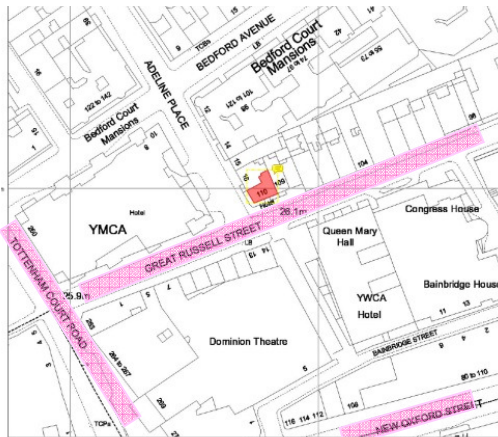


DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

The Cheshire Hotel
110, Great Russell Street
London
WC1
England

SITE CONTEXT AND SURROUNDINGS



 Important tourist routes in the area

PHISICAL CONTEXT



View of the corner of Tottenham Court Rd and Great Russell St.

* This is a lively area as a consequence of the high amount of people that concentrate here during the day. However it hasn't got a strong character derived from the existing buildings which don't follow a clearly design concept.



SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONTEXT

The site offers a variety of services including Bars, Cafes, Restaurants and Hotels but the most beautiful buildings like The Cheshire Hotel are closed to the public and only give private service to its guests.

A proposal to open and connect the hotel with the public place giving service to the people that work or visit the area will be advantageous for the area.

The building will be integrated as part of people life. People will be able to use the hotel and will identify themselves with the architecture of this magnificent building.

Apart from that it will contribute to enhance business in the area and create employment.

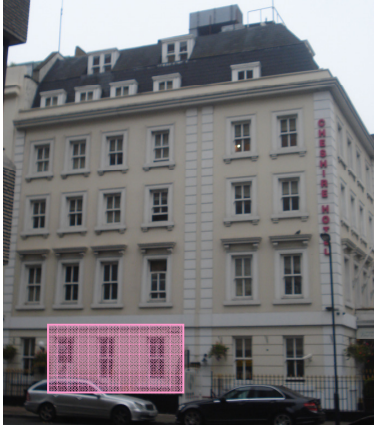
The idea to use an area in disuse to connect the building with the public space and give service to the public will be a positive intervention for the building and site.

USE

The idea to build an extension in the outside area of the building started with the demand of the clients for extra space for the bar.

After developing that idea we reach the conclusion that this new area will not only give service to the hotel clients that use the bar but also contribute a new community facility in the neighbourhood.

This disuse transition area will be turn into a useful space that will help to connect the public space with the building.



New space - Extension of the bar.
Accessible for all visitors.

AMOUNT

The size of the removable structure that will be built to enclose this area will be limited by the building architecture. Its scale will be restricted by the own building elements like the horizontal white cornice or the entrance walls with iron railings that will be maintained.

LAYOUT

The removable structure will adapt to the building shape. The entrances are the existing ones at the moment and as it is a temporary structure the minimum changes will be made to the building.

See Plan 2: Actual Space- Floor Plan and

Plan 5: Proposed Extension- Roof and Floor Plan

The enclosure will make it safe and comfortable for people using this area.

SCALE

Although it is a reduced area, the design and the use of transparent materials will make it comfortable for clients. When designing the idea to make the people feel that they are in an open space had been considered.

LANDSCAPE

From the beginning the landscaping has been properly considered not altering the actual design of public space or building. Even the rain water from ceiling will be conducted to avoid it falling directly into public area.

APPEARANCE

The structure was designed light, safe and transparent. Easy to be mounted and dismantled.

The materials were selected to fulfil these premises.

The aim was to integrate this temporary structure into the building character, not affecting the building identity.

The aluminium finish will match the actual colour of part of the building (off white)

See Plan 7: Proposed extension – Sections

In this simple and clear design the only detail which was incorporated was a different ceiling over the entrance to emphasize the access and make it easy to use.

ACCESS

The access will be direct from public area and private hotel space making it accessible for all type of people.

Although it is an old building where disable access for wheelchairs were not considered the staff will help any disable person who wants to use this area.

No change will be made in the building entrances as it is a temporary structure and will be adapted to the limitations of the actual building architecture.