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Rockefeller Building, 21 University Street, London WC1E 6DE: Internal Alterations to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Floors & Proposed Roof Plant HERITAGE STATEMENT

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## 01 BUILDING CHARACTER & ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL INTEREST:

- Rockefeller Building is currently a Grade 2 listed building and is designated on the English Heritage listed building register under "University College Hospital Medical School and that part of the Nurses Home adjacent to the junction of University Street and Huntley Street Medical School". English Heritage building reference: TQ2982SE - 798-1/94/616 - 21-Nove-1990
- The building is dated at 1907 on Gower Street Elevation, Architect Paul Waterhouse with some late C20 alterations. Red brick with stone dressings and banded quoining. Slate roofs, Edwardian Baroque style
- The Rockefeller Building is located within the Greater London Authority in the London Borough of Camden and, within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.
- The Rockefeller Building is a building within the University College London's campus in north-west Bloomsbury, London: it is used for university teaching and research.
- It is located at the junction of Gower Street and University Street.

## 02 PRINCIPLES & JUSTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT:

The minor internal alterations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rooms 222,223,224,226,227, 302,304,313,320,322 &323 are required to accommodate a new academic research group to UCL with the creation of new research laboratories within the existing University Research building.

## 03 IMPACT ON LISTED BUILDING & STEPS TO MINIMISE ADVERSE IMPACT:

- New partitions/suspended ceilings to Research Laboratories will be light demountable construction, to minimise the effect of the fabric of the Grade 2 listed building, with the associated building services plant located at the rear of the building. (Refer to existing site photographs for clarification)
- No internal features of historic or conservation interest will be affected by this internal refurbishment
- The new condenser units and the air handling unit will be positioned discreetly on the existing flat roofs at the rear of the building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor and 6<sup>th</sup> Floors which, are currently utilised for existing building services plant The new external plant will not be visible from University Street or Huntley Street or Gower Street.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Air handling Plant is located behind an Acoustic Screen, to provide an acoustic barrier and, visually screen the plant.
- Acoustic Screen along with air handling ductwork to 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Roof Plant area to light grey RAL 7035 to minimise the visual impact to the rear of the building.
- All new plant will be sited adjacent to existing plant locations to minimise the visual impact to the rear of the building

## 04 SOURCES CONSIDERED:

- English Heritage website with specific reference to listed building section & PPS5 Rev June 2012
- London Borough of Camden Environment Department planning website, listed building and conservation areas information.
- University College London records relating to Rockefeller Building, 21 University Street, London WC1E 6DE