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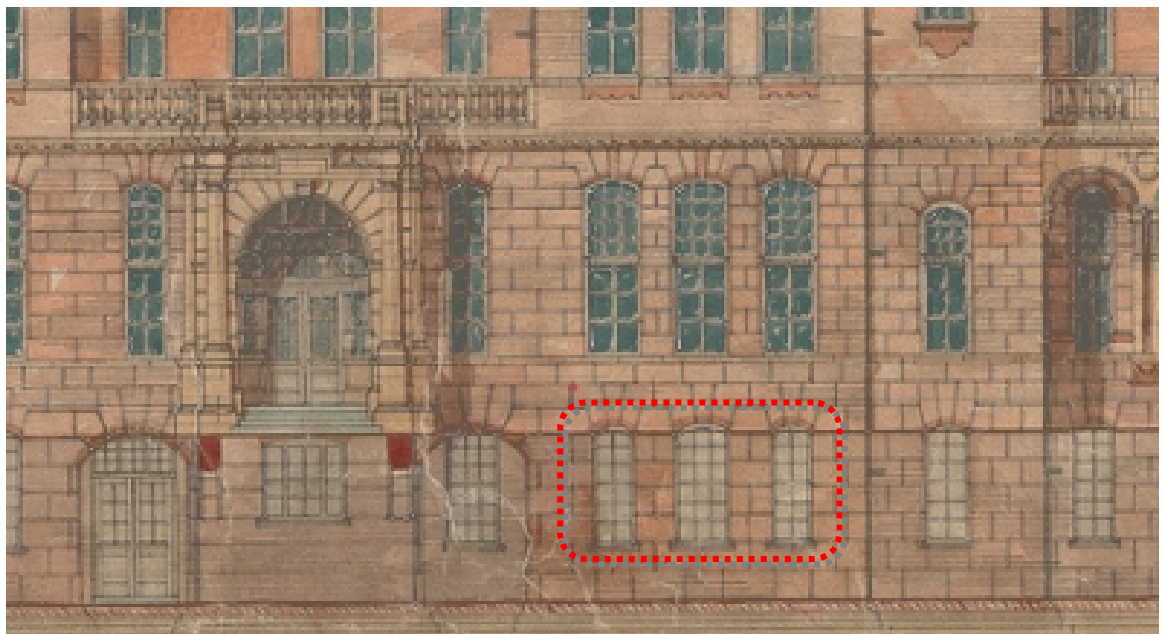
Addition Of Secondary Glazing To Basement Windows At Albany Wing National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square

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(image 1) Existing Building

View from North of Queen Square to the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery with Albany Wing in the foreground, Queen Mary Wing in the background.



(image 2) Historic Western Elevation

Original Construction Drawing, 1883, with proposed area of work highlighted
National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (Albany Wing),
the then National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic.

INTRODUCTION

Planning Application

This Application is for the proposed addition of secondary glazing to the inside face of three existing basement windows on the facade of a Grade II listed building, which is located within a Conservation Area.

Background

The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery is located at Queen Square, in Bloomsbury. It is the UK's largest dedicated neurological and neurosurgical hospital. It has been established for 150 years and provides comprehensive services for the diagnosis, treatment and care of all conditions that affect the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nervous system and muscles.

Listed Building Consent and Planning Consent was granted for alterations to two of these windows (reference 2016/2884/P & 2016/2918/L). The consent was for the removal of mechanical ventilation units that were fixed to the upper sash of two existing windows and the window's restoration to their original appearance. This work is now complete.

Purpose

The purpose of the project is to refurbish two existing store rooms within the basement floor of the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (Albany Wing) into an office and reconfigured store.

Both rooms face an external existing escape route within the lightwell between the facade and Queen Square. The fire integrity of the windows is to be enhanced as part of the project. It is proposed to add fixed, secondary glazing to the internal side of these existing windows. To provide ventilation to one of the rooms, a separate vent is to be installed in a discrete location within the external wall.

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Listing

The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (Albany Wing) is Grade II Listed (ref: 798-1-174291; listing date: 9th December 1997).

Built between 1883-5, and designed by MP Manning and J Simpson, the listing makes note of the building's external facade, internal features, plan and its historical context. The building's external features described in the listing include:

Venetian windows and carved brick in pavilion gable ends; triangular pediments on second floor. Tall, narrow round-headed windows with hoods above and pediments on second floor. Tall, narrow round-headed windows with hoods above and aprons below on the first floor. Rusticated brickwork on ground storey. Handsome terracotta entrance porch with voussoirs. Recessed terracotta balustraded loggias to link blocks, in French Renaissance style. Ornate blind aedicules on north pavilion flank wall.

The addition of secondary glazing will have little impact on the appearance of the existing windows. Of the building's internal features described in the listing, the basement is not included. The historical context is unaffected by the proposal.

Conservation Area

The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery is located within Bloomsbury Conservation Area (Sub-Area 11 - Queen Square & Red Lion Square). Albany Wing is identified within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy:

"Of particular note is the symmetrical facade of the grade II listed National Hospital for Neurology (formerly the Institute of Public Health) dating from 1885, which is richly decorated in terracotta. This building has important philanthropic and social links with the area."
(Ref 5.202)

Context

UCL Institute of Neurology to the North is identified as a "Detractor/Opportunity Site" within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy with the following description (Ref 5.212), Queen Mary Wing to the South, is mentioned positively within the Bloomsbury Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Strategy: (Ref 5.202). Albany Wing's main facade (South West) faces Queen Square, which is a London Square.

The windows in question are only partially visible from pavement level, due to their position at basement level, within a lightwell.



(image 3) Existing Window
Internal view, prior to restoration work



(image 4) Reference Window
External view of window should not be affected by proposal to add secondary internal glazing.

PROPOSED WORKS

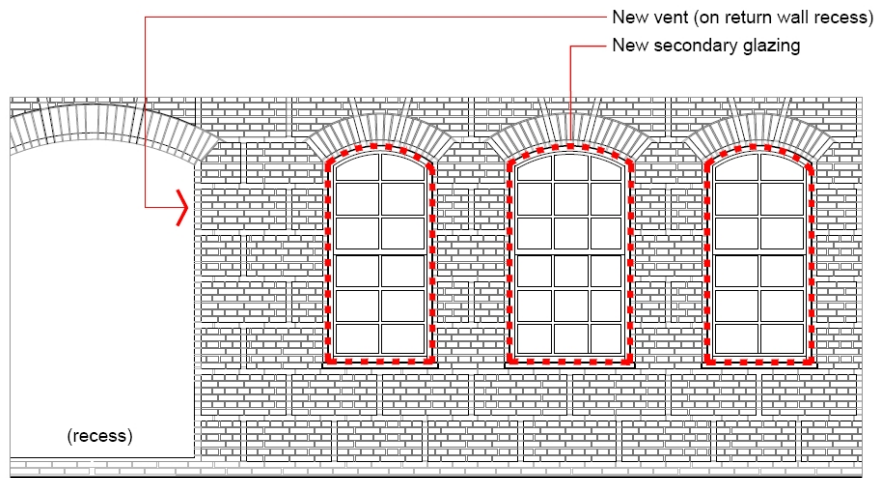
Window

It is proposed that three windows in the basement of Albany Wing, within the buildings' main facade (southwest elevation) that look onto a lightwell (image 5 to 7) will have secondary glazing added to the internal side.

The glazing will be in a single pane per window. There will be no intermediate framing that would visually conflict with the existing window frame's mullions, transoms or glazing bars. The proposed secondary glazing's surrounding frame is timber. This will sit behind the existing window frame on all four sides. It should not be easily visible from outside (refer to image 4). The colour of the frame will be white to match the existing windows.

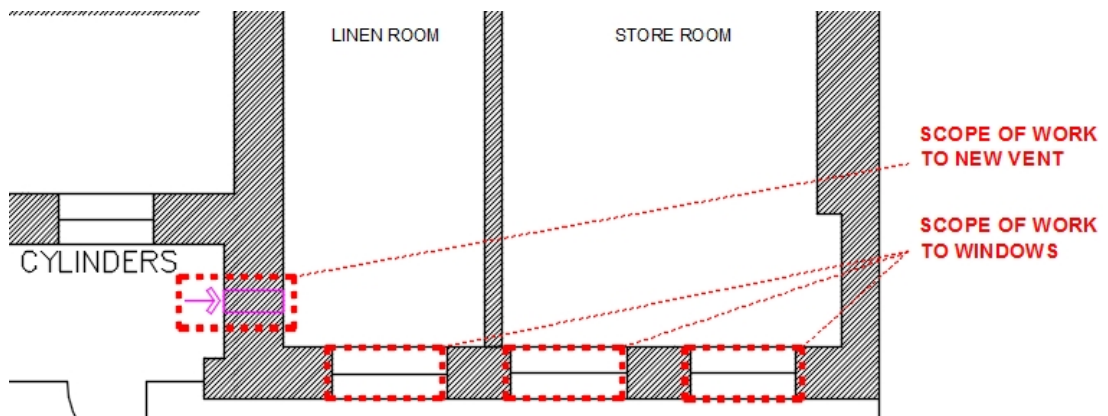
Vent

As the windows will be sealed, it is proposed to install a vent in the external wall to provide ventilation to the office. Externally this will be a terracotta air brick with an appearance similar to an existing adjacent air brick (image 8). This will be located discretely on a return wall, away from the main facade. The vent will be approximately 200mm by 200mm (image 5&6).



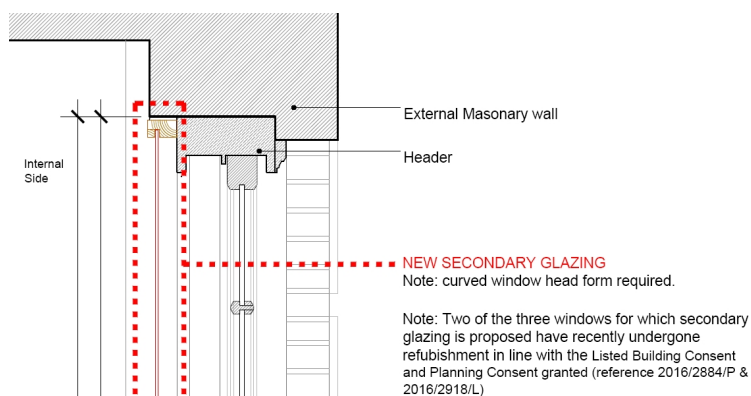
(image 5) Proposal

External Elevation extract from accompanying drawings.



(image 6) Proposal

Plan extract from accompanying drawings.



(image 7) Existing Vent

Section extract from accompanying drawings.
New secondary glazing (highlighted colour)
sits behind the existing window frame on all sides.
The Frame is therefore not easily visible from outside



(image 8) Proposal

Existing terracotta vent
for reference