

Design and Access Statement

Proposal	Glazed Infill Screening to the First Floor Past Grand Officers Robing Room at Freemason's Hall
Location	Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ
1.	Context
	The past Grand Officers Robing Room is located at first floor level and comprises a large rectangular area sub-divided into three areas by two partially glazed hardwood screen partitions each with double doors all set between full-height columns. Above each screen partitions is an open area; it is our proposal to infill each open area using 8.8mm clear laminated safety glass as shown on drawing number 1022.04, in order to reduce air bourn sound transference between the areas.
2.	Use
	The use of the building shall remain the same. Freemasons' Hall is the headquarters of the United Grand Lodge of England and the principal meeting place for Masonic Lodges in London.
3.	Layout
	The layout of the building and rooms shall remain unaltered.
4.	Scale
	The nature of the glazing is to ensure that the infill is as unobtrusive as possible.
5.	Landscaping
	Not applicable.
6.	Appearance
	<p>The infill glazing is to be secured at the top and bottom using 15mm wide x 25mm high powder coated aluminum glazing channels, top channel to be RAL 9016 – white, bottom channel to be RAL 8016 – mahogany brown, all to match adjacent surfaces. Vertical perimeter edges of glazing to be water jet cut to within 10mm of the adjacent column profiles. Vertical intermediate joints between glazing panels to be sealed using clear silicone sealant.</p> <p>The existing central timber mahogany pediments are to be sub-divided into two pieces and re-fixed either side of the infill glazing in order to continue the appearance above the partitions.</p>
7.	Access to the development
	Vehicular and pedestrian access to the site is unaffected.