

BRITISH STEEL CORPORATION

TEESSIDE DIVISION



STEEL HOUSE

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A PRELIMINARY VIEW OF
THE NEW HEADQUARTERS
FOR THE TEESSIDE DIVISION OF
BRITISH STEEL CORPORATION

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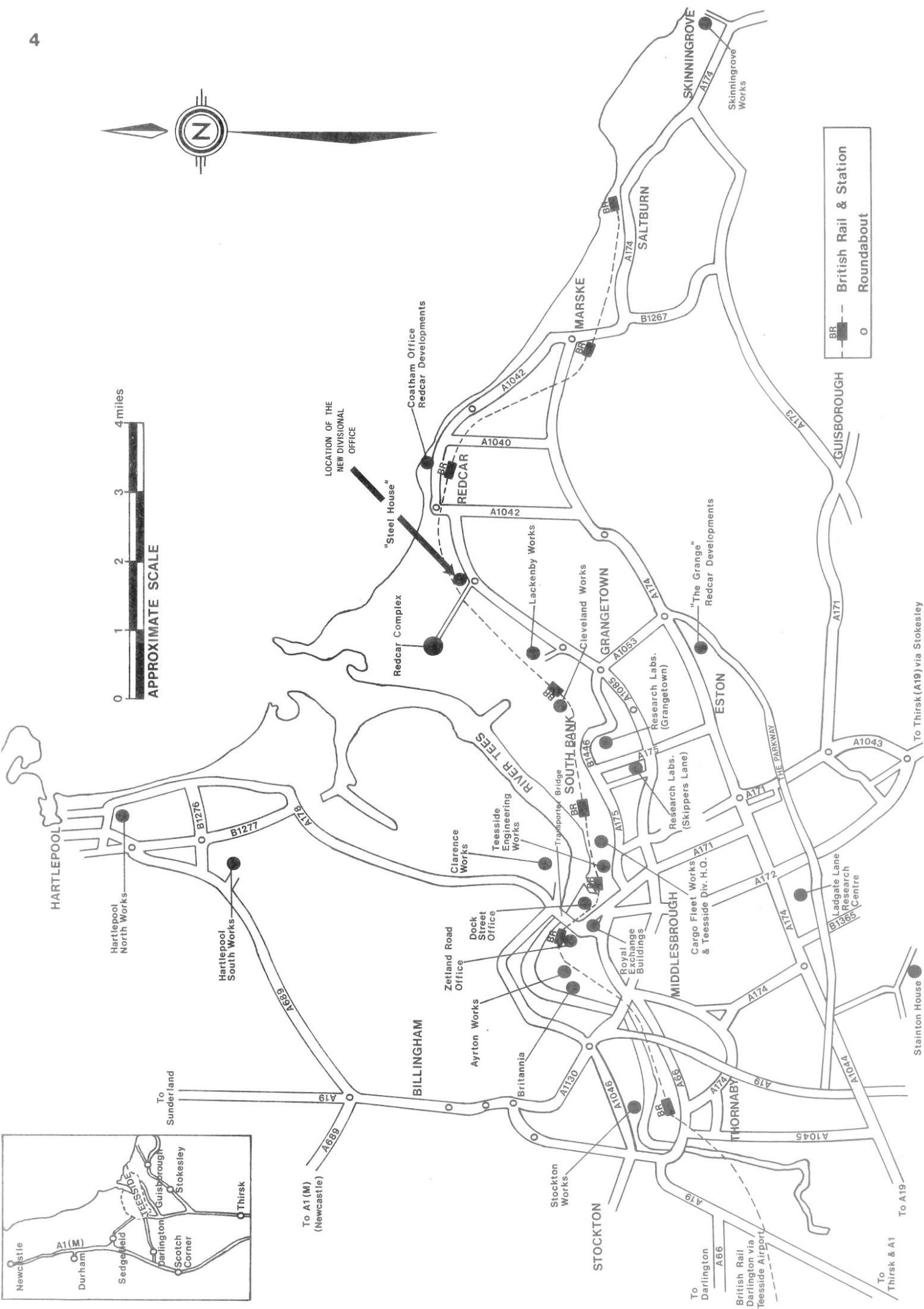
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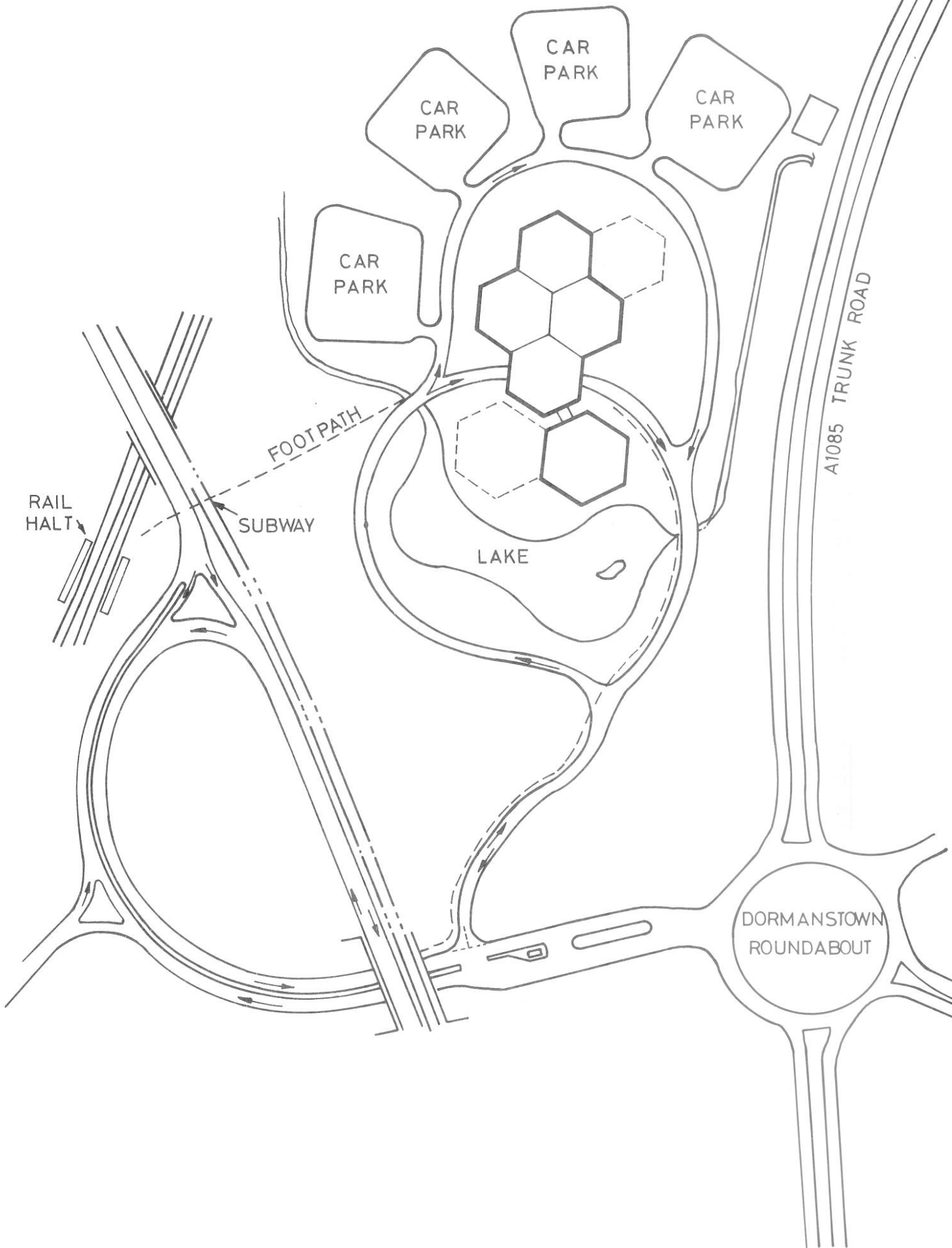
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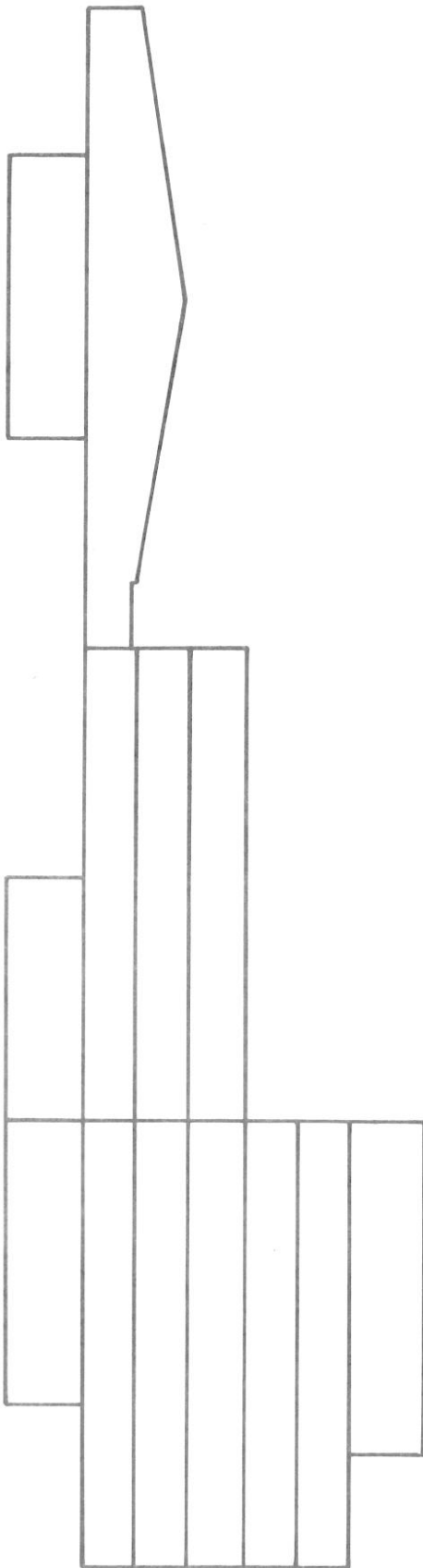


ARCHITECTS IMPRESSION





SECTIONAL VIEW THROUGH BUILDING



INTRODUCTION

1. The new Divisional Headquarters building, Steel House, scheduled for completion by late summer 1977, is a structure of a type which will be unfamiliar to most of the staff who will ultimately work there.
2. This booklet is intended therefore as an introduction to the building and to serve as a general guide to the main facilities offered. It does not attempt to specify in detail all the arrangements necessary to the smooth and efficient running of the building. To date only general principles have been agreed and these are now being developed into detailed plans, which will be published following further joint consultation.

THE SITE (See pages 4 and 5)

3. The office is in the centre of a 29 acre plot adjacent to the Trunk Road (A1085) just north of the Dormanstown Roundabout. A ridge of varying height, grassed over and dotted with trees and shrubs forms a screen between the building, the road and the Works site. An access road approaches through a cutting in the ridge and gives a sudden view of the building set on the far side of a small lake.

THE BUILDING (See page 3)

4. The basic structure is a series of interlinked hexagons designed for landscaped open areas. The concept of open plan offices has been further developed with more informal arrangement of furniture as opposed to the more traditional regimented layouts of the past. We have arranged for the introduction of efficient sound proofing, improved lighting techniques, effective air conditioning and a new range of purpose designed furniture. This furniture is from the 'Programme' range by Lucas, finished in light oak. Coloured screens are available to give additional decoration, as well as visual and acoustic privacy. Wardrobe facilities are included within the furniture close to work stations.
5. The total concept of the building has been carefully planned by the architects, each item and colour being selected and matched in an integrated design. The main floors are covered throughout with carpet tiles and the walls hung with hessian. It is intended to add further decoration by arranging to acquire pictures which will be changed periodically.

ACCESS

6. (a) By Car

Four car parks, capable of accommodating up to 800 vehicles, are positioned around the building. Provision is included for visitors' cars, invalid carriages and bicycles closer to the main entrance.

(b) British Rail Line

The British Rail line from Saltburn to Darlington is to be repositioned nearer to Steel House and a new halt should be in operation by the summer of 1978. A footpath connecting the halt and the office will pass over the encircling ridge. The total distance between office and halt is expected to be no more than 50 yards greater than that to the furthestmost point of the car park.

(c) By Bus

Adjacent to the Rail Halt there will be a bus station for passengers using Cleveland Transit, United and internal Works buses.

GENERAL FACILITIES

7. The building has a central core which houses the lifts, staircases, toilets, small conference rooms, off-floor filing and service ducts to all main operational floors of the building.

GROUND FLOOR

8. The ground floor comprises:-

(a) Entrance Foyer/Waiting Area

Entrance to the building is via electrically operated plateglass doors opening into the main foyer. This contains the main reception desk, a waiting area and six small interview booths.

(b) Lecture Theatre/Main Conference Room

The entrance to the lecture theatre, which can accommodate 150 people and is fitted with a range of audio visual equipment, is to the right of the reception desk.

GROUND FLOOR (Cont.)

8. (c) Bank

Near the reception desk is a bank counter, staffed by Barclays Bank Limited and offering a comprehensive range of services, probably on two days per week.

(d) Shop

A small shop will be stocked with a general range of tobacco and confectionery products.

(e) Staff Restaurant

At the opposite end of the foyer to the lecture theatre is the main restaurant, capable of seating up to 600 people. Lunches with a wide choice of menu will be provided on a self-service basis.

(f) Coffee Lounge

To avoid any possible congestion in the main restaurant, a separate coffee lounge is available.

(g) Senior Management/Visitors' Room

Also on the ground floor there is a small dining room designed to accommodate Senior Managers and visitors.

(h) Medical Room

There will be a small medical facility staffed by a State Registered Nurse.

(i) Office Services

A central Post Room, a main Reprographic Department and a large Stationery Store are located on the South side of the ground floor. Access to these facilities will normally be via a Document Lift within the central core connecting with all floors.

OPERATIONAL FLOORS

9. The first, second, third and fourth floors are the main working floors. The allocations of floor areas between Functions and Departments are illustrated on Appendices 'C' to 'F' inclusive. Adjacent to the lifts on each floor is a reception area through which will be channelled post, document copying, conference room bookings and other administrative detail.

OPERATIONAL FLOORS (Cont.)

9. (a) Refreshment Areas

Each floor has at least one defined refreshment area furnished with lounge-type seating and coffee tables, and equipped with vending machines for dispensing tea and coffee etc.

(b) Conference Area

In addition to three conference/meeting rooms within the core structure on each floor, provision has also been made for defining more open conference facilities within each floor layout.

(c) Telecommunications

The building is equipped with a sophisticated automatic exchange providing a much wider range of facilities than anything we have had in the past. A more detailed description of the system will be issued nearer to the date of occupancy of the building. This exchange will be part of the COTEN system allowing direct dialling to most parts of the British Steel Corporation.

For the convenience of staff wishing to make private telephone calls there will be coin box telephones adjacent to the lifts.

A central telex and facsimile transmission service will be located on the first floor.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT

10. The Office Manager for Steel House, Mr Bryan Walker, has already been appointed. He will be responsible for providing a whole range of central services to the staff in the building and for good maintenance and house-keeping.

Similarly, Miss Pam Price has been appointed as Staff Relations Officer. She will act as the focus for all matters of Staff Relations, such as Joint Consultation, Welfare and social activities.

Mrs Dorothy Davison-Jones has been appointed Catering Officer, responsible for the management of both the main restaurant and facilities in the refreshment areas.

THE FIFTH FLOOR

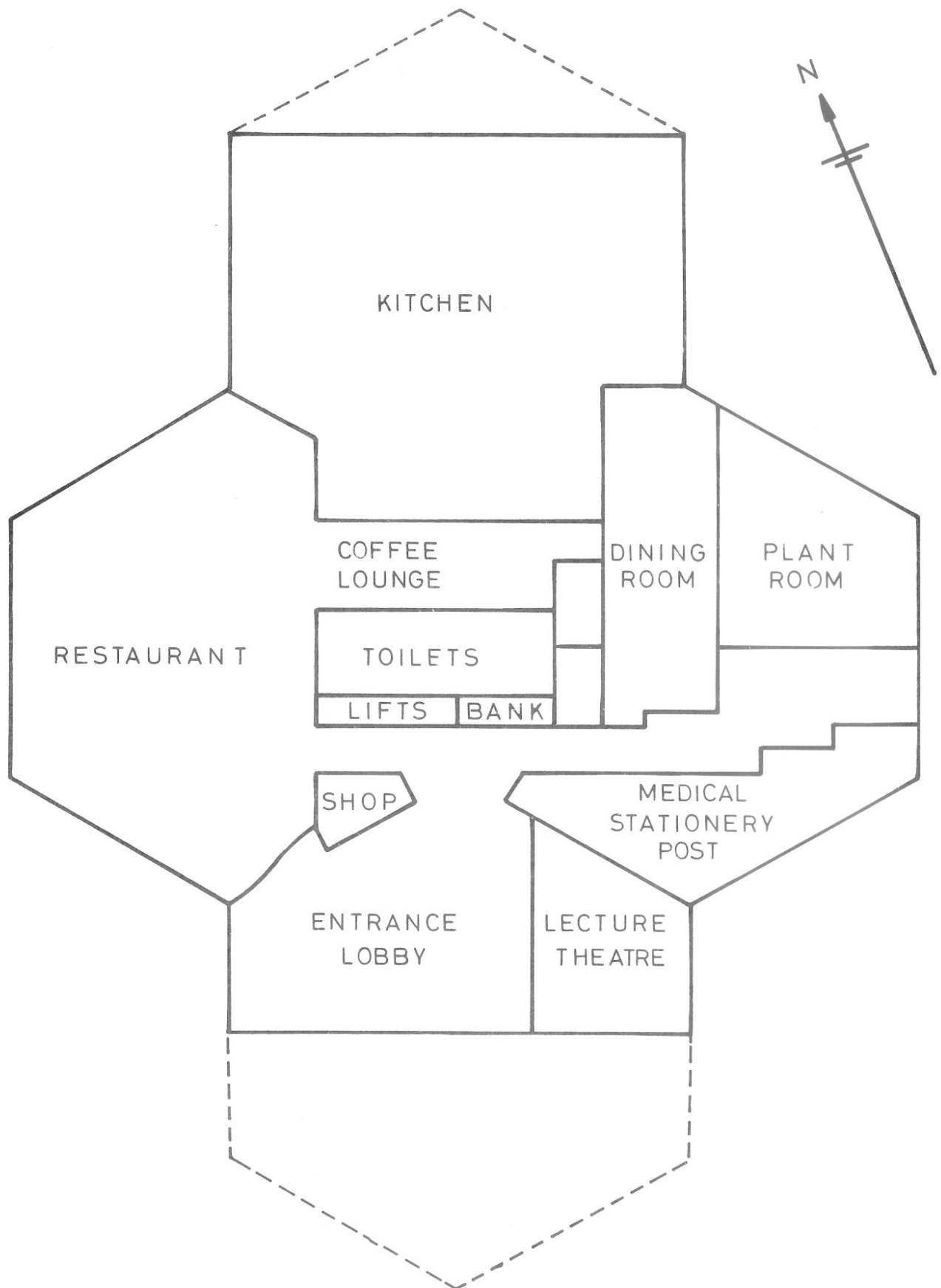
11. The fifth floor is occupied by the Divisional Managing Director and some members of the Divisional Management Committee. The accommodation includes provision for Employee Directors, visiting Directors and the Divisional Secretariat.

THE SIXTH FLOOR

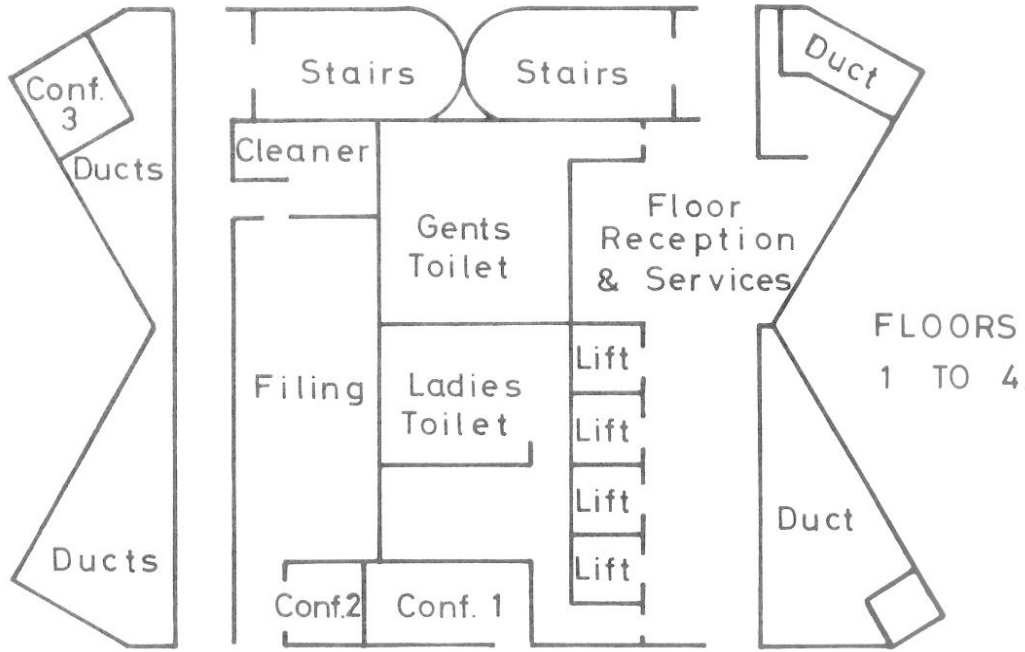
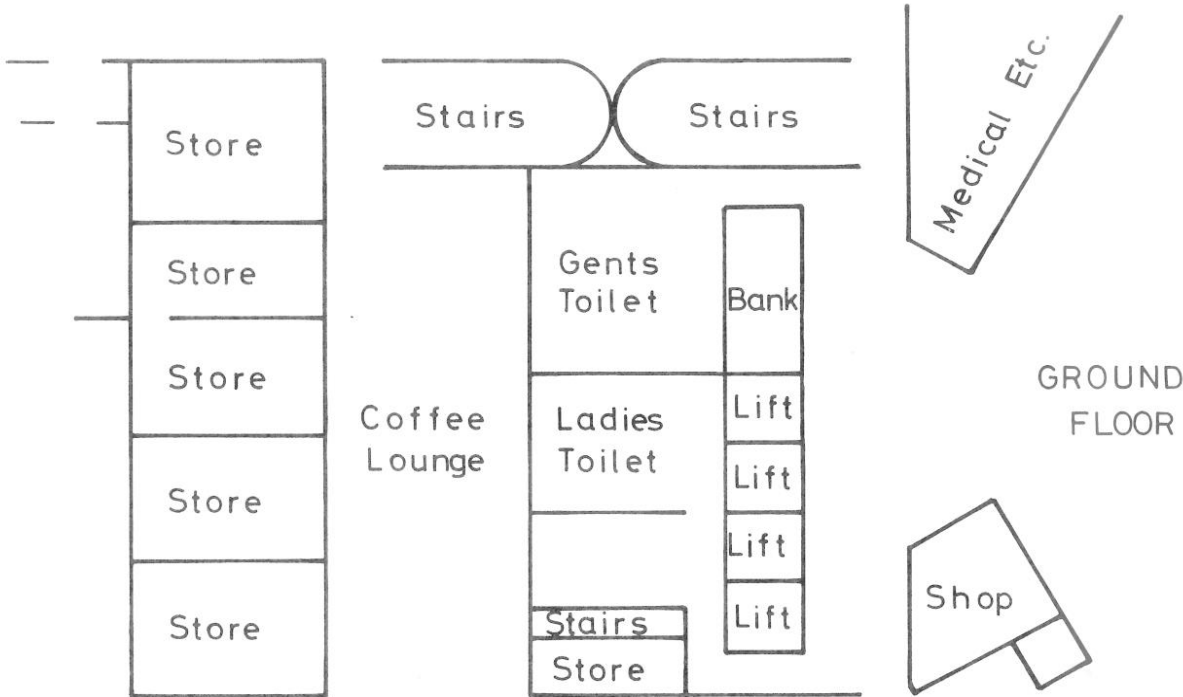
12. The top floor of the building houses the heating and ventilating systems together with other electrical and mechanical plant.

GENERAL

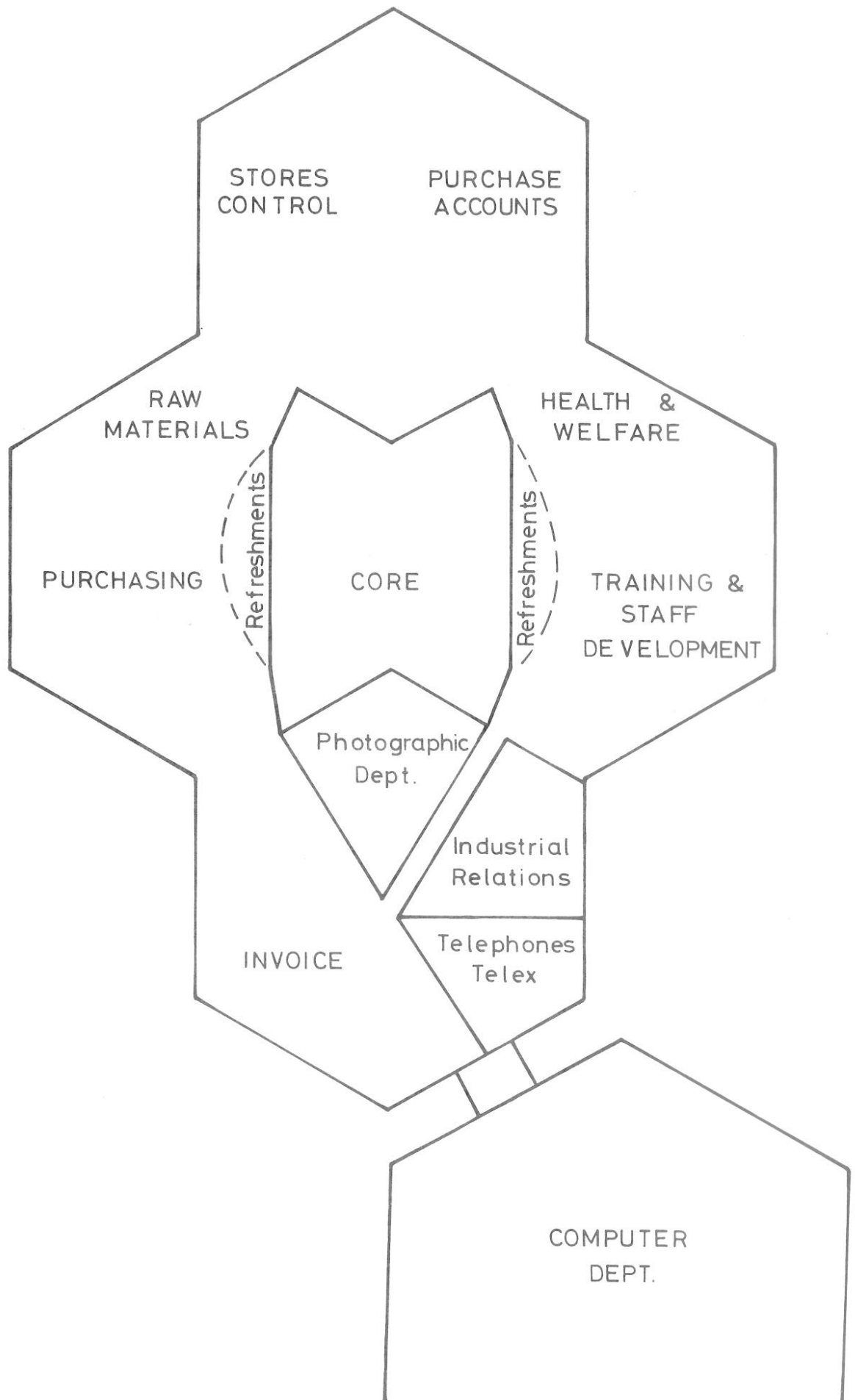
13. It will be appreciated that maintenance of a high standard of general amenity will require all staff to conform to a general pattern of working rules. A booklet setting out the House Rules and Standard Procedures, (such as evacuation in the event of fire), will be issued nearer to the date of occupation, after agreement with Managers and Unions.

GROUND FLOOR

CORE DETAIL

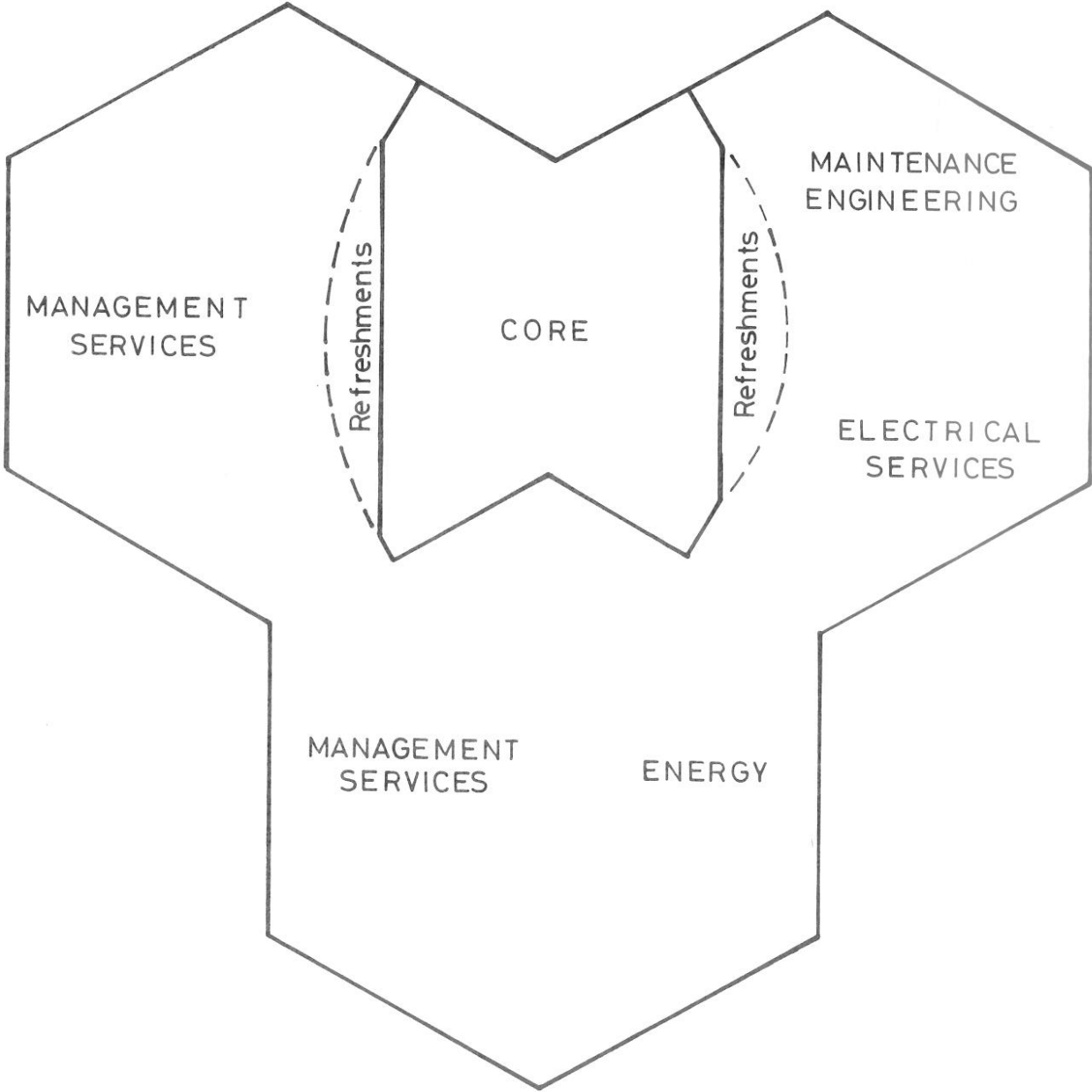


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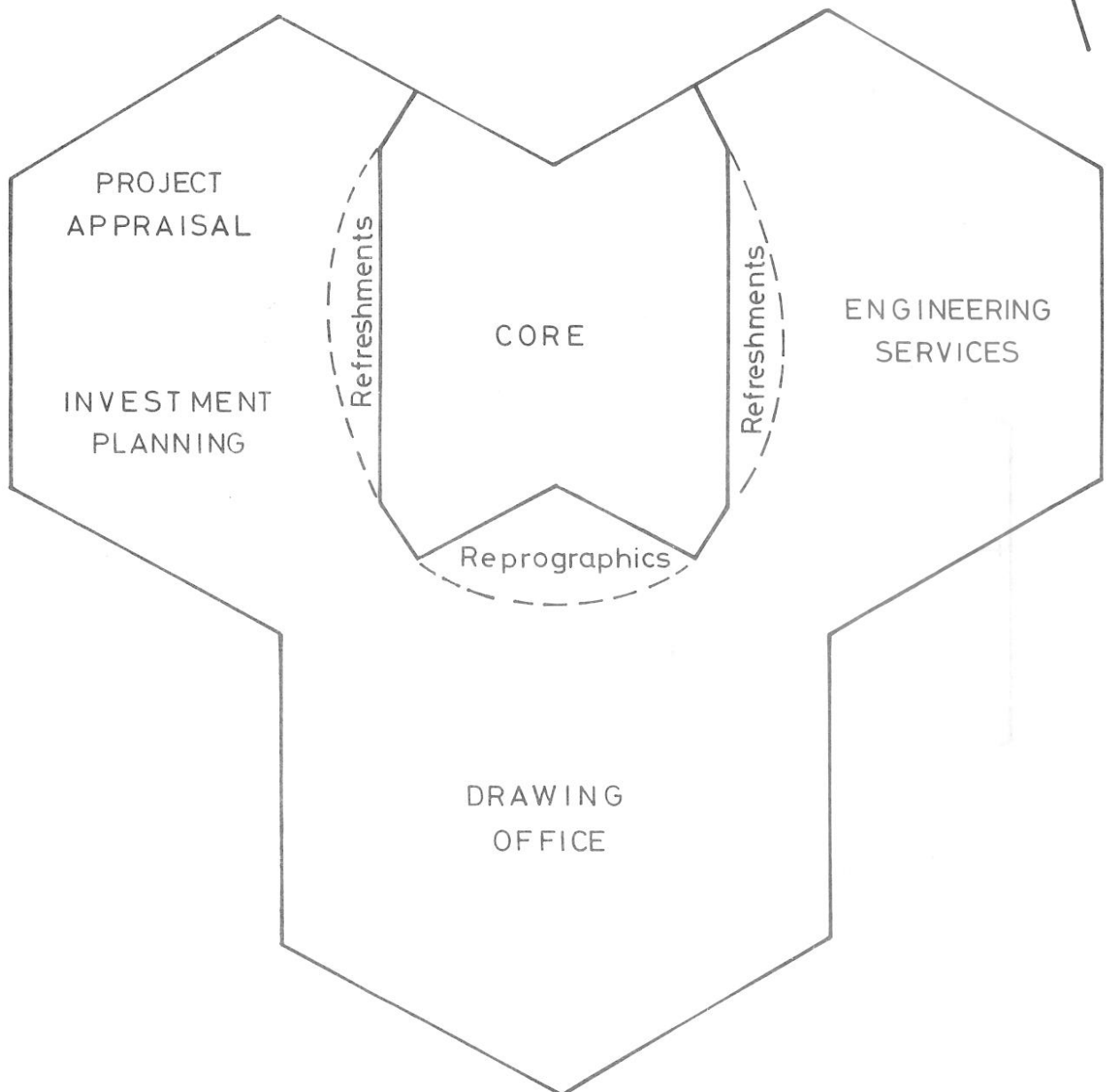




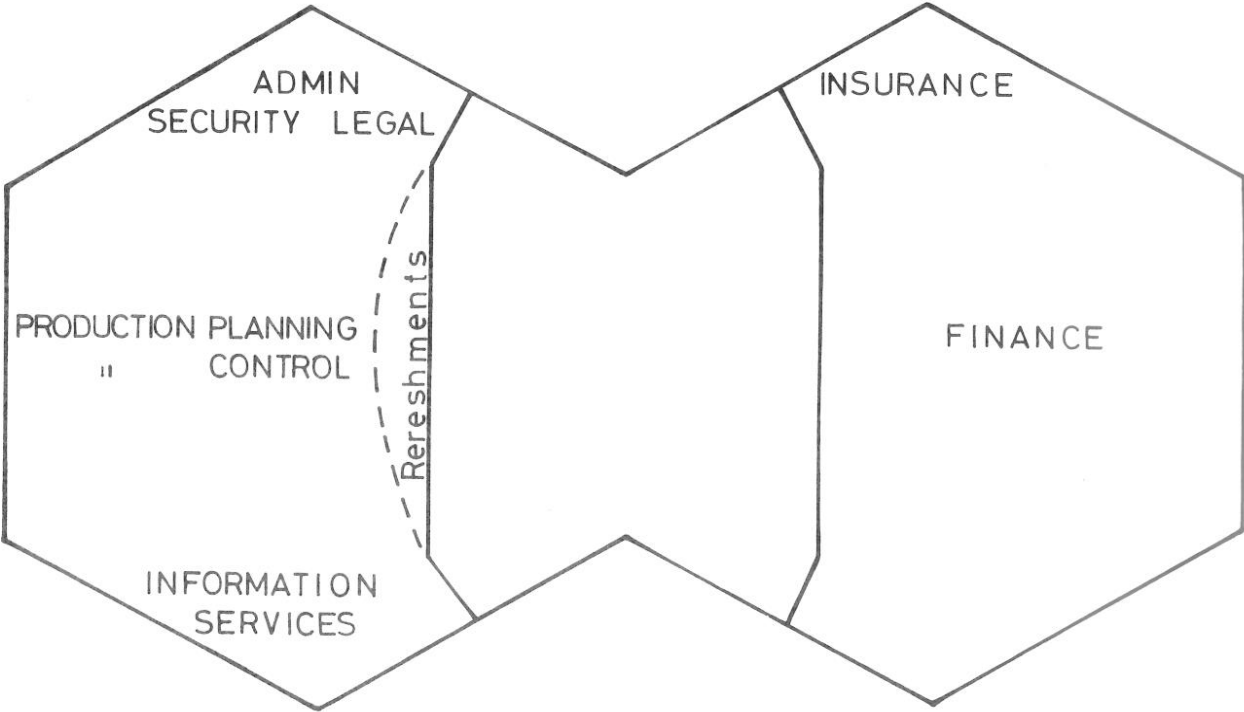
SECOND FLOOR



THIRD FLOOR

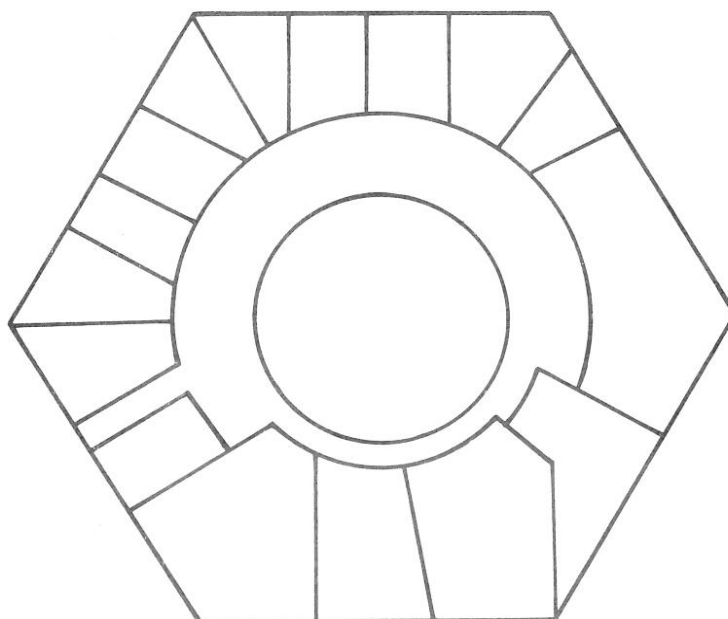


FOURTH FLOOR





FIFTH FLOOR



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