DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Philips Building SOAS University of London

Refurbishment of 5^{th} Floor Corridor



January 2024

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared by Neville Bruton Design on behalf of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), to support an application for listed building consent for essential interior refurbishment works to the Grade II* Philips Building, SOAS University of London, Thornhaugh Street, London, WC1H 0XG.

It should be read in conjunction with other application documentation.

VISION & OBJECTIVES

The application for listed building consent is in relation to the SOAS Grade II* listed Philips Building, situated within the Russell Square, University of London campus, which sits within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The proposals include essential refurbishment works to interior circulation areas of the 5^{th} floor. The works build on the recently completed refurbishment works undertaken within the 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} and 4^{th} floor corridor areas, covered under listed building consent 2022/5402/L (18 April 2023).

The proposed works comprise:

- Replacement of perforated metal suspended ceiling tiles
- Replacement of interior doors
- Replacement of flooring
- Redecoration of walls, doors, architraves, and skirtings
- Upgrading existing lighting, fire & security infrastructure
- Fire stopping
- Removal of redundant services within ceiling voids
- Reinstatement of corridor area (P596A) by removal of later addition blockwork and reinstating the corridor/office blockwork wall where broken through from area P596.

The proposals do not seek to increase the building's area or introduce significant changes in design or material finish.

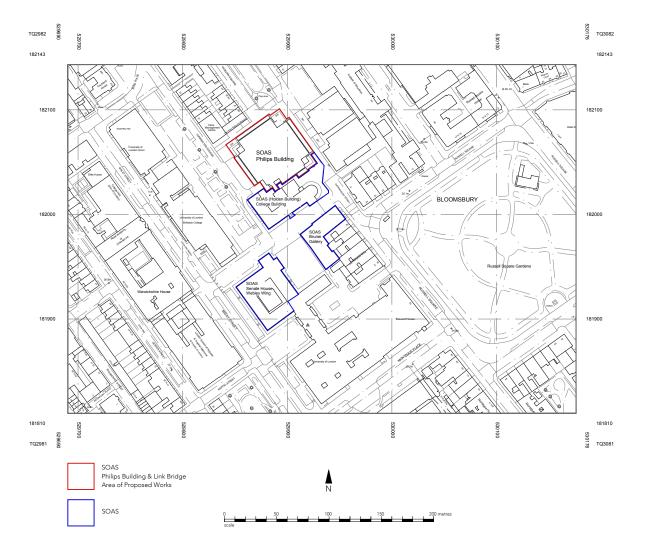
SOAS are committed to the preservation of its listed assets. The challenge is to design and specify a scheme which respects the integrity and maintains the preservation of the building.

BACKGROUND

The Grade II* Philips Building forms part of the SOAS central London campus, associated to the University of London and includes, the (Holden Building) College Building (Grade II), the Brunei Gallery, the Paul Webley Wing of Senate House (Grade II*), which sit within Sub Area 3 of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area and 53 Gordon Square (Grade II), which sits within Sub Area 2 of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Please refer to the accompanying Heritage Statement for further detail

Location Plan



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DESIGN BRIEF

The design brief issued by SOAS sets out their aspirations as follows:

SOAS propose to undertake essential interior refurbishment works. After fifty years of increased occupation, the primary focus of the proposals is to address deteriorating finishes within the main circulation routes servicing the administration and teaching areas of the 5th floor of the Philips Building and to undertake necessary fire stopping and service infrastructure works, which will be temporarily exposed by the scope of proposed suspended ceiling replacement works.

The aim of the project is to extend to the 5th floor, corridor refurbishment works recently completed on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th floors (reference 2022/5402/L) ensuring the buildings long term and continued viability, by maintaining its assets through suitable and compliant interventions providing long-term and sustainable environments for its students and staff, which are fit for contemporary purpose and showcase the university and its facilities.

DESIGN APPROACH

The design approach has been based on the following principles:

- To sustain the significance of the listed building
- To maintain the viable use of the building
- To find solutions that do not adversely impact on either the interior or exterior of the building or its context within the site.
- To undertake modifications and repairs in a sensitive way, respecting the integrity of the original fabric with sympathetic use of new materials and finishes

POLICY CONTEXT

The proposals have been developed with reference to:

- English Heritage 'Conservation Principles, Policies and Guidance' 2008
- Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
- National Planning Policy Framework 2021

- Camden Core Strategy 2010-2025 'Policy CS14 Promoting high quality places and conserving our heritage
- Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy Adopted 18 April 2011

Please refer to the accompanying Heritage Statement for further detail

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The design proposals covered within this application provide a uniform approach to the refurbishment of the 5^{th} floor corridor area by building on the previous consent 2022/5402/L, covering the refurbishment of the 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} & 4^{th} floor corridor areas of the Philips Building.

The design proposals have been progressed through various studies, discussions and consultations with the SOAS and have been subject to further discussions, consultations and design amendments as the project has proceeded through the preparation of the listed building consent application.

The final design proposals show what can be summarised as the maximum change envisaged, taking into account the ambitions of the brief, the limitations of altering a listed building, the sensitivities of the site and the target costs.

The primary focus of the proposals is to address worn, damaged and deteriorating interior finishes to the main circulation corridor areas of the 5th floor and to upgrade the localised infrastructure (lighting, fire control, etc.) and ensuring statutory fire compliance through the upgrading of doors and undertaking building fabric fire stopping.

The layout of the building is to remain unchanged and the proposed works will not have an impact on the building and its surrounding environment.

USE

The use of the building will remain the same

APPEARANCE

It is hoped that the proposed works will have a positive impact on the appearance of the interior of the building. The potential impact the proposed work will have, is detailed within the section 'Statement of Justification' later in this document.

ACCESS

The proposed scope of works to the interior of the building do not represent a material change of use so do not require the wholesale upgrading of the building to comply with The Building Regulations Approved Document Part M except where material alterations are made, however the Equality Act 2010 and the Equality (Disability) Regulations 2010 requires service providers to make reasonable adjustments to any physical features that might put a person with a disability at a "substantial disadvantage".

Primary access to the Philips Building is via the College Building and the Link Bridge connection. There is both stepped and ramped access with intermediate landing points to the main entrance of the College Building, with step free access also available to the rear of the College Building. Both entrances offer lift access to upper floor levels and the Link Bridge to the Philips Building.

The Link Bridge connection between the College Building and Philips Building has a shallow ramped floor, the double leaf fire doors at the head of the ramp are fitted with magnetic hold opens with fail release under fire condition.

SOAS do not propose to structurally alter any of existing access points as part of the proposals under this application.

EXISTING LAYOUT & FINISHES

The circulation corridor route of the 5th floor follows the perimeter core of the building and provides access to teaching rooms, administration offices, welfare facilities, lifts and staircases.

At 5th floor level there is no Link Bridge connection to the College Building.

A photographic survey showing the area of proposed refurbishment is included within Appendix A of this document, which is included to illustrate and record the current condition of the area.

Appendix B provides reference photographs showing examples of the refurbished corridor areas of the 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} & 4^{th} floors.

EXISTING CEILINGS

Ceilings throughout the corridor areas are primarily white powder coated perforated steel suspended 54" x 12" ceiling tiles (with reduced width versions, 43" x 12", being installed within the narrower dead-end areas of the corridor), providing a service void above for mechanical and electrical services, with later additions of MF suspended plasterboard ceiling area infills.

Later addition roughly applied plaster render has been installed directly to the ceiling slab within window soffit areas at the end of each corridor run.

Areas of the installed perforated ceiling tiles are badly distorted through regular requirements to gain access to the service void above and have also degraded over time, showing signs of corrosion due to water leaks from overhead pipework.

Please refer to the below listed drawings for details of the current installations:

- SOAS-PB-L5-001P Fifth Floor Plan Existing Corridor Ceiling (1:100 @ A1)
- SOAS-PB-L5-002P Fifth Floor General Detail Existing Corridor Ceiling (1:20 @ A1)

PROPOSED NEW CEILINGS

A new suspended ceiling system is proposed to be installed throughout the 5th floor corridor area at the same height as that proposed to be removed, providing ease of access to horizontal service runs above as well as offering increased acoustic benefits.

New areas of MF suspended plasterboard ceiling are also proposed to form margins to the suspended tile installation and to finish soffit areas where the grid system would not be suitable to achieve an acceptable level of finish.

The proposals utilise the same ceiling system as installed within the recently completed 2nd, 3rd & 4th floor corridor areas (consent 2022/5402/L), comprising a lay in tile system (SAS 320), 1200mm x 300mm and 950mm x 300mm white powder coated (RAL 9016 Traffic White, 20% gloss), perforated metal tiles with unperforated perimeter boarder. The proposed perforation pattern (D2414) closely mirrors that of the existing tiles. Tiles are contained within edge trims installed between new plasterboard margins, running along either side of the corridor.

The proposed system is installed without the need for grid suspension, enabling tiles to abutt each other, providing ease of tile removal and clear access to services above.

Appendix C provides detail of the proposed SAS 320 ceiling system.

Please refer to the below listed drawings for details of the proposed installations of new SAS 320 and MF plasterboard ceiling installations:

- SOAS-PB-L5-010P Rev A Fifth Floor Plan Proposed Corridor Ceiling (1:100 @ A1)
- SOAS-PB-L5-011P Rev A Fifth Floor General Detail Proposed Corridor Ceiling (1:20 & 1:5 @ A1)

EXISTING DOORS

- Office and Teaching Room Doors:
 Flush panel single leaf doors with paint finish
- Later Addition Office and Teaching Room Doors:
 Flush panel single leaf doors with overhead panel all faced in plastic laminate
- Mid Corridor Fire Doors
 1½ leaf flush panel oak veneered doors with vision panel to main leaf
- Stair Doors
 Double flush panel cherry veneered doors with vision panels
- Service Riser Doors
 Flush panel doors with painted finish

PROPOSED DOORS

• Office and Teaching Room Doors:

Doors to be replaced (including later addition plastic laminate faced doors & overhead fixed panel) with new SOAS Fire Strategy compliant FD30 plywood faced flush panel doors, finished with a Dulux tinted 'red' teak varnish to colour match existing and retained skirtings and architraves.







Proposed

Mid Corridor Fire Doors
 1½ leaf flush panel oak veneered doors with vision panel to be replaced with new compliant FD30 fire doors with fire rated colour vinyl wrap finish.



Existing



Proposed

- Stair Doors
 Double flush panel cherry veneered doors with vision panels to be retained
- Service Riser Doors
 Flush panel doors with painted finish to be retained and redecorated

EXISTING DOOR FRAMES, ARCHITRAVES & SKIRTINGS

Existing door frames, architraves and skirtings are lightly stained and sealed solid oak. The finish is looking tired and requires some remedial refinishing works.

PROPOSED WORKS TO ARCHITRAVES, DOOR FRAMES & SKIRTINGS

It is proposed that only the minimal works will be undertaken and will involve repairs and replacement of damaged or missing sections to match existing adjacent materials and finishes. Areas will be lightly sanded back to enable a light stain wash to be applied with a clear lacquer finish to achieve a like for like match with adjacent finishes.

EXISTING RENDERED WALLS & PLASTER CEILING AREAS

It is proposed that the existing decorated finish of white emulsion to the rendered wall areas and plasterboard ceiling areas be redecorated in washable, flat matt white emulsion.

Areas of both retained and new plasterboard ceiling to be decorated as per the walls.

LATER ADDITION PARTITION - ROOM P596 & P596A

It is proposed that the later addition blockwork wall installed across the width of the corridor, forming Room P596A (refer to drawing: SOAS-PB-L5-001P) be carefully removed and the area reinstated as corridor. The later opening formed in the blockwork wall between Rooms P596 & P596A is proposed to be infilled with new lightweight blockwork with plaster finish flush with adjacent surfaces, new sections of skirting will be installed and finished to to match existing adjacent.

EXISTING FLOORING - MAIN CORRIDOR AREAS

The floor construction throughout the building comprises of a solid concrete slab over which, in corridor areas on the 5^{th} floor, carpet tiles have been directly bonded (as photographs below). There is no evidence of original linoleum or cork tiling having been retained within the 5^{th} floor corridor area.





PROPOSED NEW FLOORING - MAIN CORRIDOR AREAS

It is proposed to install new carpet tiles within the main corridor areas of the 5th floor. These will match the new carpet laid within the 2nd, 3rd & 4th floor corridor areas. Whilst not a floor finish originally installed within the building's circulation routes (carpet tiles are however used widely throughout the buildings office, learning and library areas) their use has merit in that it provides a more contemporary and less institutionalised environment with added benefits of ease of lay, replacement, durability, and acoustic performance for circulation areas with a heavy pedestrian footfall.

Proposed Materials:

 Marling Terrain heavy traffic 50 x 50cm tufted nylon loop carpet tile, colour Glacier – Pattern: Random

Appendix D provides detail of the proposed flooring materials.

EXISTING LIGHTING

Existing lighting installations are a combination of linear fluorescent luminaires with cover reflectors installed to the inner core wall of the corridor areas along with bulkhead fluorescent luminaires within the dead-end areas of each corridor run.

PROPOSED LIGHTING

New lighting installations will be designed to be functional in use, to aid safe movement and provide compliant lighting levels and colour rendering applicable to specific area activities. Installations will generally utilise high quality colour temperature matched LED luminaires to minimise both energy consumption and heat gains to spaces.

It is proposed that microwave sensor-controlled surface mounted linear LED downlights with integral emergency fittings where required, be installed to the perimeter of the inner core corridor wall and corridor dead legs as shown on the accompanying planning drawings.

Appendix E provides details of proposed lighting

PROCUREMENT

The proposed work will be procured by means of competitive tendering, with drawings and specifications and schedules of work. This process is important in order to maintain cost control within budgetary constraints and retain control over design quality, especially within the context of work to a listed building.

To comply with procurement policy 'equal and approved/equivalent' is required to be adopted during tendering of services, products and equipment. Details contained within this application therefore forms the basis of design intent and minimum performance requirements for the project.

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

The following issues have been considered during the preparation and development of the proposals.

• The importance of the building and its intrinsic architectural and historic interest on both a national and local level

The building forms part of the University of London campus which is an important and recognisable local landmark within Camden and which is recognised nationally. The building has architectural associations with Denys Lasdun, as mentioned earlier and within the accompanying Heritage Statement.

The proposals will not impact on the buildings intrinsic architectural or historical interest.

• Setting and contribution to the local scene

The elements of the proposed works will have a positive impact on the interior of the building but will not impact on the buildings setting and contribution to the local scene.

• Substantial benefits to the community

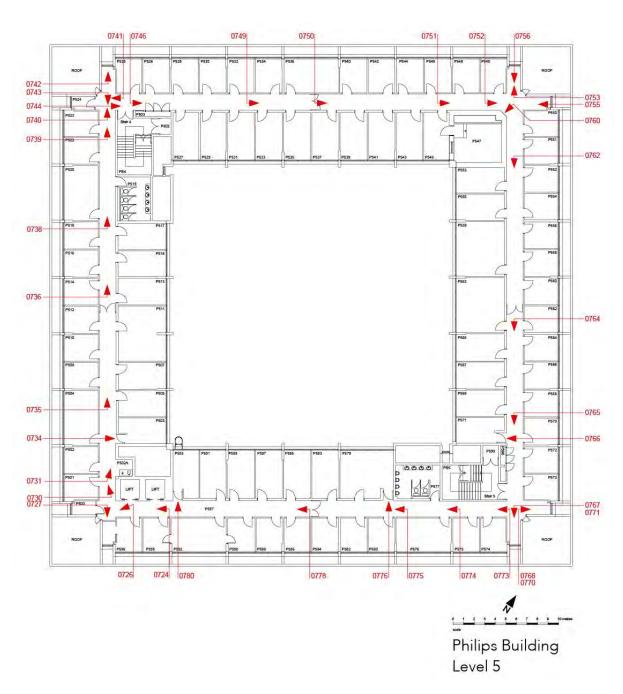
The proposed works are such that they will not bestow any additional benefits to those already provided to the local community or economic regeneration of the area.

The maintenance and repair of the building however illustrates the continued investment and care by the SOAS of a locally important building.

APPENDIX A
Philips Building
Photographic Survey – 5th Floor Corridor Areas

FIFTH FLOOR PHILIPS BUILDING

KEY Photo Survey of Circulation Areas



FIFTH FLOOR CORRIDOR AREAS - Generally Comprisng:

FLOOR AREA

Main corridor 274 SQM

WALLS & FINISHES

- A reinforced concrete frame of in situ concrete and interlocking structural pre-cast concrete panels with a white cement and Ballidon limestone aggregate mix, with a grit-blasted finish
- The interior concrete service core, has a fair-faced horizontal close boarded finish
- Interior corridor walls, decorated rendered blockwork

DOORS, FRAMES, ARCHITRAVES & SKIRTING

- Painted flush panel doors, colour coded red for floor level
- Natural finished oak doorframes, architraves, and skirtings

CORRIDOR & STAIR FIRE DOORS

- Corridor fire doors Contemporary additions, 1 ½ leaf flush panel oak veneered doors with vision panel in full leaf, with clear lacquer finish
- Stair fire doors Contemporary additions, double leaf flush panel cherry veneered doors with vision panels, with clear lacquer finish

FLOORING

• Carpet tiles bonded directly to the concrete floor slab

CFILING

- 53" x 12" and 43" x 12" perforated steel suspended ceiling tiles with single steel panel boarder to the internal core side of the corridor
- MF suspended plasterboard within tea point and within later addition recessed doorways

LIGHTING

• Linear fluorescent luminaires with cover reflectors positioned within ceiling border running to internal core side of ceiling



IMG_0724 Area outside lift doors



IMG_0726



IMG_0727 Area of ceiling slab above suspended ceiling



IMG_0730



IMG_0731 Tea Point



IMG_0734 Later addition plastic laminate faced door and over panel to Room P503



IMG_0735 Mid corridor 1½ leaf fire door



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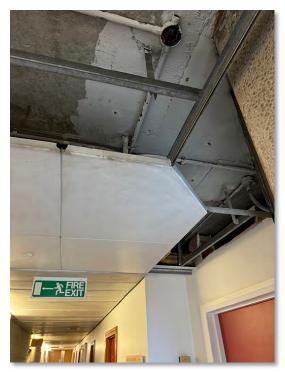












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IMG_0744 Doors to Stair 4



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IMG_0749 Mid corridor 1½ leaf fire door



IMG_0750







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IMG_0755
Bulkhead within corridor dead end zone



IMG_0756



IMG_0760 Access panels to service riser



IMG_0762



IMG_0763 Mid corridor 1½ leaf fire door



IMG_0764



IMG_0765



IMG_0766 Later addition plastic laminate faced door and over panel to Room P571



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IMG_0776 Later addition plastic laminate faced door and over panel to Room P579



IMG_0778



IMG_0780 Later addition plastic laminate faced door and over panel to Room P593

APPENDIX B Philips Building Photographic Reference Showing examples of refurbished areas of the 2^{nd} , 3^{rd} & 4^{th} floor corridors





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IMG_1053 Plasterboard angled bulkhead to window reveal



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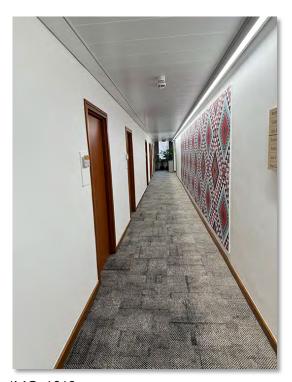
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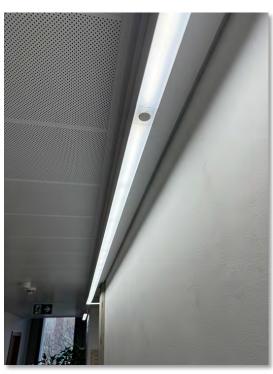
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Double doors to staircase



IMG_1061 Vinyl wrapped fire doors at head of Link Bridge







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APPENDIX C
Philips Building
Proposed Suspended Ceiling System

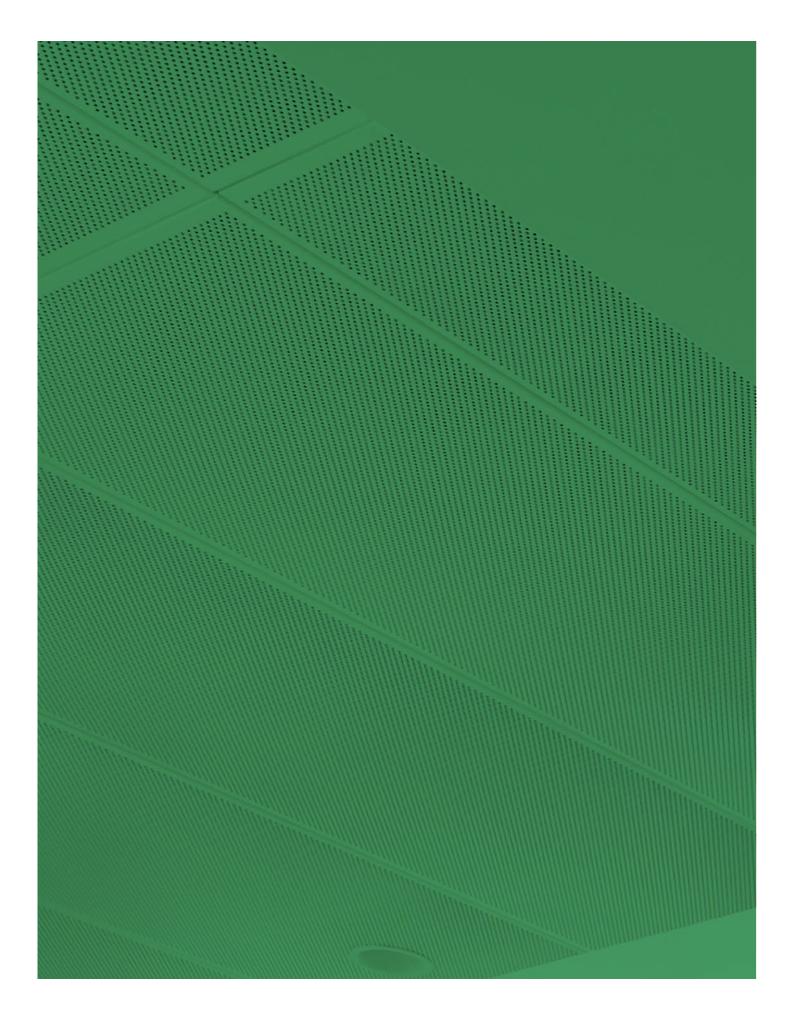
SAS 320 lay in modular system with $1200 \times 300 \text{mm}$ and $950 \text{mm} \times 300 \text{mm}$ perforated steel tiles, powder coated to RAL 9010 pure white, 20% gloss, or equal and approved/equivalent.

APPENDIX B
Philips Building
Proposed Suspended Ceiling System

SAS 320 lay in modular system with $1200 \times 300 \text{mm}$ perforated steel tiles, powder coated to RAL 9010 pure white, 20% gloss, or equal and approved/equivalent.

SAS**320**









A tile-only system, SAS320 has no gridwork, reducing costs and allowing for quick and simple installations. The system is suspended from edge trims or other suitable features such as lights or grilles. Intended for corridor and plasterboard surround applications, SAS320 is ideal for residential and commercial sectors with targeted acoustic demands. Tiles can be of any size to suit most building modules and trimmed for improved aesthetics across undulating walls.

SAS320 is fully compliant with Approved Document E.

Module Sizes

There are no standard tile sizes for SAS320. Tiles can be up to 3000mm in length and no less than 300mm wide. Bespoke module sizes and shapes are available on request.

Access

Tiles can be lifted and removed for void access. No gridwork offers clear access to services above.

Finishes

SAS320 is available in all standard SAS finishes, please refer to page 105. Bespoke finishes are available on request.

Perforations

SAS320 can be manufactured with any standard SAS perforation, and Ultramicro perforation for a brighter finish. For our full range of perforations, please refer to page 83. Bespoke perforations are also an option.

Acoustic Materials

16mm deep, 80Kg density mineral wool pad with black tissue face, foil back and sides. Other acoustic materials are available, please refer to page 20.

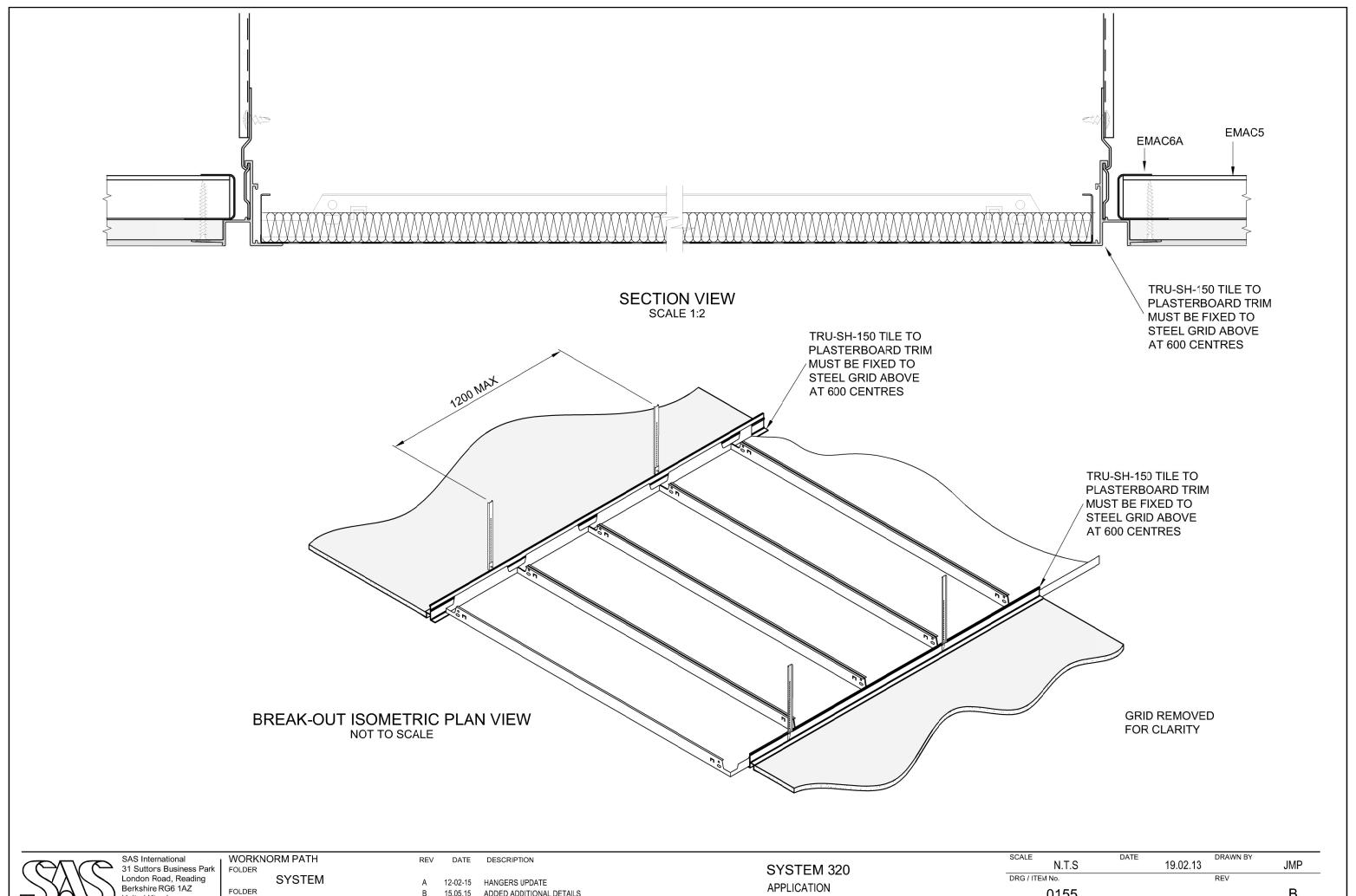
Service Integration

Tiles can be formed with apertures during manufacturing and post painted for integration with lights and other services.

Please note Loads in excess of 7Kg require independent suspension.

Technical Support

Please contact our technical team for all questions relating to access, security, bespoke features, service integration or load support.



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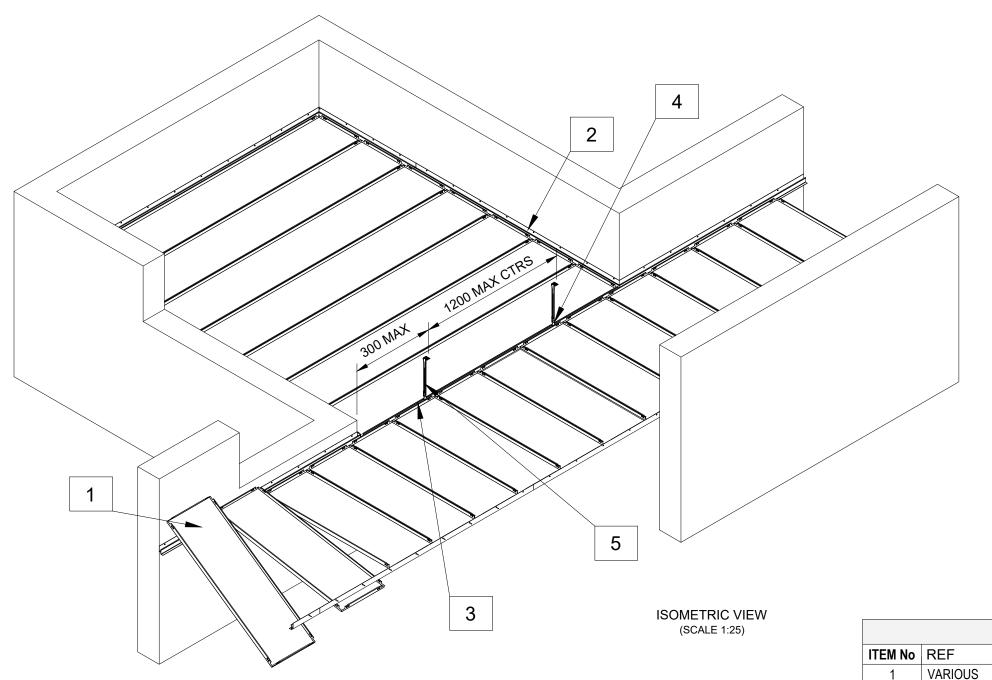
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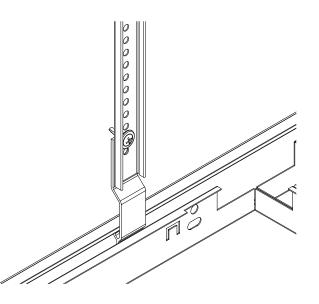
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APPLICATION PLASTERBOARD MARGINS DETAIL

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TCB 08 HANGER BRACKET ISOMETRIC VIEW (SCALE 1:2)

SYSTEM 320							
ITEM No	REF	DESCRIPTION	COLOUR				
1	VARIOUS	SAS 320 TILE	RAL 9010 20%				
2	10545	SAS SHADOW PERIMETER TRIM TCA 0123	RAL 9010 20 %				
3	10561	SAS TEE SECTION TRIM TCA 0204	RAL 9010 20 %				
4	10530	EMAC HANGER TO EXTRUSION BRACKET TCB08	RAL 9005 30 %				
5	VARIOUS	EMAC HANGER	RAL 9005 30 %				

NOTE: FIXINGS SUPPLIED SEPARATELY BY OTHERS



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PERFORATIONS



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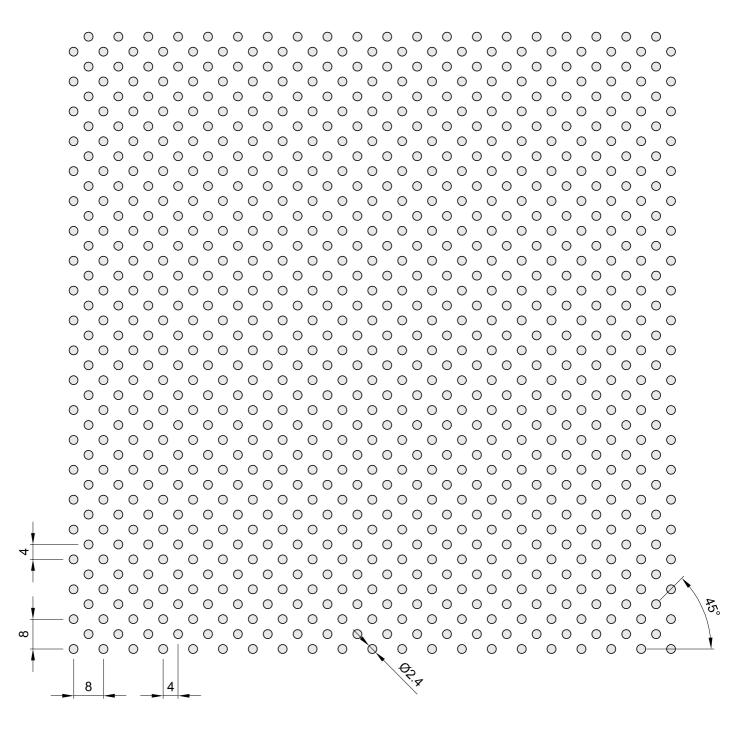
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Free Area (after paint) : 12%

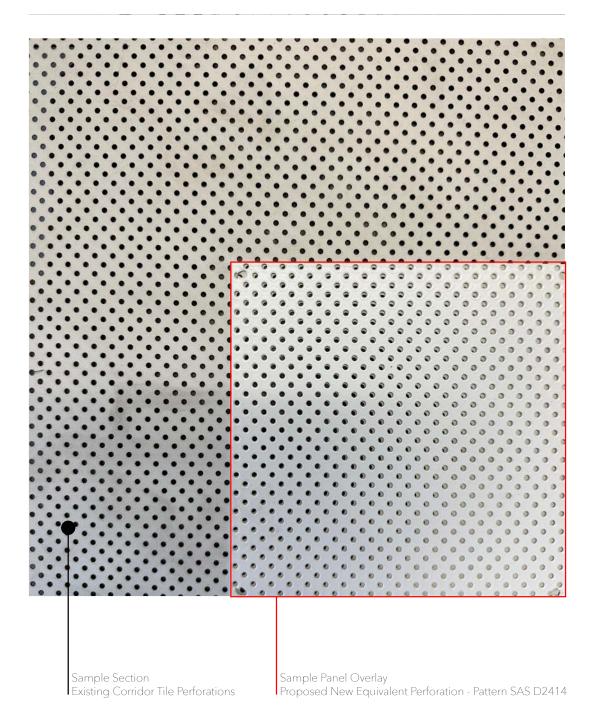
Pitch : 8.0 x 8.0mm, 45°

Max. Steel Width : 1620mm
Max. Perforation Width : 1600mm

Directional Perforation : No

Max. Gauge Steel : 0.7mm Steel
Max. Gauge Aluminium : 1.2mm Aluminium

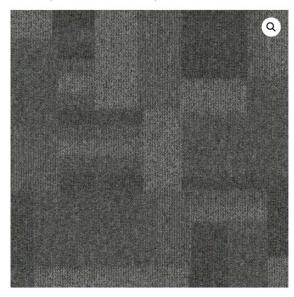




APPENDIX D Philips Building Proposed Flooring Materials

Main Corridors – 5th Floor:

• Marling Terrain heavy traffic 50 x 50cm tufted nylon loop carpet tile, colour Glacier – Pattern: Random, or equal and approved/equivalent



Glacier Carpet Tile

Range: Terrain

Quality: Loop Pile

Pattern Type: Patterned

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Description

Construction: Tufted Loop Pile

Fibre: 100% SD Nylon

Gauge: 1/10th

Pile Weight: 600 gms

Pile Height: 3.1mm Total Height: 6.8mm

Format: Tiles 50 x 50cm Backing: Bitumen

Wear Rating: Class 33 Heavy Traffic

APPENDIX E Philips Building Proposed Lighting

• Eternity 50 linear surface mounted LED luminaire, type: 1M-30W-4K-SM-LED-LIN-WHT or equal and approved/equivalent, with integral emergency fitting as required.

SOAS 1M-30W-4K-SM-LED-LIN-WHT



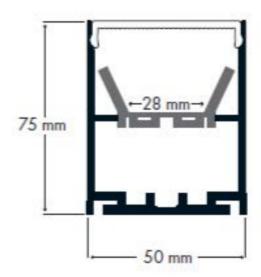




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30W POWER 2700 LUMENS

Specification					
Input Voltage	DC 24V				
System Power	30W/m				
Colour Temperature	4000K				
Colour Rendering Index	>90				
Lumens delivered	2700lm/m				
LED Efficacy	90lm/w				
IP Rating	IP20				
Dimming	DALI				
Emergency	N/A				
Housing Material	Aluminium				
Finish	White				
Diffuser Type	Opal				
Dimensions L x W x H	1000mm x 50mm x 75mm				
Mounting Type	Surface Mounted				



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