



Listed Building Application

**Installation of fibre optic cabling at Brunswick Centre(1-187A
O'DONNELL COURT AND 1-212A FOUNDLING COURT)**

Heritage Statement

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Brunswick Centre(1-187A O'DONNELL COURT AND 1-212A FOUNDLING COURT), London

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This further statement is submitted as an addition to the Design and Access Statement submitted as part of the Listed Building application in relation to the above proposal.

In accordance with published Government guidance, this proposal was drawn up having regard to the need for good design.

Background and Requirement

Community Fibre, a leading fiber installation company, is honoured to present this Heritage Statement concerning proposed works at the Brunswick Centre, located at WC1N 1BS. As a company dedicated to enhancing connectivity within communities, we are committed to executing our installations with utmost respect for the historical and architectural significance of listed buildings.

Historical Context:

The Brunswick Centre, a Grade II listed building, stands as a testament to mid-20th-century architectural innovation. Designed by Patrick Hodgkinson and completed in 1972, the complex showcases the Brutalist style, characterized by its use of raw concrete and bold geometric forms. Recognized for its unique design, the Brunswick Centre is an integral part of London's architectural heritage.

The building's iconic structure, characterized by its distinctive stepped ziggurat towers and interconnected concrete facades, was a departure from conventional design norms. Its bold use of raw concrete was a deliberate architectural statement, drawing attention to the evolving nature of urban spaces during the 20th century.

Despite facing challenges and modifications over the years, including a significant restoration project in the early 2000s, the Brunswick Centre has retained its architectural prominence. As a Grade II listed building, it stands as a testament to the resilience of Brutalist design and its enduring impact on the cityscape.

Proposed Works:

CommunityFibre proposes the installation of fiber optic cables and fibre optic equipment at the Brunswick Centre to bring cutting-edge connectivity to its residents and businesses. The installation will involve minimal disruption to the building's exterior, ensuring the preservation of its architectural integrity.

Preservation Measures:

Respect for Original Fabric:

Our installation team will adhere to the highest standards of precision and care, ensuring that no damage occurs to the original fabric of the Brunswick Centre. We will utilize non-invasive installation techniques wherever possible.

Our team will employ non-invasive methods for cable and trunking installation wherever feasible. By utilizing existing conduits and pathways, we aim to minimize any impact on the building's exterior.

In cases where new pathways are required, our technicians will execute precision drilling techniques. These measures will ensure that the drilling process is conducted with the utmost care to prevent damage to the building's structural elements.

CommunityFibre is committed to providing bespoke solutions that align with the architectural nuances of the Brunswick Centre. Any fixtures or infrastructure added will be designed to complement the existing aesthetic, ensuring a harmonious integration.

Where visible modifications are unavoidable, our commitment extends to using materials that closely match the original construction, both in composition and appearance. This meticulous attention to detail ensures that any additions seamlessly blend with the historic fabric of the Brunswick Centre.

Following the installation, our team will conduct thorough inspections to guarantee that the building's structural and aesthetic integrity remains intact. Any minor disruptions will be promptly addressed and rectified.

In particular:

- We are positioning the cables as discreetly as possible, respecting the listed status of the buildings.
- All fixings, bolts and attachments are minor items, and cable runs will often follow existing cabling attached to the buildings
- We are generally locating the cabling away from the main historical and architectural features on the façades.
- All cables, and any trunking, will be finished to ensure that they blend with their background and surrounding elements.

Conclusion:

CommunityFibre stands ready to embark on this collaborative journey, ensuring that the Brunswick Centre remains a beacon of architectural innovation while seamlessly embracing the technological advancements of the 21st century. By weaving together the threads of history and progress, our installation endeavors to contribute positively to the ongoing narrative of this iconic London landmark. We look forward to the privilege of playing a role in enhancing the Brunswick Centre's legacy for future generations.