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Design, Conservation and Access Statement

Design and Conservation

Formation of a new second floor door opening in the party wall separating the corridor adjacent to room 43RS/4/003 and room 42RS/4/002

These terraced properties have housed the various administration offices for the British Museum for many years. However the staircases and upper floors that currently comprise the few access routes within the terrace carry an undue burden of foot traffic, which the museum is seeking to reduce.

Accordingly to provide direct access between 42 and 43 on the second floor it is proposed to introduce a single door opening in the party wall separating the corridor adjacent to room 43RS/4/003 and room 42RS/4/002 as shown on our drawing 14155/1/10, copies enclosed. This will help to reduce the degradation of other parts of the buildings.

Structurally this would not require any other modifications to the line or detail of the party wall, there being a sufficient run of walling either side of the opening to accommodate the modest local increase in loading generated at the ends of the lintel.

If the materials and design replicated the adjacent original doors there would be little alteration to the aesthetics of the corridor nor would it involve the loss of any unique architectural features.

The areas and features described above are shown on photo pages 1 & 2 at the back of this report.

Access

Consideration has been given to the method of access to minimise disruption to local residents and it is therefore confirmed that the following will be implemented;

1. Access will be solely via the main entrance on the ground floor of the building
2. All work carried out on the property will be done between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm, and deliveries will only be made/arranged between the same hours.
3. Although storage requirements will be minimal, any new materials will be stored within the boundary of the site to prevent blockages and disruption to other residents, the debris will be temporarily stored in the same location and removed at regular intervals. Russell Square and pavement will be kept clear and free of stored materials at all times.
4. A banksman will be in attendance during all vehicular movements to and from site.