Stride Treglown

Cambridge Mill Entrance – Lobby cladding and refurbishment
DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT **9th September 2009**

Introduction

Cambridge Mill is a Grade 2 listed building that was converted to residential use around 10 years ago. At this time a modern entrance lobby, located on Cambridge Street, was added to serve the apartments. Over recent years the lead cladding to this lobby has been stolen leaving the plywood base exposed. Internally the lobby is in need of some refurbishment as the flooring and finishes have become worn.



Figure 1, Cambridge Mill and the entrance lobby from Cambridge Street.

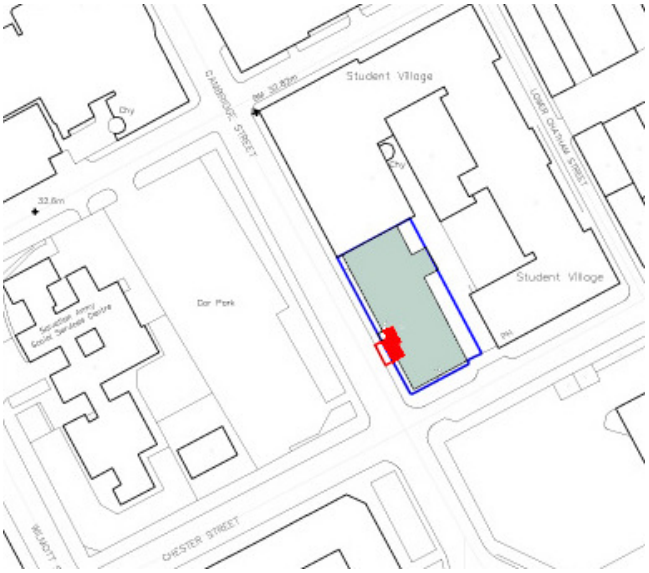

Figure 2, Location Plan, entrance lobby highlighted red.

Design

We have aimed in our design to maintain the entrance lobby as an understated modern insertion in the context of a late 19th C façade. Externally, dark grey terracotta tiles have been chosen to re-clad the entrance lobby, as a smart, robust alternative to metal cladding, that will not pose a temptation to would-be thieves. It is planned to replace an existing panel of timber cladding with the terracotta at the same time as this has not weathered well over the last 10 years and has begun to warp.

It is also proposed to take the opportunity to add an entrance canopy, replace the existing timber door and to add a street number for the building to the wall adjacent to the entrance, at the same time as the new cladding. An entrance canopy was originally planned 10 years ago but never installed. The form and choice of materials of the canopy have been designed to fit in with the existing lobby and will be bolted to

existing brackets above the entrance. This will also incorporate a new entrance lighting fixture. The existing door is considered to be utilitarian and unattractive and it is proposed that this be replaced be a steel framed glass door to match the existing windows.

Internally various finishes have become worn over the last 10 years and are planned to be replaced. The barrier matting at pavement level will be replaced with a similar product, and the tongue and groove laminated flooring at ground floor level will be replaced with dark grey, non-slip ceramic tiles.

Other minor improvements that are proposed include; the replacement of a broken radiator cover; replacement of tongue and groove boarding either side of stair with plasterboard; substitution of soft wood handrail with satin finish stainless steel.

Access

Disabled access within the entrance lobby is via a platform lift from pavement level to ground floor level. There will be no changes to this arrangement.