

Royal College of General Practitioners

New Headquarters 30 Euston Square London NW1

Installation of new Secondary Glazing to part 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors (Melton Street Elevation only)

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This statement has been prepared in support of the application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of new secondary glazing to areas of the listed parts of the building at 30 Euston Square, London NW1. Namely, part 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors (Melton Street Elevation only)

Full details of the proposals are shown on the accompanying drawings.

The purpose of this statement is to highlight the requirement for the proposed development and outline the measures that have been taken to mitigate any impact on the historic fabric and appearance of the building.

An earlier application for the wider redevelopment of the building was approved in March 2011 (Approval Notice(s) 2010/4900/P dated 03.03.11 & 2010/4901/L dated 07.03.11). A further application for Listed Building Consent for secondary glazing to other areas of the listed parts was approved on 09.12.11 (Application Ref: 2011/4795/L).

1.0 Planning & Design Statement

The listed areas of 30 Euston Square are fitted with a variety of windows of various vintages. They are in the main in reasonable condition for their age. Some precontract remedial works have been undertaken externally (and internally) to repair and conserve the windows and frames and to ensure their free-opening. These works were carried out under the supervision of Camden's Conservation Officer.

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The windows covered by this current application were omitted from the earlier applications due to difficulties in accommodating the acoustic requirements of secondary glazing and the top light opening gear in an manner appropriate to the historic internal environment. Difficulties arise from the reduced depth of the window reveal in these instances combined with the projection of the winding window opening gear.

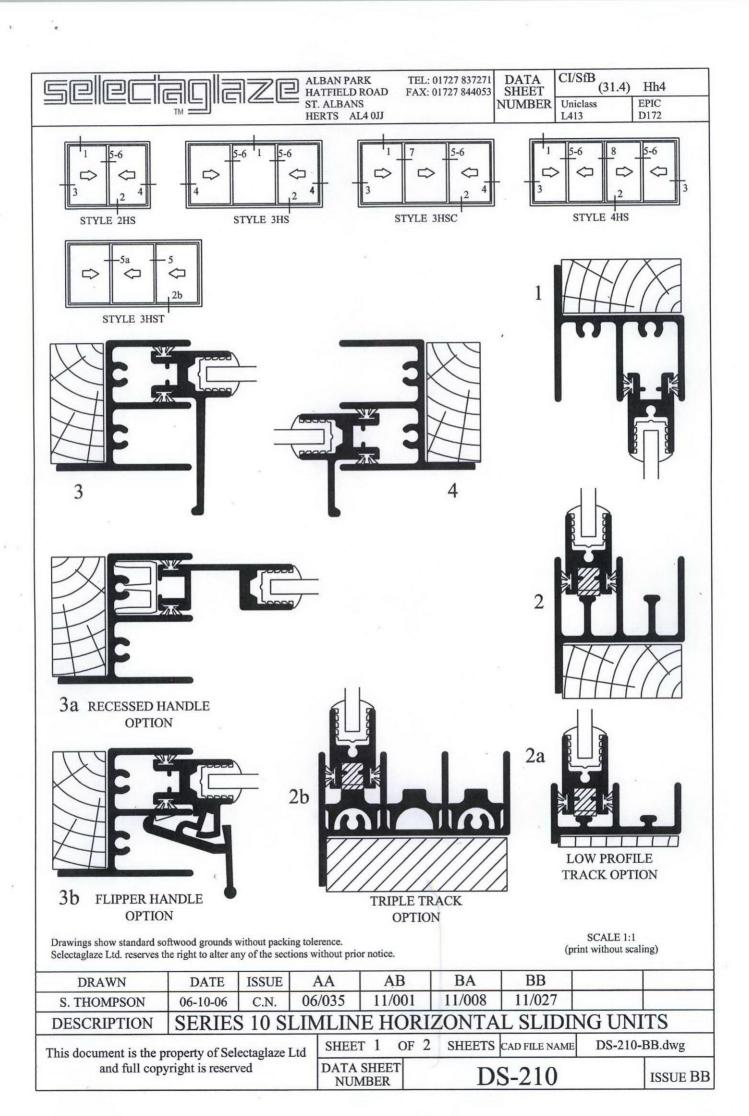
Noise disturbance from traffic in Melton Street and Euston Road is at a level unimaginable when the building was originally constructed. The glazing reveals in the existing windows are too shallow to allow re-glazing with sealed double glazed units and replacement of the windows themselves is considered untenable. Therefore secondary glazing is considered the only viable option to reduce noise levels within the adjacent floors to permissible levels.

In order to achieve this in an acceptable visual manner it is proposed to install timber double glazing to match the detail of the existing primary glazing as closely as possible. The winding gear would be removed from the windows in question, and be refitted to the proposed secondary glazing. The upper panes of the primary glazing will be fixed shut but the upper and lower panes of the secondary glazing secondary glazing will be operated by the gear in the same manner as the existing primary windows. This will allow secondary glazing to be discretely fitted within the reveals on the Second and Third floors as per the proposed details. It is recognised that the acoustic performance of the double glazing will be compromised by the consequential reduction in the void depth from that considered optimal. This is accepted by the client in the interests of maintaining the historic and visual aesthetic of the interior spaces.

There is no window winding gear or decorative tiling to the 4th floor area concerned (it is a later extension to the original 1906-08 building). As a consequence it has been deemed appropriate to adopt a simple aluminium sliding system (colour: White) within a plasterboard and timber boxing (to compensate for the lack of reveal depth) in this location. Details are included in the proposal.

If required, at any time, it will be possible to remove the secondary glazing and reinstate the winding gear in its original location with minimum disruption to the existing building fabric.

A background to the history of the building, Access Statement, Conservation Strategy & PPS5 Justification Report, have been submitted in conjunction with the earlier applications and we have been advised that their re-submission is not required by the Council in respect of this latest application).





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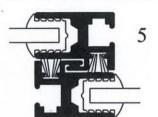
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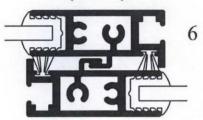
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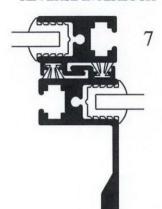
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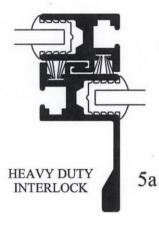


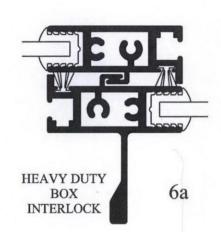
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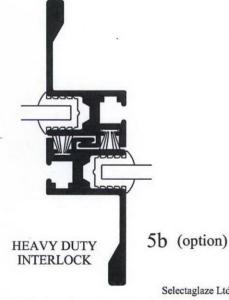


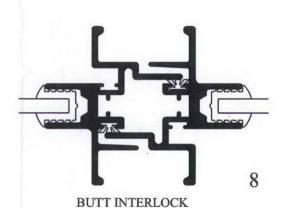
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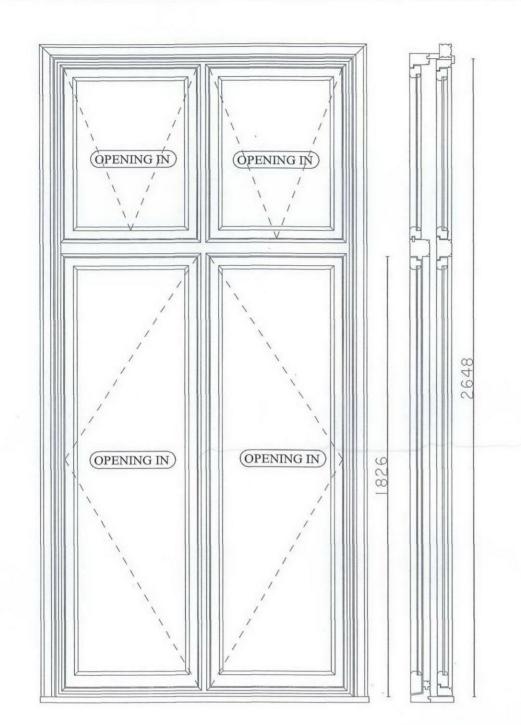
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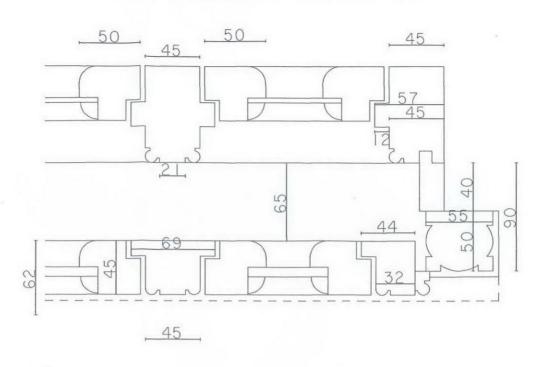
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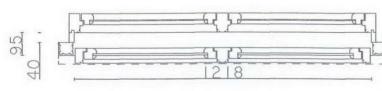
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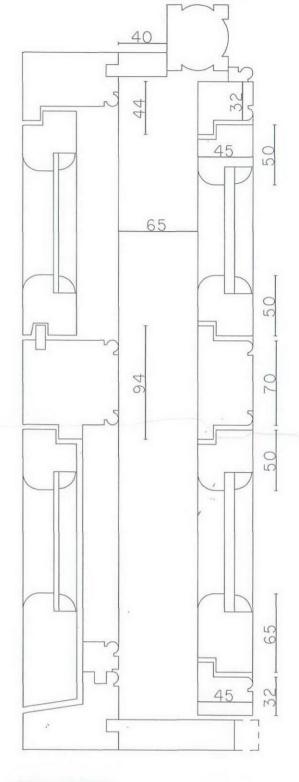






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