

Application number: 132907/LO/2022

Heritage statement:

The area of Ancoats is embedded in Manchester's history with the rise of the cotton industry and the invention of the steam engine enabling Manchester's growth as the world's first industrial city.

A significant part of this history is Victoria Square.

Built in 1894 specifically as residential space for the mill workers in the area; true to its original purpose the site remains residential providing affordable housing, although this has reduced from 848 residents to 170 older residents today.

This year will mark the 128th anniversary of the building.

Victoria Square is grade 2 listed therefore is of special interest and to that end, any work carried out on or within the building must be sympathetic to the history and fabric of the building.

In order to mitigate any adverse effect on the building or the buildings historic aspect the proposal has been designed in such a way to preserve its listed requirements.

- The proposal seeks only to enhance the communication capability of the residents in the building without compromising any of its historic aspect both externally and internally
- As part of the install, we need to install cabling and equipment inside the building.
- All cabling will be using existing tray work that is already present and part of the building.
- As requested by Jennifer Atkinson from the on-site meeting on 24th November 2021, the main cabinet on the 1st floor has been designed specifically to be floor mounted to preserve the glossed coating of the internal brick wall material and will be located by the stairwell/risers specifically due to its inconspicuous location.
- The cabinet will be black.
- There will be 2 other, much smaller FDPs (fibre distribution points) of approx 300mmx200mmx140mm.
- From the onsite meeting, it was agreed that although FDPs will be wall mounted, brackets will be used and these will be fixed to the wall by drilling through mortar joints and not through any bricks, again, to preserve the original fabric of the building. The location of these boxes have also been chosen to be inconspicuous and out of site.

Method statement for fixing cabinet to floor (also uploaded as detailed drawing document)



Cabinet Fixing to
Floor.pdf