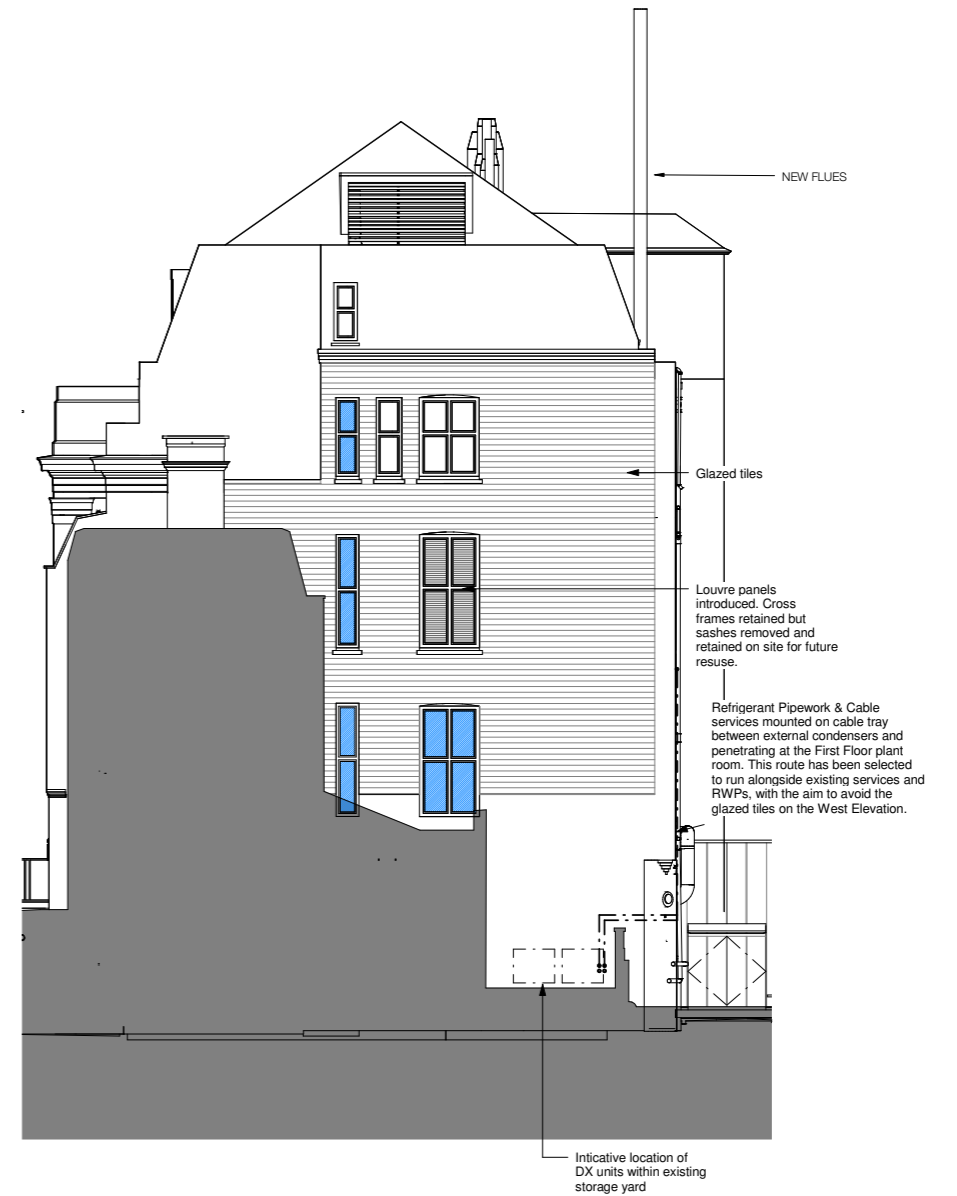


Gower Court - Location DX Units

Gower Place West Elevation

It is proposed that additional plant is to be located within the existing service yard adjacent to the West Elevation. The proposal aims to reduce the amount of cabling and pipework on the west elevation by running these service runs alongside existing service routes and RWP's on the corner of Gower Court. This route was also carefully selected in order to avoid the the glazed tiles on the West Elevation.

The window to the proposed 1st floor plant room is to follow the same strategy of those located on the Gower Court elevation, whereby the sash window is to be removed and replaced with louvre panels to meet air flow requirements and as previously noted the sash windows are to be retained by UCL for future use and to be stored safely and securely in the meantime.



Gower Court West Elevation

Blue hatching - reglazed windows
 Red hatching retained glazing with internal secondary glazing



Summary

This planning and listed building application is for the comprehensive refurbishment of the building to create high quality, flexible learning spaces to meet modern standards.

Aligned with strategic objectives of the Bloomsbury Masterplan (as outlined on page 14).

Alan Baxter Associates prepared a heritage assessment at early design stage to help inform the proposals. This has ensured the proposals are sympathetic to the listed building and retain and reveal historic features where possible.

This Design and Access Statement includes a detailed assessment of the proposals, which we consider provides a sensitive, respectful and considered approach that not only ensures that this notable academic building (which is strategic in the Bloomsbury Masterplan) can be refurbished to provide modern facilities for important research, teaching, study and as a faculty home- but also preserves the significant architectural heritage of this grade II listed building.

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