

LSHTM Design and Access Statement

1 Design

LSHTM is seeking to obtain planning permission and listed building consent to install a Dry Riser Inlet Box on the Gower Street side of the Grade II listed building, which is situated in Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

The applications seek consent to install a Dry Riser within the railings along Gower Street, in a similar form to the existing Dry Riser Inlet Box at Bonham Carter House. The Inlet Box will be of a small scale measuring approximately 395 mm h x 595 mm w x 295 mm d and will be finished in high quality red steel. The Inlet Box will be connected to the Dry Riser within the new South Courtyard development, which is currently being constructed. The pipe work will be located above the suspended ceiling of the existing and proposed building and will therefore not be visible. Further details of the design are included within the applications.

It is considered that this design will not create a heavy appearance and will not have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area or the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building, in accordance with PPG 15.

2 Accessibility

Following the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has been working at improving its accessibility around the School.

The provision of a Dry Riser Inlet Box is not required for everyday use by the general public. It is required to be used in the event of a fire for health and safety purposes and is only to be used in emergency situations. The proposals to not interfere with any existing or proposed access routes through the building.

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