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**The School of Pharmacy, University of London, 29-39 Brunswick Square, WC1N 1AX.
Re-Cycle Shelter
Design and Access Statement**

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Introduction

The scheme is for a new enclosure including secure bicycle parking, waste and re-cycling storage within the curtilage of the School of Pharmacy site, to the east of the building. The scheme is located in a conservation area and is adjacent to the grade II listed Foundling museum. The proposal will be set back from the building line defined by the School of Pharmacy and the Foundling museum and physically separate from the listed building.

School of Pharmacy existing working arrangements: Empty vessels for recycling, refilling and other non-perishable waste currently accumulate in the hallway adjacent to the east access to the School of Pharmacy in advance of collection. Liquid nitrogen containers are currently re-filled on the pavement outside the School of Pharmacy. The School has no secure external bicycle parking facilities.

During our site visit with Camden Planning Officer Jennifer Walsh of 10 June, we observed the existing portakabin on site and 4 cars stack parked to the front of the proposed site. The ground finish was in a poor state of repair.

School of Pharmacy proposed working arrangements: Empty vessels for recycling, refilling and other non-perishable waste will be stored in dedicated bays within the new shelter. Liquid nitrogen containers will be re-filled in a ventilated space within the enclosure. The proposal will include 38 secure bicycle parking bays. Vehicular parking will be formalised, with provision for a DDA compliant parking bay and a maintenance vehicle bay.

Use

The Re-cycle shelter will provide:

- 1) 2 designated parking bays (one of which is DDA compliant),
- 2) secure external storage of waste materials from the School
- 3) secure bicycle parking

The proposals will be physically separate from the Grade II listed Foundling Museum.

The waste and recycling materials will be managed by maintenance staff at the School of Pharmacy.

The enclosure is secure and will be accessible to School of Pharmacy maintenance staff and cycle users only. Camden personnel will at no time be required to enter the enclosure.

Amount

the works proposed here will form an external shelter and is not considered to provide an increase in floor space.

The site area measures 123 sq m. 27 sq m of sheltered external storage will be provided as a secure holding area for waste materials prior to removal from site.

Two storey racks will be installed to maximise bicycle parking, providing a total of 38 cycle parking bays

2 vehicle parking bays - one of which will be compliant with the requirements of disabled persons.

Layout

The vehicle parking bays will be located to the front of the site, accessed directly off Brunswick Square.

A central aisle between the two vehicle bays will lead directly to the secure gates of the shelter.

Access into the shelter will only be available to those with an approved swipe card.

Once within the secure shelter, the layout consists of a central uncovered corridor, with covered storage to the right and covered two tier cycle parking and a small amount of storage to the left.

Scale

The shelter is formed of two shallow monopitched roofs, rising from 2.6m to 3m. The shelter is set back from the building line on Brunswick Square and is located between the School of Pharmacy building, measuring 18m above external ground level to its third floor parapet and the Foundling Museum which measures 12.5m to its parapet. The new shelter is located between these two buildings and is of a very small scale by comparison. The front elevation has been designed to re-inforce the human scale of the new shelter.

Landscaping

The site is currently largely covered by a portakabin, which is to be removed shortly. The existing hardstanding will be made good once the portakabin has been removed to provide a clear, clean base for the installation of the new shelter.

New green vine planting will be installed in planters located along the west elevation of the new shelter, as an amenity for the School's staff working in the adjacent offices.

Appearance

Viewed from Brunswick Square, the shelter will have two profiled metal monopitched roofs separated by a circulation space. The facade will be formed of two areas of rendered facade separated by a new gate featuring the institution's logo. The rendered facades have been designed with a stepped relief detail at 2.25m above ground level. An off-white render will be installed beneath this detail and mid-grey above, reflecting the contemporary extension to the Foundling Museum and reducing the visual height of the building. The new shelter will be set back from the existing building line to Brunswick Square and will be physically separate from the grade II listed Foundling museum.

Vehicular and transport links

The School is located to the north of Brunswick Square. The access road is a cul de sac terminating outside the Foundling museum (40 Brunswick Square). Access and turning for vehicles will be unchanged by the proposals.

The new bike shelter will provide accessible parking for a disabled person's vehicle. The bicycle storage will benefit existing cyclists and encourage new cyclists by allowing students and staff of the School to securely park their bicycles.

Inclusive access

The scheme will provide a DDA compliant parking bay in accordance with Camden's Access Design Guide.

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