

CIVIC ENGINEERS, CARVERS WAREHOUSE, MANCHESTER PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF ACCOMMODATION STAIR

JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

Creation of the new stairway creates an inter-connected floor space for a key tenant in the building that would have otherwise needed to move to new premises. The intervention has enabled the tenant to remain operating out of the repurposed heritage building rather than increasing demand for new building stock as such contributing to Manchester City Council's Net Zero Carbon aspirations.

The works to the existing building fabric to form the stair itself has been approached with conservation and reversibility in mind. The existing timber floor joists that are to be removed to form the void for the stair between upper and lower ground floor spaces are proposed to be retained and stored within the lower ground floor space, and used for benches and sideboard in a meanwhile use. The joists will be retained at their cut length to allow them to be reinstated at the end of the tenancy and the floor plate restored.

Furthermore, there is precedent for these works within this space as the original conversion works for the building, that was completed in 2008, had an interconnecting stair installed between the upper and lower ground floor spaces, similar to that being proposed here, and has since been removed and the floor plate reinstated

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