

CAMDEN CENTRE LISTED BUILDING CONSENT
DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

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1.1 INTRODUCTION

This application seeks Listed Building Consent for:

- 1.11) The installation of an accessible wheelchair platform lift to the stair in G.49 Lobby, relocation of the existing handrail to the opposite wall and installation of a new handrail centrally to the stair.
- 1.12) Upgrade and replacement of three existing power sockets and the installation of five new power sockets and eight data points to service the future use of the foyer.

All the above are part of Camden Town Hall within the demise of the Camden Centre. The proposals are associated with works granted under approval of LBC application reference 2024/0464/L dated 21.05.24.

1.2 STATEMENT OF NEED

Under the approved scheme, the Camden Centre is being refurbished and upgraded to become a world class events venue.

1.21 – Relation to 1.11) The lobby G.49 will provide the following functions:

- A new accessible wheelchair platform lift will provide a greater public benefit for visitors and staff by providing permanent wheelchair access from event space up to stage level.

Through design development, we have reviewed the design options of:

- The previous strategy was a portable timer ramp which was far too steep for unassisted use.
- The first option was for a permanent ramp within the events hall. The length of this ramp to get to stage level requires the full length of the event space and is not compliant with falls to meet building regulations. It will also not be practical for the function proposed.
- The introduction of temporary platform lifts directly in front of the stage. This will not be practical for the function proposed as it will interrupt events, and the use of temporary measures provides risk of damage and failure on deployment.
- The proposed strategy in this application. A wheelchair stair lift in Stair F has the least harmful impact on the character of the space and minimises the impact on the flexible use of the hall.
- Relocating the existing handrail to the opposite wall will maintain the historic fabric. This will also work as the wall condition on the opposite wall is identical to the current wall where the handrail is placed. The handrail can be flipped 180 degrees and be re-installed.
- The inclusion of a new handrail centrally to the stair will allow the space to comply with building regulations as the stair width is over 2 meters wide.

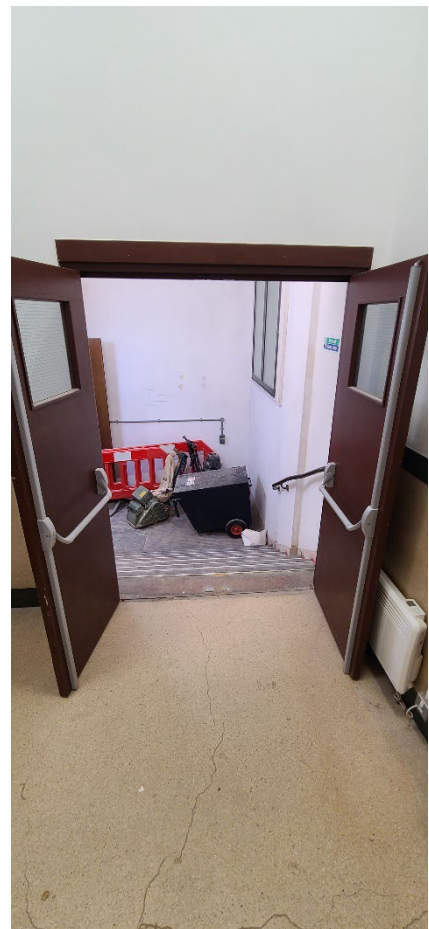
1.22 – Relation to 1.12) The lobby G.45 will provide the following functions:

- A primary entrance with wayfinding for staff and visitors to the Camden Centre directly from Bidborough Street

Electrical supply will use the existing cabling routes to leave intact existing fabric. The addition of new power sockets and data points will be placed within the skirting. There are already existing signs of this in the lobby as seen in existing condition photos in this DAS.

1.3 EXISTING CONDITION

1.31 - Relation to 1.11) G.49 Lobby existing condition



1.32 - Relation to 1.21)

G.45 Zoom in of existing timber skirting with power sockets.



1.4 PROPOSALS

The proposals are described in the following drawings:

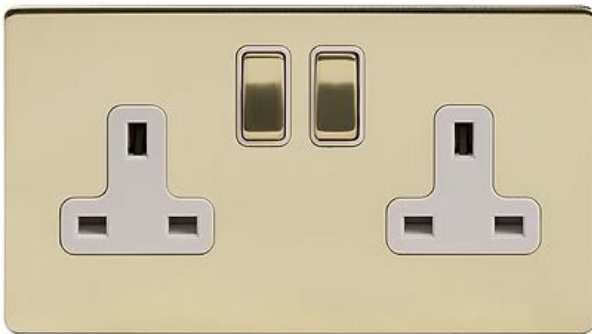
1.41 – Relation to 1.11 / 1.21 / 1.31)

- G.49 Lobby – Addition of accessible wheelchair platform lift and new handrail to opposite wall.
 - o 242931-PUR-01-GF-DR-A-6410_P02

1.42 – Relation to 1.21 / 1.22 / 1.32)

- G.45 Lobby – Addition of power sockets and data points.
 - o 242931-PUR-01-GF-DR-A-6060_P02
 - o 242931-PUR-01-GF-DR-A-6061_P04

Proposal imagery for 1.42 below:



Proposed power socket

Soho lighting – Savoy Collection (Brushed Brass w. white inserts)

<https://www.soholighting.com/the-savoy-collection-brushed-brass-l3a-2-gang-switched-socket-double-pole-wht-ins-screwless>



Proposed data point face plate

Soho lighting – Savoy Collection (Brushed Brass White Insert 2 x25mm EM-Euro Module Faceplate)

<https://www.soholighting.com/soho-lighting-brushed-brass-single-data-plate-2-modules-wht-ins-screwless>