

London Borough of Camden
Planning Development
Camden Town Hall
Euston Road
London WC1H 8EQ

Design and Access Statement

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Site: 8 New Square
Lincoln's Inn
London WC2A 3QP

The building is Grade II* listed, entry No. 1066126

Proposal

To provide air conditioning in the Conference Rooms in Chambers, two rooms on the ground floor and two rooms on the lower ground floor. The condensing unit for the air conditioning will be housed internally in a acoustically lined room at lower ground floor level previously used as a toilet. This space will be reconfigured and retained for disabled use. Two existing windows below road level facing Serle Street will have the framed glass removed and will be fitted with metal louvres to match the adjacent louvres.

The fan coil units in the ground floor Conference rooms will be sited behind a lowered ceiling forming a bulkhead at high level and the cornice repositioned to maintain an unbroken line around both rooms.

At lower ground level the units will be wall mounted at ceiling level.

Character

The visual character of the Grade II* listed property will not be changed by the development.

Neighbours

The adjoining neighbours will not be affected by the development.

Design and appearance

The positioning of the equipment has been designed to minimise visual impact both externally and internally.

The condensing units are to be housed internally and the pipe runs are to be housed behind existing new wall panelling or recently refurbished plasterboard ceilings.

The lowered ceiling at the back of the ground floor conference rooms will not be detectable from pedestrians in New Square. The lower ground floor ceiling is not visible from New Square.

The louvres on the Serle Street elevation will be below road level and visually unobtrusive matching the adjacent louvres.

Waste / recyclable materials

No change to the provision of waste and recycling facilities.

Access

Access to the building will be unaffected by the proposals.