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Kilburn Building – conversion of former goods entrance to a main entrance improving accessibility and visibility for visitors.

Introduction



This statement forms part of a planning application to carry out the replacement of the existing goods entrance on the Kilburn Building

It is proposed to replace the existing concertina door with a new glassed entrance, to create a new main entrance. A previous application (ref: 12589/FO/2020) was submitted and approved by now time lapsed.

Purpose alternative entrance

Department of Computer (IT Services) would like to transform the current Kilburn Building goods entrance into its main building entrance on the South Elevation. The new entrance needs to take account of the needs of visitors and student to IT staff.

Summary of building History

The Kilburn Building was designed by the Building Design Partnership in association with H. Thomas. It was opened in 1972. The building was named after Tom Kilburn, who received his PhD at the University of Manchester, and had a distinguished career as a professor. He was instrumental in forming the Department of Computer Science and went on to be Dean of the Faculty of Science and a Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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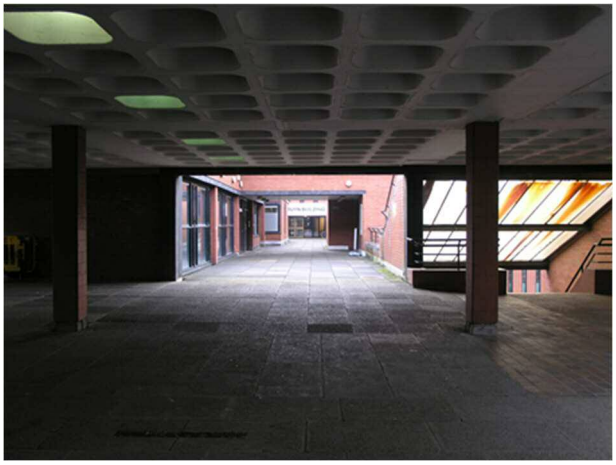
Original the entrances to the Kilburn were all designed at first floor level and could be access by link bridges from the Manchester Business School and steps from St Peters House

Current entrances to Kilburn Building

Accesses and egress to Kilburn building is via entrance off Oxford Road by the steps to St Peters House by to a first floor walkway.



Entrance up to first floor from ground level from St Peters House on Oxford Road



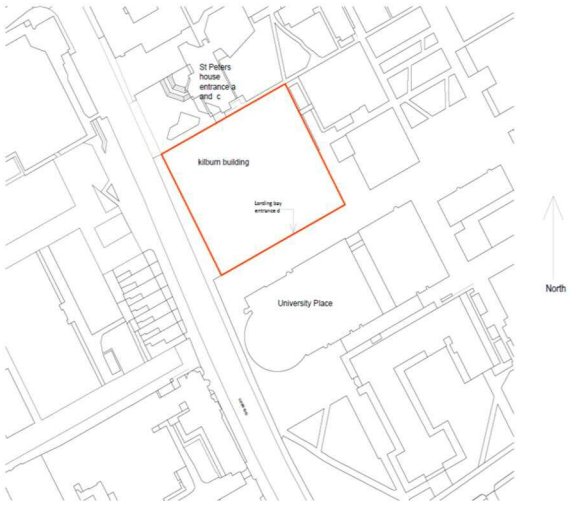
First floor landing at the top of steps from St Peters house.



Entrance on first floor landing.



The current entrance from ground level is by a retro fitted doors adjacent the steps to St Peter's House (North Elevation).

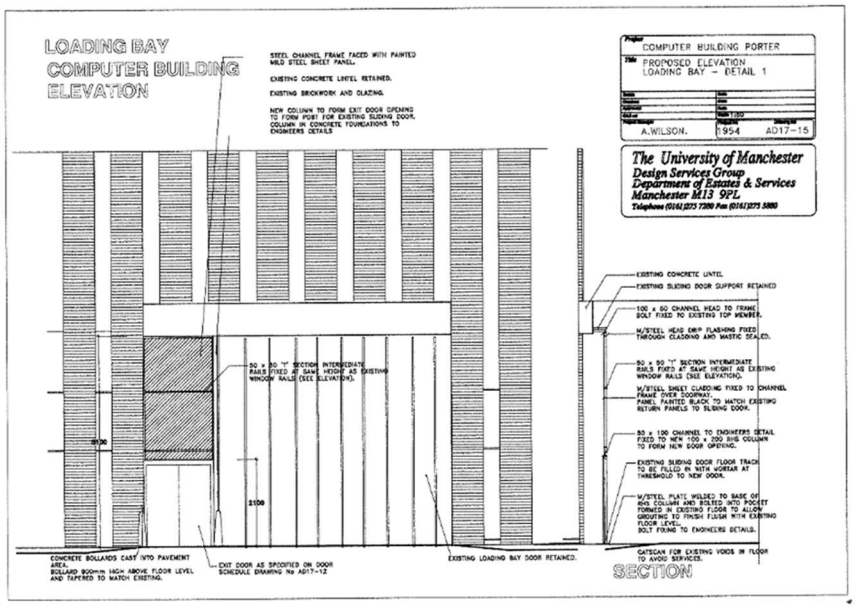


The Landings and concrete walkways at first floor level were originally intended to link up the following buildings: Manchester Business School; Crawford house; Kilburn building; St Peters House and The Maths Tower

The goods entrance as originally designed



Staff and students are currently using the goods entrance as an alternative entrance. The goods entrance only now receives deliveries on trolleys and does not require the large opening as originally designed.



The Proposed Works

New Entrance to Kilburn Building on Wilton Street (South elevation).

It is proposed to remove the existing concertina door and replace with a powder coated aluminium glazed frame, reflecting the style existing windows. The glazed frame will be incorporate automatic sliding doors to improve accessibility into the building and access to the lift immediately behind the entrance area. Goods can still be received via the sliding doors, however, will be generally directed to an alternative delivery entrance to the rear of the building (East elevation) where it is convenient to park and offload deliveries.

New glazed screen on Oxford Road elevation (West elevation)

The oriel style box window on Oxford Road is in serious disrepair and urgently needs replacing by removal of the box structure and glazing. The new window will be recessed within the opening in-keeping with the main elevation. The colours introduced in the glazing are to reflect the new façade of the business school opposite on Oxford Road.



Oxford Road elevation: Oriel style box window.



Manchester Business School Oxford Road elevation: Coloured glass fins to the Business school opposite Kilburn building. The same colours are to be used in the proposed glazing to the window replacing the defective oriel style box window.