Design and access statement

Chetham's school of music
Trenching works

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Chetham's School of Music
Chetham's School of Music is the largest and premier Music School in the UK and is unique to the region as the only Music School based in the North of England. Chetham's provides world class education to talented young musicians from all over the country and the world. There are currently circa 300 pupils on site, most of which board. They range from as young as 8 years old to 18.

Site history
Chetham's School of Music campus is situated within the north of Manchester city centre adjacent the Cathedral, Urbis and Victoria Station. The campus occupies an area of approximately 1.2 hectares and is bounded on the south and east by the Cathedral and Cathedral Gardens, on the west by Victoria Street and on the north east by Victoria Station Approach and Long Millgate. The campus comprises 7 buildings in total. The Vallins building is Grade II listed and the Medieval building is Grade I listed.

Access
Vehicular and pedestrian access into the site is off Long Millgate, which is used and will be shared with all other visitors to the school as well as visitors to Cathedral Gardens. The site access itself is off Long Millgate and will be shared with delivery and refusal pick-up for the adjacent kitchens in the Millgate Building.

Reasons for required trenching works
The proposed imminent demolition of the Palatine building (planning consent 100013/REP/2012/C1) and the extension of time application (conservation area consent 083492/CC/2007/C1), would require services restructuring works in the school campus. The Palatine building currently houses electrical services that feed both the Medieval building and Palatine building. Once demolished these services will need to be resupplied from the main substation adjacent to the main entrance on Long millgate. There are 2 options to facilitate this, either run all the services through the Medieval building or run them in a buried duct across the courtyard end enter the Medieval building and Vallins building underground in order not to preserve the historic building fabric.

Proposed trenching works
The new service duct will provide power, data, fire and spare ducts into both the Medieval building and Vallins building. Each duct will be approximately 50mm and will be buried at approximately 450mm deep. All proposed trenching works will be carried out with a watching brief by the County Archaeologist.

External route
The external route will run from the existing services chamber located adjacent to the entrance porters lodge off long millgate. The following works will be carried:

- connect proposed ducts into existing services chamber

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- mark and number cobbles, remove cobbles, retain and replace in same position following trenching works
- relay tarmac and make good following trenching works, follow line of recently disturbed ground adjacent low garden wall to avoid any hidden archaeology, county archaeologist to have watching brief during excavation works
- remove small cobbles, retain and replace to match existing following trenching works.
- Enter vallins building underground in order not to disturb external appearance.
- Enter medieval building underground in order not to disturb external appearance.

Internal route

Internal route within the Vallins building to be agreed with conservation officer on site. Internal route to rise within Medieval building to existing distribution board in existing services room under stairs.