Context Description:
The primary approach is via Craigleith Road, the existing hospital has one entrance and one exist via existing gatehouse lodges to the east and west. These entrances combine vehicle and pedestrian access, there is additional pedestrian access through openings in the boundary wall along Craigleith Road which pick up on desire lines within the wooded area and via the bollarded road to the north east corner of the site. These pedestrian routes pick up on current bus stop locations. Cars are currently parked throughout the existing site on multiple levels to suit topography and tree positions.
The hospital currently occupies the upper levels of the site allowing aspect and sunlight, the lower level adjacent to the densely wooded area is open green space to the south but is currently shaded by the tall trees.
Key views from Craigleith Hill are retained by maintaining similar building heights on the site. There are currently no cycle routes adjacent or through the site.