

Planning Statement

Birkbeck College, Malet Street, Bloomsbury WC1E 7HX

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Installation of a platform lift and canopy on the terrace on the 5th floor



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This Planning Statement has been prepared by Spheron Architects to accompany an application for the proposed installation of a canopy and enclosed platform lift to the 5th floor roof terrace at Birkbeck University, Malet Street.

Proposal:

The proposal is to install an enclosed platform lift to allow access to the terrace from the refectory to disabled users, as well as a canopy above the stair and the platform lift to provide a degree of weather protection.

Design:

The proposed metal canopy to the steps will have an important role to play. In the first instance, it is providing shelter from the elements extending the allowing the occupants a seamless journey from the refectory to the terrace but it also serves to harmonise the relationship between the proposed external lift and the host building, through choice of materials and colours.

The design of the canopy features a 150mm thick steel frame wrapped in an anodised aluminium skin with a timber soffit and anchored to the building using ties.

The two toned colour contrast of the existing stairs and balustrades, lends itself to the chosen colour scheme. The canopy cover will be finished in Goose Grey to match the balustrades and lift frame while blending in with the ring of concrete.



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The resulting effect is a lightweight floating canopy, which sits in harmony within its surroundings and preserves the look of the host building.

