

This document records the building as it existed upon closure in February 2007 and prior to the refurbishment and alterations planned to commence in June 2008. It charts the historical development of the building, explaining and illustrating the significant parts, but also comparing its relative context to similar buildings of its time.

It is anticipated that upon completion of the refurbishment, this Grade II listed building will be significantly enhanced and provide for a secure future over many years.

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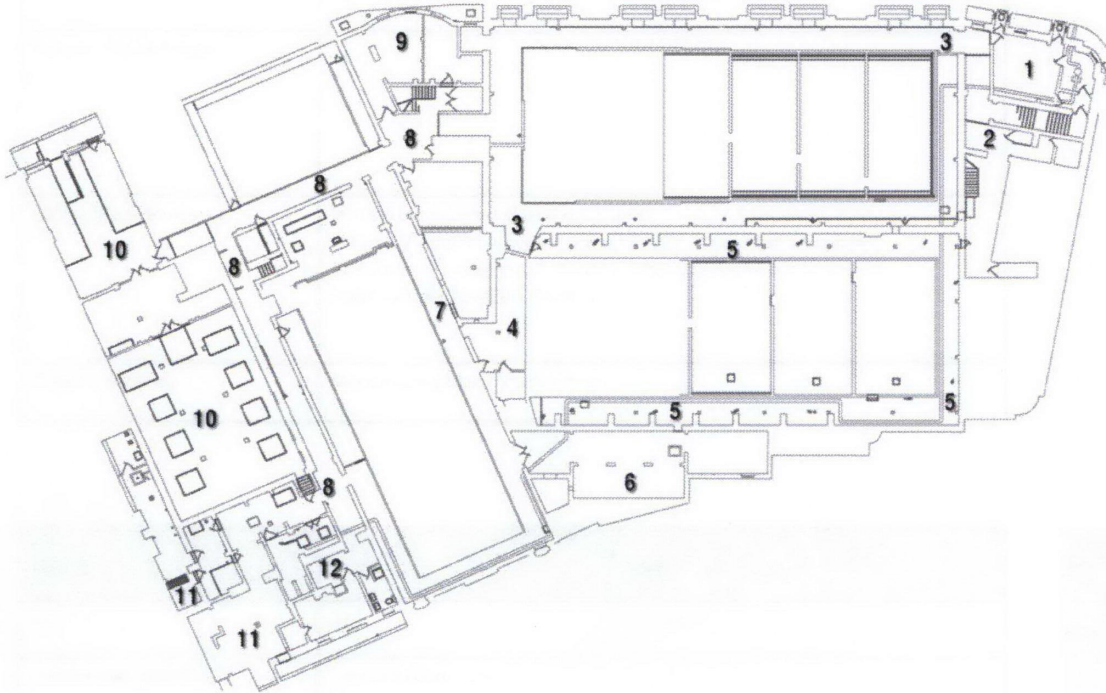
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8.00 APPENDICES

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BASEMENT PLAN



Room number	2007 function	1900 function
1	Disused office / WC	Office?
2	Corridor and stores	Corridor and stores
3	Access to Willes Pool tank	Access to Men's 1 st Class Pool tank
4	Access to Grafton Pool tank	Access to Men's 2 nd Class Pool tank
5	Access to Grafton Pool tank	Access to Men's 2 nd Class Pool tank
6	Store	Store?
7	Access to basement under changing rooms	Access to Women's 1 st Class Pool tank
8	Corridors	Corridors
9	Disused offices / Workshop	Offices?
10	Plant rooms	Plant rooms
11	Store and plant rooms	Store and plant rooms
12	Disused offices and WC	Office and WC?

Level	Room	Name
-01	03	Willes Pool tank access
Former uses & history	Pool tank and surrounds reconstructed 1960	
Surviving features of interest		

Level	Room	Name
-01	05	Grafton Pool tank access
Former uses & history	Pool tank and surrounds reconstructed c. 1960.	
Surviving features of interest		

Level	Room	Name
-01	04	Grafton Pool tank access
Former uses & history	Pool tank and surrounds reconstructed c. 1960	
Surviving features of interest	Original borehole supplying the baths in 1900	

Level	Room	Name
-01	06	Area under Reception
Former uses & history	Store and soakaway	
Surviving features of interest	Soakaway	

Level	Room	Name
-01	09	Workshop
Former uses & history	Presumably offices	
Surviving features of interest		
Other comments	Various modern tools and plant	

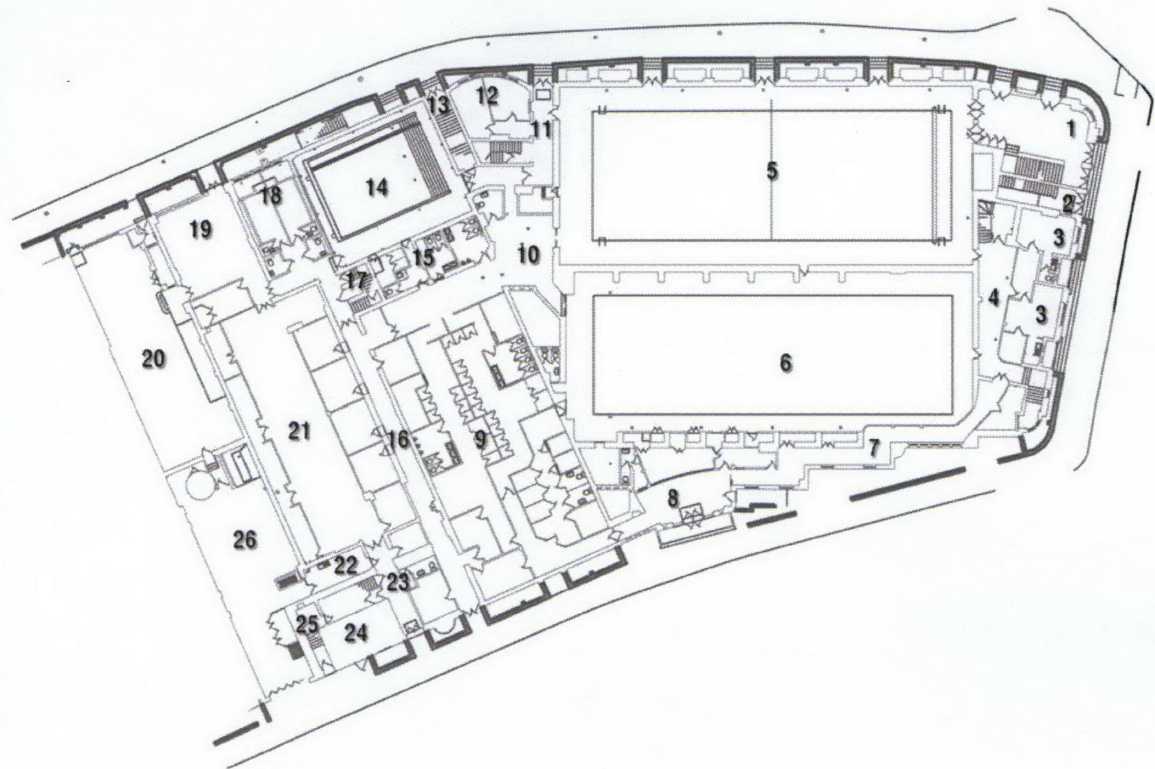
Level	Room	Name
-01	11	Plant rooms
Former uses & history	Similar historic use	
Surviving features of interest	Original red and black tiled floor in one room	

Level	Room	Name
-01	10	Plant room
Former uses & history	Presumably similar historic use	
Surviving features of interest	Window and door to fire exit along Willes Road	

Level	Room	Name
-01	12	WC and pump/filter room
Former uses & history	Presumably similar historic use	
Surviving features of interest	Pump/filter room has original floor of engineering bricks, with an original pipe and stop-cock running close to the ceiling	

GROUND FLOOR

Room No.	2007 function	1900 function
1	Disused	Entrance vestibule to public hall
2	Stair to top floor flat	Stair to caretaker's flat
3	Offices with kitchenette and WC	Men's 1st and 2nd Class entrances with ticket booths & Superintendent office
4	Corridor	Men's 1st and 2nd Class refreshment kiosks and pool entrances
5	Willes Pool	Men's 1st Class Pool in summer; Public Hall in winter
6	Grafton Pool	Men's 2nd Class Pool
7	Corridor from Reception to Gym stairs	Part of Men's 2nd Class Pool and Men's 2nd Class Slipper Baths
8	Reception	Men's 2nd Class Slipper Baths
9	Changing rooms	Women's 1st Class Pool
10	Vestibule	Club Room and WCs
11	Corridor and stairs	Corridor and stairs
12	Changing rooms	Club Room
13	Stairs to balcony of Willes Pool	Stairs to balcony of Men's 1st Class Pool or Public Hall
14	Training Pool	Part of Women's 2nd Class Pool
15	WCs	Dressing rooms, WCs and external area
16	Access corridor with room	Women's 1st and 2nd Class Pool entrance and corridor, with ticket office
17	Stairs	Stairs to Women's 1st Class Slipper Baths
18	Changing rooms	Part of Women's 2nd Class Pool
19	Exercise or changing area	Mangling room
20	Laundry extension (disused)	Did not exist
21	Main laundry	Public washhouse
22	Kitchenette and access to boiler room	WCs and external area
23	Laundry entrance corridor with storeroom and stair to office above	Washhouse entrance corridor with Women's refreshment kiosk and stair to Creche
24	Office	Washhouse waiting room
25	Entrance to upstairs flat	Entrance to Engineer's Residence
26	Boiler Room	Did not exist



LEVEL 00 - GROUND FLOOR

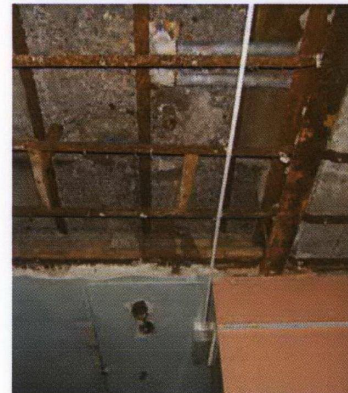
Level	Room	Name
00	01	Former Public Hall vestibule
Former uses & history	Public Hall vestibule with entrances from Grafton Road and Prince of Wales Road & stairs leading to balcony over Willes Pool	
Surviving features of interest	<p>Floor – modern tiles</p> <p>Walls – modern tiles; overpainted brick dado to stairs</p> <p>Ceilings – plaster missing, exposing concrete with steel frames below. See photo</p> <p>Doors – to exterior: 4 pairs of original double doors, painted light blue, with semicircular lights over; to Willes Pool: 2 narrower pairs of original double doors, varnished hardwood; at top of stair to Willes Pool balcony, pair of narrower double doors, painted white. Brass handles and fittings to all. See photos</p> <p>Window – original mullioned window to SE corner</p> <p>Stairs – stone treads to Level -01 and also to Level 01, with round wooden handrail. See photo</p>	



Doors to Price of Wales Road



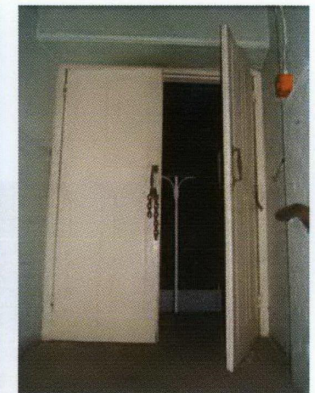
Doors to Willes Pool



Ceiling



Stairs to balcony



Entrance to balcony of Willes Pool

Level	Room	Name
00	02	Stairs to top floor flat
Former uses & history	Originally stairs to caretaker's flat	
Surviving features of interest		
Other comments	see description of Level 02, Room 01	

Level	Room	Name
00	06	Grafton Pool
Former uses & history	Former uses and history Originally Men's 2nd Class Pool. Redecorated with new tiles and suspended ceiling in 1960. Pool and pool surround replaced 1960.	
Surviving features of interest	Modern tiled walls and floor, and modern suspended ceiling, obscures any original survivals. Original steel truss roof survives. Original doors to changing booths on W side survive, articles behind may survive. Scroll brackets to soffits of level above and supporting columns.	
Other comments	No direct access possible due to safety constraints	



View from North



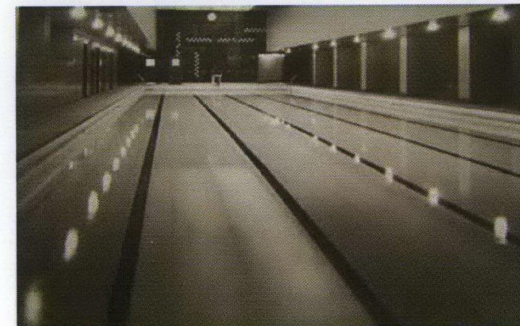
Space above 1960 suspended ceiling



Space above 1960 suspended ceiling



Pool in 1959



Pool in 1960 - looking north



Pool in 1960 - looking south

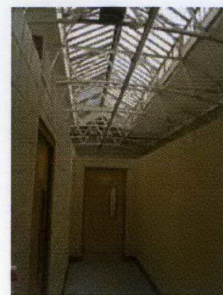
Level	Room	Name
00	07	Corridor
Former uses & history	Formerly part of Men's 2nd Class Pool and Men's 2nd Class Slipper Baths. Area remodelled in 1960 to create access corridor to the new reception	
Surviving features of interest	Floor – concrete with modern linoleum above Walls – overpainted glazed brick dado, with modern block partitions on E wall of S end Ceilings – modern suspended ceiling may conceal original features Windows – wooden casements to exterior	

Level	Room	Name
00	08	Reception & sports centre entrance
Former uses & history	Constructed in 1960 as an extension of part of former Men's 2nd Class Slipper Baths, involving demolition of part of the original external wall	
Surviving features of interest	Nothing visible predates 1960	



Reception area in 1960

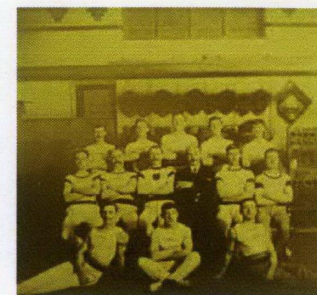
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00	09	Changing rooms
Former uses & history	Originally the Women's 1st Class Pool. Pool and pool surround rebuilt after 1945 used as the Grafton Hall (street entrance and new floor over former pool probably created at this time). Converted to permanent changing rooms in 1960, when suspended ceiling was inserted (since removed). Remodelled again in recent times with introduction of concrete block walls	
Surviving features of interest	Walls – glazed brick still visible above line of 1960 suspended ceiling; below this line the glaze has been chiselled off Ceiling – open steel truss with glazed rooflight	



Room 09: views East & West



West wall today



West wall c. 1910



Changing rooms in 1960



In use as a hall, early c. 1920

Level	Room	Name
00	10	Vestibule
Former uses & history	Originally a corridor, Club Room and WCs. Remodelled in 1960 to provided access between changing and pools	
Surviving features of interest	No original features visible	