

Design and access statement

1. What are the features of the existing site?
2. How will people in the locality be affected by your proposal?
3. Please provide details of the layout of the proposed development.
4. Please provide details of the scale of the proposed development.
5. Please provide details of the landscaping in the proposed development.
6. Please provide details of the appearance of the proposed development.
7. Please provide details of how any access issues have been addressed.

1.

The pergola on the roof top of the Finnish Institute in London is located at 35-36 Eagle Street. The roof top, five storeys high, is used for lunch breaks and staff meetings. The pergola is designated to make the roof top more user friendly, to give shelter from straight sunlight and to be a pleasant place for the staff to use.



2.

The pergola will be visible from the neighbouring buildings. It will also be visible from the street, giving a discreet and good example of Finnish timber architecture, creating a representative symbol for the Finnish Institute in London. Its aim is to demonstrate a traditional Finnish material, wood, in a modern, innovative and attractive way. The pergola will only be accessed by the Finnish Institute in London and their guests, the access to the roof is through an existing staircase within the building. The pergola will not cast any shadows on the adjacent buildings or infringe upon any rights of light. The neighbouring building to the west is the same height and without roof top access.

3.

The pergola will make the roof top more useable for the Finnish Institute of London. The existing layout of the building, such as facades and railings, will not change and the pergola will not expand beyond the roof area. The upper part of the construction is a lightweight, net-like structure, half a meter high and acts to give rigidity, held up by columns grouped in threes, creating a pergola.

4.

The pergola will have a final height of 2,95 meters, the area is 4x5 meters. It is self-standing and does not attach to any of the surrounding structures or buildings. Full dimensions can be seen in the drawings attached.

5.

The landscape will not change as the pergola is on the roof.

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The pergola will make the roof top an interesting and attractive place to be for the staff and guests of the Finnish Institute of London, adding an interesting detail on the roof top and relating to the Finnish culture.

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The accessibility will not change from the current arrangement.