

Report to Planning Applications Committee

Item

13 October 2022

Report of Head of Planning & Regulatory Services

Subject Application nos 22/00498/L and 22/00497/F Police Station, Bethel Street

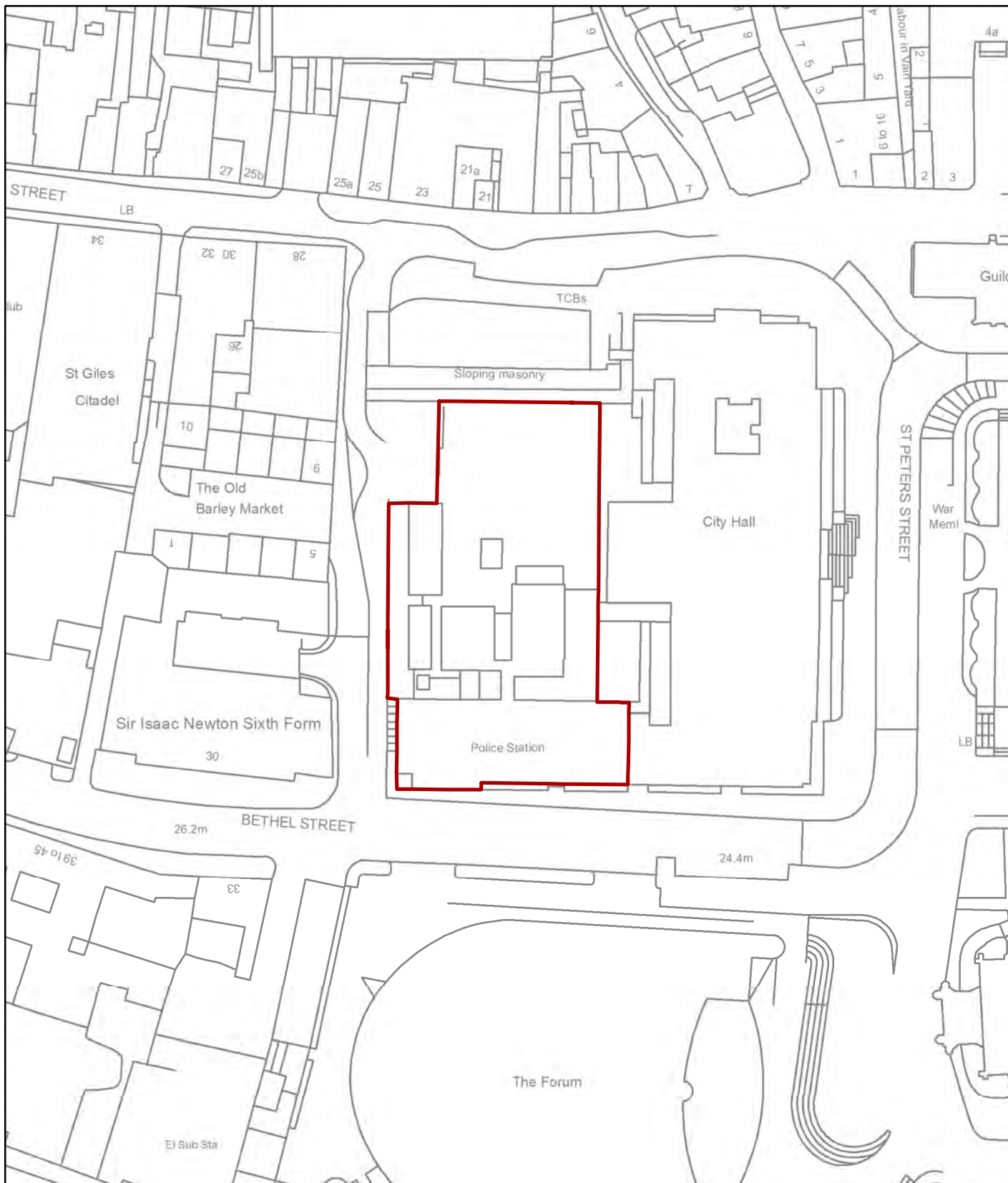
Reason for referral Objections

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Ward	Mancroft
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Applicant	Norfolk Constabulary

Development proposal		
<p>22/00498/L: Removal of existing modular cell blocks and generator buildings. Refurbishment and internal alterations, refurbishment of Crittall windows and installation of secondary glazing behind. Construction of single storey rear extension, car port and wash bay and external works. Works to roof to include installation of solar panels, 2 staircases, mechanical ventilation units and plant.</p> <p>22/00497/F: Removal of existing modular cell blocks and generator buildings. Refurbishment of Crittall windows. Construction of single storey rear extension, car port and wash bay and external works. Works to roof to include installation of solar panels, 2 staircases, mechanical ventilation units and plant.</p>		
Representations		
Object	Comment	Support
2	0	0

Main issues	Key considerations
1	Principle of development
2	Design
3	Heritage
4	Amenity
Expiry date	15 September 2022
Recommendation	Approve



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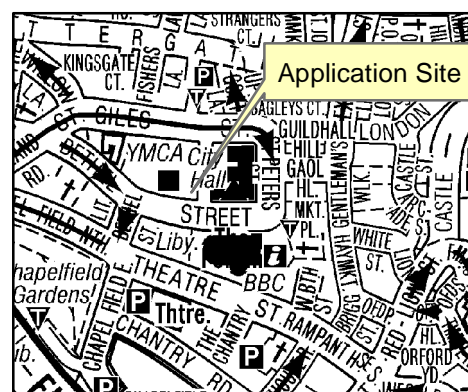
Planning Application No 22/00497/F & 22/00498/L
 Site Address Police Station Bethel Street

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The site and surroundings

1. The Police Station is attached to Norwich City Council's own City Hall, and together they form one of the landmark buildings of the city. They are statutory listed, designated Grade II*. Grade II* buildings are those that are considered to be particularly important buildings of more than special interest by Historic England.
2. The Police Station is sited facing south, onto Bethel Street, whereas the majority of the City Hall faces east onto St Peter's Street and towards the market. Both buildings overlook the same rear courtyard, which is used in conjunction with the Police Station. Together they form an L shape. The Police Station dates from the 1930's, along with the City Hall, but there is also a substantial extension from the 1960's which serves to extend the building further along Bethel Street.
3. Due to the land level changes, and further alterations to the courtyard section, the rear courtyard sits lower than both the main frontages and St Giles Street, to the north. A pedestrian footpath runs along the western side of the courtyard, also at a higher height. Internally these changes in land level result in the lowest level in both buildings being served by subterranean windows to the front elevations, which look onto small sunken courtyards. The rear windows, where present, overlook the large rear courtyard.
4. To the west lies a development of terraced town houses know as Old Barley Market, Sir Issac Newton Sixth Form and offices.

Constraints

5. Grade II* Listed Building:
City Hall with attached police station. 1932-38 by C. H. James and S. R. Pierce.
See Appendix A for the full official list entry
6. Conservation Area: Civic Character Area of the City Centre Conservation Area
7. City Centre Leisure Area
8. Area of Main Archaeological Interest
9. Car Parking – Increased Parking Area and City Centre Parking Area

Relevant planning history

10. The records held by the city council show the following planning history for the site.

Ref	Proposal	Decision	Date
16/01621/F	Construction of roof over third floor external terrace, existing 1960s window replacement, single storey extension within car park and permanent retention of generator building.	APPR	20/01/2017

Ref	Proposal	Decision	Date
16/01622/L	Internal alterations to the plan form, construction of roof over third floor external terrace, existing 1960s window replacement, refurbishment of original steel Crittall windows and installation of secondary glazing. Single storey extension within car park. Permanent retention of generator building.	APPR	20/12/2016
22/00877/F	Temporary building/offices.	APPR	23/09/2022

The proposal

11. The proposed works largely represent repairs and a refurbishment, required as a result of planned maintenance and to respond to modern policing needs.
12. Internally the works notably include alterations to the cells, the safe and the chief constable's office.
13. Externally a replacement single storey rear extension is proposed, which would serve to provide bespoke storage together with an access from the rear courtyard. This would replace existing porta cabin style buildings in this courtyard. Other works to the courtyard include the erection of a car port, reworking of the layout and ancillary buildings and structures such as cycle shelters, external plant and a jet wash bay. On the roof 2 external staircases are proposed, along with mechanical ventilation units, plant, solar panels and a drone landing pad.
14. The works would not significantly alter the overall use of the building, it would remain open 24 hours 7 days a week. The custody area is now redundant (to include the cells). The safeguarding hub would be moved into the building, which includes collaborative working between the police, Norwich City Council, Norfolk County Council and the NHS as well as other organisations.
15. Following a site meeting and discussion revised plans have been received. These include the retention of the crittall windows, removal of the proposed cladding to the entrance porch and retention of some of the western wall of the Chief Constable's office on the ground floor, along with some clarifications and smaller alterations. The description has also been changed to include the alterations to the roof. Neighbours and impacted consultees were re-consulted.
16. A further revised scheme was submitted which shows the re-siting of some of the plant on the roof, following concerns from the Conservation and Design Officer. Additional information was also received regarding the plant. These were also reconsulted on.
17. These applications are intended by the applicant to effectively replace the previous scheme approved under the 2016 applications.

Representations

18. Advertised on site and in the press. Adjacent and neighbouring properties have been notified in writing. 2 letters of representation have been received citing the issues as summarised in the table below.

Issues raised	Response
Concerns regarding the impact of the construction works upon the residential neighbours.	Due to the location and proximity of the residential neighbours an informative will be added regarding construction working hours.
Any intensification of use will disturb the residents at Old Barley Market (which include shift workers).	See main issue 4
Use of machinery within the rear courtyard needs to be considerate.	See main issue 4

Consultation responses

19. Consultation responses are summarised below the full responses are available to view at <http://planning.norwich.gov.uk/online-applications/> by entering the application number.

Design and conservation

20. Original response highlighted some areas of concern, to include the removal of the safe, works to the Chief Constable's office and removal of the crittall windows.
21. Comments following the revised scheme advise that the safe should be retained if possible, notes that the loss of part of one of the Chief Constable's office's walls is regrettable and the retention of the crittall windows is supported. Concerns were also raised about the rooftop plant, and that at a maximum of 2m in height it would compromise the roofline of the building. This part of the proposal could not be supported.
22. Following receipt of final revision of plans, showing revised locations of the roof top plant, no objection. The revised location and configuration demonstrated in the visualisations illustrate the rooftop plant and equipment as not being visible from the key Bethel Street and St Peter's Street aspects. They will remain visible from St Giles aspect.
23. Conclusion; the proposal would result in less than substantial harm, and this should be weighed against the continued use of the building as a Police Station. Conditions requested, to include details of the works to roof, works to the entrance, internal alterations to include doors and repair works.

Historic England

24. Response to the original proposes advised that several issues needed to be addressed in order for the scheme to meet the requirements of the NPPF para 195, 199, 200 and 202. Principal concerns raised included the removal of the crittall windows and works to the Chief Constable's office.

25. Revised scheme was reviewed, with advice stating that there is no objection, and that the amendments are considered to sufficiently address the issues previously raised. Alterations to the roof have been commented on, with a conclusion that the PV panels could be installed below the parapet, and that further advice is available in a Historic England Guidance paper.

Historic Environment Services

26. No objection, proposals will not have any significant impact upon the historic environment (archaeology).

Environmental Protection

27. No objection following the receipt of additional information. Conditions requested to cover the type of plant to be installed on the roof, antivibration mountings to be used for the plant, wash bay hours of operation, and external lighting.

Assessment of planning considerations

Relevant development plan policies

28. **Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk adopted March 2011 amendments adopted Jan. 2014 (JCS)**
- JCS1 Addressing climate change and protecting environmental assets
 - JCS2 Promoting good design
 - JCS6 Access and transportation
 - JCS7 Supporting communities
 - JCS8 Culture, leisure and entertainment
 - JCS11 Norwich city centre
29. **Norwich Development Management Policies Local Plan adopted Dec. 2014 (DM Plan)**
- DM1 Achieving and delivering sustainable development
 - DM2 Ensuring satisfactory living and working conditions
 - DM3 Delivering high quality design
 - DM6 Protecting and enhancing the natural environment
 - DM9 Safeguarding Norwich's heritage
 - DM11 Protecting against environmental hazards
 - DM18 Promoting and supporting centres
 - DM22 Planning for and safeguarding community facilities
 - DM28 Encouraging sustainable travel
 - DM29 Managing car parking demand in the city centre
 - DM30 Access and highway safety
 - DM31 Car parking and servicing
30. **Norwich Site Allocations Plan and Site Specific Policies Local Plan adopted December 2014 (SA Plan)**
- CC24 Land to rear of City Hall

Other material considerations

31. Relevant sections of the National Planning Policy Framework July 2021 (NPPF):

- NPPF2 Achieving sustainable development
- NPPF3 Plan-making
- NPPF4 Decision-making
- NPPF8 Promoting healthy and safe communities
- NPPF9 Promoting sustainable transport
- NPPF11 Making effective use of land
- NPPF12 Achieving well-designed places
- NPPF15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- NPPF16 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

Case Assessment

32. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Relevant development plan policies are detailed above. Material considerations include policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council's standing duties, other policy documents and guidance detailed above and any other matters referred to specifically in the assessment below. The following paragraphs provide an assessment of the main planning issues in this case against relevant policies and material considerations.

Main issue 1: Principle of development

33. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs – DM22, JCS7, NPPF section 8.

34. The proposal seeks to renovate and alter the existing Police Station, no change of use is proposed. The retention of the use, as a public service building, is considered to support healthy and safe communities, as required under section 8 of the NPPF. Norwich experiences the highest level of crime rates for the county, as is typical of a city. The retention of the facility here is considered appropriate, and furthermore continues the historic use of the building.

35. The rear courtyard, accessed via Bethel Street, is subject to site allocation CC24. The policy states that "The redevelopment of the former City Hall car park site presents an opportunity to make efficient use of land that is in a sustainable city centre location and has the potential to bring greater activity into this area." The area is considered suitable for a mixed-use development under this allocation.

36. Of note is that this site has been carried forward in the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP). However, given that the GNLP has just gone through examination and discussions are still underway with the inspector, this carries limited weight. Nonetheless the revised Policy CC24 advises that the development is expected to come forward within the development plan period, which is up until 2038.

37. None of the proposed works are considered to substantially conflict with the site allocation; the external works are largely for insubstantial buildings.

Main issue 2: Design

38. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs – JCS2, DM3, NPPF paragraphs 126-136.
39. The internal works and heritage considerations are discussed below within the heritage section.
40. The rear single storey extension would be of a lean-to design, finished in trapezoidal cladding to both the walls and roof, with brick plinths along the bottom of the walls. The extension would not be as deep as the current temporary structures it would be replacing. It would represent an improved design improving the appearance of the courtyard. The roof is designed to connect the building at the same height as the existing polycarbonate roof which runs along the same width as the proposed extension.
41. In the courtyard proposals include a dog kennel, car port, cycle shelter, bins, vehicular wash bay and external plant. Details have not been provided of all of these, but they can be conditioned. The continued use of the rear courtyard as a functional part of the Police Station lends it to these ancillary buildings/storages. The size and siting of these proposed elements are considered acceptable from a design perspective, subject to the agreement of the details via conditions.
42. An external staircase is proposed which would access the roof from the third-floor balcony. An additional plan has been provided with a 3D drawing to demonstrate how it would sit within the existing beams. Another staircase is proposed to connect the two sections of the roof. Plant work is also proposed on the roof, to include air source heat pumps (ASHPs), cooling units, mechanical ventilation heat recovery (MVHR) units and a fan. The siting of the plant has been revised to push it closer to the courtyard and further away from both the Bethel Street elevation and St Peters Street elevation. The height of the building, location and parapet help to minimise the visual impact of the changes to the roof, with the changes only readily visible from St Giles aspect.
43. Given the functional nature of some elements of the scheme, such as the roof top alterations and ancillary buildings to the rear, all the external works cannot be described as being of a high quality design. However, the revised scheme has reduced the visual impacts of these elements to an extent where they would be readily viewed within the local context of the functional courtyard and existing plant works to the City Hall. Consideration has to also be given to the energy efficiency, with the ASHPs and the MVHR both contributing towards a more sustainable method of heating and ventilating the building.
44. The rear extension is considered to be of a good design and would respect the character and form of the host building. Details of the materials would be requested.
45. The proposal is therefore considered to comply with DM3.

Main issue 3: Heritage

46. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs – JCS2, DM9, NPPF paragraphs 184-202.
47. Sections 66 and 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 place a statutory duty on the local authority to have special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings or their setting or any features of special

architectural or historic interest which they possess and to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas. Case law (specifically *Barnwell Manor Wind Energy Ltd v East Northamptonshire DC* [2014]) has held that this means that considerable importance and weight must be given to the desirability of preserving the setting of listed buildings and conservation areas when carrying out the balancing exercise.

48. The building was constructed in 1932-38 together with the City Hall, as a police station. A significant extension to the station was undertaken in 1965-67. The Police Station in its own right forms a key element of the special interest of the Building as a whole.
49. Externally the building benefits from the original entrance, which is sited mid-way along the southern elevation and is served with ornate bronze lantern and relief stone panels. The windows are crittall, and there are details on the building using Clipsom stone and there are art deco style railings. The 1960's extension is notably of a differing age but sits comfortably alongside the 1930's building.
50. Internally the building benefits from many historic features to include the cells and associated beds and doors, some original 1930's doors and architraves, travertine / terrazzo floor and stair coverings and decorative handrails, balustrade and newel posts, original lighting feature to the principal stair and joinery elements, skirting and cornicing within the former Chief Constables Office. Decorative cast iron grilles to the existing lightwell at 3rd floor level are also considered to contribute to the special interest of the building.
51. The key areas of the development that are considered to impact the historic significance are discussed below.
52. The works to the cells would result in the majority being removed; they no longer function as custody cells and are too small for an alternative use. The proposal would however retain 2 cells as sample cells, and the revised design shows that these cells would benefit from re-fitted doors (from some of the cells to be removed) and a partial retention of the access corridor. This would enable the history of this part of the building to continue to be understood, whilst addressing the operational need of a modern Police Station.
53. The safe is shown to be removed on both the originally submitted plans and the revised plans. The safe was permitted to be removed under the previous applications in 2016. Historic England consider that the removal of the safe is justified by operational requirements, and the efforts discussed above to retain the cells. It's removal is not encouraged by the Council but is not considered to justify refusal.
54. The revision to the Chief Constable's office results in the eastern wall that was proposed to be removed to be partially removed, with 2/3 retained. Details of how this would be achieved and the height of the opening would be required prior to any works here. This is an important feature of the building, and retains other details such as an integral cupboard, cornicing and architraves. The proposed opening, instead of the removal of the entire wall, is considered to be an acceptable revision although any works here are regrettable. The impact of the opening should be minimised by retention of the aforementioned details, which would allow the plan form and former use to be more readily appreciated.

55. The works to the roof include maintenance and repair works as well as the installation of various roof plant and 2 staircases. Revised plans, and additional information, have demonstrated how the roof plant would sit within the roof and the impact upon the elevations. Some roof plant is currently visible above the parapet. Some of the proposed units, together with the staircases, would be visible. However due to the presence of the parapet and the revised siting of the larger plant, the impact is now minimised and would be focussed upon the less sensitive St Giles aspect, where other roof plant is already visible on both the Police Station and City Hall. The proposed additional equipment is therefore anticipated to have some additional visual impact, but it has been minimised. The proposed screening will serve to reduce the impact further, details of which can be conditioned.
56. The Civic Character Area is considered to be an area of High significance; the area has a concentration of historic buildings with a significant number of these being statutorily or locally listed structures. The proposal not significantly alter the main façade of the Police Station and would retain the significant historic elements here, The rear extension and ancillary works in the courtyard would be seen from the rear only, and so have a limited impact upon the wider Conservation Area. The proposal is therefore considered to comply with DM9 and section 16 of the NPPF in terms of the impact upon the Conservation Area as it would preserve the significance of the area.
57. The proposed works are considered to represent less than substantial harm to the heritage asset. NPPF para 202 advises that this should be weighed against the public benefits of the scheme, including where appropriate securing its long-term use. This assessment is made in the conclusion below.

Main issue 4: Amenity

58. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs – DM2, DM11, NPPF paragraphs 8 and 127.
59. The proposal is not considered to significantly result in an intensification of use. The development would remove most of the internal rooms previously used for custody, and enable the safeguarding hub to move in. The use of the building as a key operational base for the largest urban area in Norfolk would remain.
60. The proposed wash bay would use a jet wash, and due to the 24/7 nature of the Police Station there is a reasonable chance that this could be used at relatively antisocial hours which could have a negative impact upon the residential neighbour's amenity. As such a condition restricting the hours of use to between 0700 and 2300 on any day is considered to be reasonable and to mitigate this concern.
61. The additional details of the plant (both rooftop and that within the courtyard) have been assessed by Environmental Protection. The height of the rooftop plant and the location of the plant sunken into the courtyard both serve to reduce their impact upon neighbours. The impact upon the neighbours is considered to be acceptable. A condition is therefore included to ensure that the plant installed is that proposed. Any deviation would need formal permission.
62. Replacement external lighting is proposed, which is considered acceptable in principle but few details have been submitted. To ensure that this doesn't give rise

to an unacceptable impact upon the neighbours a condition would be added to request further details prior to their installation.

63. Although the concerns from residents are noted, the development is not anticipated to result in any significant changes to the use of the building, and the conditions discussed above will address any areas of concern. The impact upon their residential amenity as a result of the proposed development is therefore considered to be acceptable and to comply with DM2 and DM11.
64. It is recognised that building work could disturb these neighbours, particularly if it is undertaken at unsociable times. As such an informative regarding constructive working hours is proposed. The concern regarding use of machinery in the courtyard is noted, however no significant machinery is proposed. Should a noise nuisance become apparent the Council have other powers under which they can act.

Main issue 5: Transport

65. Key policies and NPPF paragraphs – JCS6, DM28, DM30, DM31, NPPF paragraphs 8, 102-111.
66. The proposed external works would result in a total of 35 car parking spaces, 5 police van spaces, 7 police motorbike spaces and 12 cycle storage spaces. The proposal is not anticipated to significantly change the numbers of staff at the site.
67. A police station is a sui generis use; there are no set standards within the Local Plan for their transport provision. Staff and visitor parking will continue to be located off site in public car parks. 12 cycle spaces will be added. Currently cycles are stored inside the building in areas not fit for purpose.
68. The site enjoys a good level of public transport access, in addition to close proximity to public cycle stands. The provision of 12 cycle stands is supported, however details will be requested via condition.
69. The proposed site plan indicates refuse storage within the courtyard. It is considered adequate and to be in an acceptable location.

Other matters

70. The proposed developments are not anticipated to have any notable impact upon biodiversity. The works at the upper levels do not involve works to roofs.

Equalities and diversity issues

71. There are no equality or diversity issues.

Local finance considerations

72. Under Section 70(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 the council is required when determining planning applications to have regard to any local finance considerations, so far as material to the application. Local finance considerations are defined as a government grant or the Community Infrastructure Levy. Whether or not a local finance consideration is material to a particular decision will depend on whether it could help to make the development acceptable in planning terms. It

would not be appropriate to make a decision on the potential for the development to raise money for a local authority. In this case local finance considerations are not considered to be material to the case.

Conclusion

73. The building remains in its original use, a factor which contributes greatly to its special interest as an historic structure and its contribution to the wider character and appearance of the conservation area. The proposed works are considered to represent less than substantial harm, and as such the public benefits and its optimum viable use should be considered. The public benefits form a community use are clear, in that the development would allow the retention of the Police Station within the city. By facilitating modern policing methods the development would allow the building to be continued to be used for its original purpose, which is itself considered to contribute to its special interest and historic value.
74. The amenity concerns of the neighbours are noted, however as above the development is not intended to significantly intensify the use of the site and conditions can be used to control any areas of concern. The concerns regarding the construction period can be mitigated against by imposing an informative regarding construction hours.
75. The development is therefore considered to be in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Development Plan, and there are no material considerations that indicate it should be determined otherwise.

Recommendation

To approve applications 22/00498/L and 22/00497/F at the Police Station, Bethel Street and grant listed building consent and planning permission subject to the following conditions:

22/00497/F

1. Standard time limit;
2. In accordance with plans;
3. External materials
4. Submission parking/ cycle/ bin storage details
5. Submission dog kennel details
6. External lighting details
7. Type of plant as submitted
8. Anti-vibration mountings
9. Wash bay hours of operation

Informatives

1. Construction working hours

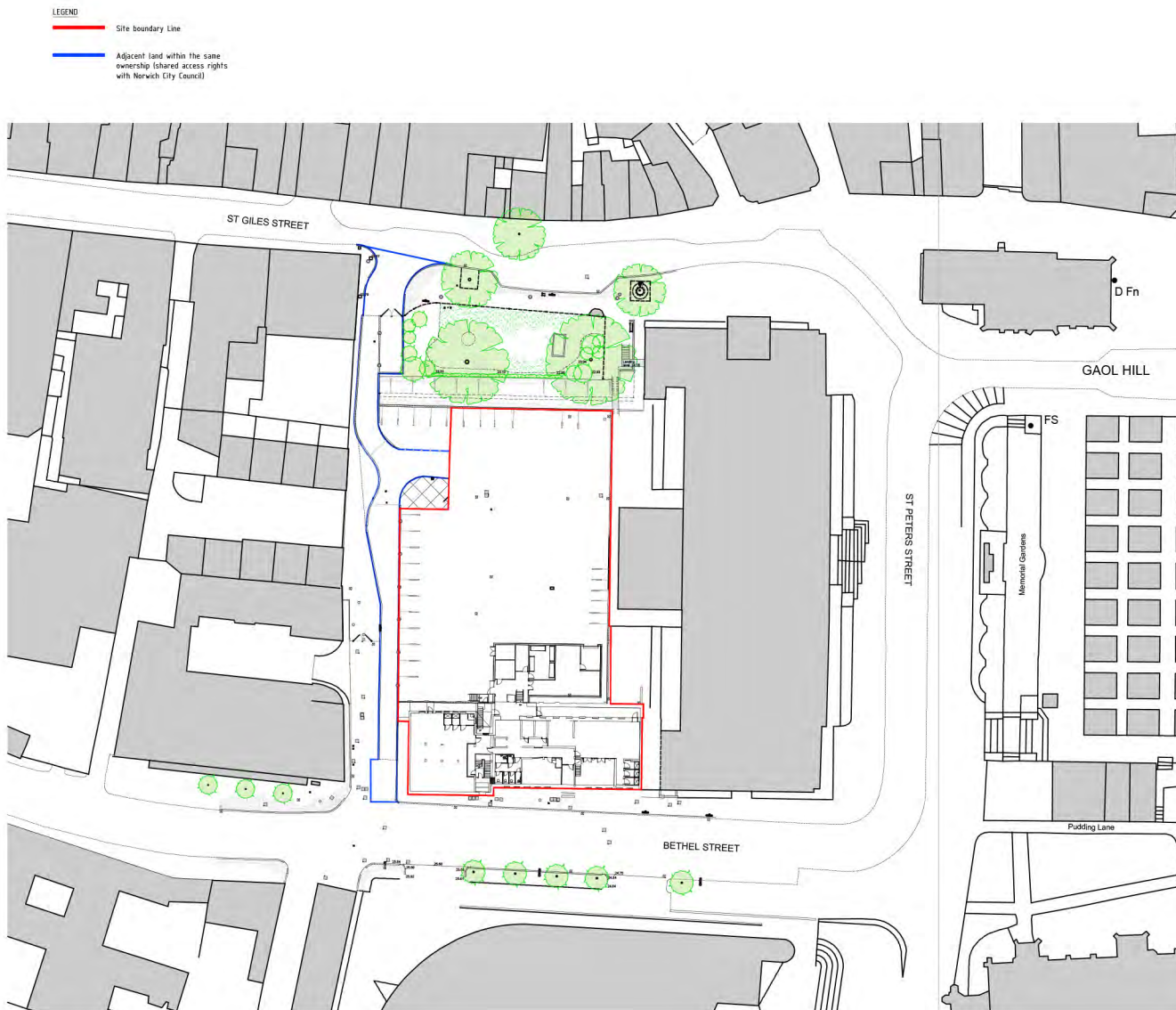
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1. Standard time limit
2. In accordance with the plans
3. Details;
 - a. Safe

- b. Main entrance lettering detail
 - c. Main entrance new light
 - d. Existing internal door at ground floor serving the former store
 - e. Refurbishment of steel windows
 - f. Stone cleaning and repairs
 - g. Cladding/screening for the proposed plant above which sits above the parapet
 - h. PV panels
 - i. Cells
- 4. External finishes
 - 5. Any damage made good

Informatives

- 1. Any other works may need further consent
- 2. Some conditions need to be discharged prior to works
- 3. Retain original historic fabric
- 4. Asbestos



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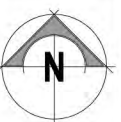
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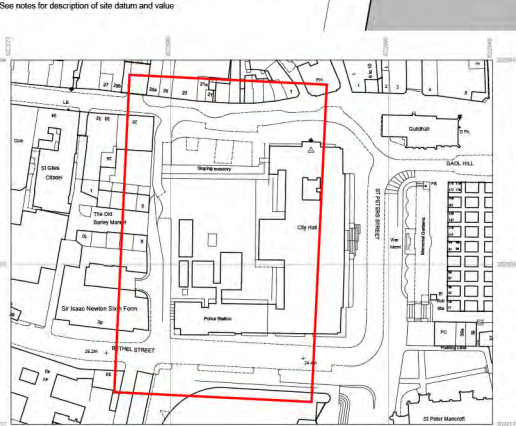
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Site location plan
Scale 1:2500



- Survey Notes
- All levels and coordinates relate to a GPS derived datum. Control was established using Ordnance Survey's Active GPS Network OSGB36(36). Translated from ETR889 using OSGB02 and OSTN02 models. Control station information may not be shown on this drawing, please contact Plandescil Ltd should you require assistance.
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 - Land ownership boundaries and legal title extents have not been identified in this survey. Fences have been surveyed at post positions and changes of direction. Hedges located at face or line of main stem, see drawing note to specify.
 - Not all trees have been surveyed, trees shown as below have been fixed by trunk position. Level relates to ground at base of trunk.

- Example of surveyed tree, species not recorded unless stated. Trunk diameter shown to scale, average canopy spread surveyed and plotted to scale.
- Areas of dense trees and vegetation have been shown by the approximate ground coverage and have no trunk positioning.
- Areas of non surveyed planting, positions shown indicatively only, or perimeter surveyed where level information is present.

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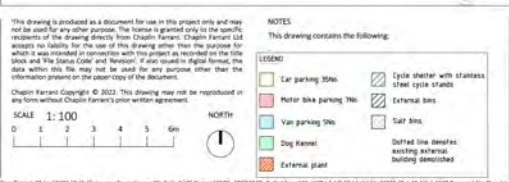
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NOTES

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Note: For building elements/areas with heritage significance, refer to drawing No. 500 & 501

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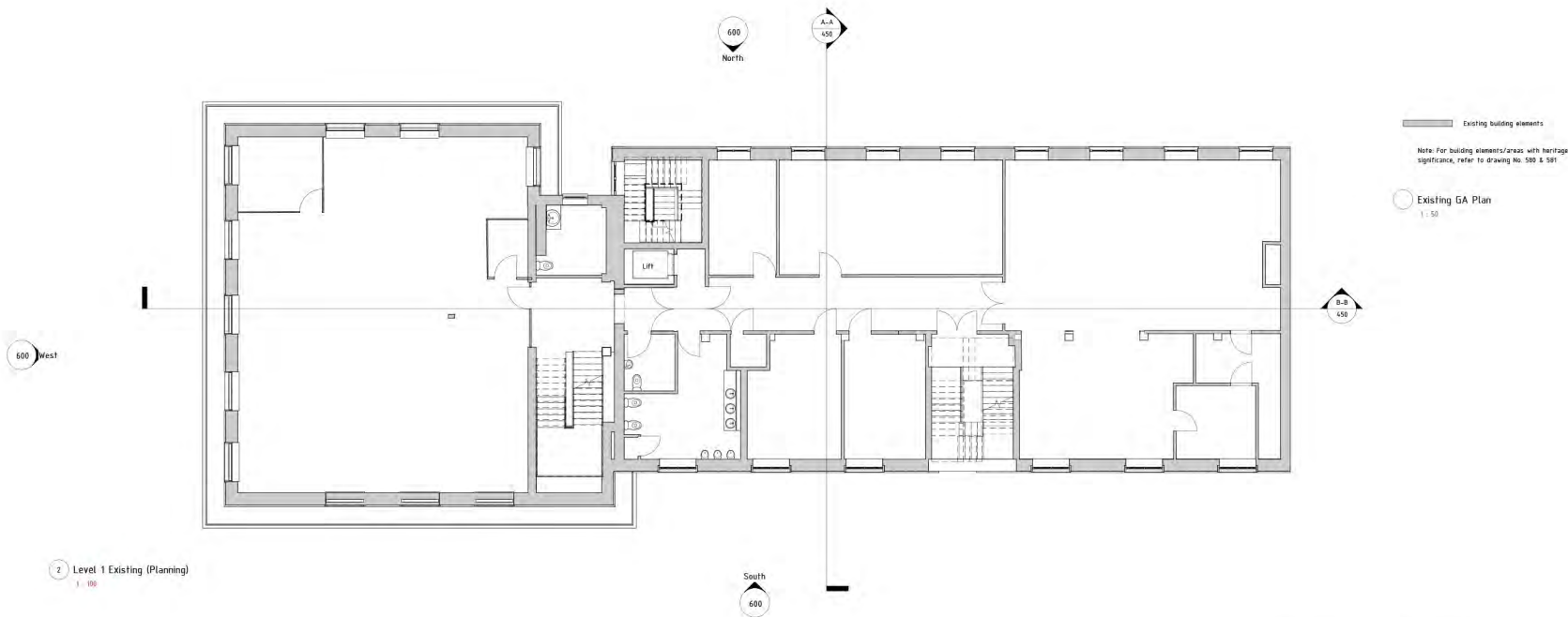
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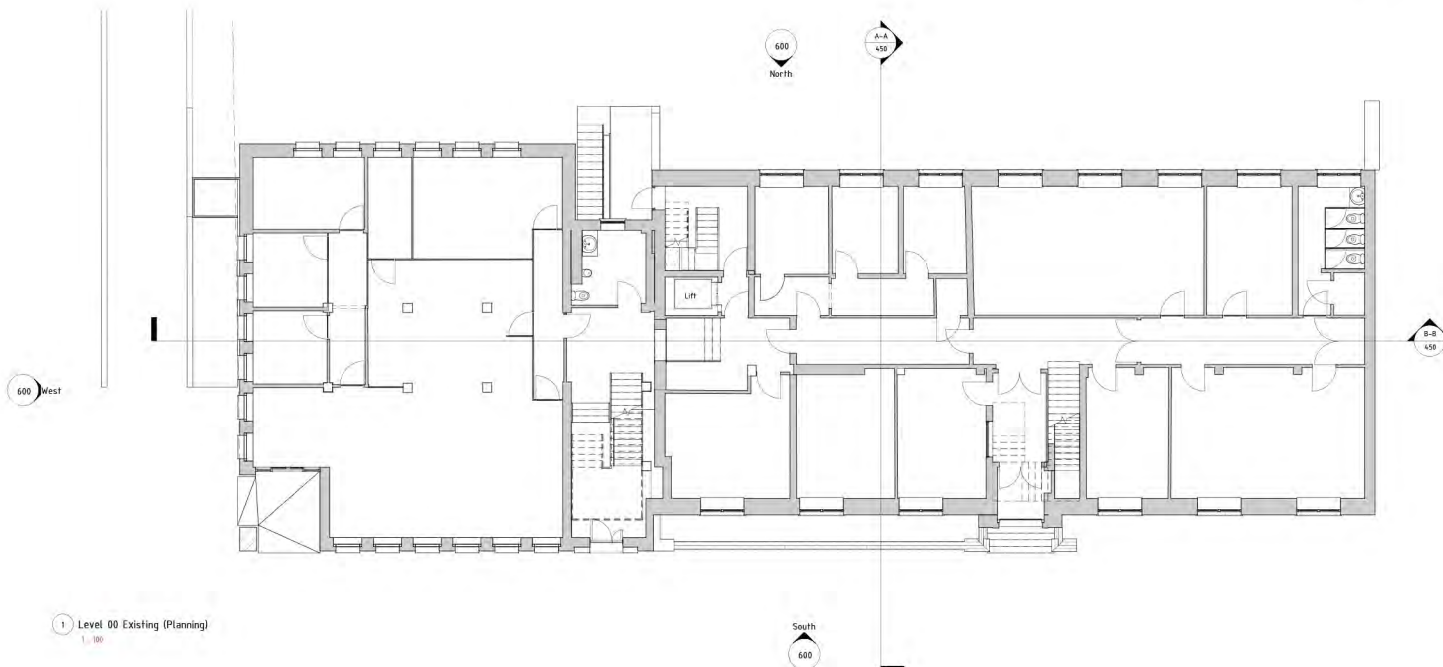
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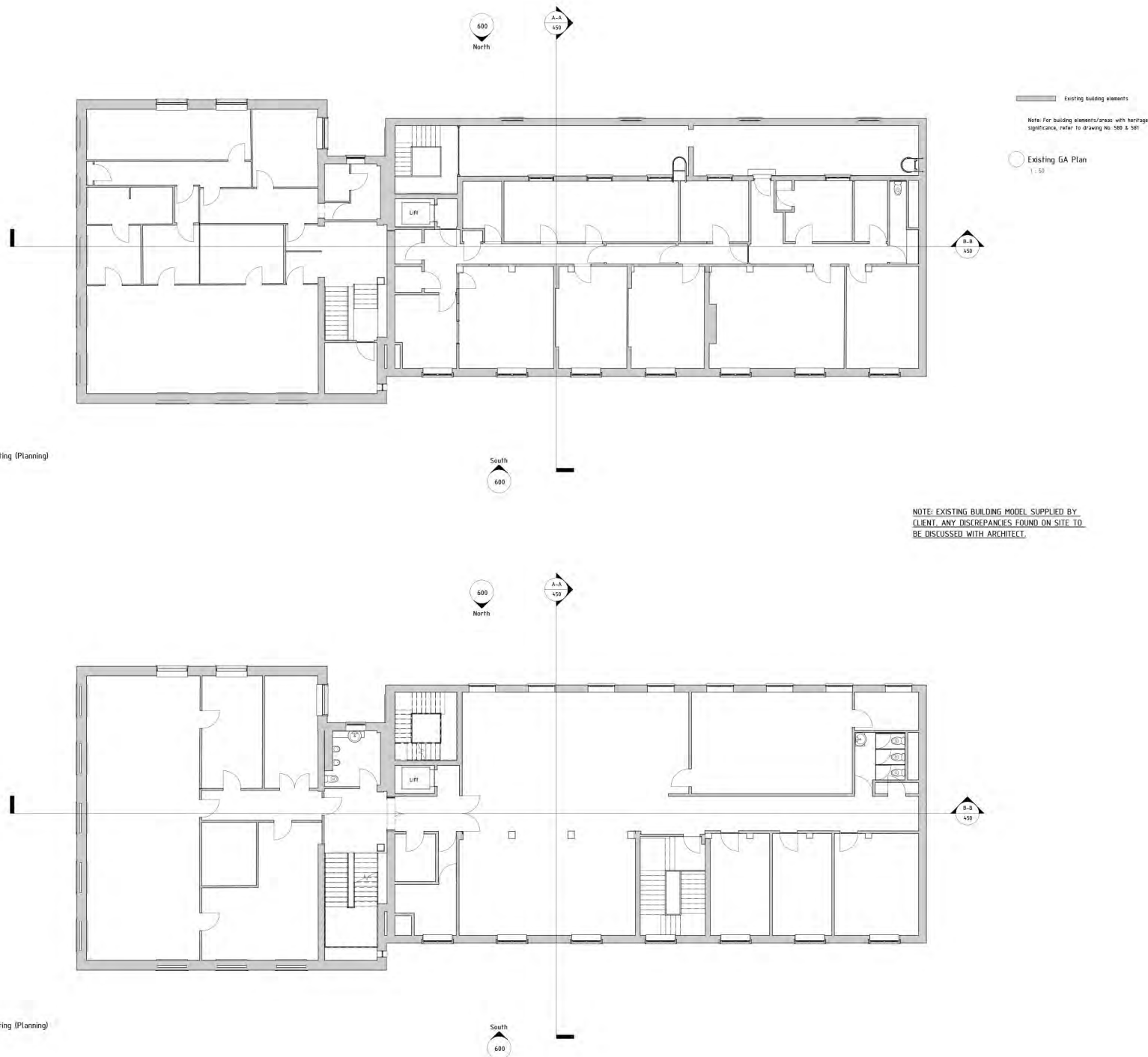
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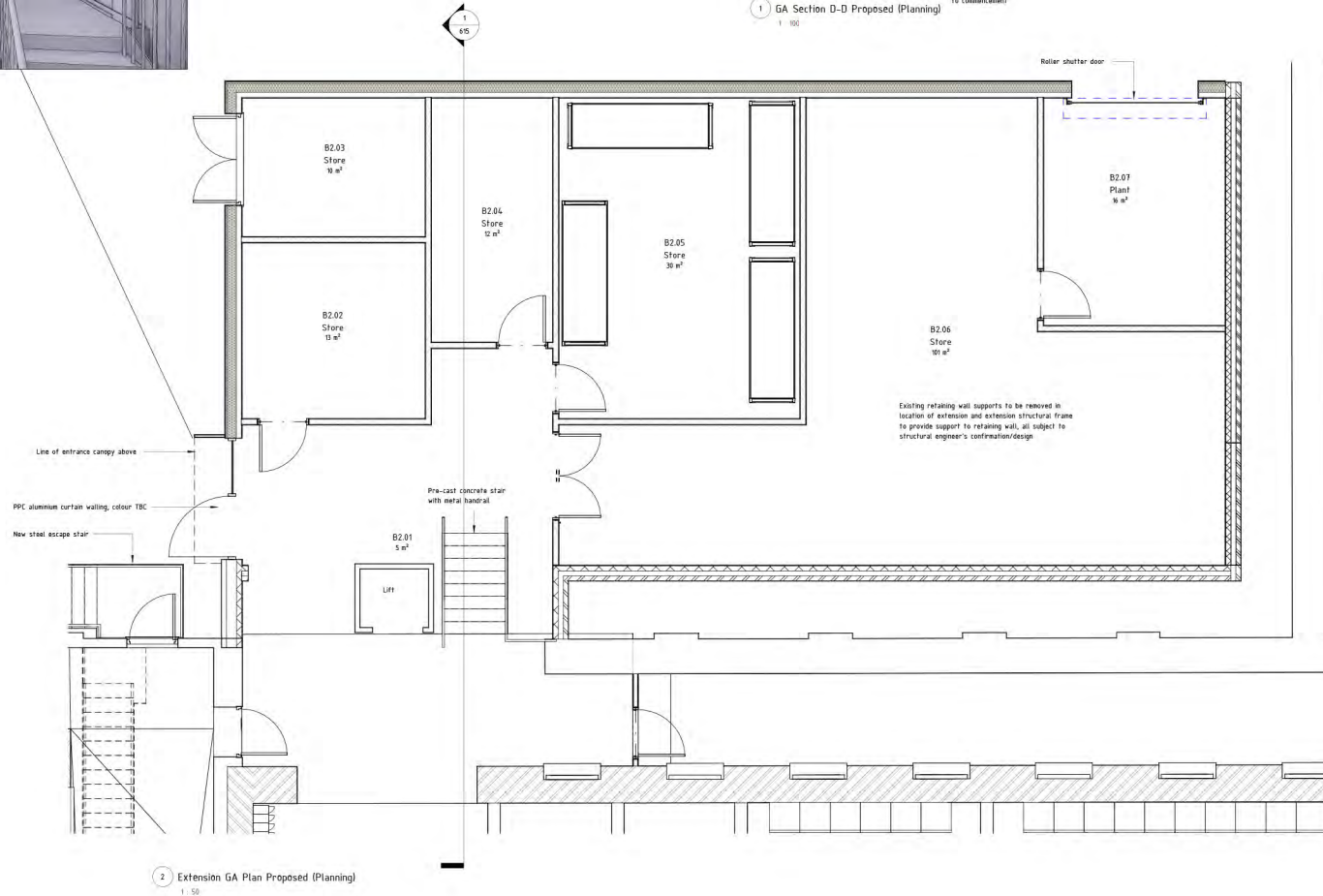
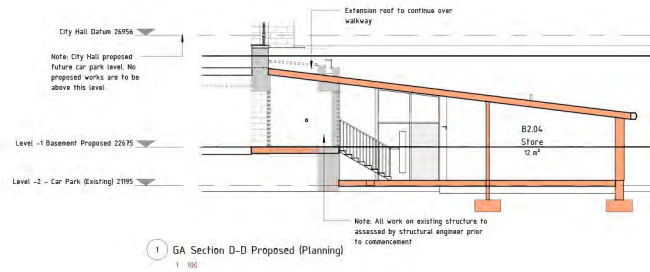
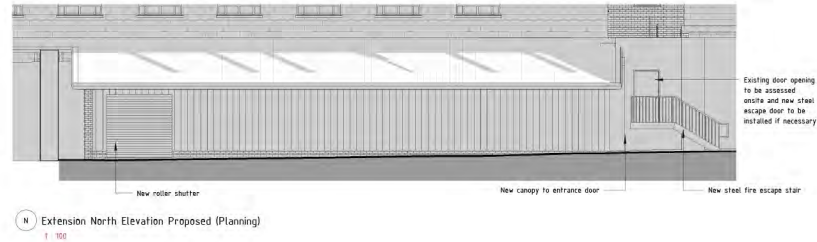
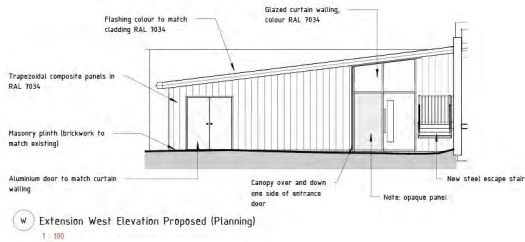
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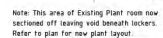
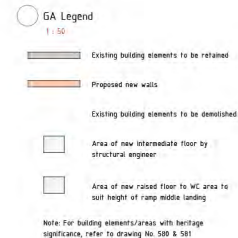
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00-01 1960'S BRICKWORK - The bricks are a careful match with the original build **[RETAIN]**

04-02 1960'S STONEWORK - The more recent Clapham stone is engaged in the manner of this cladding to ensure the deployment of stone on the original building. The projecting cornice is represented by a shallow moulded string course. All windows have the stonework surrounds. The stonework is disrupted below the windows of the public Reception Area **[RETAIN]**

05-001 1960'S RECEPTION The Reception Area is similar to many central and local government public areas of the period. Suspended ceiling it has little to commend it **[REMOVE]**

05-002 1960'S RECEPTION FLOOR Contract carpet **[REMOVE]**

05-003 1960'S RECEPTION WALLS Plaster on masonry structure, stud partitions **[REMOVE]**

05-004 1960'S RECEPTION JOINERY Hardwood and glass reception counter, veneered plywood faced flush doors **[REMOVE]**

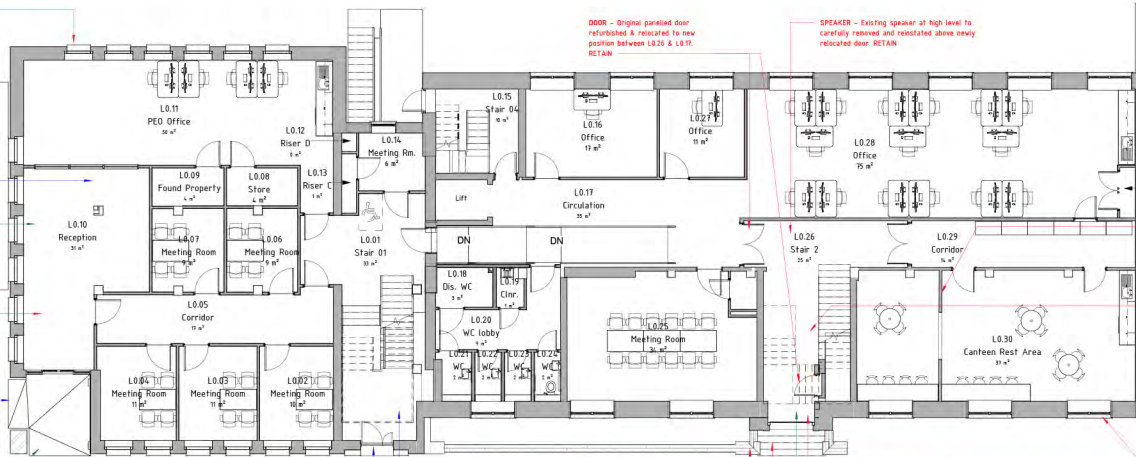
05-005 1960'S RECEPTION FEATURES - Features2No war memorial brasses mounted on the east wall. Fine engravings, particularly on the earlier material and important social and personal histories. They are flanked by historic photos of the Force **[RETAIN]**

04-001 1960'S PORCH - Typical of its age, the southwest corner bay was left open at a sheltered porch around the entrance. It bears the inscription commemorating the opening of the extension **[REMOVE]**

04-003 1960'S WALLS - Plaster on masonry structure, stud partitions **[REMOVE]**

04-002 1960'S PORCH FLOOR - The floor is of slate bricks which were originally laid flat. Following the introduction of DDA legislation the bricks were lifted to provide an accessible slope from the west. The result is not attractive **[REMOVE]**

04-004 1960'S PORCH JOINERY - Heavy box-section aluminium frames; the entrance door is an automatic sliding door **[REMOVE]**



Heritage Legend
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TEXT TYPE	HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
RED TEXT	Significant
BLUE TEXT	Low merit
GREEN TEXT	No merit

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02-001 LOBBY - A high arched paneled entrance vestibule that was the main public face of the building. There are signs of previous water ingress at the join between the building and the projecting porch **[REPAIR/REUSE]**

02-002 LOBBY FLOOR - Polished Granolithic floor with marble **[RETAIN]**

02-003 LOBBY CEILING - Shallow vaulted ceiling of wide boards **[REPAIR/REUSE]**

02-004 LOBBY JOINERY - Paneled entrance doors, paneled reveals, reeded architraves, paneled door of vest and possibly vest behind blank panel **[REPAIR/REUSE]**

00-002 STONEWORK Selective use of Clapham stone adds importance to the ground floor, projecting cornice and window openings, stressing the horizontal lines of the building **[RETAIN]**

02-001 MAIN STAIRWELL - The principal stair matches the secondary staircases of the City Hall, including the peculiar large globe above the ground floor wrapping of the handrail **[RETAIN]**

02-002 MAIN STAIRWELL FLOOR - The floor is hard wearing terrazzo, although cracking has occurred in the north part it can readily be put back **[RETAIN AND REPAIR]**

02-003 MAIN STAIRWELL STAIRS - The stairs are of in situ reinforced concrete with inset pre-cast terrazzo treads. They have been overlaid with corn, flax and aluminium nosing's **[RETAIN, REMOVE CORN TILES AND NOSING'S IF POSSIBLE]**

02-004 MAIN STAIRWELL HANDRAIL - The continuous mahogany handrail is supported by wrought steel square framed balustrade. Wrapping all the base. A recent second handrail has been fixed to the wall **[RETAIN]**

02-005 MAIN STAIRWELL COUNTER - The enquires counter is set in the west wall. This replaced the original enquires room reached by a door in the vestibule. The detailing is plain and utilitarian **[RETAIN]**

01-301 NBS AREAS - designed to provide natural light and ventilation to the Basement rooms **[RETAIN]**

01-302 NBS FLOOR - Ceased screed falling to gutters, some cracking **[RETAIN]**

01-303 NBS WALL - Stonework above external ground level, in situ cast concrete below **[RETAIN]**

01-304 NBS ROOF - A series of steel frames span the north area providing security. There is glazing in frames above which excludes the weather. Although the cells are no longer occupied the roof may be of security value

01-305 NBS JOINERY - There is a hinged grille at the east end of the area which secures an opening into the building at that point. The security door at the west and is western **[RETAIN OR REPAIR]**

00-006 BASEMENT WINDOWS - The multi-pane galvanised steel Cribal windows lighting the cells at the north and the plant room at the south have not been repaired or upgraded. The pivot sections of the south windows have been damaged by introduced extract fans. Otherwise they are sound **[RETAIN & REPAIR]**

02-106 MAIN STAIRWELL ENCLOSURE - When the enquiry counter was moved the surrounding area was enclosed for fire and security reasons a pair of doors was moved from the adjacent corridor and a heavy framed wall and ceiling structure introduced containing Georgian wired glass **[REMOVE]**

00-003 STONEWORK DETAIL - Fine carved stonework depicting pelican and fire helmets stresses the importance of the principal entrance **[RETAIN]**

00-005 METALWORK - Framed blue glass lantern over the entrance desk(s) the principal entrance **[RETAIN]**

00-008 DOORS - The substantial paneled entrance doors remain as existing although if no longer is used to access the building. The rear doors are replacements and have no special qualities **[RETAIN]**

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01-001 COMMON STAIR - The stair with its pre-cast concrete flights links all floors of the building. It stands away from the building structure, particularly at the south half landings where a clear cut allows daylight from a single, high level window to illuminate the full height of the stair **[RETAIN]**

01-002 COMMON STAIR FLOOR - Steps and Landings are finished with black ribbed rubber. Aluminium nosing's have yellow inserts **[RETAIN STAIRCASES]**

01-003 COMMON STAIR STAIRS - Precast concrete flights, hardwood edgings **[RETAIN]**

01-004 COMMON STAIR HANDRAIL - Vinyl covered steel handrail, hardwood veneered plywood plank mid rail on steel posts **[RETAIN]**

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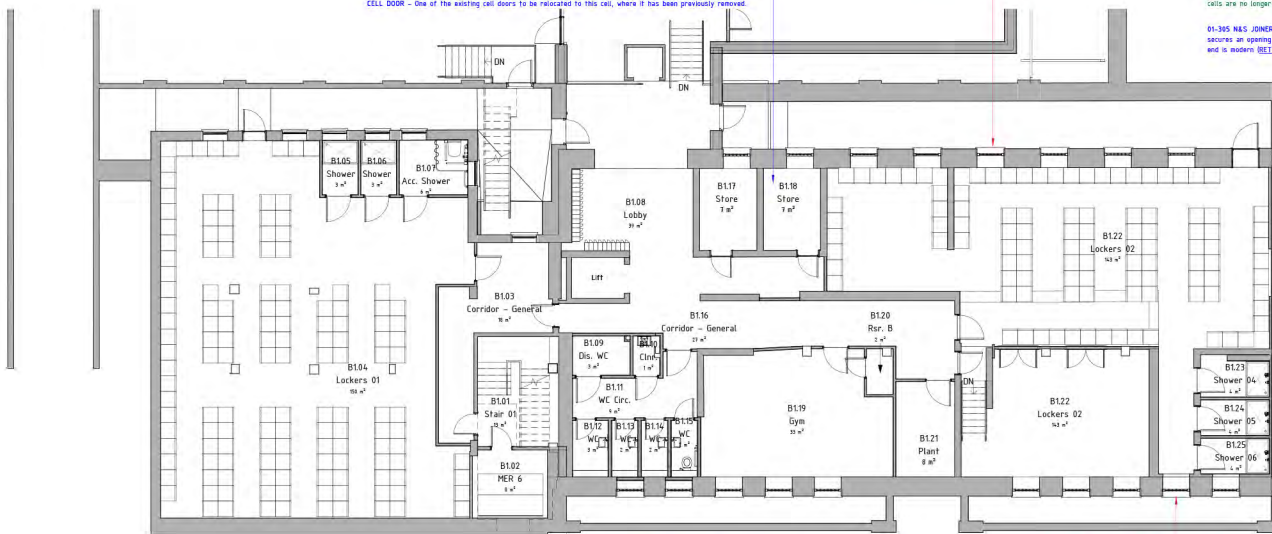
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2 Level 00 Heritage Plan (Planning)
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01-001 SAFE - The safe was a feature of the original building, incorporated in the original structure **[REMOVE IF POSSIBLE]**

01-002 SAFE DOOR - The original steel and cast iron door remains in use **[REMOVE IF POSSIBLE]**

01-003 SAFE WALLS - The walls are an integral part of the building structure, replacing one of the columns of the frame **[REMOVE IF POSSIBLE]**

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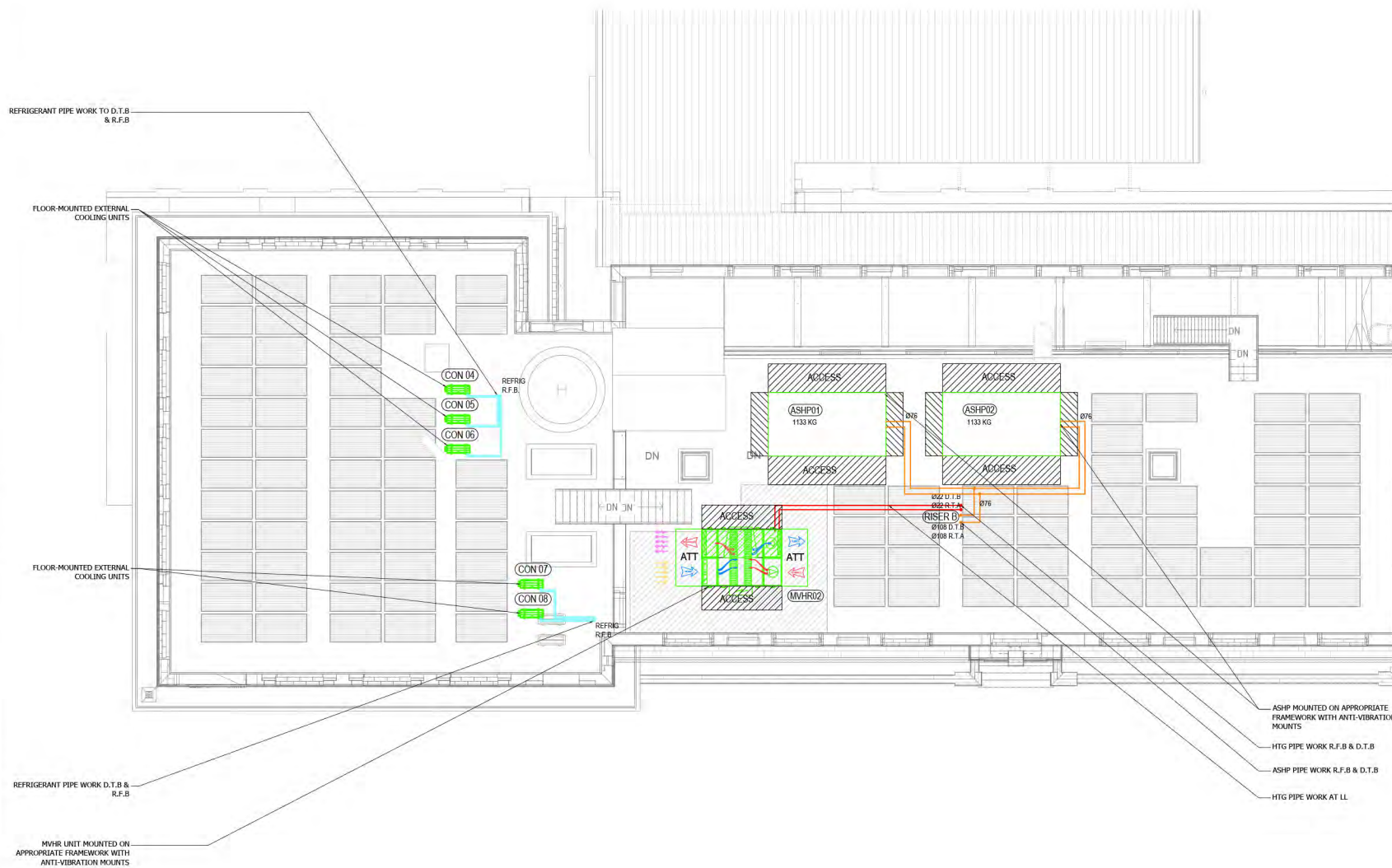
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00: Aerial view of site - M&E plant on roof highlighted in yellow



03: St Giles dormer view - M&E plant not visible - trees partly screen the view



01: Bethel Street dormer view - M&E plant not visible



04: St Giles street view - M&E plant not visible



02: Bethel Street view - M&E plant not visible



05: Bethel Street close-up view - M&E plant not visible

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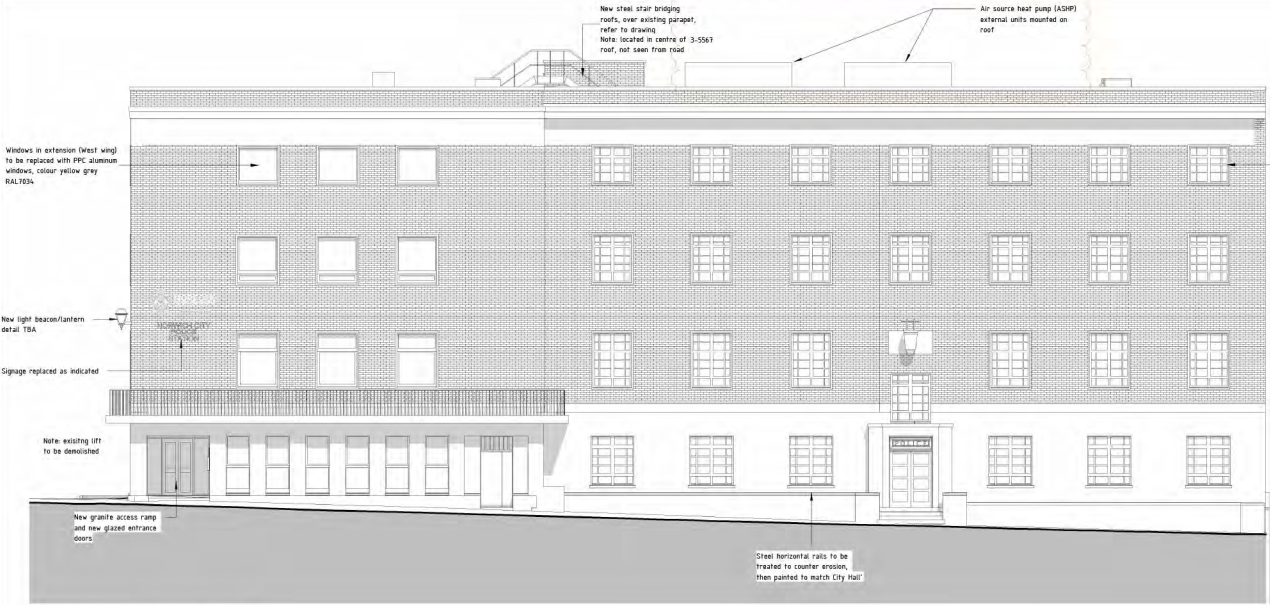
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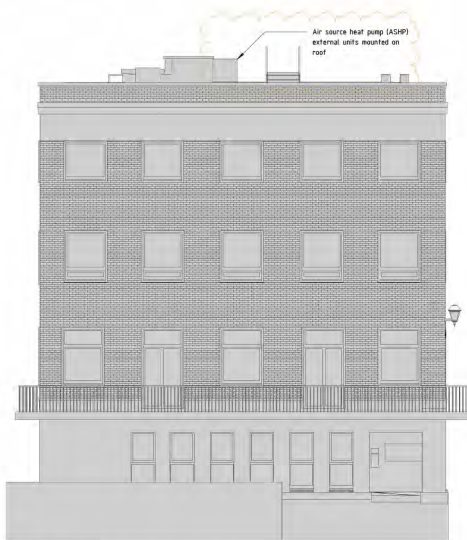
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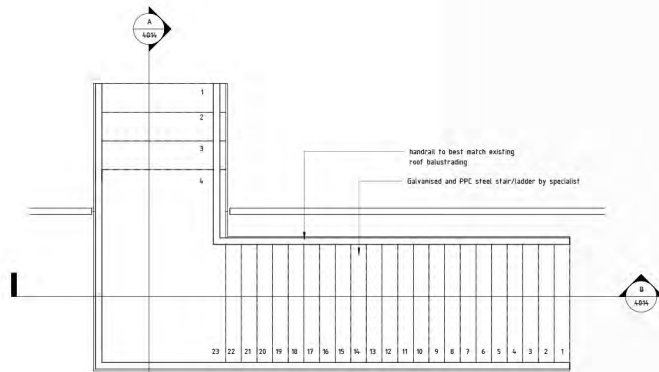
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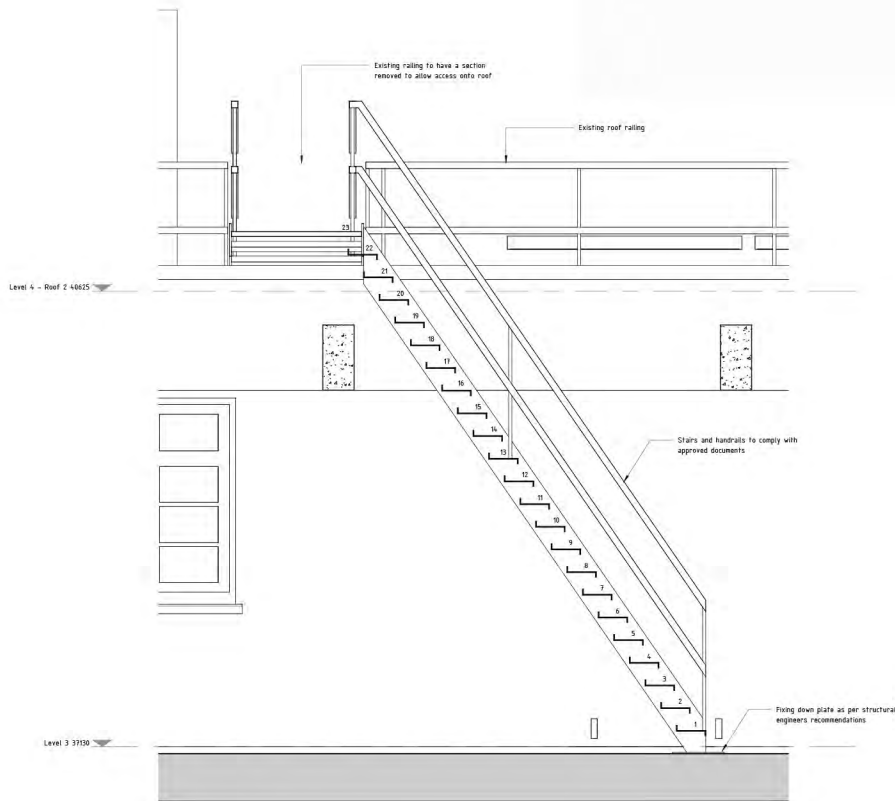
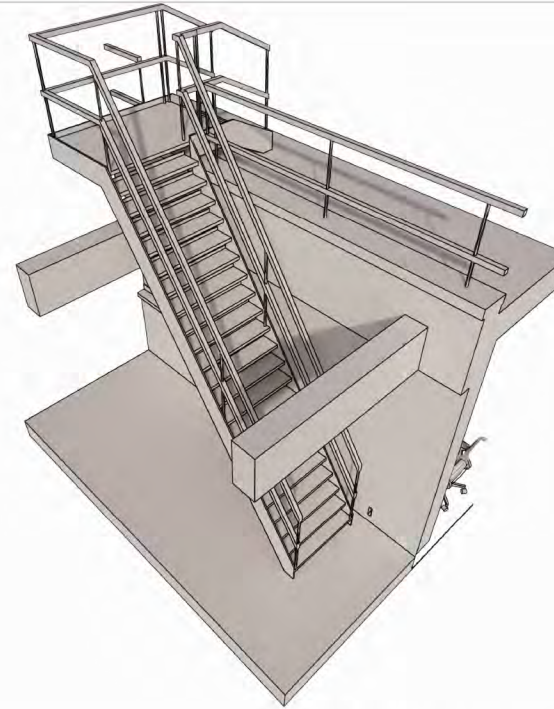


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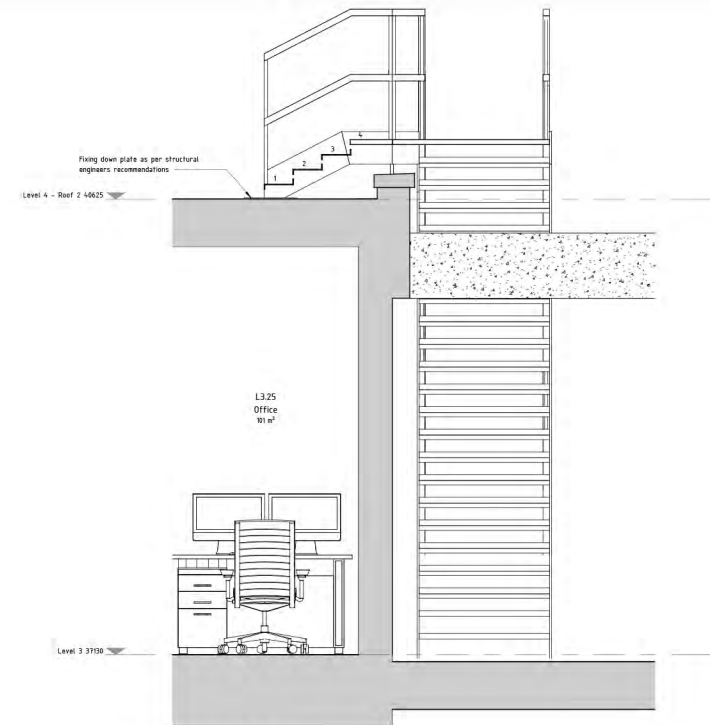
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1 Roof Access Stair Plan
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2 Roof Access Stair Section 02
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3 Roof Access Stair Section 01
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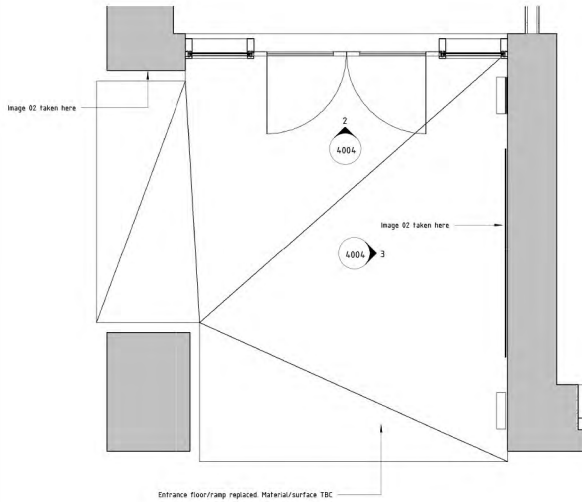
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1 Main Entrance Plan Detail
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Image 01 - Existing Signage



Image 02 - Engraving

Existing engraving to be updated.
New engraving to include:-
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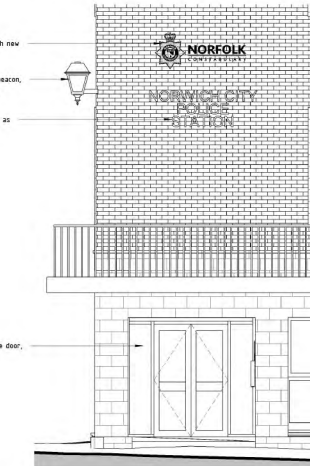
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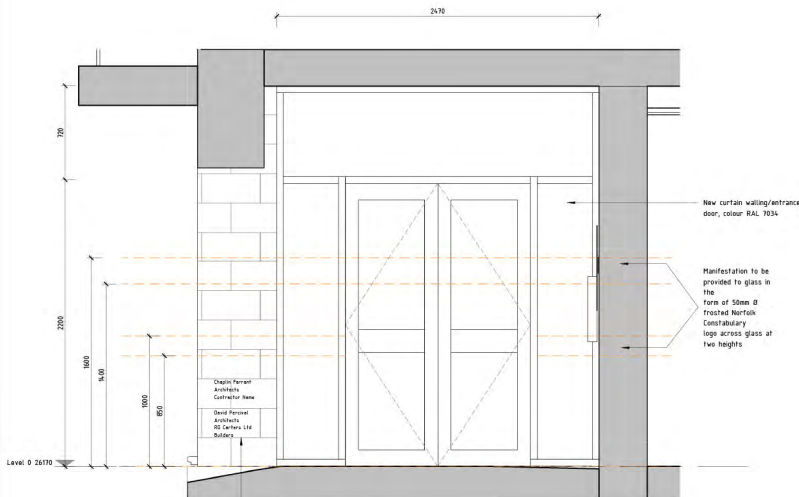
Image 03 - Existing High Level signage

Replace existing signage with new signage as indicated
New traditional style light beacon, subject to specialist design
New stainless steel signage as indicated

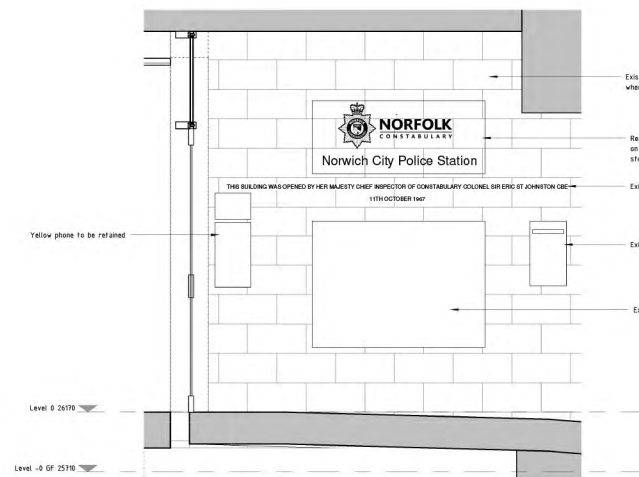
New curtain walling/entrance door, colour RAL 7034



4 High Level Signage Elevation
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2 Main Entrance Door Elevation
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3 Main Entrance Signage Elevation
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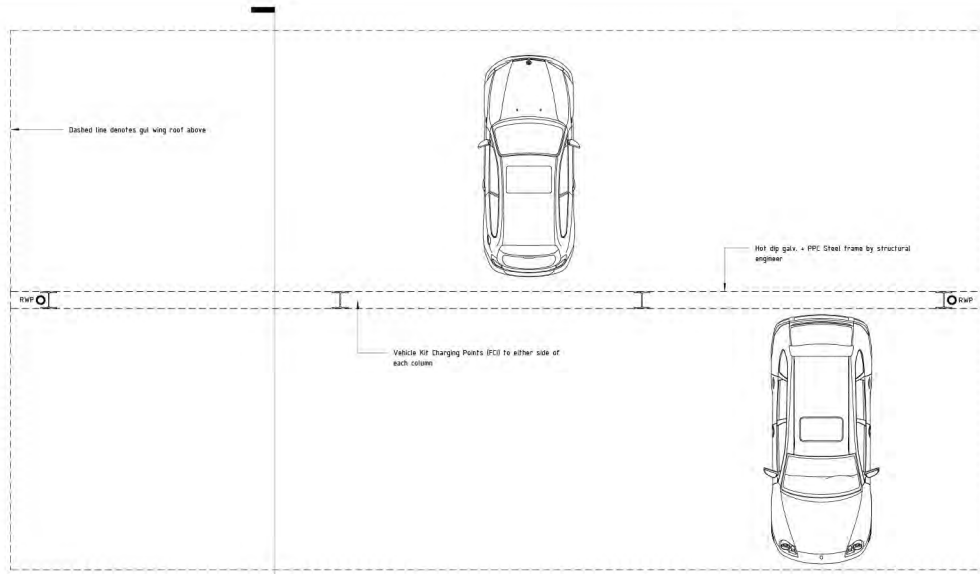
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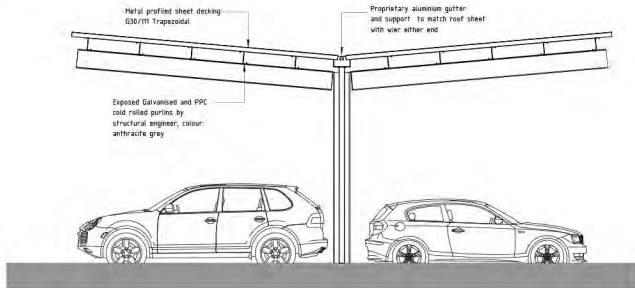
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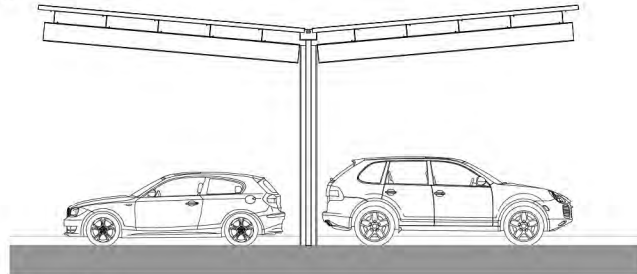




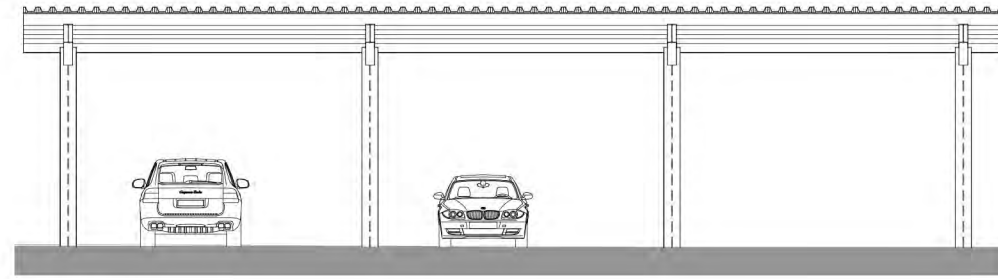
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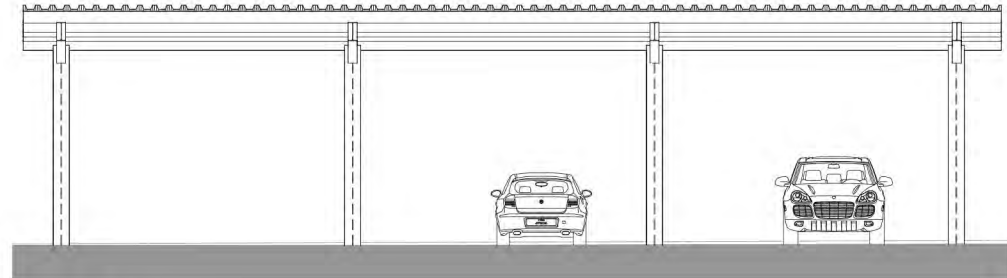
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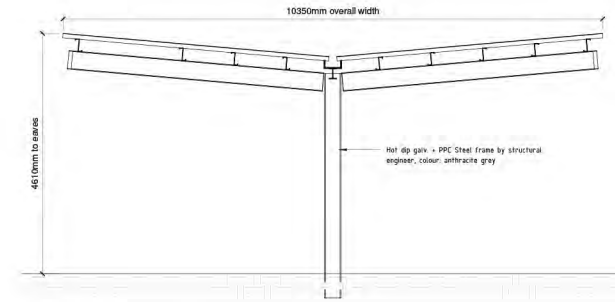
5 West Elevation
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3 North Elevation
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4 South Elevation
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A Section A-A
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Appendix A

Grade:	II*
List Entry Number:	1210484
Statutory Address 1:	CITY HALL INCLUDING POLICE STATION, BETHEL STREET
Statutory Address 2:	CITY HALL INCLUDING POLICE STATION, ST PETER'S STREET

City Hall with attached police station. 1932-38 by C. H. James and S. R. Pierce. Brick with stone dressings, lower two storeys of stone. Flat roof. Five storeys, with tower to right-hand side. Twenty-five 4th floor windows. Central entry with six polygonal columns above rising from the first-floor balcony and supporting entablature. Triple doors and steps up flanked by lions. Metal casement windows with glazing bars throughout. Small semi-circular balconies in penultimate end bays with small fan-lights above doors. The three end bays project. Parapet. Square clock tower topped with square cupola and finial. The exterior also has applied and freestanding sculpture in stone and stone. The bronze lions either side of the main stairs are by Alfred Hardiman, and the three pairs of main bronze doors with 18 plaques depicting Norwich history and trades were sculpted by James Woodford. The Bethel Street façade has the entrance to the Rates Hall with a stone relief panel of the City arms by Eric Aumonier who was also responsible for London Underground station sculpture. The former entrance to the Police Station within this wing has an ornate bronze lantern and relief stone panels depicting police helmets by H. Wilson Parker. The left of the wing, the police station, was extended 1965-7 in a similar style by the City Architect, David Percival. The north wing was unfinished but the Council Chamber projects to the rear in the middle of the main range and the wall facing the rear has, as well as decorative brickwork, three tall narrow niches from which project sculptures also by Alfred Hardiman of Recreation, Wisdom and Education.

INTERIOR: The extremely impressive interior includes an entrance hall with stone and marble clad walls and columns, stairs lit by a window with textured engraved and painted glass and a ceiling painting designed by Eric Clarke and painted by James Michie. The hall above is also marble clad, and leads to a long suite of committee and reception rooms including the Lord Mayor's parlour. This suite stretches all along the main front and there is a long (approx. 200ft) balcony outside and most rooms are finely panelled with various varieties of wood, including inlay, and have original fine fireplaces, fittings and textiles. The Lord Mayor's Parlour is very fine being an octagon with shallow vaulted ceiling and fully panelled in sycamore with the veneers cut using the highest expertise to produce a brilliant effect of intensely rich dado figuring and lighter cloud-like wall figuring. In addition the Council Chamber itself is very fine with curving seating in mahogany with inlaid brass edges and mahogany entrance wall columns, and also wall panelling to half height with a variety of panel designs. Many light fittings which were designed for the building by the architects also survive.

Other elements of the fine interior include the third floor hall with lift entrance, lantern and balcony, all in austere classical Art Deco styling, and the former marriage suite on the lower ground floor.

HISTORY: Norwich City Hall was designed in 1931 and built in 1937-8. The design by the architects James and Pierce was the winning entry in a public competition which attracted 143 entries. There had long been felt a need for a fitting city hall and an area to the north of the market place was cleared to provide a suitable space which would be still at the very centre of the city. Following discussions with the R.I.B.A., Robert Atkinson was appointed as the supervisor of the development of the Market Place and produced his own plans. In the end there was competition with Atkinson as the sole judge and his ground plan was retained as one of the many conditions.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANCE: Norwich City Hall is one of the landmarks of the city and one of the finest municipal buildings of the interwar period in England. It is in an austere Classical style with Art Deco detailing and makes reference also to Scandinavia and in particular Stockholm City Hall. The prominent tower contrasts successfully with the long principal front standing above the sizeable Market Place. The exterior is very impressive, being on five storeys with a prominent portico and applied and freestanding sculpture in stone and bronze. The interior is also impressive with a long suite of committee and reception rooms including the Lord Mayor's Parlour. The rooms are finely panelled with various varieties of wood and original fine fittings and textiles. In addition the Council Chamber itself is very fine with curving seating in walnut with inlaid brass edges and wall panelling to half height with a variety of panel designs. The sculpture and plaques in bronze and stone include work by Alfred Hardiman and Eric Aumonier. The totality of the exterior and interior, complete with fine sculpture in stone and bronze and the finest interior fittings in contemporary style, is particularly successful.