

**Photographic and strategy report to discharge conditions 3 and 4 of the Granted LBC application.
Ref. no. 142258/LO/2025**

For

Proposed installation of a new safety curtain and counterweight cradles to replace the existing safety curtain system.

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1 Introduction

This photographic and strategy report has been prepared in support of the granted Listed Building Consent application for the proposed installation of a new safety curtain and counterweight cradles to replace the existing old safety curtain and cradles. Several past repairs have been installed, and it is now time to replace the whole system with new, to meet current safety standards and regulations, due to asbestos being present on the existing.

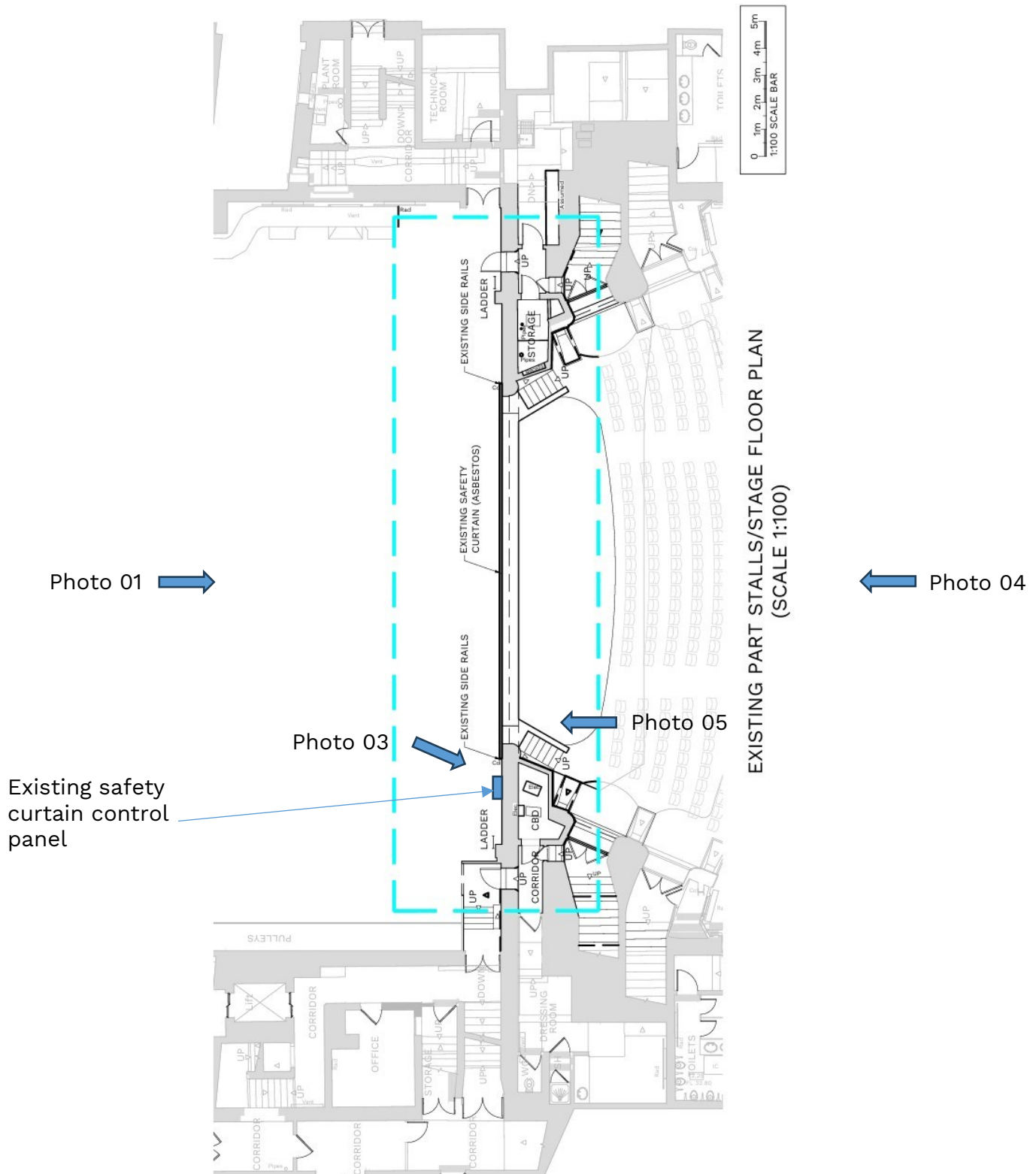
The application was submitted by MJ Consulting on behalf of the client.

This report has been prepared to address conditions 3 & 4 of the granted LBC consent in the anticipation of discharging the conditions:-

Condition 3 - 'a photographic survey of the safety curtain and associated mechanisms/controls to be removed shall be undertaken'.

Condition 4 - 'a strategy for the retention of any items relating to the safety curtain and associated mechanism and fittings in situ or elsewhere within the building'.

2 Site visit – existing photographs taken 29th April 2025



Existing stage plan showing direction for the photographs.



Photo 01 - Existing photograph looking towards the safety curtain from the back of the stage.



Photo 02 - Existing photograph looking up the B.O.H. wall stage left.



Photo 03 - Existing photograph looking towards the safety curtain control panel and drencher controls stage left.

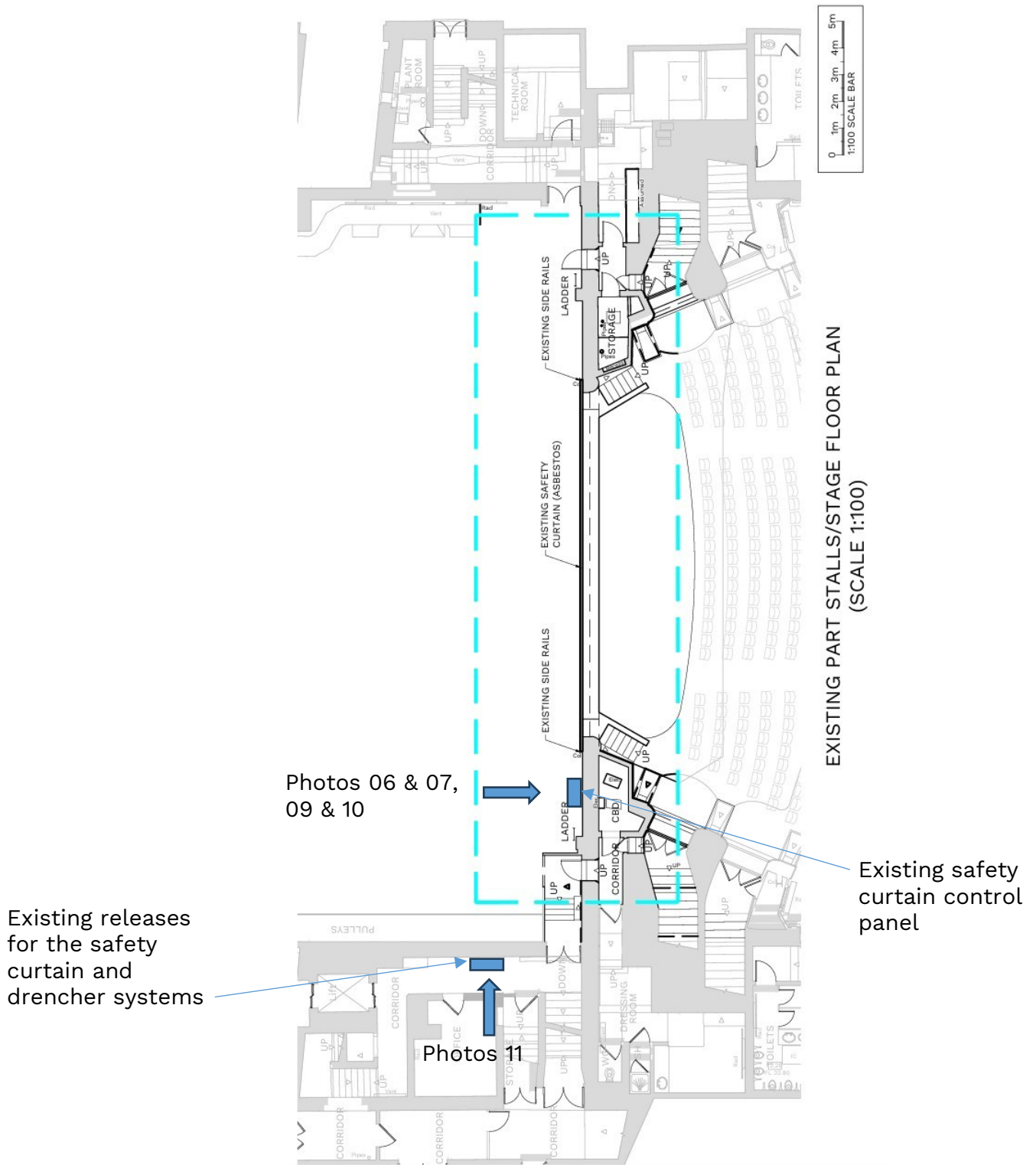


Photo 04 - Existing photograph looking towards the safety curtain from the Auditorium stalls level.



Photo 05 - Existing photograph looking at the safety curtain from the auditorium showing the corner details.

3 Existing photos from venue – 23rd May 2025



Existing stage floor plan showing direction of the photographs.



Photo 06 - Existing close-up photograph looking at the existing safety curtain control panel.

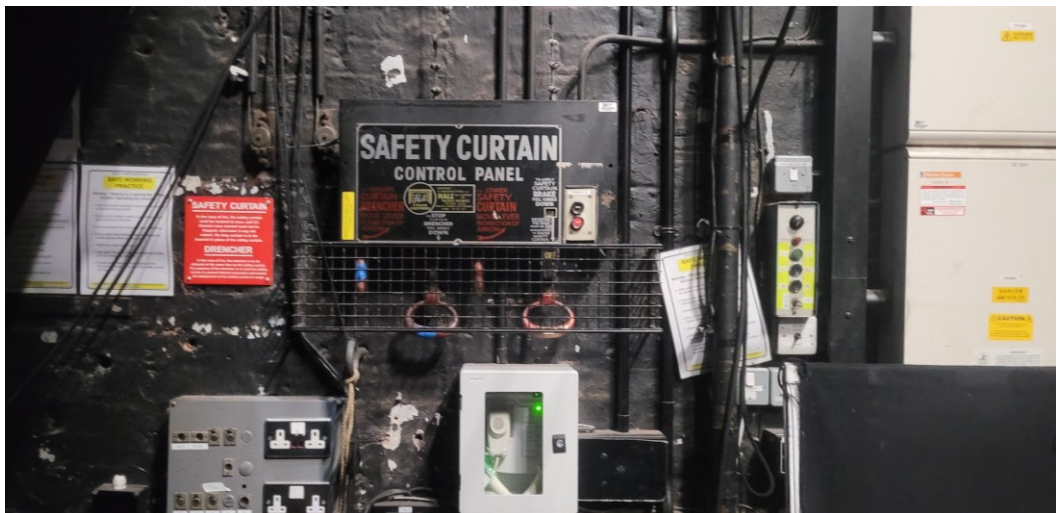


Photo 07 - Existing photograph looking towards the safety curtain control panel and drencher controls and surrounding electrical boxes stage left.



Photo 08 - Existing photograph looking up at the wall above the safety curtain control panel stage left.

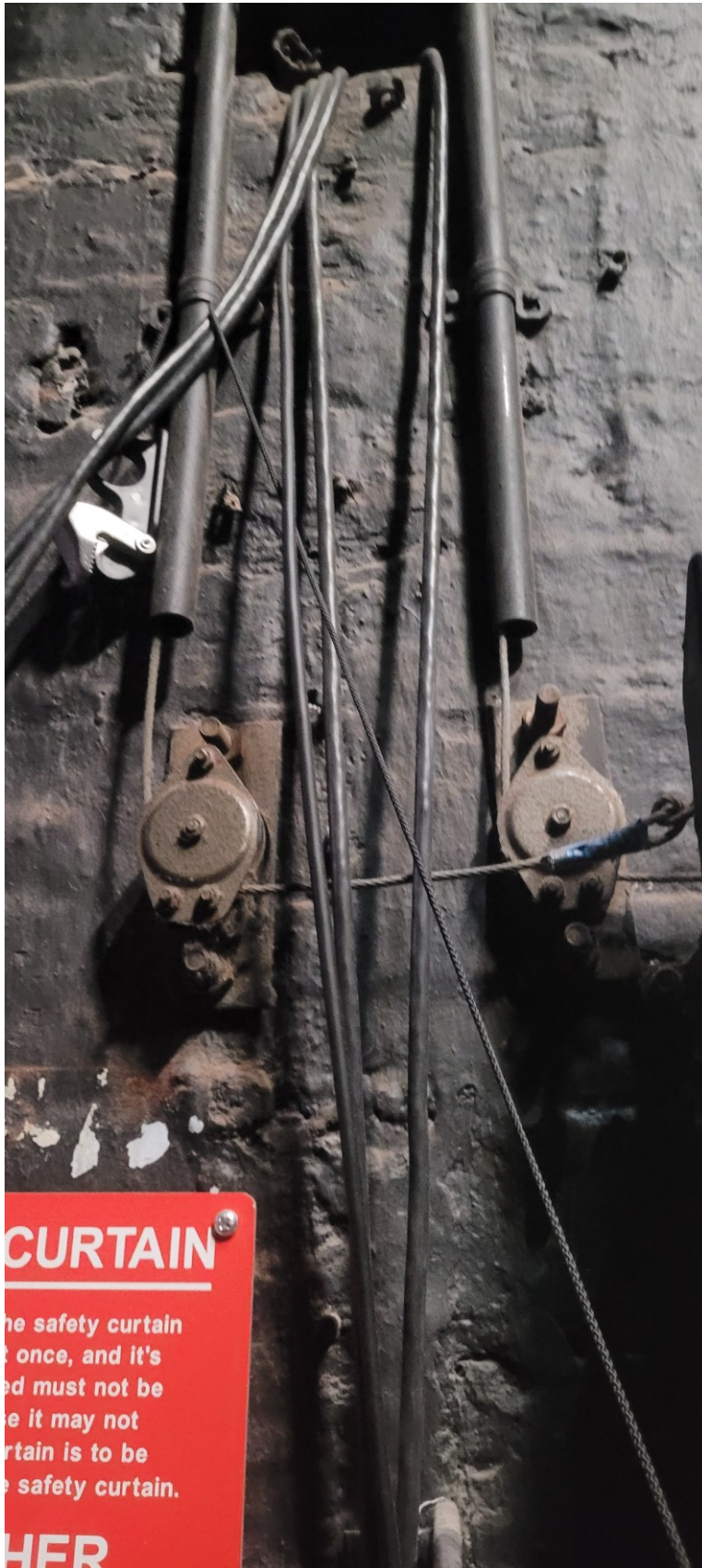


Photo 09 - Existing photograph showing safety curtain cables - stage left.



Photo 10 - Existing photograph showing close up of the safety curtain control panel stage left.

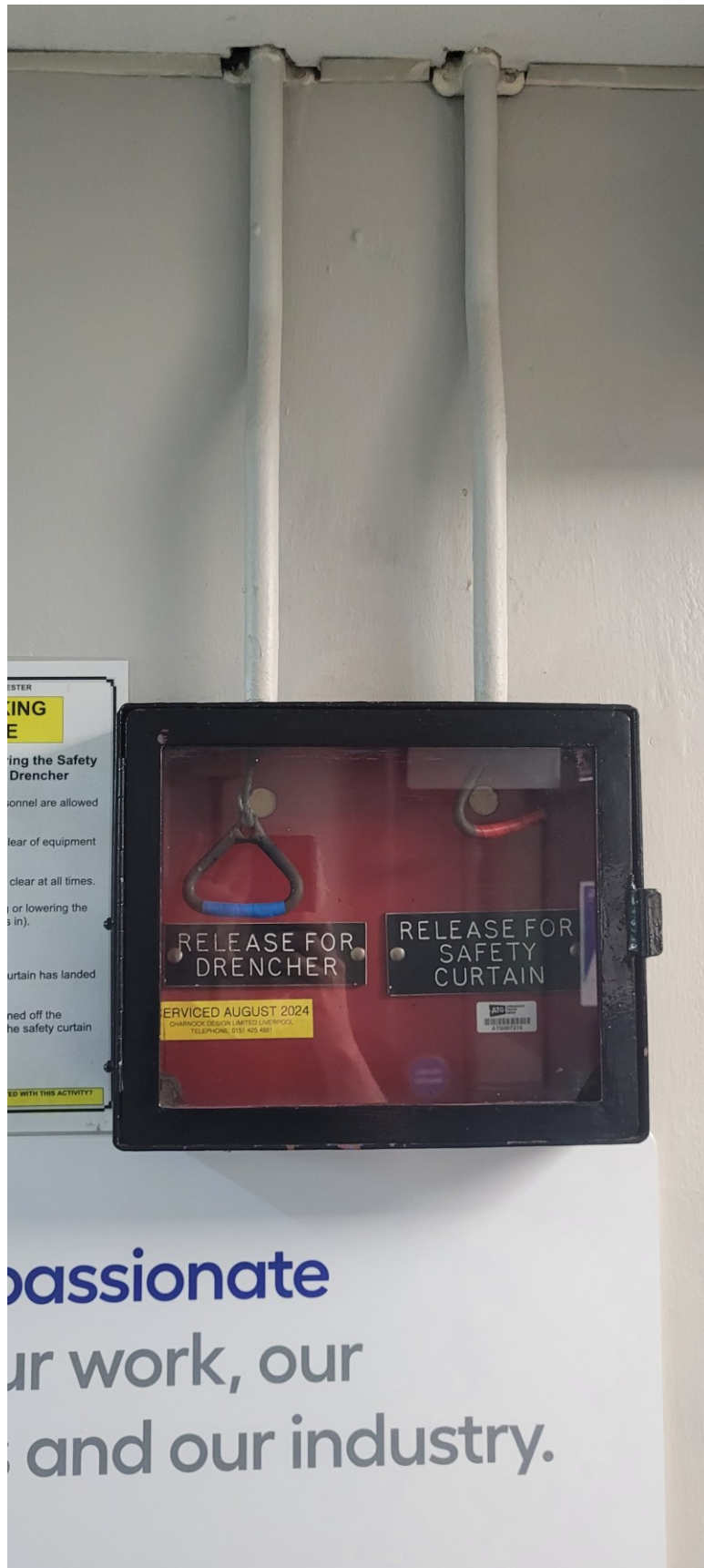
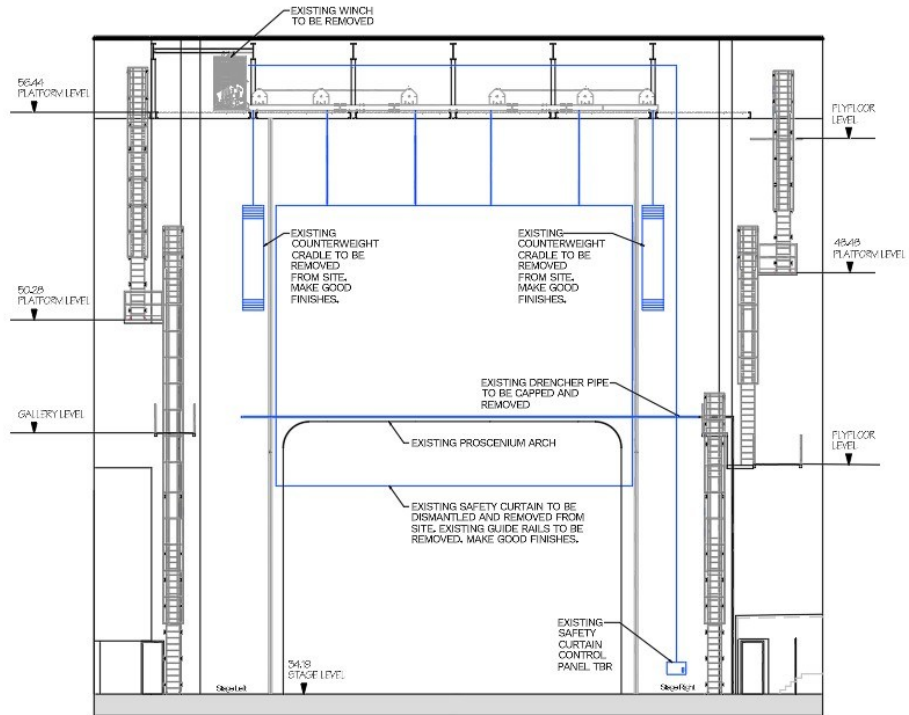
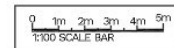
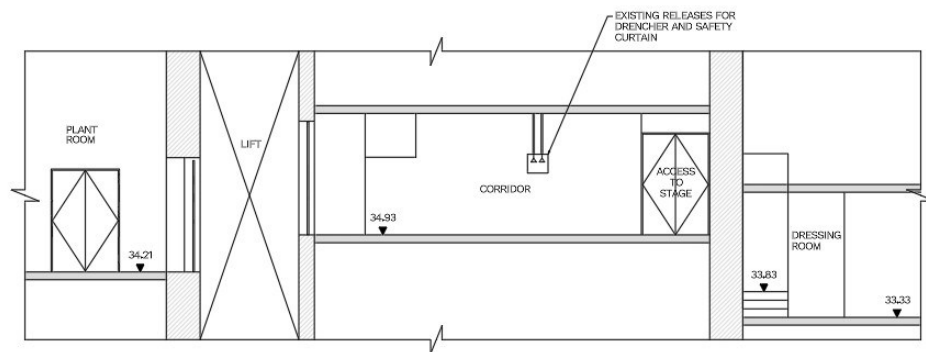


Photo 11 - Existing photograph showing releases for drencher and safety curtain in corridor adjacent to the Stage door office

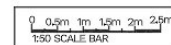
4 Existing elevation of the proscenium wall and section through stage door corridor

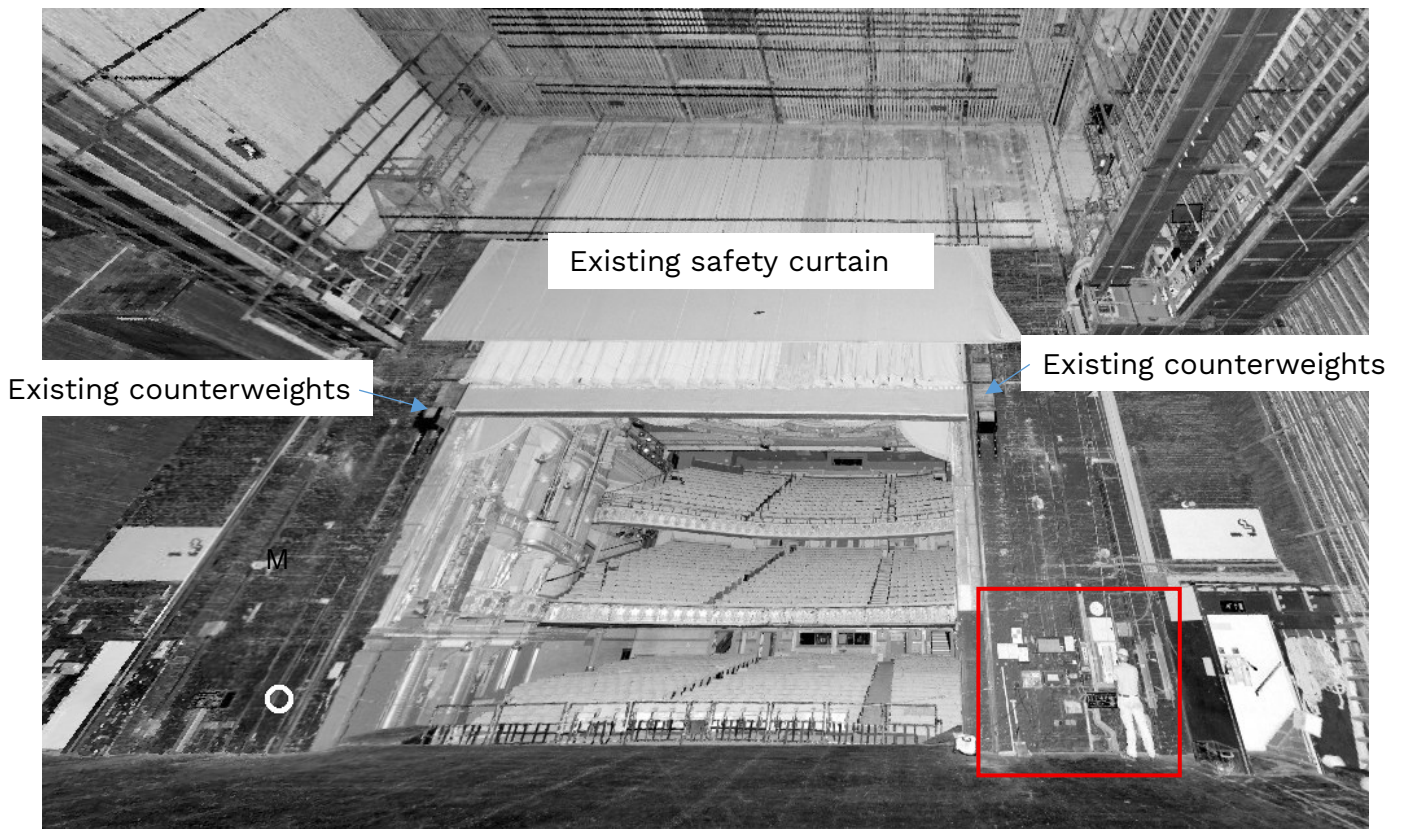
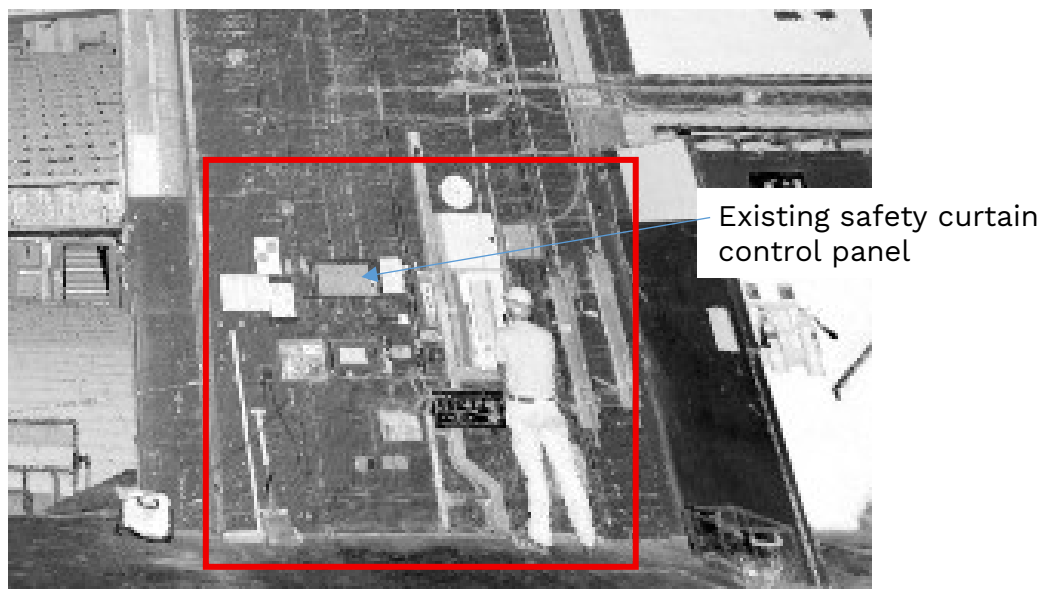


EXISTING ELEVATION ON PROS WALL
NOTING ITEMS TO BE REMOVED
(SCALE 1:100 AT A1)

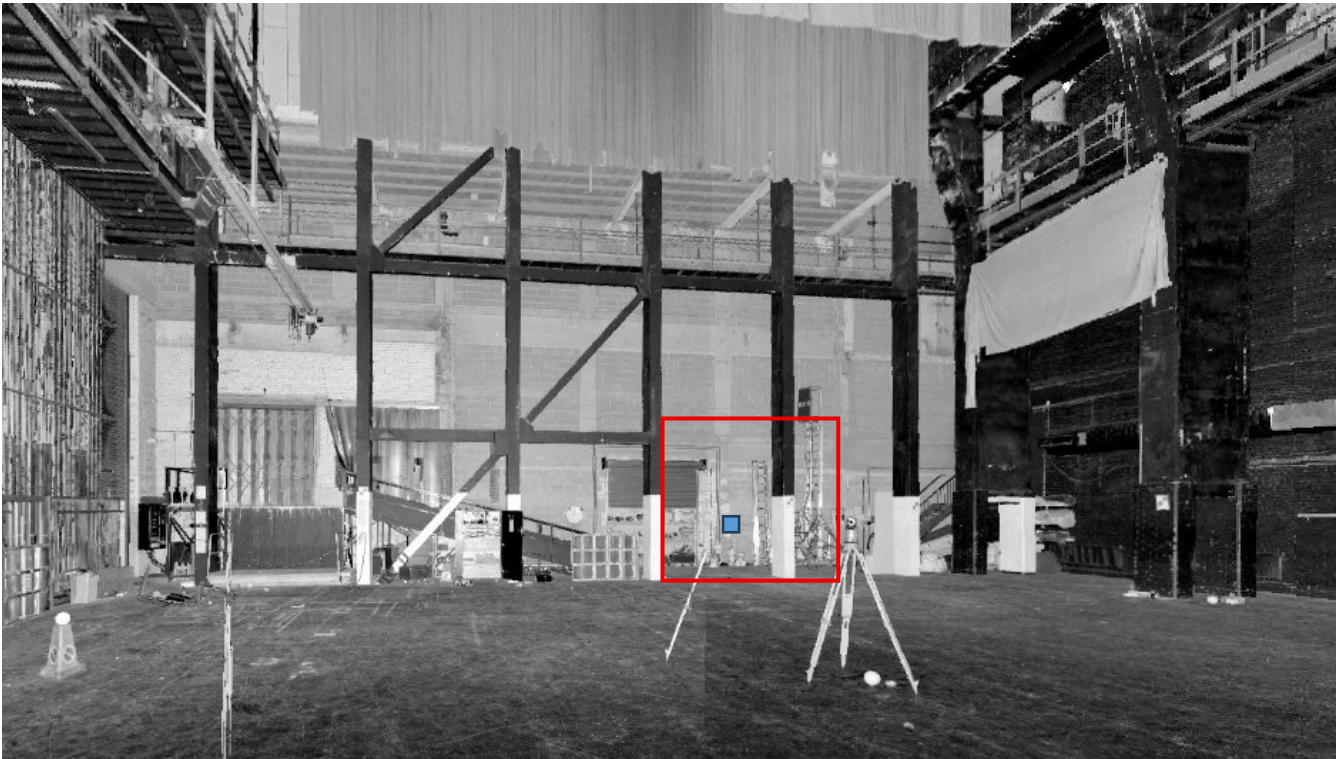


EXISTING SECTION THROUGH
CORRIDOR TO STAGE DOOR OFFICE



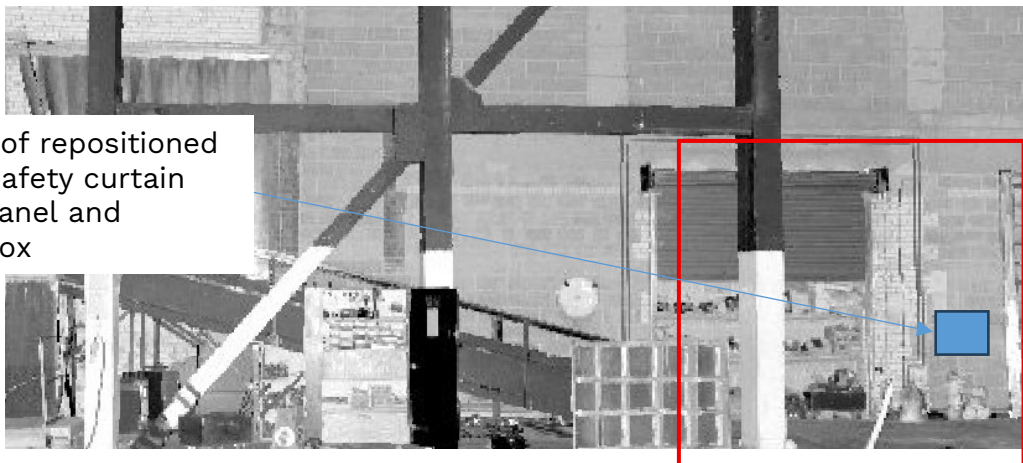


Existing images from Maltby Surveys showing the Proscenium arch/wall back of house view towards Auditorium (BOH).



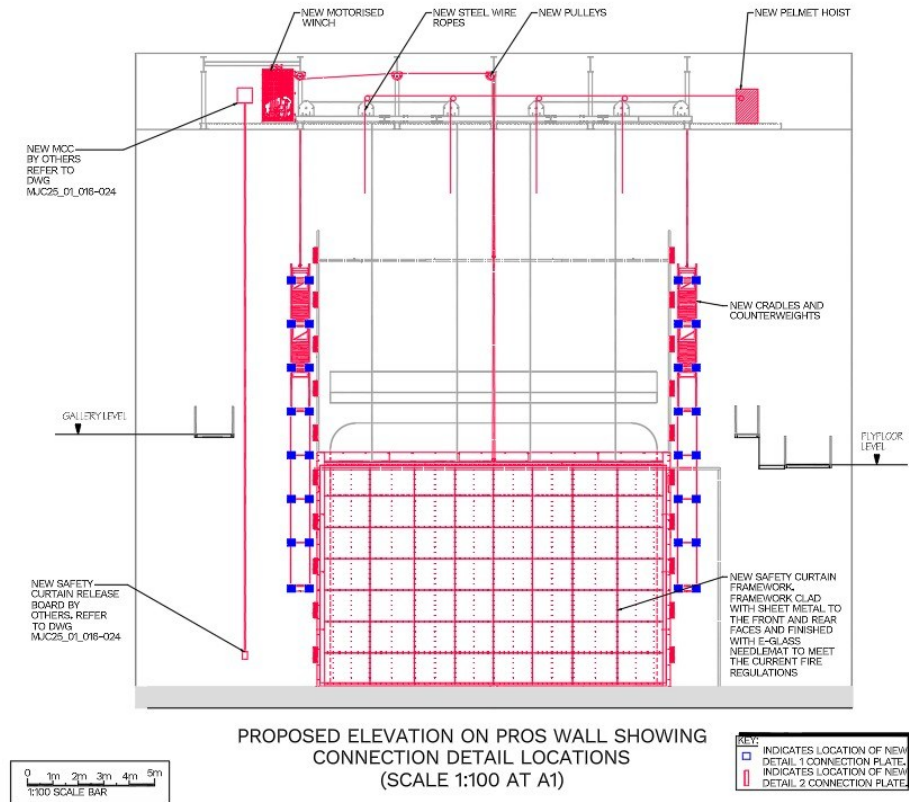
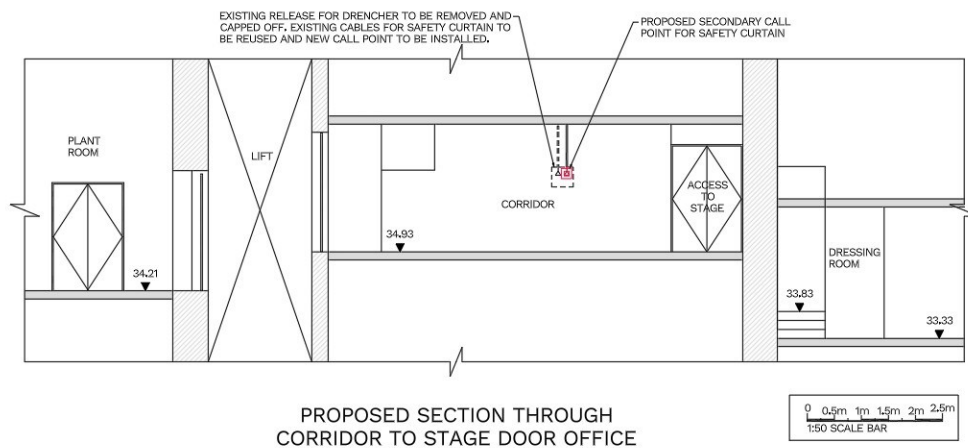
Existing Images from Maltby Surveys showing rear of the stage.

Location of repositioned
existing safety curtain
control panel and
release box



Existing images from Maltby Surveys showing location of repositioned safety curtain control panel and release box to rear of stage.

5 Proposed elevation of the proscenium wall and section through corridor



6 Photographs taken 27th June 2025



Proposed location of safety curtain breaking glass call point near stage office.



Proposed sample of
gold/mauve/deep
burgundy painting to the
Auditorium side of the
safety curtain

7 Proposed safety curtain photographs taken 15th August 2025



Rear of new safety curtain.



Front of new painted safety curtain.



Front of new safety curtain showing new pelmet in position.



Front corner of new painted safety curtain.

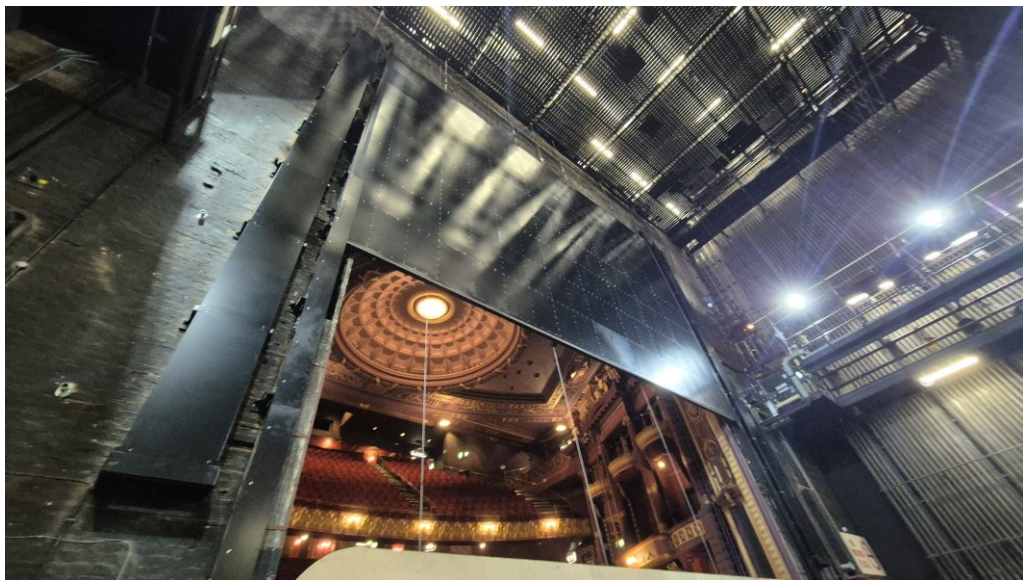


New MCC unit and
motorized winch
for safety curtain.





New pelmet hoist (on right) also shows new PFC's and pulleys across rear of the proscenium wall at grid level, which supports the new safety curtain and pelmet.

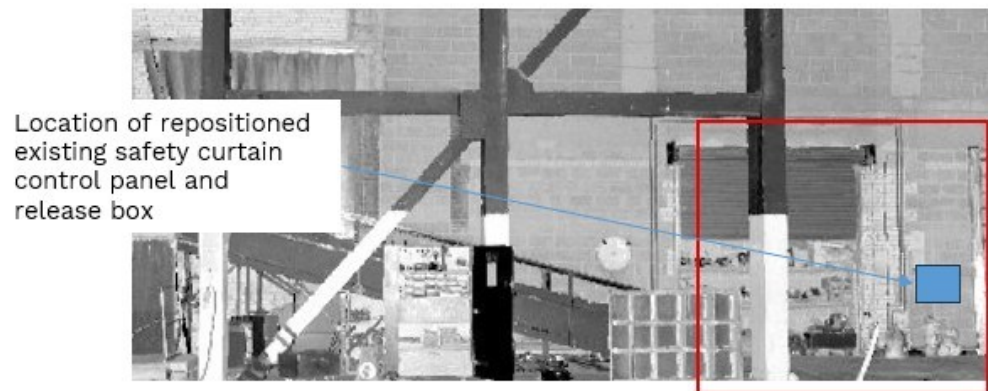


Rear of new safety curtain showing counterweight cradle to left side of stage.

8 Photograph taken 30th September 2025



Relocated old safety curtain control panel and release box.



Location of repositioned
existing safety curtain
control panel and
release box

Existing images from Maltby Surveys showing location of repositioned safety curtain control panel and release box to rear of stage.