

Chalk Farm Underground Station Ticket Hall Alterations

Design and Access Statement

Context for the Works

Alterations are proposed to the ticket hall interior at Chalk Farm Station as part of London Underground's 'Fit for the Future Stations' programme. This is a programme of works which will involve upgrading all station ticket offices to either convert them to the station control point, provide additional ticket machines or convert them to other use and direct passengers to staff assistance in front of the gate line. The proposed changes at Chalk Farm relate only to internal walls within the ticket hall; there are no alterations to the building exterior.



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Heritage and Historical Context

Chalk Farm Station is a Grade II listed building. An extract from Historic England's list entry for the building reads:

INTERIOR: Ticket hall retains a number of features including moulded cornices, an early brass clock, six-panelled door with paterae, fluted timber wall banding and railings enclosing the top of the stair. Tiling has been replicated to the 1906 pattern. Some original mauve terrazzo flooring survives in the disused exit area to the rear of the lifts. Original tiling in dark red and cream survives in the spiral staircase and lower corridors; that to the platforms replicated in 2005, apart from the soffit banding and some remnants of directional signs.



The existing ticket hall interior features green tiles, with plain painted render above. Whilst the history of the building interior is not known in detail, the ticket office windows are likely to be 1980s inserts and are therefore not original to, or contemporary with, the architecture of the building.

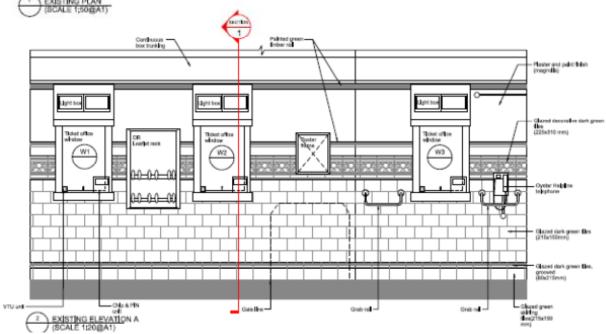


Existing ticket office windows

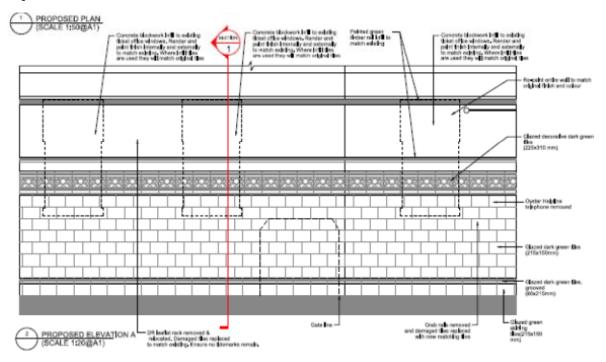
Design Proposals

It is intended that the alterations will be sympathetic to the current interior. All three ticket office windows will be removed in their entirety and the apertures blocked, rendered, tiled and painted to match existing finishes. New information provision and a staff seat will be installed in the ticket hall, including a 350mm diameter 'i' sign to indicate the information point.



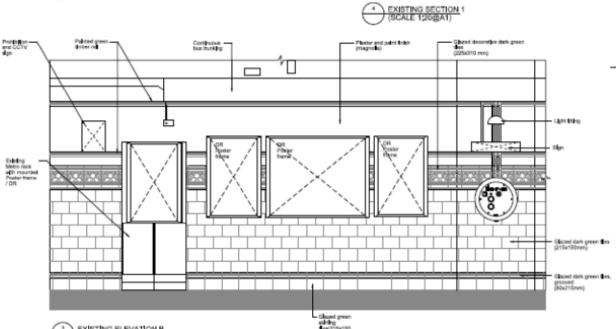


Existing ticket office elevation

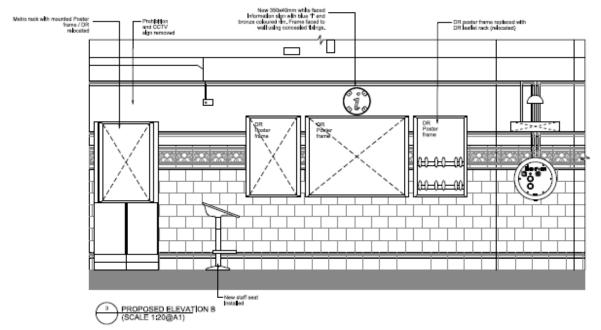


Proposed ticket office elevation





Existing Elevation - Information Provision



Proposed Elevation - Information Provision - showing staff seat and small 350mm 'i' sign designating the information point

Accessibility

The proposed alterations do not have any impact on existing access to the station. At present, Chalk Farm station does not provide step-free access to platforms and trains. However, the new information provision and the presence of a member of LU staff within the ticket hall will enable further direct assistance to be provided to all passengers as well as improving passenger safety and security.