
Cyclone House, 27-29 Whitfield Street, London W1T 2SE

Document to support Minor Material Amendment



1.0 THE EXISTING BUILDING

This photograph shows the existing building, and the extent of areas which are currently rendered and exposed brickwork.



1.1 THE CONSENTED SCHEME

The image to the left was submitted with the consented application (reference 2016/6495/P) to illustrate the design of the proposals when viewed from the street.

Advice from the Council was followed, including to retain the existing brickwork of the building, and to differentiate the extension from the existing building with a shadow gap.

When the design was developed, it was believed that it would not be possible to restore the brick beneath the existing render of the building. The consented proposal was therefore to re-render the rendered areas and to clean the existing brickwork.

Since the building already consists of two different materials, this led to the decision to clad the extension with the same render to keep the palette of materials simple.



1.2 THE PROPOSED AMENDED SCHEME

During recent exploratory works to the facade, it has become apparent that it is possible to remove the existing render and expose the original bricks beneath. Together with a limewash treatment to blend the existing and newly exposed brickwork, this greatly improves the appearance of the existing building.

The image to the left illustrates the amended design, which is exactly the same as the consented scheme in terms of height, bulk and mass. The only difference is the use of materials and the facade treatment.

Following this approach, the rooftop extension would need to clearly distinguish itself as a new addition to the existing building. We seek to achieve a simple contemporary design through the use of slender concrete frames with vertical glazed elements in between. The use of concrete relates well, both to the treated brickwork beneath and the adjacent modernist listed building at no. 1 Colville Place. The slenderness of the frames and vertical alignment gives the extension a lighter appearance.

We believe that this high quality design would further enhance the visual appearance of the proposal and contribute positively to the character and appearance of the conservation area.



1.3 CONSENTED ELEVATIONS



Consented Colville Place Elevation



Consented Whitfield Street Elevation

1.4 PROPOSED ELEVATIONS WITH MINOR AMENDMENT



Proposed Colville Place Elevation



Proposed Whitfield Street Elevation

1.5 PRECEDENT IMAGES

CONCRETE COLUMNS



The two images above are of the Merkem community centre by Rapp & Rapp



Museum Of Modern Literature in Germany by David Chipperfield.

BRICK TREATMENT



Humblebaek House by Norm Architects



Mortar washed brickwall

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