

Design and Access Statement

UCL Institute of Archaeology

31-34 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PY

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 UCL.

Purpose and Scope

2. The general purpose of the proposals is to provide accessibility and lighting improvements to the Institute of Archaeology.
3. First, the proposals comprise the installation of a new Kee-Klamp type handrail, which will be set 1m in from the existing handrail on the left-hand side. The handrail will be in a powder coated colour RAL 7004 with a matte finish.
4. Second, it is proposed to install two lamppost each 3m in height, on the existing accessibility ramp located to the east of the entrance. One lamp will be located closer to the entrance of the ramp, by the pavement, and the other will be closer to the building, by the entrance. The lighting features will be made from die-cast aluminium and will be powder coated in RAL 7016 with a marine grade finish. The lighting will have a slimline luminaire featuring innovative optical systems to reduce light pollution
5. Third, it is proposed to refurbish the entrance stairs, whereby the marble will have localised repairs, where necessary. It is also proposed to install 50mm nosings to the steps
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. Existing access arrangement will be retained via building entrances along Gordon Square. Within the building there is stair/lift access to all floors.

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Conclusion

8. The proposal is for general accessibility and lighting improvements. The works are in full accordance with the relevant planning policies of the development plan