

Elevation to Ossulston Street

British Library, St Pancras

Main Entrance Access Improvements:

Community noticeboards - Ossulston Street boundary railings

Design, heritage and access statement

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I – Summary

The British Library wishes to add two community noticeboards, or poster boxes, to the south end of the existing railings, under the main building, on Ossulston Street.

The noticeboards will display notices of events which will be of particular interest to the local Somers Town community and beyond. This will be an important part of the British Library's inclusive community engagement programme.

The design, construction and finishes of the proposed noticeboards will be the same as existing elsewhere around the Library perimeter and in the Piazza.

2 – Proposals



Noticeboards centred on the two central panels of existing railings, between the columns, above solid infill panels

Collage showing proposed location of noticeboards



View down Ossulston Street, looking south. Noticeboards to be between the last pair of columns



Location of noticeboards

West elevation along Ossulston Street

2.1 Two poster box notice boards are proposed to be attached to the existing railings on Ossulston Street.

—The poster boxes are 980 mm wide, 830 mm high and 65 mm deep.

—They are made from polyester powder coated aluminium with toughened glass fronts.

—The fronts are side hinged with locks.

—The poster boxes are not illuminated.

—The boxes are mechanically attached to the existing railings with powder coated galvanized steel fixing brackets. There will be no drilling, welding or the like to the existing railings. The poster boxes will be removable, without harming the existing railings.

—The boxes, internally and externally, and fixing brackets are powder coated matt black RAL 9005. This is the same colour as the existing railings and other metalwork in the British Library.

3 – Heritage impact

3.1 Design

The design of the proposed noticeboards is the same as that used for other noticeboards in the existing building. There is an example at the entrance to the Knowledge Centre in the Piazza.

The matt black painted metalwork is the same as other metalwork, including the railings to which they will be attached.

There are statutory and other signs attached to the railings in a similar manner. The mechanical fixings are removable and do not involve welding or drilling.

The positioning in of the poster boxes will be such that they respect the patterning of the railing panels and the views through the railings. The middle solid band to the railing panel will not be interrupted.

The proposed noticeboards are well manufactured and robust. The same models have been used around other public buildings including St Paul's Cathedral, The Albert Memorial, Tate Modern, and The Ashmolean Museum.

4 – Access

4.1 Inclusive community engagement

The noticeboards will provide important and interesting information about events to the local community in Somers Town and further afield. This will be part of the British Library's inclusive community engagement programme.

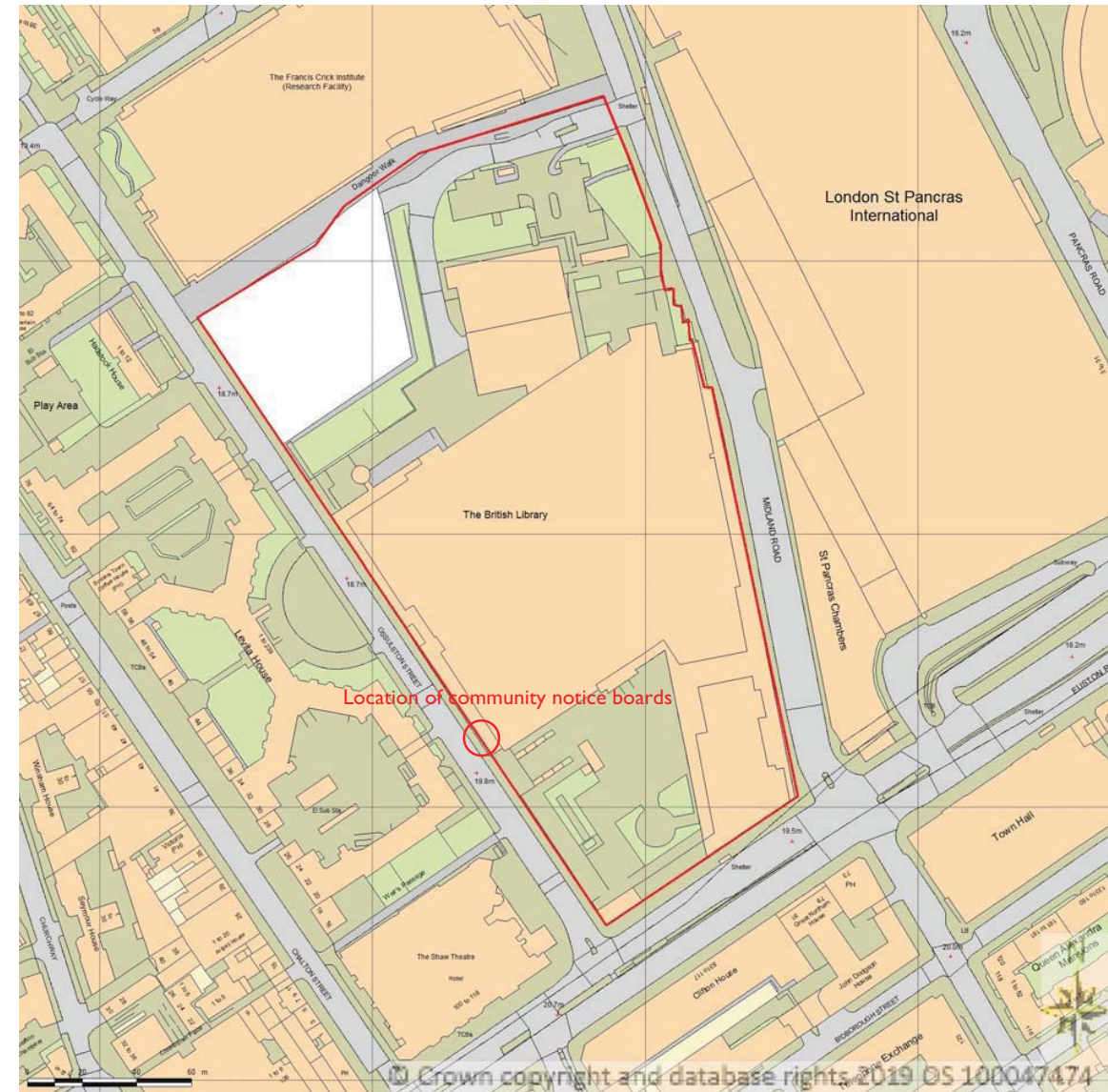
4.2 Positioning

The noticeboards will be mounted apart and at a height above the adjacent pavement so that they clear the solid infill band in the existing Grade I Listed railings. The base of the notice board will be approximately 1100 mm above the pavement, and the top 1950 mm. The visible, glazed area, will be 850 mm wide and 700 mm high.

Annex A – Drawings and details

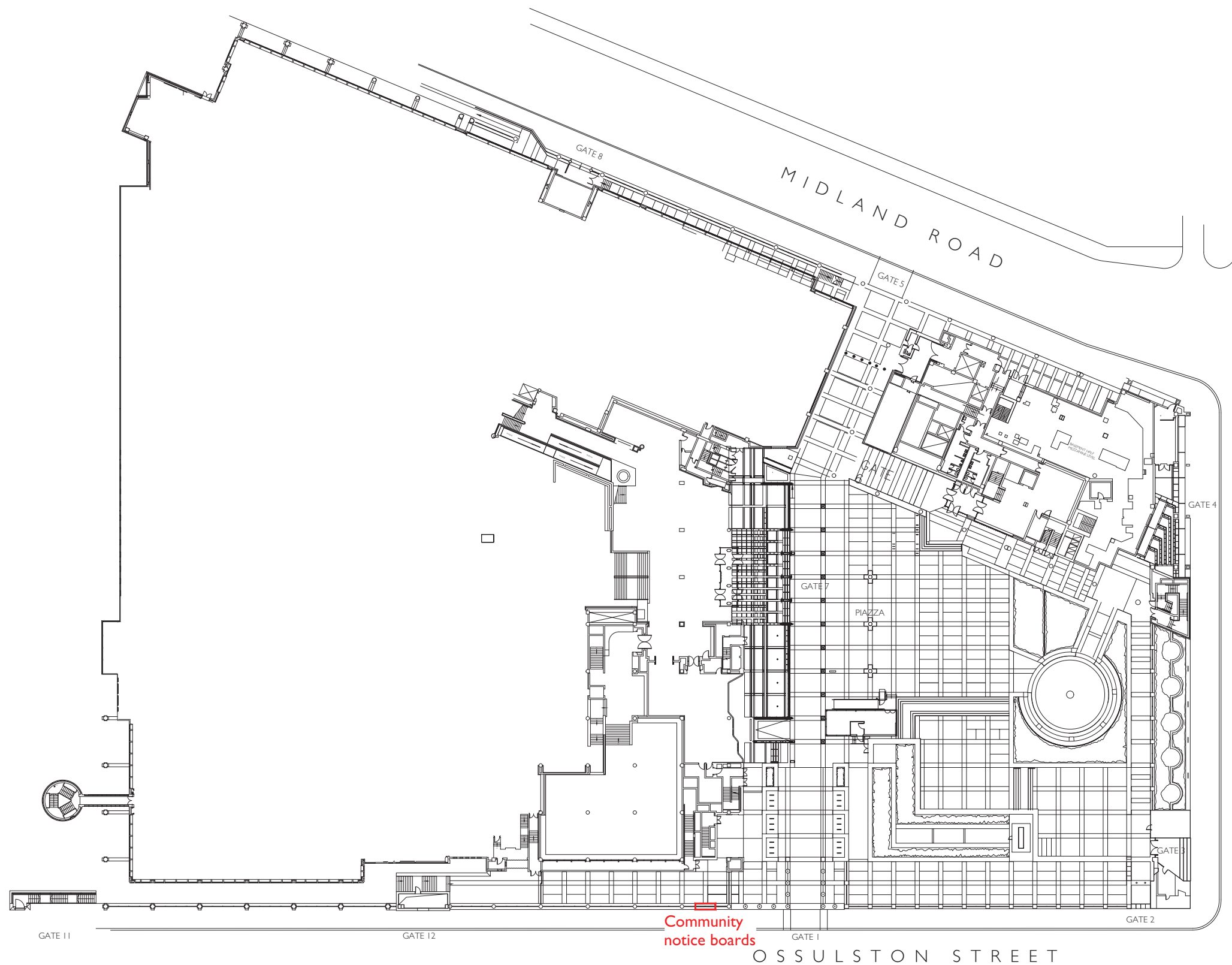
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SITE LOCATION PLAN
AREA 16 HA
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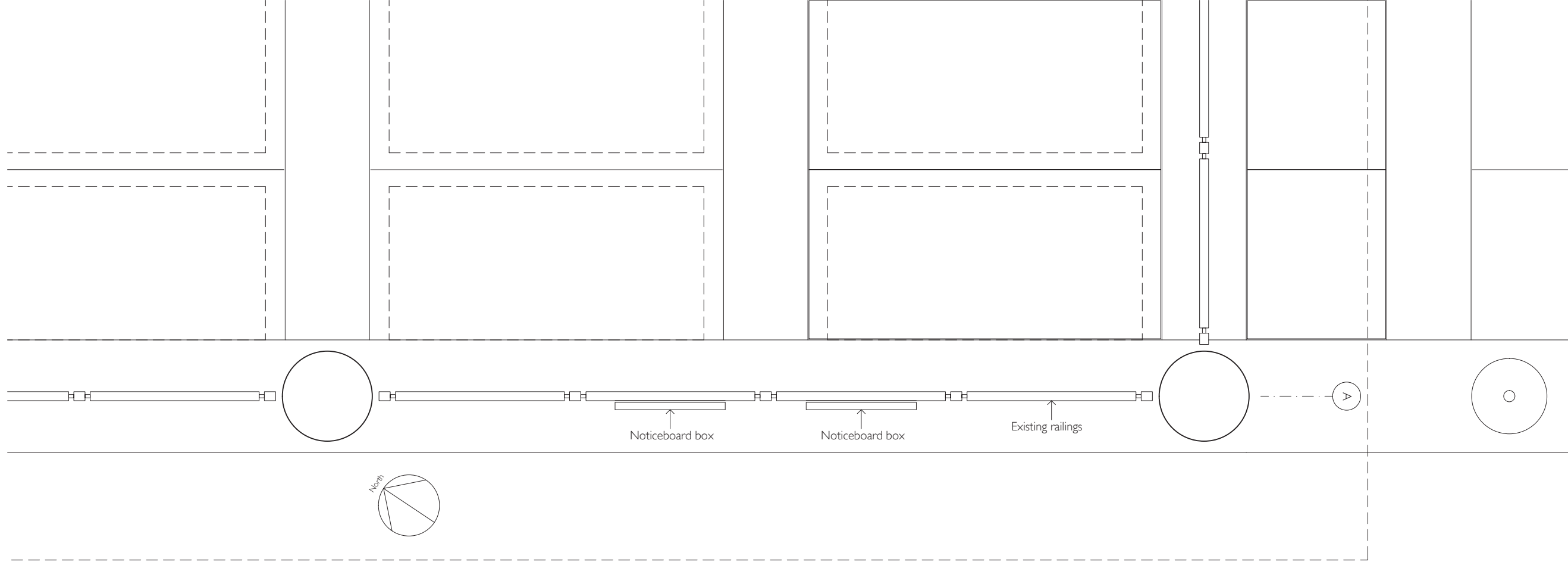
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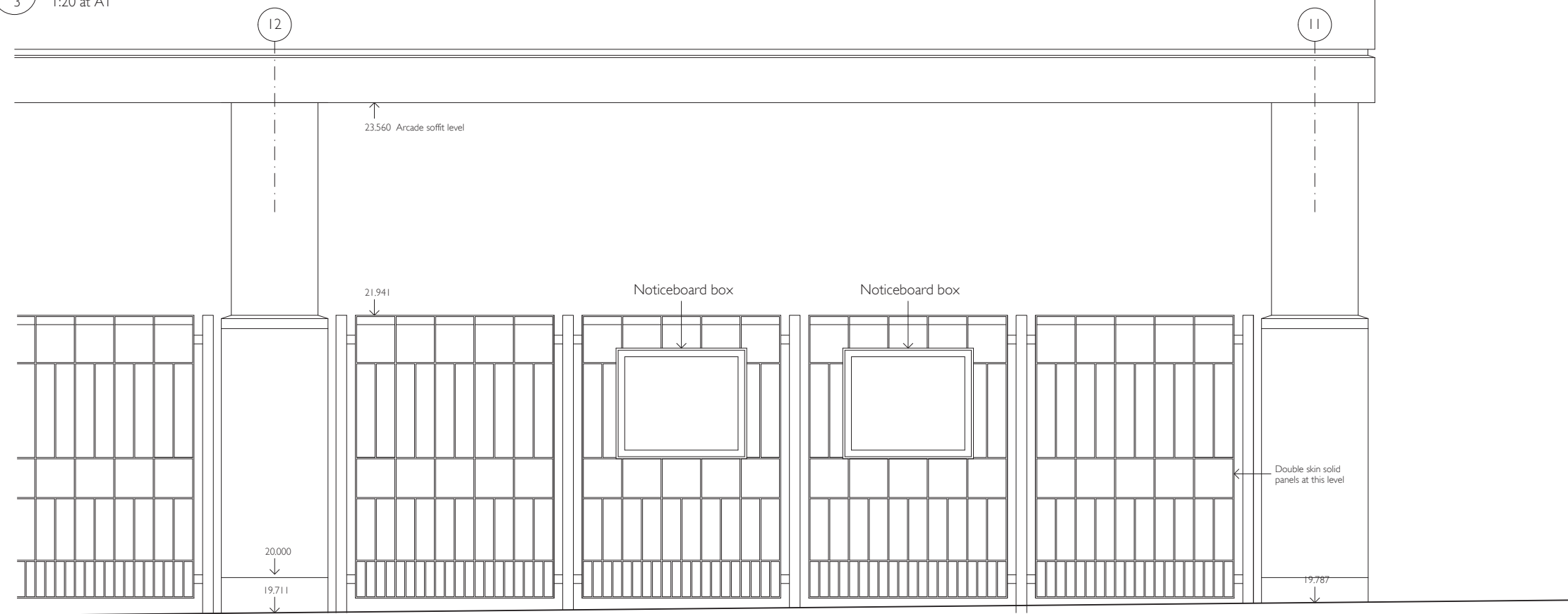
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3 Section
1:20 at A1



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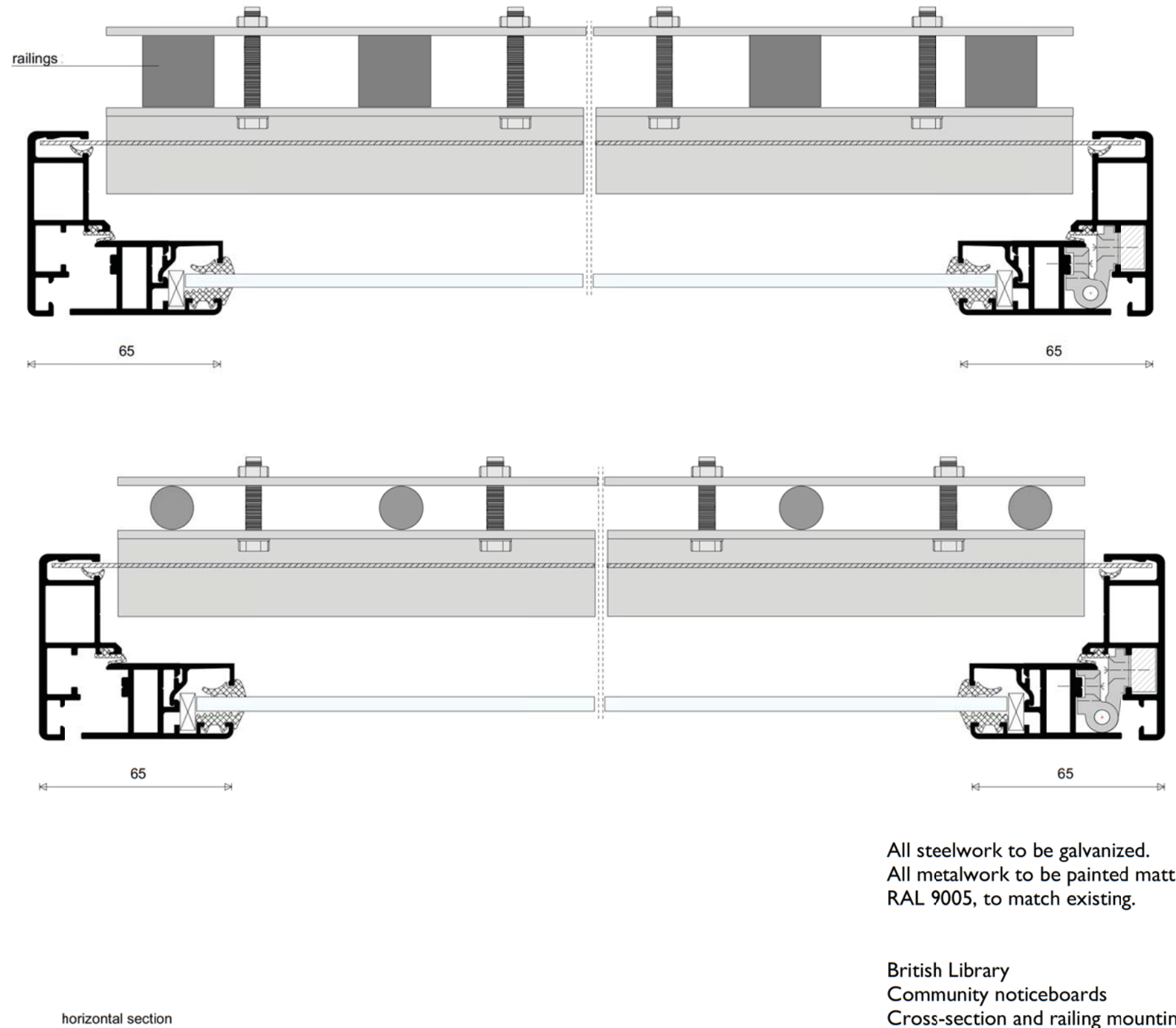
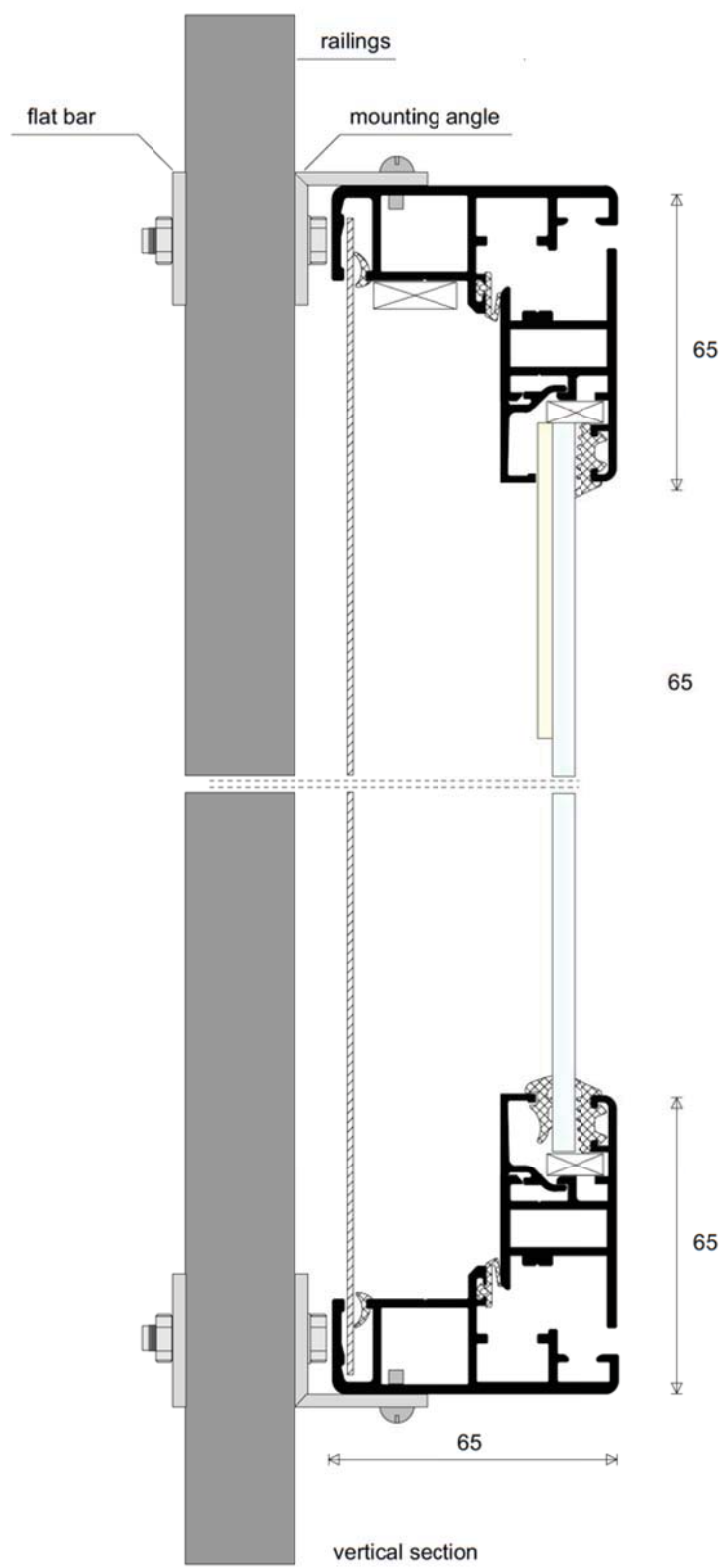
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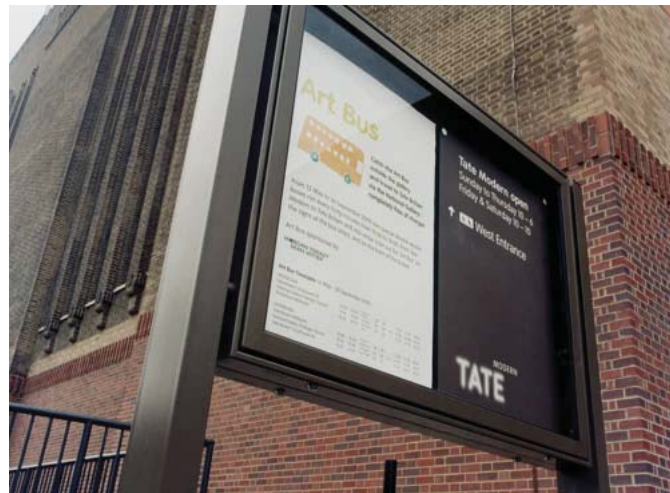
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- A2 Noticeboard details
 - B1 Manufacturer's cross sectional and mounting details
 - B2 Examples of similar noticeboards on public buildings



All steelwork to be galvanized.
 All metalwork to be painted matt black
 RAL 9005, to match existing.

British Library
 Community noticeboards
 Cross-section and railing mounting details
 Scale: As dimensioned



Examples of noticeboard poster boxes by the same manufacturer, using the same model details as proposed for the Ossulston Street railings by the British Library:

- St Paul's Cathedral
- The Albert Memorial
- Tate Modern
- Ashmolean Museum

Existing noticeboard at the entrance of the British Library Knowledge Centre in the Piazza. The Ossulston Street noticeboards will be the same model, but without the back mounting plate, which conceals earlier carved Conference Centre sign.