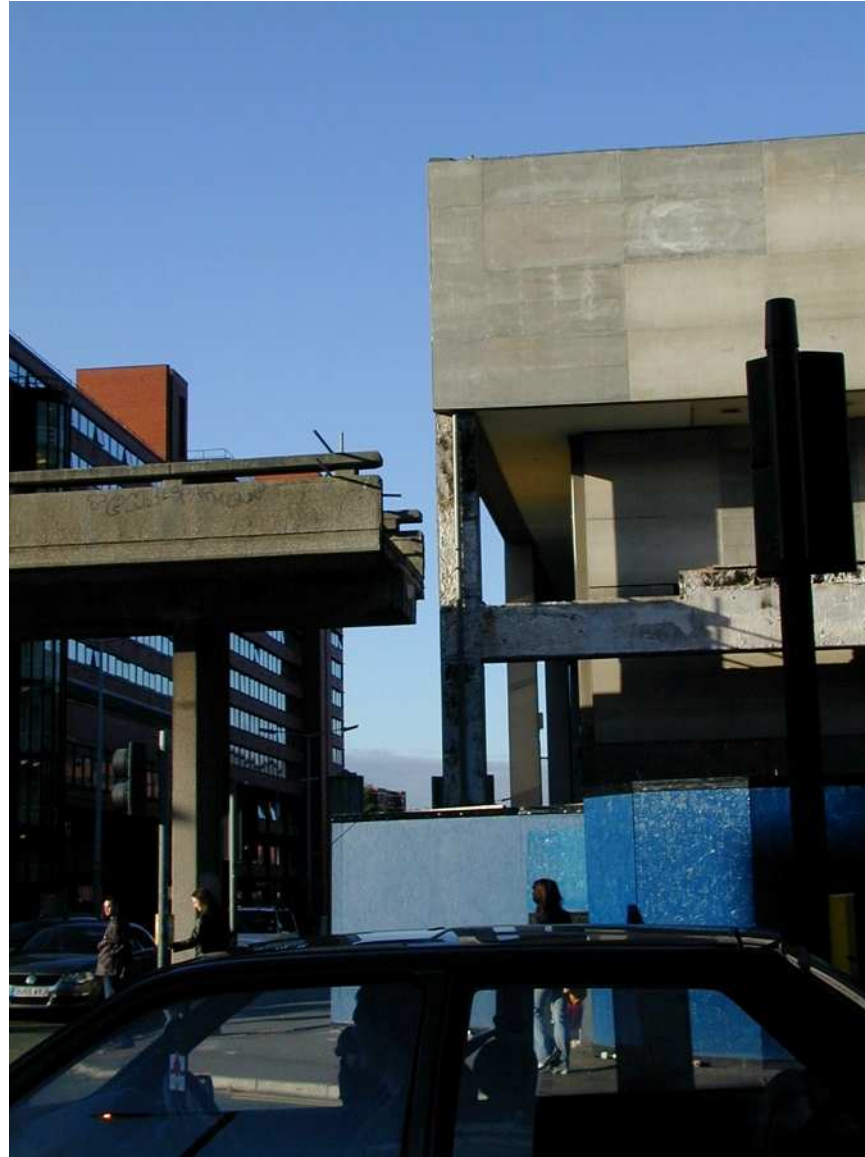
Unrealised transport



Walkway next to the Maths Tower



Demise of the walk ways



Interruption of the Polytechnic

Figure 10.1 City colleges area, 1984



Back to the future? A green corridor and partial closure of Oxford Road

