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# General Meeting

## Monday 4 May 2015

- Appleton Tower decant – update
- Alan Turing Institute
- ATI space implications
- Longer term space planning
- Budget 2015/16

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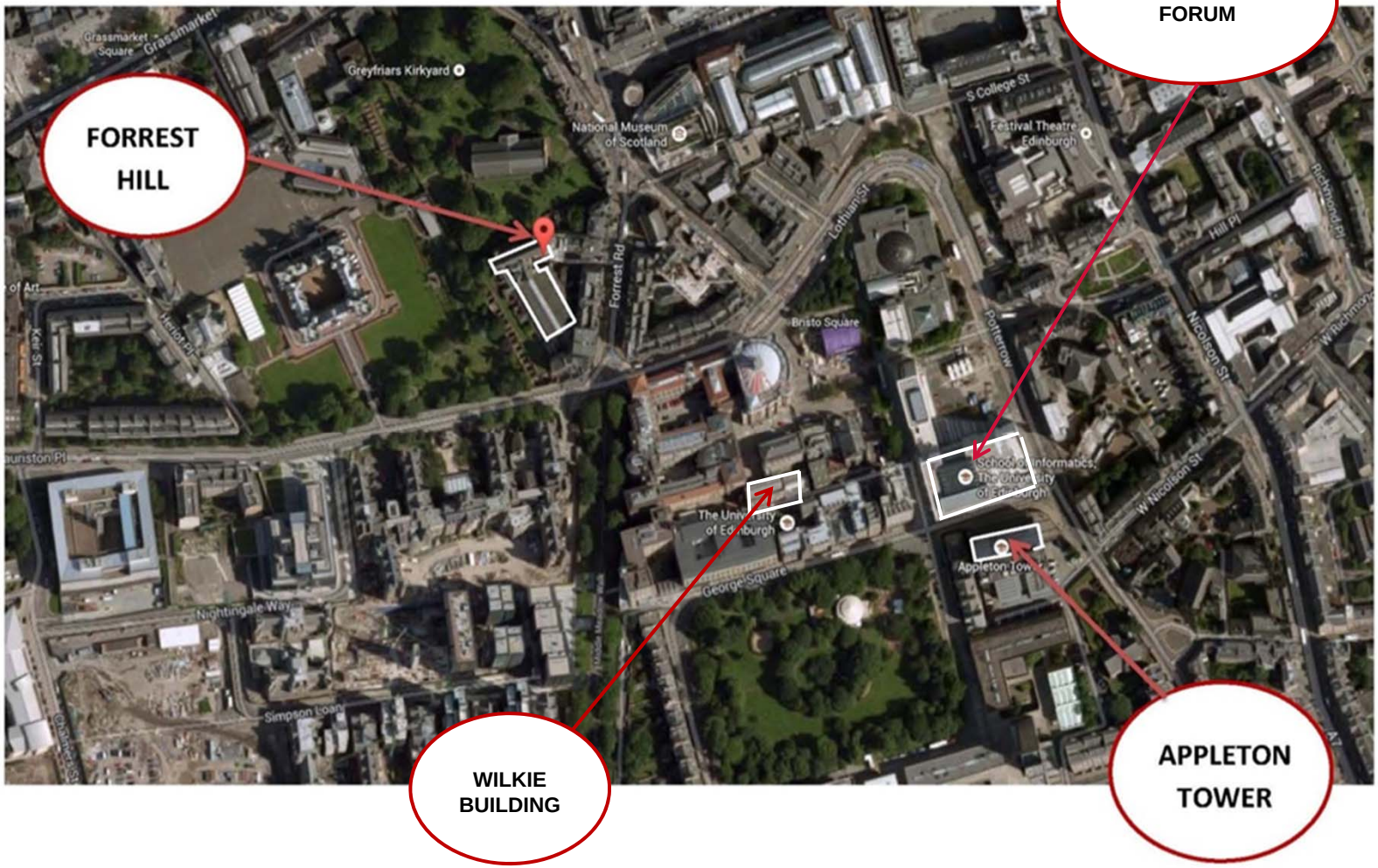
# Appleton Tower decant



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# Appleton Tower decant - key dates

- 30 April – Forrest Hill scheduled handover
  - Floors 1 and 3 complete 1 May (but access limited)
  - Ground floor due to be completed 5 May
- 15 May – Wilkie Building scheduled handover
- 15 June – Appleton Tower re-clad contract commencement date
- August 2016 – Schedule return to Appleton Tower

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# Move schedule

- Weekend Friday 22 May to Monday 25 May – graduate school moves to Forrest Hill
- Forrest Hill Drill Hall computer lab open from Monday 1 June
- Weekend Friday 29 May to Monday 1 June – commercialisation, computing support and commercial tenants move to Wilkie Building
- Appleton Tower computer labs close Friday 5 June
- Weekend Friday 12 June to Monday 15 June – teaching organisation moves to Forrest Hill

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# Logistics

- Crates delivered one week in advance
- Don’t wait for the crates to arrive – start clearing out now!
- Labels provided – add room and (where appropriate) desk number
- If it has a label it moves – no label = no move
- Pack up by Friday lunchtime – arrive Monday morning in new location; desk and crates will be waiting for you
- Crates collected two/three days after move
- Detailed instructions to be issued next week
- Storage!!!

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# General meeting – questions and answers: Appleton Tower Decant

Q. When will room numbers of colleagues moving as part of the Appleton Tower decant be communicated?

A. We will aim to have the online directory updated within a few days of them moving to their new location.

Q. Will phone numbers for Appleton Tower colleagues be changing?

A. They will remain the same.

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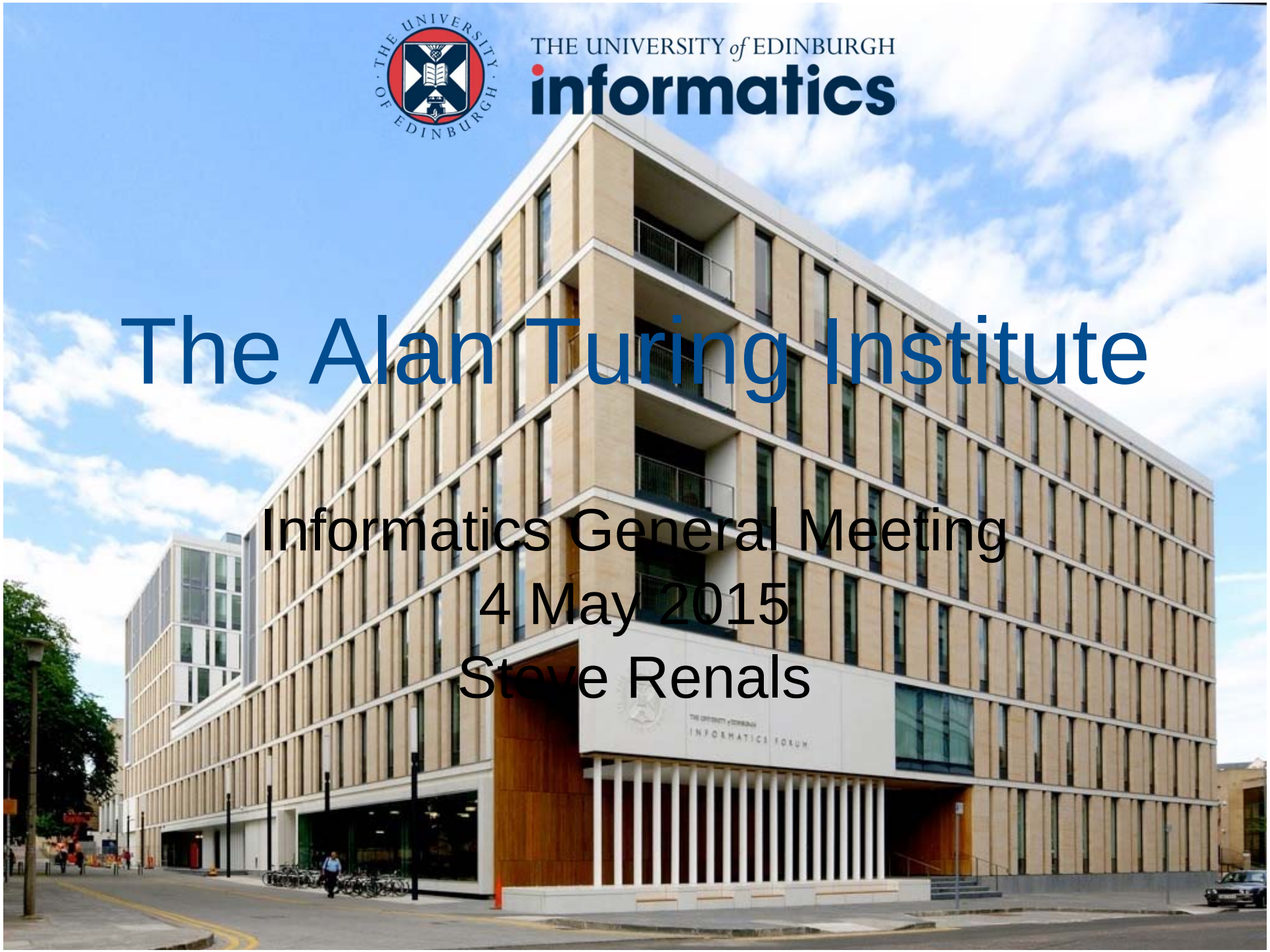
# More information

https://www.inf.ed.ac.uk/student-services/change/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# The Alan Turing Institute: What is it?

- “The UK National Institute for the Data Sciences”
- Comprises six partners – EPSRC + 5 universities
  - Cambridge
  - Edinburgh
  - Oxford
  - UCL
  - Warwick
- ‘Location Partner’: British Library, London
- Funding: £67M = £42M + £5m from each university
- Additional £10M funding from Lloyds Register Foundation

# The Alan Turing Institute: Timetable

- March 2014: announced in the Budget
- October 2014: expressions of interest submitted
- December 2014: university partners and location partner named
- March 2015: company formed and partners signed up to Joint Venture agreement
- by October 2015: director appointed, institute up and running, programmes started

# The Alan Turing Institute: Ethos

- Foundational & Translational Research in data science (covering at least computing/informatics, maths, information engineering, relevant social science aspects)
  - mutually reinforcing relationship
  - translation to industry and to other academic disciplines
- Reproducible research & data collaboration
- Ethical and responsible innovation

# The Alan Turing Institute: What will it do?

- Activities
  - Thematic programmes
  - Visiting/seconded staff
  - Fellowships
  - Research workshops
  - Training: CDT? Masters? CPD?
- Director + Programme Committee* will make decisions
- Open call to partners

* Interim committee has 3 reps/partner;
Edinburgh reps are Ben Leimkuhler (Maths), Steve Renals (Informatics), Robin Williams (Social & Political Sciences)

# The Alan Turing Institute: IDSE

- Edinburgh activities organised through IDSE – Institute for Data Science and Engineering. Involves
  - Informatics
  - Mathematics
  - CDT in Data Science
  - EPCC
  - Engineering
- Will coordinate foundational & translational research in data science

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# Alan Turing Institute in the Forum

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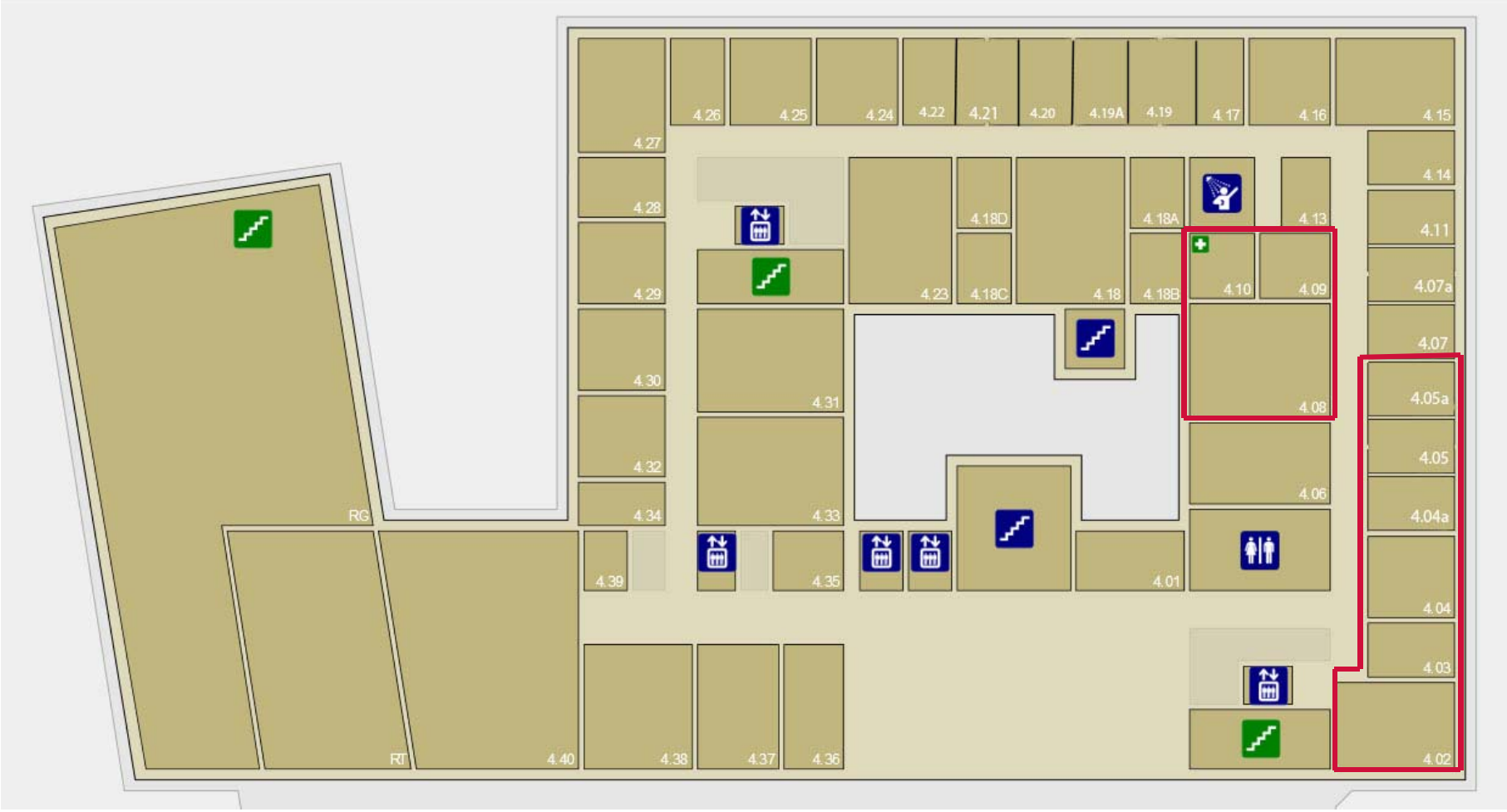


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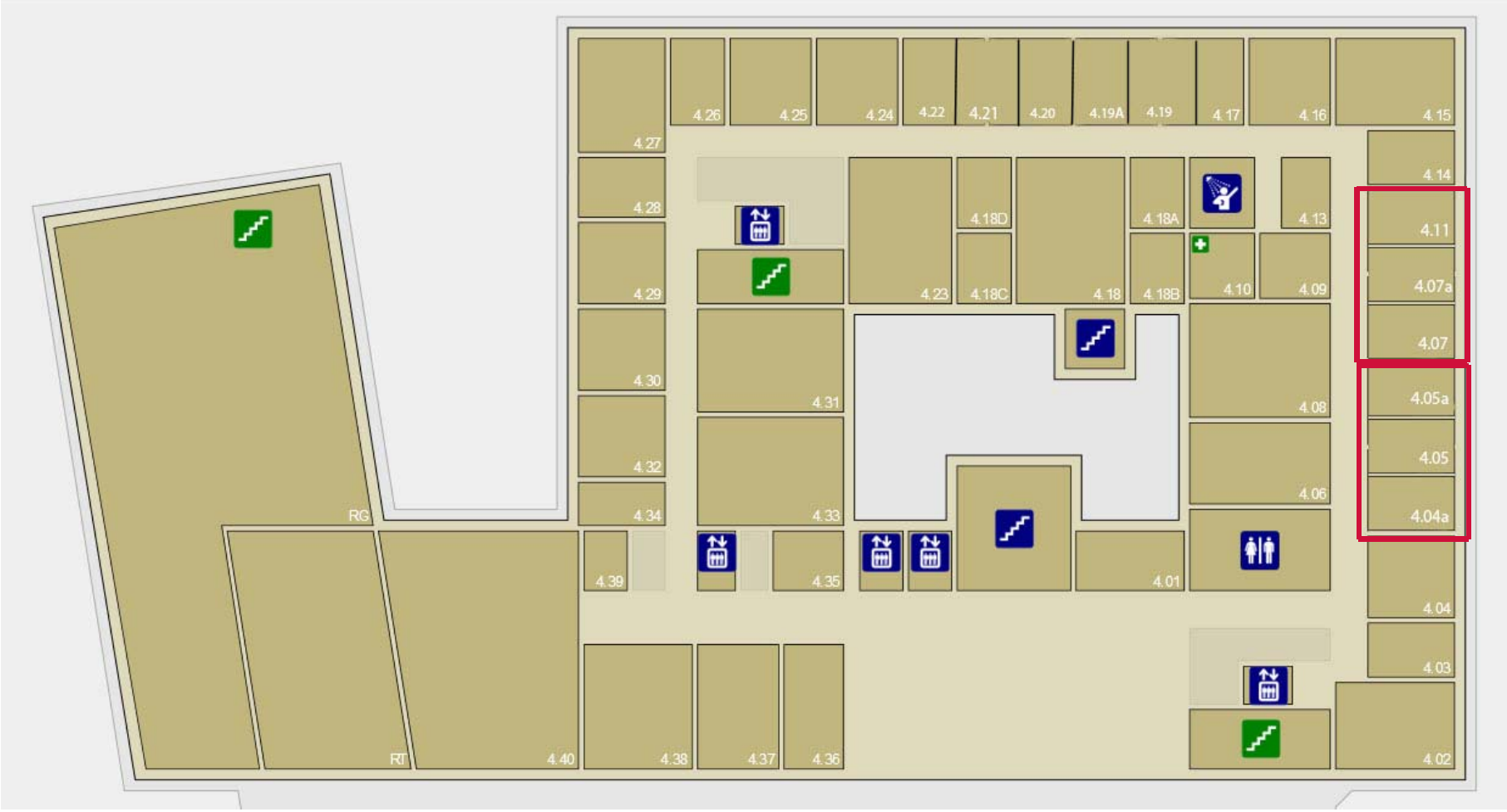
# Floor 4 - reconfiguration

Ground floor | Floor 1 | Floor 2 | Floor 3 | **Floor 4** | Floor 5 | Basement



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# Floor 2 - reconfiguration

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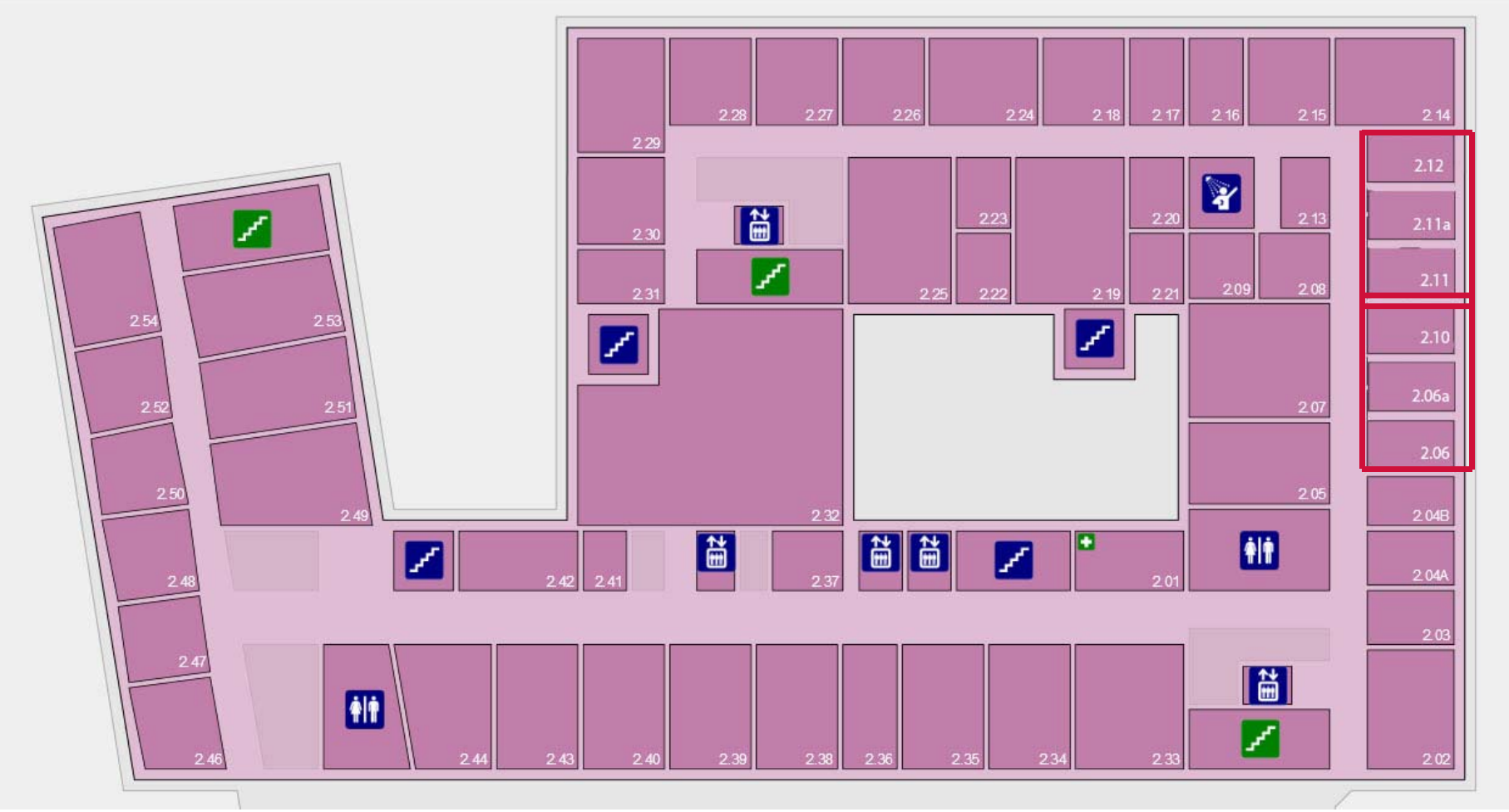

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# Floor 5 - reconfiguration

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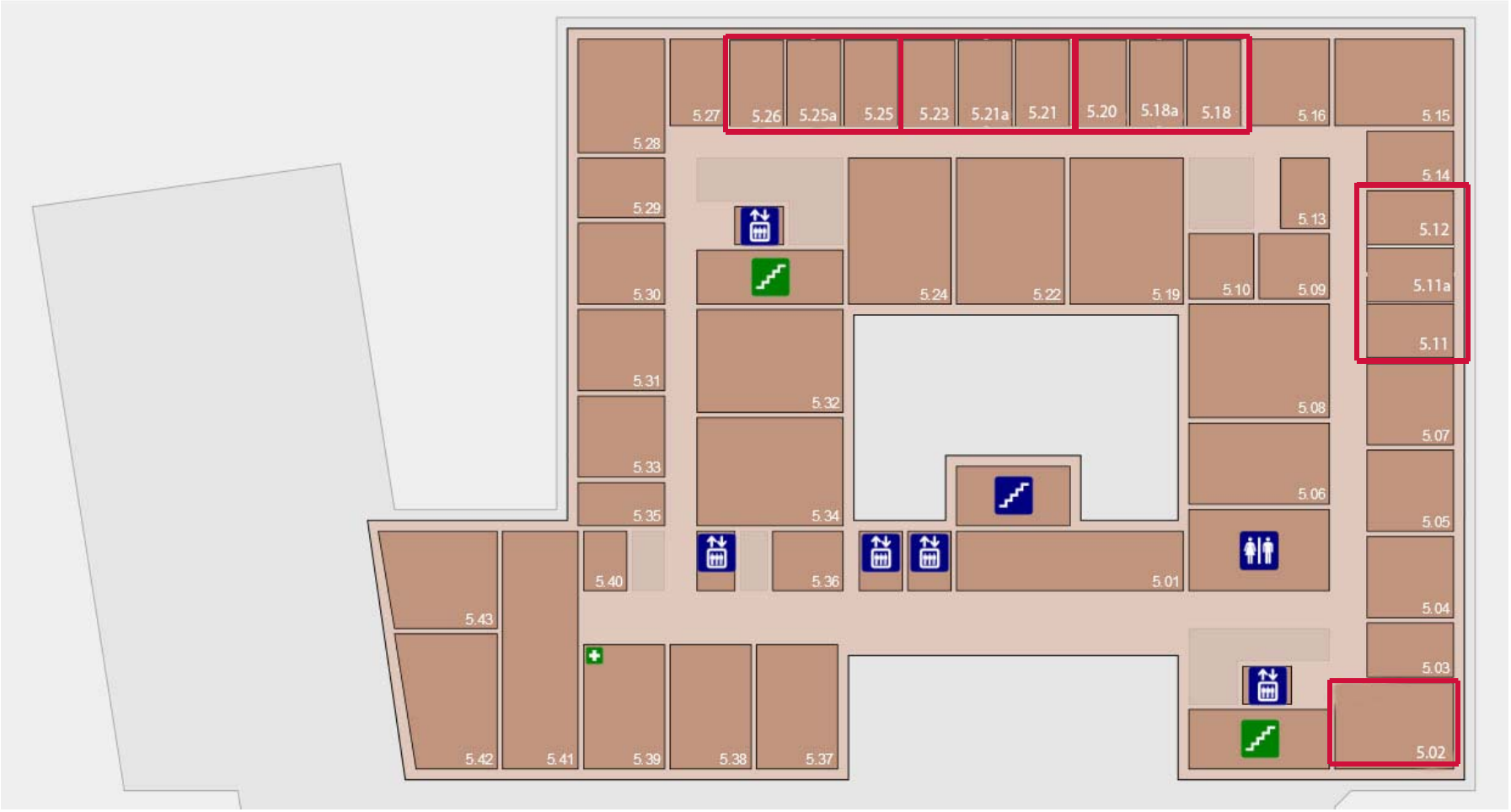

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# ATI reconfiguration – schedule (provisional)

- Contractor appointment: 18 May 2015
- Start date: 29 June 2015
- Completion date: 21 August 2015
- Works schedule:
  - Level 5 west
  - Level 5 south
  - Level 4
  - Level 2

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# ATI reconfiguration – to do

- Individual consultation with those impacted:
  - Finalise new locations
  - Furniture and fittings preferences
  - Decant/re-location scheduling
  - Move logistics
- Project planning with Estates & Buildings, architects (Bennetts) and contractors (once appointed)
- Burohappold undertaking services planning

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# Longer term space planning

- Informatics Forum presently at capacity
- Requirement for further ‘3 for 2’ conversions
  - In turn leads to requirement for more small meeting rooms
- Requirement to reconfigure PGR rooms
  - Smaller desks
  - Revised layout
  - Consultation planned (learn lessons from IF 1.19)
  - Possible first reconfiguration as part of ‘ATI’ works
- Also need to plan services (power, light, heating, ventilation, data)

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# Other space options

- Potterow 3 – ‘Data Technology Institute’ – planned for late 2018
  - Re-location of ATI space
  - New space for Robotics
  - Additional space for Informatics
- Reconfiguration of space within Appleton Tower
  - Teaching utilisation already higher than benchmarks
  - Better utilisation of space (teaching/labs/tutorials)
  - Relocation of some Commercialisation activity to DTI???
- Bennetts (architects) undertaking space study – final report due soon

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# General meeting – questions and answers: Informatics Forum

Q. Will there be work done on the third floor in the space between Informatics and Linguistics?

A. Johanna is scheduling a meeting with the new head of PPLS and this will be brought up.

Q. What plans have been made for student offices?

A. We will be consulting with students to find out what works and what doesn't in their offices and look into better ways to maximise space in student offices.

Q. Will the increase in people in the Forum bring with it an increase in the number of meeting rooms?

A. Some rooms in the Forum can't be converted into smaller offices and we will look in to using these as additional meeting rooms.

Q. What will be done about soundproofing the new offices? Will we be able to add shelving to more than one wall?

A. The ventilation grills will be improved and heavier density boarding used. The walls will be higher which will improve soundproofing. There will be no change to the arrangements for shelving.

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Q. Does ISDE's space within the Forum include meeting space and will we be able to use their space?

A. 4.02 will be their boardroom and will be set up with videoconference facilities. We would hope that any free space within the Forum could be used by residents of the Forum.

Q. Do we have square foot usage information by Institute – can we tell who is using what space?

A. No. We allocate according to need not Institute.