

Design and Access Statement

RE: 50 Bloomsbury Street, WC1B 3QT

Planning Application

Listed building Consent

Design

CCTV installation throughout the building and at the external entrance.

This statement will explain the reasons for this application.

SHP (Single Homeless Project) work in Camden Pathways to support vulnerable young people with complex need including offending.

50 Bloomsbury Street is an 8 bed male prolific offender's hostel.

Due to the Grade II listed nature of this building despite having already approved planning permission in 2011 we are now reapplying as it was a lengthy process obtaining approval from the British Museum (Property Owner) and their legal department to have these works completed. This has now been approved but we need to submit a new application.

The CCTV installation is crucial to the safe running of the service. Many of the young men that we work with exhibit complex behavioural problems and offending behaviour. The need for cameras around the property is necessary to ensure that all staff and residents utilising the service are risk managed and appropriately monitored for their wellbeing.

To this end we are proposing the following:

Camera 1 - Front of building camera giving us a viewpoint of the street, door step and stairs down to the basement. Please note this will not affect access to the premises in any way.

Visual Intercom System also proposed at this entrance to allow staff to have a full facial image of those wishing to enter the building. This also does not affect in any way access.

Camera 2- Entrance Hall Camera situated on the wall above the staircase entrance allowing a view point of anyone entering and exiting the building.

Camera 3 - Office/ Room B3 Camera, Control Panels and Wall Mounted Monitor (Recording System) one camera located on the wall in the corner of the office showing a wide view of the whole office area. This area is particularly vulnerable as it holds

confidential files and is utilised by staff on a 24 hour rota. Commonly when young people are being problematic this is a target area for issues that may occur.

Control panels and Wall Mounted Monitor (Recording System) will be located on the wall opposite the camera and a Desk Monitor will be located on the Desk.

Camera 4 – Top of First Floor Stair well situated above the doorway giving staff visible view of movement on the stairs.

Camera 5 – Large Communal Kitchen will be situated in the coving in the corner opposite the entrance to the kitchen. This gives staff a full visual picture of any activity taking place in the kitchen. Due to this being one of two large communal spaces in the hostel activity in this room is frequent and needs to be monitored.

Camera 6 - Second Floor Stair well situated in the left hand corner of the stair well and will give a view of movement on the stairs.

Camera 7 – Third Floor Stair well situated in the left hand corner of the stair well and will give a view of movement on the stairs.

Due to the Grade II listing of this building SHP have every intention of adhering to the original nature of the building by making this installation as minimal and understated as possible. The intention is to ensure that all cables are covered and cameras are installed with careful consideration of the materials and building structure. If at any point SHP no longer manages the service all CCTV will be removed and any resulting damage made good at SHP's cost.

Access

Due to the height of the all cameras intended to be installed this should not incur any access issues in and around any part of the building. All current access will remain untouched.