

## **Design and Access Statement** **UCL Darwin Building, Gower Street**

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### **Introduction**

1. This Statement accompanies an application for full planning permission. It has been prepared in order to summarise the extent of the works proposed. This should be read in conjunction with the submitted drawings, prepared by DMA Group.

### **Purpose and Scope**

2. The general purpose of the proposal is to replace existing plant and install new plant on the roof of the Darwin Building which serve temperature-controlled laboratory rooms on the fourth floor of the Anatomy Building, which are no longer fit for purpose.
3. The proposals include the replacement of two AHU units, two condenser units and ductwork, as well as the addition of six new condenser units and one new humidifier. The plant will be located at roof level where there is established existing plant and associated equipment. Much of the plant would not be easily read from street level and would sit in line with existing views to this site from other areas within the Conservation Area, as such there would be little material change to the current situation.
4. Where possible, any redundant services associated with the existing units will be removed to reduce any unnecessary clutter on the roof of the building, such as the fume extract.
5. The new units are to support the upgrade and refurbishment of temperature-controlled rooms on the fourth floor of the building.
6. The proposal has been assessed against the relevant planning policies and is considered to accord with the development plan.

### **Access**

7. There are no proposed changes to the methods of access. The roof is not publicly accessible, and the only access required is for maintenance purposes. Maintenance access to the roof is from the main access core which extends to the upper plant room.

### **Conclusion**

8. The proposal is for the removal of outdated plant with more efficient plant. The works are in full accordance with the relevant planning policies of the development plan.