

GQA HERITAGE STATEMENT

SENATE HOUSE & SOUTH BLOCK

to Accompany Listed Building Consent Application

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LIGHT-WELL IN-FILLS CONDITION: DESIGN PROCESS AND HISTORIC DETAILS



Photograph of the existing Light-well to Senate House South Building facing Malet Street.



Photograph of the Charles Holden Infilled Light-well to Senate House South Building along Montagu Place.



Image of the proposed modern take on the in-filled light-well forming part of the planning application.



Photomontage of the proposed replication of the existing details within both the light-wells to Malet Street and Montagu Place

The design process: GQA were asked to help submit this condition release for the planning application to ensure that the details of the new in-fills did not detract from the Grade II* building and its setting. The agreed way forward with both Historic England and Camden's Conservation Officer was to provide an in-fill that utilises the details of the existing Holden in-fill along Montagu Place.

The original detail drawings by Holden were for Montagu Place and these light-wells are wider than the ones to Malet Street. However as per the agreed approach we have utilised the historic details of the original designs and made minor adaptations to them to fit them within the Malet Street light-wells. This has been done by using the existing Malet Street Entrance and light-well in-fill to ensure that the widths and heights work within this narrower space.

GQA have taken the historic details and dimensions by double checking the existing in-fills and surveying the pavement lights on site and using these as the dimensions to be replicated in the new in-fills. The detail designs also include aspects of waterproofing and current standards fro asphalt and waterproofing details to meet Building Regulations today. The designs of the pavement lights retain the historic sizes of the glass blocks and surrounding supports to ensure that the pavement lights will be read in the same way as the existing pavement lights to the Montagu Place in-fills.

The designs include a structural support system that works with the least amount of damage to the historic fabric.