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# Black Bull Yard Design and Access Statement

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### Introduction

This Design and Access Statement accompanies the application for minor alterations to Black Bull Yard. The site is located to the rear of Hatton Wall and is a private courtyard, accessed by the residents and office users only.

The proposals include remedying water ingress issues to the entrance by relandscaping using the same stone flooring as existing. Wayfinding will be improved (new wayfinding to be in a similar style to the existing signage) and additional security measures provided to the cycle store whilst maintain the fire escape routes through the courtyard. Finally additional seating, bollard lighting, additional planting, recreational activities (table tennis table for the office users) and a defined seating area are detailed within this document.

### **Site and Context**

The site is situated in the Hatton Garden conservation area and is a private courtyard space which can be accessed by the tenants of Black Bull Yard from the adjoining road, Hatton Wall.

### **Existing Courtyard**

The existing courtyard comprised of paved surfacing with two benches and planters adjacent 83 Clerkenwell. The proposals include the demolition and replacement of the existing planters / benches.







**Existing Entrance Gate** 



**Existing Courtyard** 



**Existing Courtyard** 



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**Existing Courtyard Materials** 



Proposed Courtyard Materials



Bronze PPC

Paving

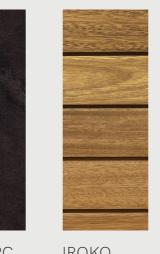








Bronze PPC



Paving

Black PPC Black Painted Timber

Black PPC

IROKO Timber

### Proposed Courtyard

This application aims to utilise the underused courtyard space for the tenants of Black Bull Yard. The current courtyard is unwelcoming, and the current seating is not used. Careful thought has been put into a more generous and welcoming planting / seating arrangement including a partially sheltered seating area with and adjacent table tennis table. New bollard lighting and signage will improve the users experience during winter months.

### Appearance

The appearance of the proposed courtyard is in line with the existing. A palette of materials has been picked to blend in with the existing context. The existing courtyard, as seen in the photograph adjacent, is underused and cold due to the exposed concrete seating and planters. The proposals include timber to overclad the concrete elements and bring warmth to the courtyard. Improved wayfinding will help establish the entrance. The new seating and planting will create a more inviting environment for the building users. The subtle re-landscaping will be similar to existing, but ensure water does not ingress into the building.

#### Access

Access to the site will remain unchanged. However, due to the lack of security to the cycle store, new gates to the rear are proposed. The gates materiality will match the existing entrance gate. The gates will include access control and panic hardware to ensure the fire escape route through the site is maintained.

#### Conclusion

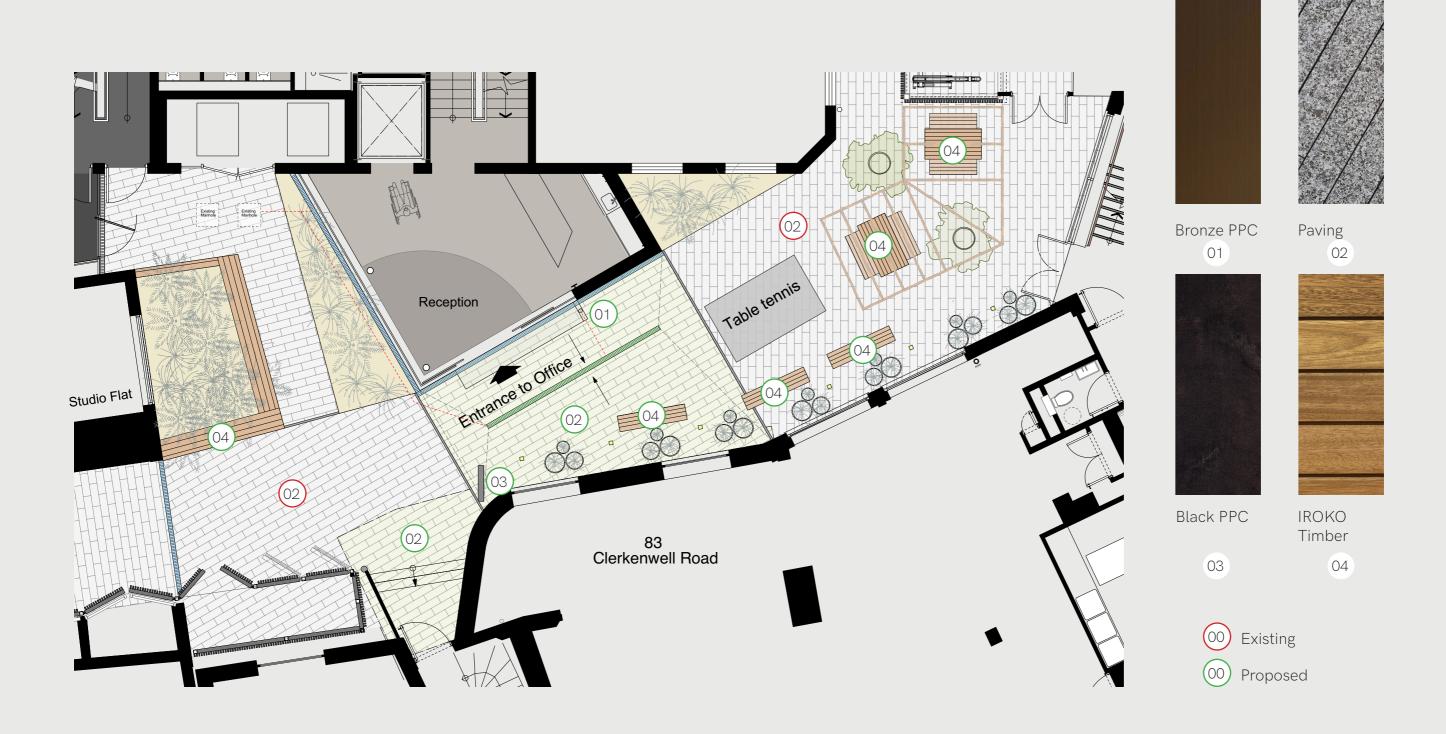
This proposal aims to improve the quality of external space of the courtyard. We hope the application will be considered for approval.







## Sample Schedule





## Existing and Proposed



Existing Courtyard



Existing Courtyard



Proposed Courtyard



Proposed Courtyard



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### Specification



PING PONG TABLE

**Product:** Concrete Tennis Table

Colour: Concrete grey



**EXTERNAL LIGHTING** 

**Product:** Fixed Standing Lighting

Colour: Black



EXTERNAL TABLE

**Product:** IROKO Timber Table

Colour: Timber and metal trims to match signage

totem and lighting



### **EXTERNAL BENCHES**

Product: IROKO Timber Bench

Colour: Timber and metal trims to match signage

totem and lighting.



### PLANTERS ADJACENT TO LIGHT BOLLARDS

**Product:** Black Calgary Polystone Tall Planters.

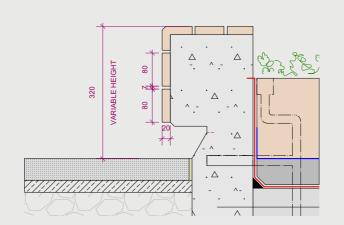
Colour: Black



### NEW CANOPY

Product: Metal Clad Entrance Canopy.

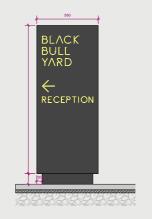
Colour: Bronze to match existing cladding.



### NEW BENCH TO EXISTING PLANTERS

Product: IROKO Timber Bench

Colour: IROKO Timber



#### SIGNAGE TOTEM

Product: PPC Black metal

Colour: Black



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