



**Design and Access Statement**  
**Wilkins Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6HJ**

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**Introduction**

1. This Design and Access Statement accompanies an application for listed building consent. It has been prepared in order to summarise the extent of the works proposed. This should be read in conjunction with the supporting plans and drawings, prepared by Rivington Street Studio, Heritage Statement, prepared by Alan Baxter Associates, and Covering Letter, prepared by Gerald Eve.

**Purpose and Scope**

2. The relocation of the President Provost and Vice Provost offices has freed up a suite of rooms at ground floor level. This provides an opportunity for UCL to utilise the vacant rooms and provide a suite of high quality multi-use spaces across the Wilkins Building.
3. The proposed works are internal only and relate to the ground floor of the Wilkins Building. The proposed works include enlarging the existing kitchen area, creating a new door for catering access, refurbishing the existing bathroom, creating a lounge reception, welcome space, high quality meeting and event hosting area, office, agile working and storage space.
4. The majority of the proposed works are modest and would only affect fabric of 'limited significance'. It is therefore considered that the proposed works are 'negligible' in terms of impact on the significance of the Grade I listed building and its associated special architectural and historic interest. Moreover, as the proposed works are internal, it is considered that there would be no impact on the character and appearance of the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.
5. The proposal has been assessed against the relevant national, regional and local planning policies and is considered to accord with the Statutory Development Plan accordingly.

**Access**

6. There are no proposed changes to the methods of access. Existing arrangements to access the building will be retained.