

DEVIZES ASSIZE COURT

A NEW HOME FOR THE WILTSHIRE MUSEUM

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - ADDENDUM

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SUMMARY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This application is to outline a minor design and material changes to the existing Listed Building Consent number PL/2025/00246.

This application seeks consent for a series of amendments to the previously approved scheme for the conservation, extension and reuse of Devizes Assize Court. The amendments have been developed through the ongoing detailed design process and are intended to refine aspects of the approved proposals whilst maintaining the fundamental principles, scale and objectives of the consented scheme.

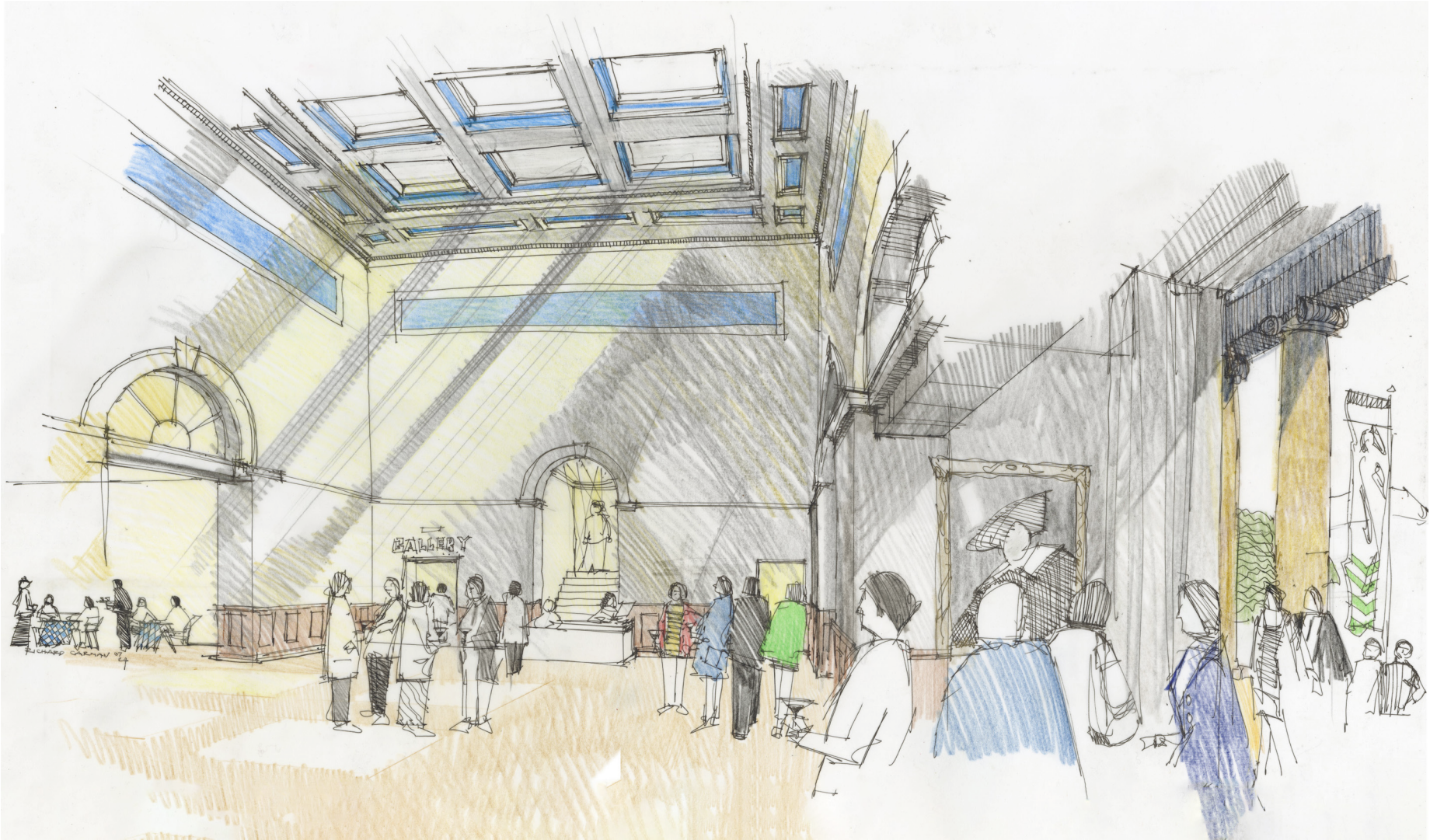
The proposed changes relate to the design and material treatment of certain extension elements, associated external works, plant screening arrangements and limited internal alterations. The proposals do not alter the approved use of the building and do not result in any increase in the approved massing, scale or overall form of the development.

The amendments should be considered in the context of the wider approved scheme established through the original Planning and Listed Building Consent applications.

THE APPLICATION SEEKS CONSENT FOR AMENDMENTS OF THE BELOW:

1. Revised external design and material treatment to the approved extensions and plant screen enclosure.
2. Internal alterations to the approved cafe layout and arrangement.
3. Introduction of ventilation grilles where required to facilitate building servicing.

Please note the amendments represent refinements to the approved design rather than substantive changes to the approved scheme.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1.0 REVISED EXTERNAL DESIGN AND MATERIAL TREATMENT TO THE APPROVED EXTENSIONS AND PLANT SCREEN ENCLOSURE

1.1 AS PLANNING

Cafe Extension: The original planning submission had chamfered portal entrance to cafe extension in cast bath stone.

Plant Screen: The original planning submission had a proposed GRP fluted screen to first floor roof plant room.

Side Extension Plant Room: The original planning submission had a stone extension on the ground floor with a GRP fluted screen to conceal the first floor level plant.

Ventilation grilles: The original planning submission showed the existing ventilation grille to remain in place.



NORTH ELEVATION

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1.0 REVISED EXTERNAL DESIGN AND MATERIAL TREATMENT TO THE APPROVED EXTENSIONS AND PLANT SCREEN ENCLOSURE

1.2 REVISED PLANNING PROPOSAL - EXTENSIONS

Cafe Extension: the cafe extension design has been rationalised through the use of cast stone columns, cast stone spandrels and buff stretcher bond brickwork with three-course soldier course detailing. The set back curtain wall forms a covered threshold between the café and garden, providing an enhanced inside-outside connection and formalised covered seating area.

The changes are refinements to the material language of the extension, made to give a more holistic and contextually grounded response to the Listed Building:

- Buff brick and a transitional material to the rear elevation, mediating between the existing brick rear and the cast stone extension rather than meeting it at a hard junction
- Brick to the plant room and screened area, now reading as one integrated mass rather than two articulated volumes, with the brickwork providing visual interest and relief
- A change to the main plant screen, from the consented GRP to anodised aluminium in a bronze effect. The GRP was never a material the Conservation Officer was entirely comfortable with, and the change improves coherence with the extension in the listed setting

Plant Screen: New metal screen is a solid bronze fluted panel to match the proposed rainwater pipes and aluminum frame narrow window and curtain walling.

Side Extension - Plant Room: The revised plant room side extension incorporates a buff brick finish laid in Flemish bond, creating a cohesive architectural relationship with the proposed cafe extension while responding appropriately to the character and materiality of the historic building.

Ventilation grilles: The proposed ventilation strategy involves relocating the existing grille to a higher position on the elevation to accommodate the revised internal layout and servicing requirements.



NORTH ELEVATION

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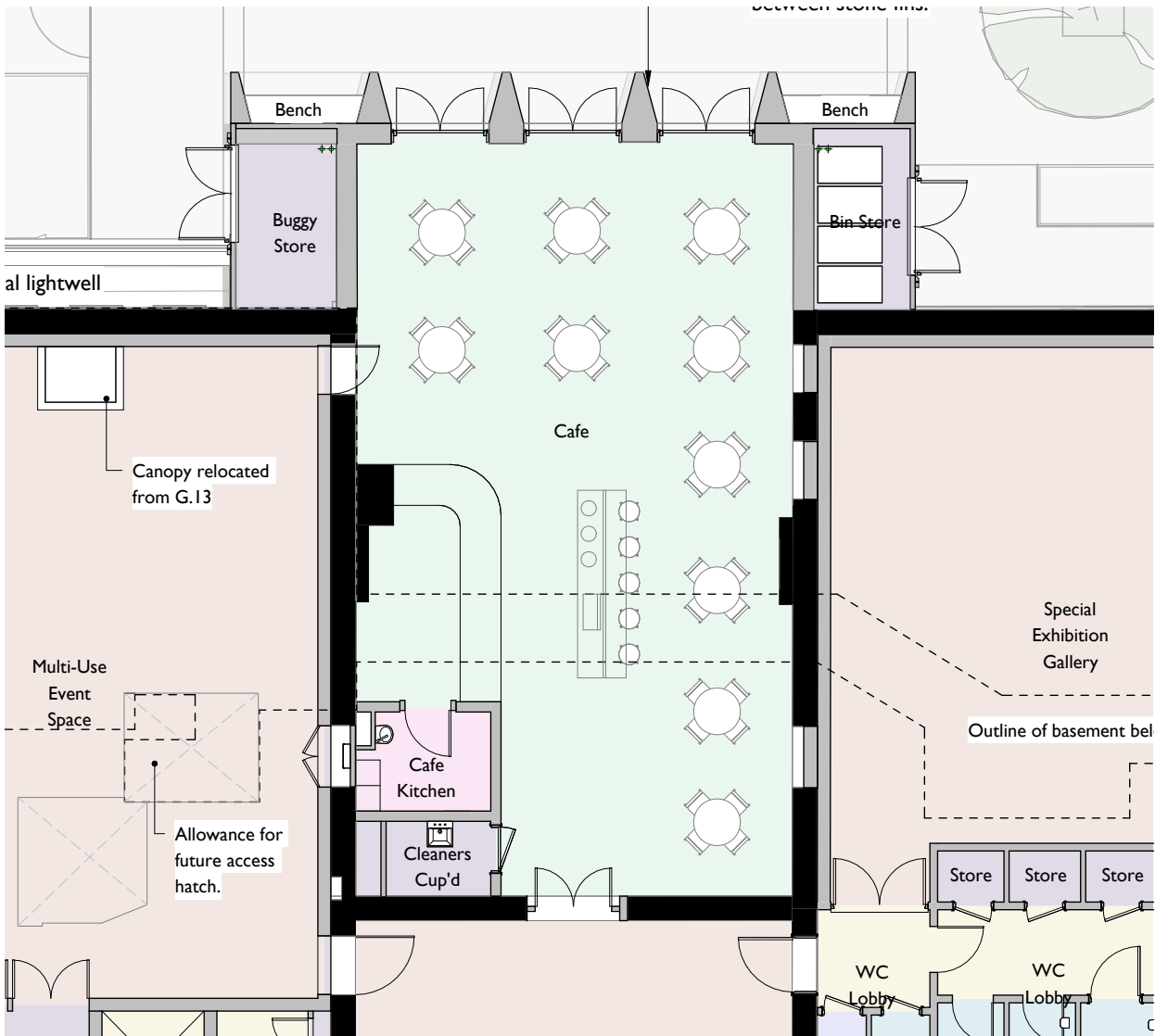
2.0 INTERNAL ALTERATIONS OF THE CAFE ARRANGEMENT

2.1 AS PLANNING

Cafe Extension with glazed doors between stone fins.

Café layout comprising an open seating area, with a kitchen and cleaner's store located in the corner.

A single door providing access to the multipurpose event space.



GROUND FLOOR CAFE LAYOUT

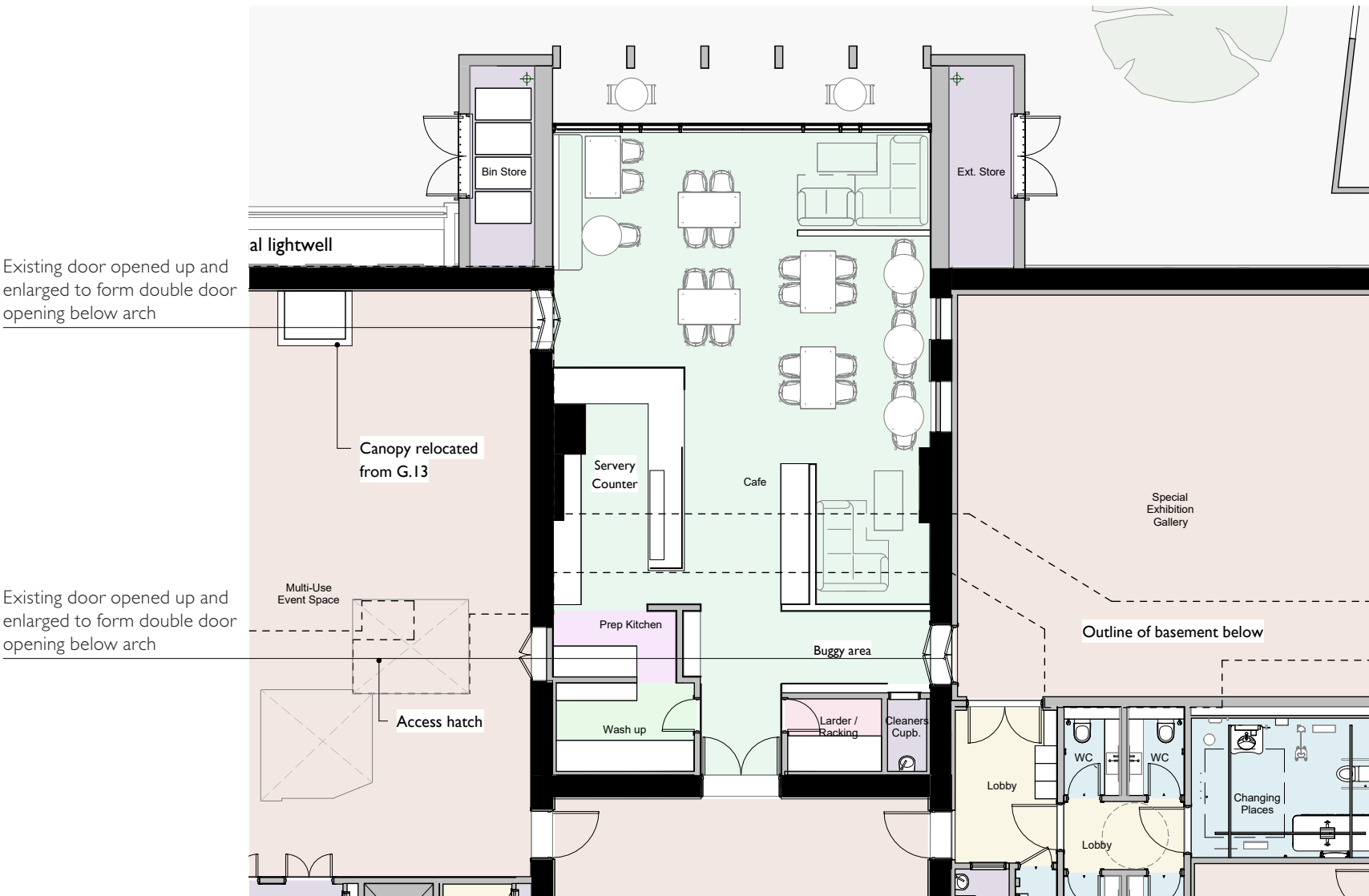
AS PREVIOUS LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

2.2 REVISED PLANNING PROPOSAL - INTERNAL CAFE LAYOUT

Cafe Extension Layout

The café extension is organised into a series of functional zones, including comfortable booth seating, flexible dining areas with tables and chairs, a servery counter, and a preparation kitchen with an adjoining wash-up area located in the left-hand corner. To the right, a larder/racking store incorporates dedicated buggy storage.

The space connects directly to the Multipurpose Event Space via a set of double doors and also provides access to the Special Gallery (refer to photos on page 07). This access is formed through an existing opening that was previously infilled with blockwork and will be used periodically for the movement of exhibition artefacts.



GROUND FLOOR CAFE LAYOUT

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2.0 INTERNAL ALTERATIONS OF THE CAFE ARRANGEMENT



EXISTING OPENING TO THE PROPOSED MULTIUSE EVENT SPACE BLOCKED UP IN BLOCKWORK.
EXISTING OPENING TO BE OPENED UP AND WIDENED TO FORM A DOUBLE DOOR CONNECTION TO THE MULTIUSE EVENT SPACE



EXISTING OPENING TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL GALLERY BLOCKED UP IN BLOCKWORK.
EXISTING OPENING TO BE OPENED UP AND WIDENED TO FORM A DOUBLE DOOR CONNECTION TO THE SPECIAL GALLERY

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3.0 INTRODUCTION OF VENTILATION GRILLES WHERE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE BUILDING SERVICING

3.1 AS LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

Ventilation grilles:

- a. The original planning submission showed the existing ventilation grille to remain in place.
- b. New vent in highlighted location between existing window and door



a. NORTH ELEVATION

AS LISTED BUILDING CONSENT



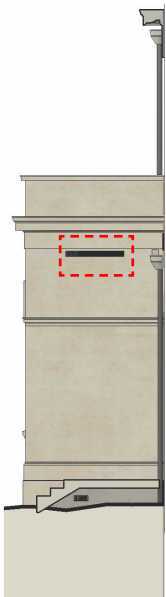
b. WEST ELEVATION

AS LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

3.2 REVISED PLANNING PROPOSAL - EXTENSIONS

Ventilation grilles:

- c. Proposed new vent to Staff Office.
- d. The proposed ventilation strategy involves relocating the existing grille to a higher position on the elevation to accommodate the revised internal layout and servicing requirements.
- e. The revised ventilation strategy proposes relocating the previously approved vent to a location above the existing doorway.



c. NORTH EAST ELEVATION

NEW VENT



d. NORTH ELEVATION

REVISED VENT LOCATION



e. WEST ELEVATION

REVISED VENT LOCATION

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MATERIALITY

4.0 CHOICE OF MATERIALS

4.1 CAFE EXTENSION AND PLANT ROOM

The buff brick acts as a mediating material on the rear elevation, providing a gradual transition between the existing brickwork and the new cast stone extension. Enhanced by warm tones and subtle textural variation, the brickwork evokes the character of traditional weathered masonry. Applied to the café extension and plant room, it introduces a sympathetic contrast to the historic red brick fabric.



Facing Brickwork and Pointing - New Extensions

4.2 CAFE EXTENSION / SIDE STAIR EXTENSION

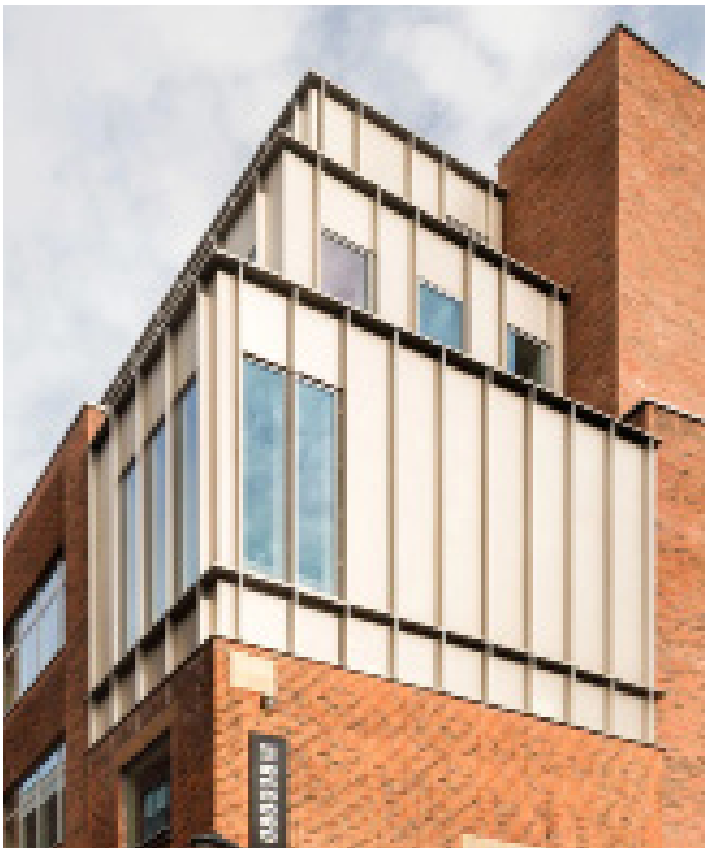
The wet-cast stone complements both the proposed buff brickwork and the existing red brick and natural Bath stone, helping to unify the palette of materials. Its contemporary detailing introduces a fresh architectural expression while maintaining a relationship with the character and fabric of the existing building.



Wet Cast Stone - New Extensions

4.3 METAL PLANT SCREEN

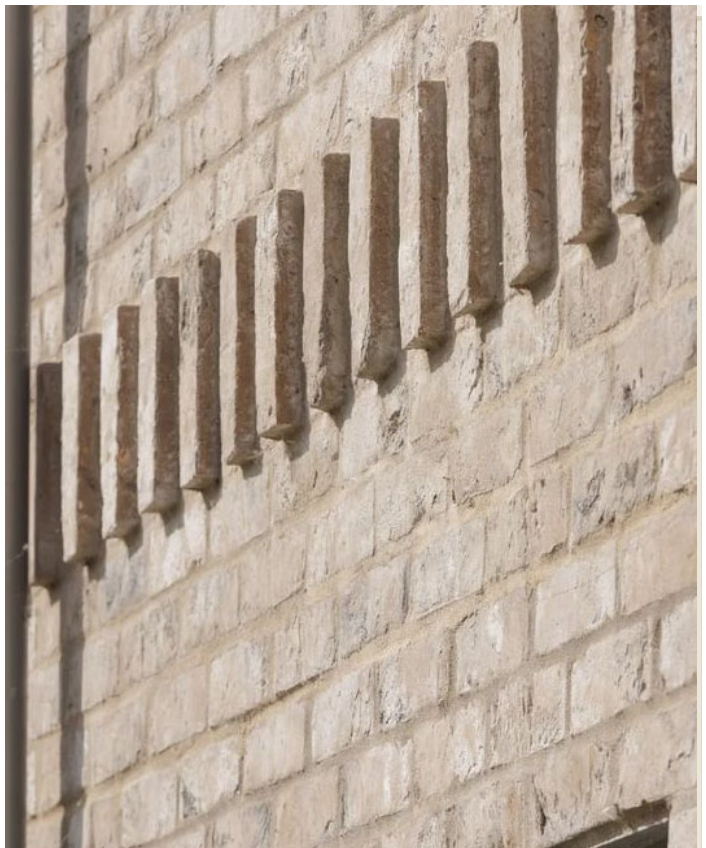
The main plant screen has been revised from the approved GRP specification to a bronze-effect anodised aluminium finish. This change responds to previous concerns regarding the suitability of GRP in the historic context and results in a more sympathetic and cohesive relationship with the Listed Building. Enclosing the rooftop plant area, the metal screen introduces a contemporary architectural feature that integrates with the wider design while providing service screening.



Plant Screen - Metal

4.4 FLEMISH BRICK BOND FOR PLANT EXTENSION

Brickwork to the plant room and screened enclosure is treated as a single, integrated volume, rather than being expressed as two separate elements. The Flemish bond introduces texture and visual interest across the two-storey elevation, creating depth and articulation. Stepped brick detailing aligns with the existing stone banding, helping to connect the new addition within the architectural language of the original building.



Flemish Brick Bond - Plant Extension Walls

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5.0 HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The proposed amendments to the consented scheme for the conservation, extension and reuse of Devizes Assize Court would not change the overall impact to heritage significance identified in the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared for the consented scheme.

Although there are changes to the proposals in terms of the materiality and articulation of the proposed extensions and the location of openings within the building, the proposals remain commensurate with the consented scheme; the amendments are minor and the level of impact on the physical fabric, setting and heritage significance of the listed building would be less than substantial and more than outweighed by the heritage and public benefits the scheme would provide in bringing this Grade II* listed building back into viable, public use.



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