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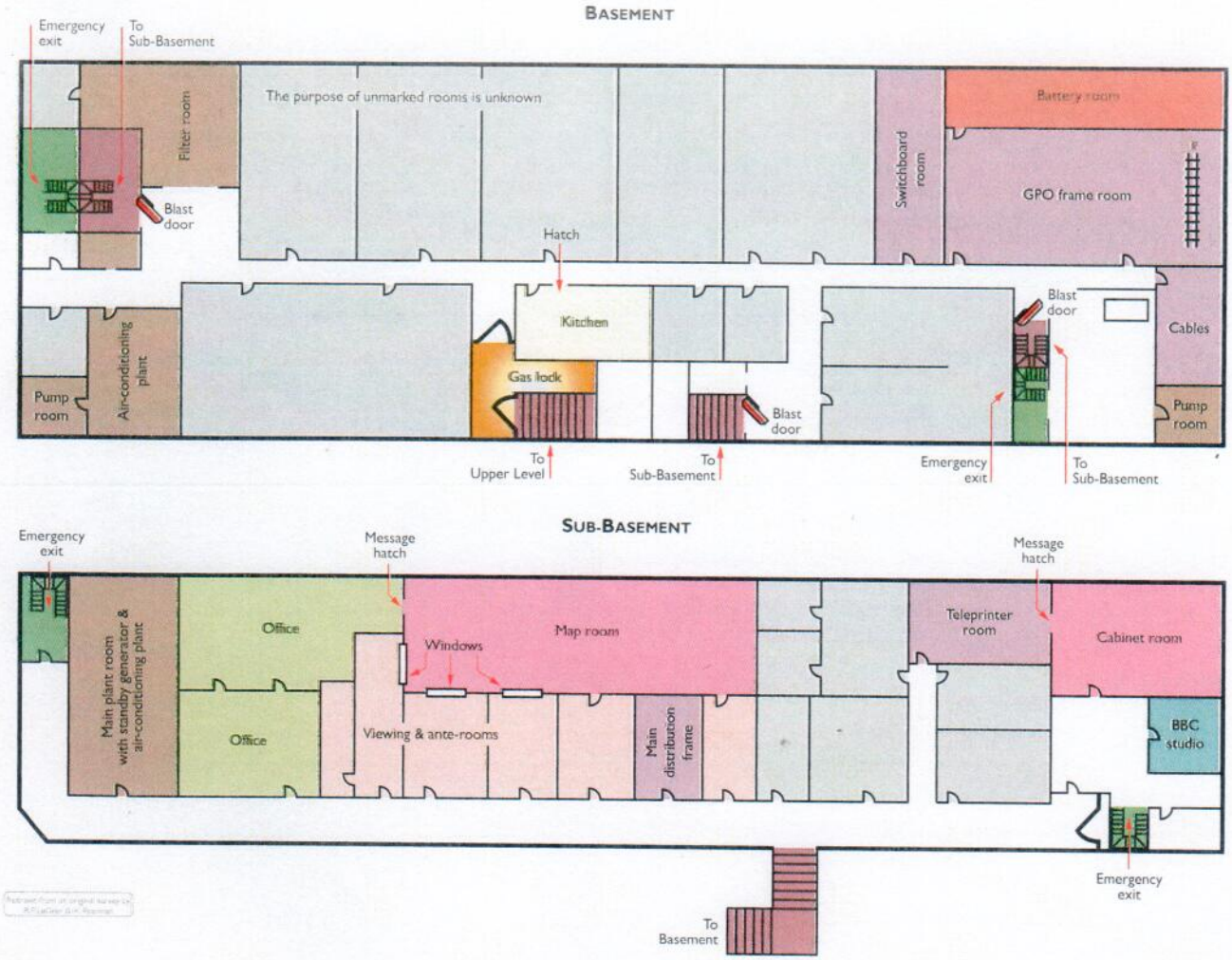

The bunker remained disused after the final cabinet meeting in March 1941 although a security presence was maintained until 1944 when the site was abandoned. The surface building was subsequently into the GPO's research complex, the upper floor of the underground bunker seeing occasional use as a recreational facility. The whole site was vacated by the Post Office in 1976 and has been redeveloped as an industrial and residential complex. The underground bunker was briefly considered for use as an emergency war room for the north London group of boroughs in 1981 but was rejected when it was discovered that the lower floor suffered from a serious ingress of seepage water. The part of the site that includes PADDOCK was acquired in May 1997 by the Network Housing Group and one of the planning conditions imposed by Brent Council was that the bunker should be made safe, kept clear of water and be opened to the public on at least two days each year. These immensely popular regular openings are guided by members of Subterranea Britannica