

**Foundling Court and O'Donnell Court  
Brunswick Centre  
Brunswick Square  
London WC1N**

## **Proposed Video Door Entry System installation**

### DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

#### **History**

The Brunswick centre comprises two linked blocks of flats above shops at raised ground floor level over basement car-parking on two levels. The buildings were designed by Patrick Hodgkinson 1963-68 and completed in 1972.

The residential blocks are effectively 'A'-framed, with an outer range of five storeys and an inner range of eight storeys. The flats are largely single aspect, with glazed living rooms, giving access to external balconies, and bedrooms all facing outwards. The buildings are stepped in profile, forming a tapering internal space between the two ranges of flats, with access walkways overlooking the volume formed, and spanning between concrete vertical structural elements.

The Brunswick Centre was listed Grade II in September 2000. The List Entry Number is 1246230.

#### **Design**

Glazed timber security screens were installed across raised ground floor entrances, presumably in the 1980s, together with external wiring, in tubular galvanised steel conduit, fixed to the soffits of external access landings, with entry to each flat through the heads of flat entrance door frames.

In planning terms the circulation routes, giving access to flats, are entirely external. Provision of new services, not envisaged when the building was designed, cannot easily be concealed. The only practical solution is to run the services externally, as the existing door entry system installation demonstrates.

Approximately half of the flats in the Brunswick Centre are Sheltered Housing. The LB of Camden wish to upgrade the door entry system to include video communication between entrance call panels and sheltered housing flats. The provision of cameras at the door and monitors in flats will enable residents to clearly identify callers before allowing entry, reducing potential insecurity and anxiety.

The existing door entry system has to be retained in use whilst the new system is installed, necessitating retention of the existing external conduit. In any event, the existing conduit is too small to accommodate modern wiring. It is proposed to run new 50 x 50mm square section trunking immediately adjacent to the existing conduit. The new trunking will be located furthest away from the flats, thus masking the existing trunking from view from most external locations. Entry to the flats will be via existing junction boxes and existing conduit to the heads of flat entrance door frames, so the provision of new trunking will be restricted to main horizontal and vertical runs.

In order to best demonstrate the proposals a sample installation of proposed new trunking has been installed outside 134 O'Donnell Court. Photos are attached.

#### **Access**

Access to the blocks is unaffected by the proposal. The installation of a video door entry system will enhance the security of residents.

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