DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT: SUNLIGHT HOUSE, MANCHESTER

AC PLANT & GATE PROPOSALS

APRIL 08

Introduction

This Design and Access Statement is prepared in support of a Listed Building Consent & Planning Application for the installation of a new AC Plant, plant screen and alterations to an existing gate to the Grade II* Listed Sunlight House office block in Manchester.

Location

The proposed alterations are to the existing car park at roof top level and an existing gate on Atkinson Street, Sunlight House.

The proposal is to accommodate a new AC Plant to service the Office Suites at Sunlight House, on behalf of Warner Estates, as owner and Landlord of Sunlight House.

Layout

The new high level plant layout is positioned over the existing car park deck via means of a 1m high structural plant deck. There will also be an independent containerised plant room as indicated on the drawings. All plant will be screened from view by means of either existing masonry features or a polyester powder coated louvered plant screen.

The changes to the gate on Atkinson Street involve the removal of the existing low level steel bar gate and its replacement with a polyester powder coated aluminium louvered gate to suit the existing structural opening.

Access

Access to the high level plant space primarily will be as existing for access to the high level car park. Access within the plant space itself will be restricted to authorised personnel only. This access will be restricted by means of a locked louvered door within the new plant screen, with the key held by the building owners.

Access to and through the low level gate at Atkinson Street will remain unaltered.

Appearance

Where necessary louvered screens surrounding the plant at high level will be polyester powder coated aluminium louver system. This will be a frame free appearance with all necessary support and structure hidden behind the louvered face. Louvre's to be RAL colour 7040.

The louvered gate at low level to Atkinson Street will also be a louvered panel system in polyester powder coating. RAL colour is to match the existing surrounding green painted steelwork

List of drawings submitted for planning approval:

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