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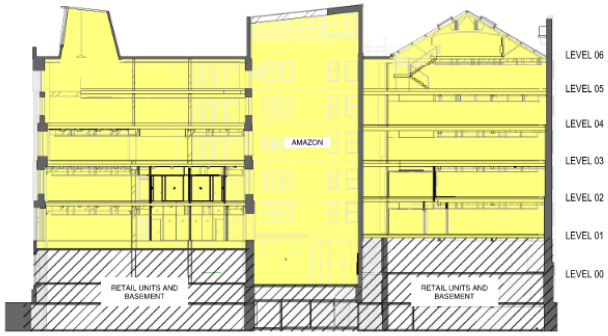
Hanover Building (Corporation Street, Manchester, M4 4AH) is a Grade II-listed building located in the Shudehill Conservation Area in the City of Manchester.



Building Photograph

2. Introduction and existing photographs

The office floors (Levels 1–6) and the ground floor office accommodation within the Hanover Building are now solely occupied by Amazon, having previously operated as multi-tenant space. The ground floor retail units remain separate and are not part of Amazon's demise.



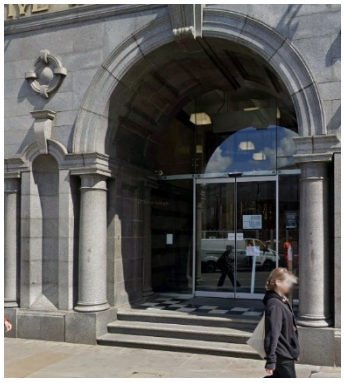
Building section indicating Amazon occupied floors



Areas of proposed interventions

This change in occupancy provides the opportunity to implement a revised security and access strategy aligned with Amazon's global operational standards. The updated strategy seeks to enhance security and access control measures across the three principal entrances located on Corporation Street, Hanover Street and Balloon Street, serving the office accommodation only.

To facilitate this, the introduction of an electric locking system is required to the existing sliding entrance doors. The current doors are frameless glazed assemblies with just top and bottom track and are not capable of accommodating the necessary locking hardware. Consequently, replacement door assemblies are proposed in order to integrate the required security infrastructure.



Existing door - Corporation St.

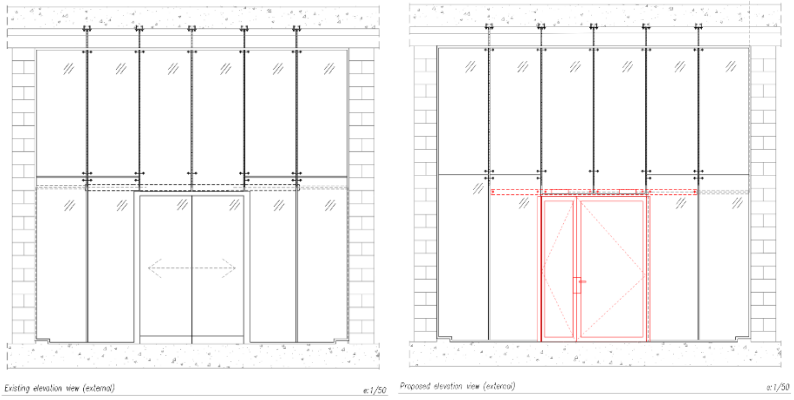


Existing door - Hanover St.



Existing door - Balloon St.

During the design development process, swing doors were initially explored, as these more readily accommodate Amazon's standard locking system. However, in order to achieve compliance with accessibility requirements, this option necessitated asymmetrical door leaves, with one enlarged leaf to provide the required clear opening width.



This arrangement altered the established symmetry of the principal entrances and introduced a visual imbalance to the elevations. Following consultation, this approach was not supported by MCC due to its impact on the architectural composition of the listed building.

In response, an alternative electric locking system compatible with sliding doors has been identified and accepted by Amazon and is now proposed. Whilst the existing doors need to be replaced for framed doors, this solution enables the retention of a symmetrical door configuration, thereby preserving the balanced proportions and visual rhythm of the existing entrances.

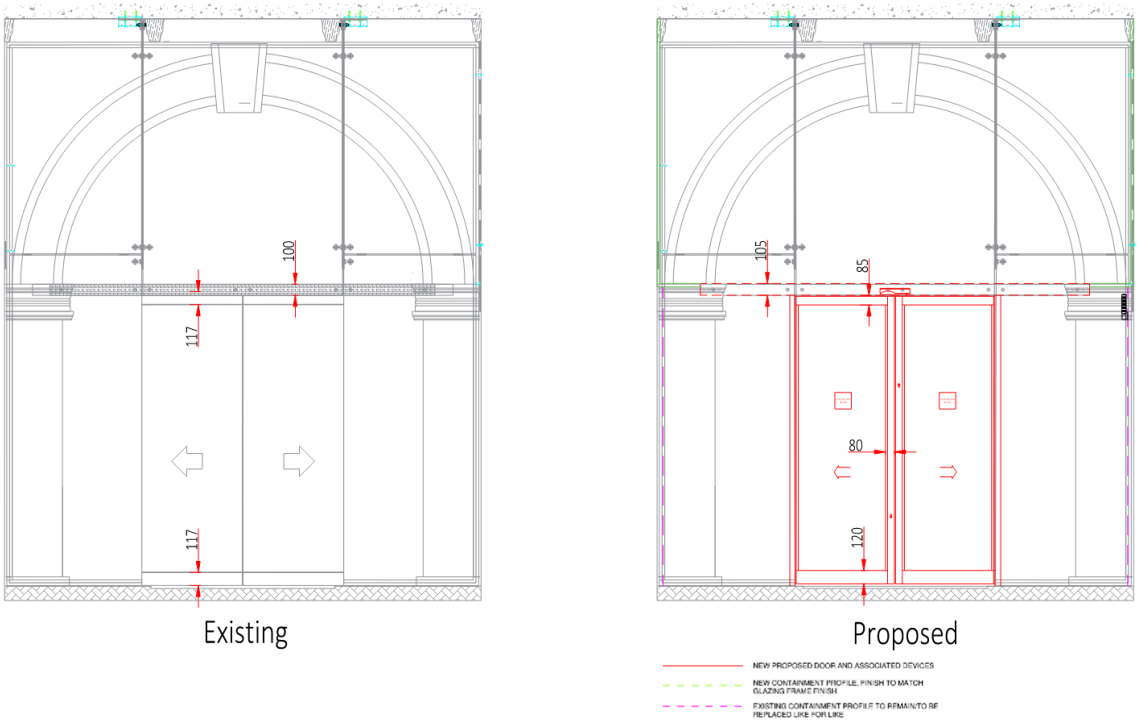
In addition to the replacement of the door assemblies, the proposals include the installation of associated security devices necessary to support the enhanced access control strategy. These comprise light towers, card readers and wave-to-open sensors positioned adjacent to the entrance points. Cabling required to serve these elements will be routed through discreet, concealed profiles to minimise visual impact and avoid unnecessary intervention into the historic fabric.

The proposed works are limited in scope and focused on operational necessity. They have been developed to minimise physical and visual impact on the heritage asset, preserve the symmetry and architectural integrity of the principal elevations, and ensure that the significance of the listed building is conserved while enabling its continued viable use.

3. Interventions – Ground floor

3.1 Corporation Street

Existing and proposed elevation



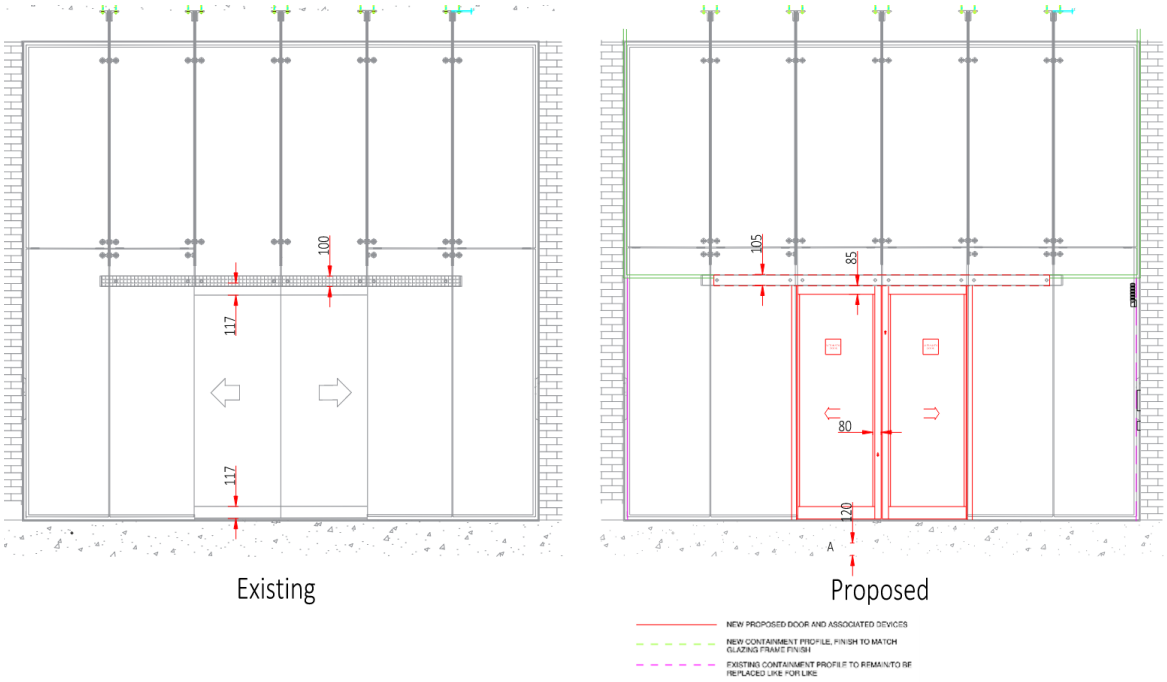
Cabling and security devices

On Corporation St. entrance, to prevent further harm to the historic fabric, all proposed devices have been carefully coordinated to either replace existing units currently in situ or to be installed within the established containment routes, thereby avoiding any additional intervention to the original wall.



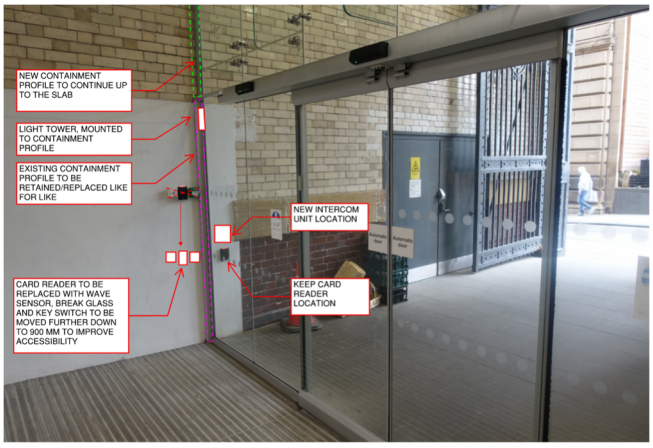
3.2 Hanover Street

Existing and proposed elevation



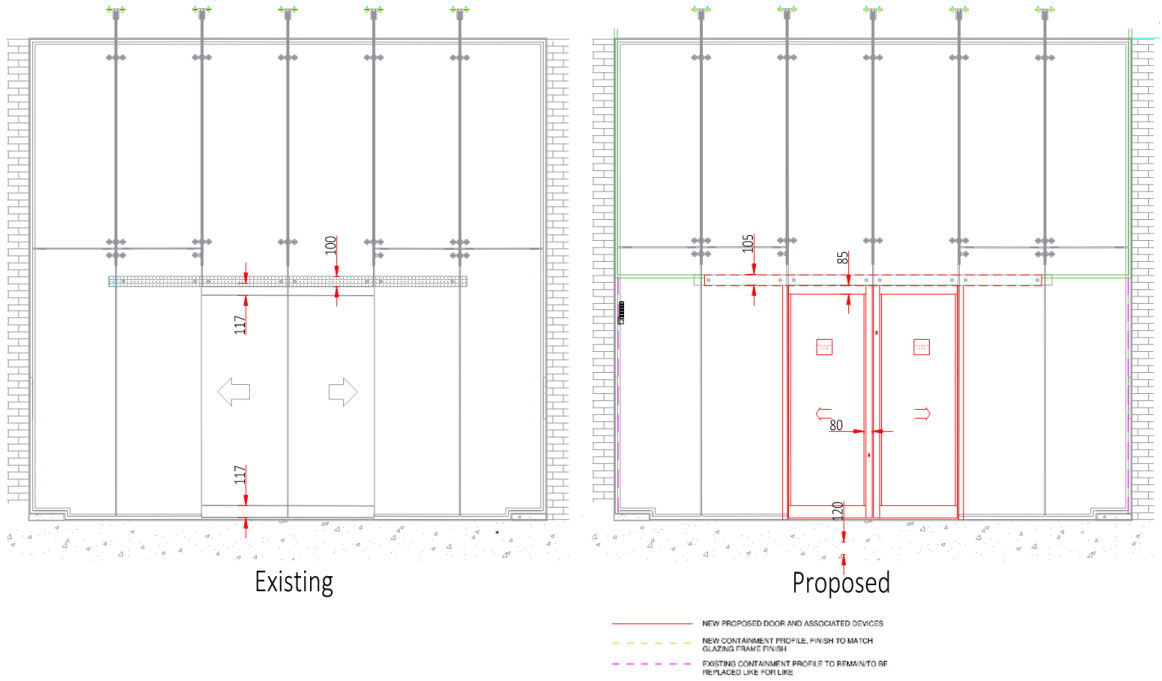
Cabling and security devices

On Hanover Street, there is greater flexibility as most of the proposed new devices are located within a section of non-historic wall. Therefore, the only new addition of note is the containment profiles, which will need to extend up to the slab in order to reach Level 1.



3.3 Balloon Street

Existing and proposed elevation



Cabling and security devices

On Balloon St. entrance, to prevent further harm to the historic fabric, all proposed devices have been carefully coordinated to either replace existing units currently in situ or to be installed within the established containment routes, thereby avoiding any additional intervention to the original wall with the exception of the containment profiles, which will need to extend up to the slab in order to reach Level 1.



4. Finishes

All new visible surfaces, including door frames and new containment profiles, will be finished in satin anodised aluminium to match the existing finishes, ensuring visual consistency and minimising the visual impact of the proposed installation.

