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Midland Goods Shed and Handyside Canopies, Wharf Road, London, N1C 4BZ

Heritage Statement / Historical Building Impact Assessment

Introduction

The site is split over 2 areas, East Handyside Canopy and the first floor of Midland Goods Shed. The buildings fall under the Listing of the Granary building complex, which holds Grade II listed status.

The buildings include varied Victorian characters of robust brickwork, cast iron structures, cavernous spaces, and both delicate and modern roof trusses.

Access is via obtained from both north and south entrances to the building. The southern Entrance - 4 Wharf Road, London, N1C 4BZ and the northern Entrance - 7 Handyside Street, London, N1C 4DA

Architectural and Historical interest

The key features of each building:

East Handyside Canopy – Cast iron roof trusses bearing onto cast iron steelwork. These form the sweeping roof of the double height space, and continue externally to form a canopy over the front entrance (to the north). Period brickwork and inset ironwork feature on the west elevation. A new mezzanine floor and x2 sets of steelwork bleacher steps have been built as a modern insertion. The water accumulator tower has been sympathetically restored, with modern glass floor to showcase the old (existing) timberwork below.

Midland Goods Shed – Period brickwork and inset ironwork feature intermittently around the perimeter of the site. Towards the south end of the building there are 2 rooms with notable brickwork period features. The south entrance also has a number of period brickwork detailing, complimented by modern steelwork and timber cladding in the form of staircase and wall panelling. The main roof structure is of new steel construction, with vast minimal spans creating dramatic volume in the space.

Design Proposals

Two items are proposed here

1. Satellite Dish to roof. Installed in existing plant enclosure on the roof. The dish will not be visible from surrounds.
2. Client Signage within building. Illuminated sign installed within main entry, inside glazing. Signage location previously approved.

Statement of Significance

The design takes full account of the significance of the building and it is our professional view that the proposals will not cause harm or loss to that significance, ensuring that the buildings can continue to retain their historic place as part of The Granary complex.

Building Impact Assessment

There will be no loss to any historic fabric such as walls, windows, doors, timber framing, roofing or architectural features such as cornices, fireplaces, panelling etc. Our proposed works will not affect the character or appearance of the buildings. The approach to the works is based on the following key conservation concepts:

- Minimal intervention
- Respect for the significance of the building (value and age and maintaining authenticity)

In this respect there appears to be no material reason in conservation terms why the Authority should not grant listed building consent.