



Design Statement

The existing Poplar Court Building and the proposed upward extension have both been designed by s p a c e architecture and design.

Poplar Court was originally conceived as being a linear building of two different parts.

The front part, closest to Moss Lane East, is made up of two timber clad blocks either side of the retained poplar tree. Each is then divided into two mirrored halves, either side of a lift and stair core. The lift and stair cores have four storeys, the blocks either side have three.

The rear part, closest to Quinney Crescent, is a long linear brick clad block that has four storeys. Sitting on top of this are two visually separate and predominantly glazed single storey raised sections. The brick block has a solid appearance with punched window openings, whereas the sections above have continuous ribbon glazing and appear more lightweight.

The proposed upward extensions sit directly on top of the existing glazed lightweight extensions and have been designed to give the impression that they were part of the original design concept.

Their basic plan form is the same lightweight sections directly below albeit that the extensions have negative indentations at either end that form terraces. As with the existing sections, they have large areas of glazing with dark grey frames and a strong horizontal emphasis at the top which is provided by an aluminium clad oversailing roof.

The rhythm of the framing to the glazing in the extensions does not copy the existing, the mullions being at wider centres and to provide an even lighter appearance.

The slender columns at each corner are rendered to match the rendered ends of the sections below.