

BLUEBOTTLE

Design and Access Statement MC-004

Matrix Chambers, Griffin Building, Gray's Inn London WC1R 5LN

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Introduction

Matrix Chambers, Griffin Building is a freestanding building located on the corner of Gray's Inn Road and Theobalds Road, Holborn. The building comprises of lower ground floor, ground, first, second and third floors. Matrix Chambers occupy all floors for office use. The ground floor is used as reception, meeting room space and staff floor. As the Chamber have grown over the years the current layout does not work as a client facing facility and relocating the staff to create a larger reception and meeting area is the main objective. The application is for creating two new openings within existing window apertures leading into the gardens.

Amount of development

The proposal involves the relocation of staff area from ground floor to create a welcoming reception area with functional meeting rooms. By adding meeting rooms to the south west corner of the building there is an opportunity to create a paved external area with direct access. The intention is to remove two of the existing windows and creating a door opening in its place with new white painted wood framed doors to match the existing windows. The doors will lead onto a new paved area which can be enjoyed by staff and visitors and overlooking the Inn's garden. The south elevation is hidden from any public view and access.

Layout and scale

Please refer to the accompanying ground floor plans and roof plans indicating position of meeting rooms with proposed doors and external area and plant area. MC-001, MC-002

Appearance/Landscaping

The scheme is sympathetic to the existing building, with the new doors in place of existing window apertures and the design of the doors in style with existing windows. The paving will enhance the area closest to the building, concrete pavers laid brick style will blend in with the gravel path and the style of the building.

Access

The proposal does not involve altering any of the existing entrances.
All work undertaken will comply with the latest building control regulations.

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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