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DESIGN AND ACCESS REPORT

SIM SECURITY CAMERAS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

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This Design and Access Statement accompanies both the Full Plans and Listed Building Consent applications for new security cameras at the Science and Industry Museum, Manchester.

Camera 1 is located externally on the Power Hall building – therefore Full Plans and Listed Building consents are required.
Camera 2 is located internally in the New Warehouse– therefore only Listed Building consent is required.

Both buildings are in use as part of the Science and Industry Museum.

This document has been prepared by Atelier MB Ltd for our Client, The Trustees of the Science Museum, and must be read in conjunction with the full supporting information package, including our Heritage Reports.



2.0 LOCATION

2.1 LOCATION



The Science Museum site is in the Castlefield Conservation Area of Manchester City Centre.
This is one of the largest Conservation Areas in Manchester and was designated in 1979 and holds great importance in terms of international industrial heritage. The area is also designated for its Roman History. The listed buildings in the estate take up a size-able area, and therefore are of considerable importance to the character.

The complex of buildings is bounded by Liverpool Road to the South, Lower Byrom St to the East, and the River Irwell to the West.
Within the complex there are several Listed Buildings.

This Listed Building Consent application relates only to the following buildings:
New Warehouse
Power Hall.

2.2 HISTORICAL CONTEXT

This report is to be read in conjunction with the separate Heritage Statement prepared by the Atelier MB.
A summary is included here.

Power Hall
A Grade II listed building dating from the mid 19th century. Constructed as a shipping shed and providing trans-shipment between trains and carts.

New Warehouse
A Grade II listed former goods warehouse dating from 1880.

The significance of these buildings derives from their role in the wider Liverpool Road railway estate as much as their individual evidential and historical values.

Proposals involve fitting of two security cameras in two locations- one to the external facade of the Power Hall and one to the lobby of the cafe area in the New Warehouse.

Care has been taken to fix in to inconspicuous areas of fabric, namely the underside of the new timber soffit to the Power Hall and high on the existing wall of the New Warehouse (into brick mortar joints). Fixings are minimal.

There is no degree of harm to the heritage significance of the asset resulting from these changes and they accord with both local and national heritage policy.

3.0 THE BRIEF

3.1 THE BRIEF

Atelier MB Ltd have been appointed by The Trustees of the Science Museum to prepare applications for Listed Building Consent in relation to 2 no. new security cameras.

These urgent works have been identified by the museum as priority work to ensure the continual successful operation of the museum.

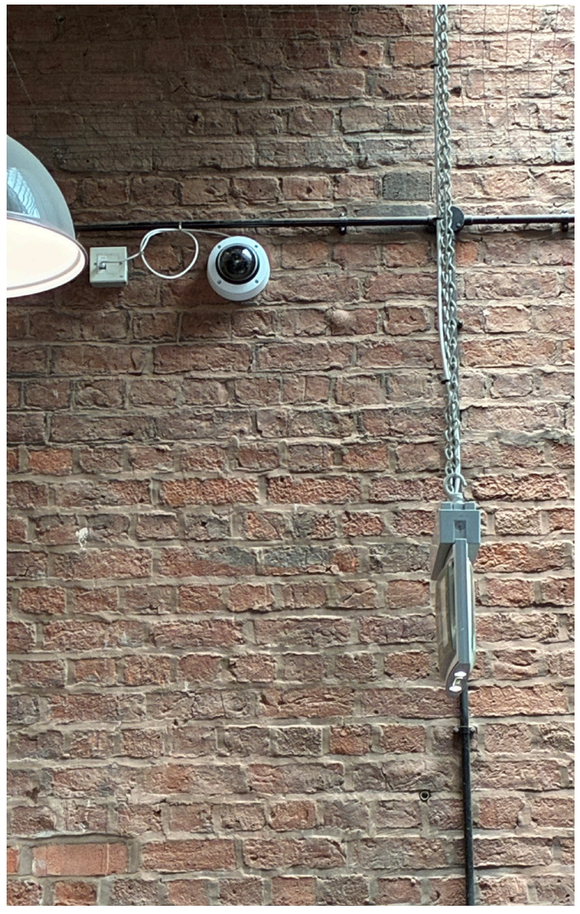
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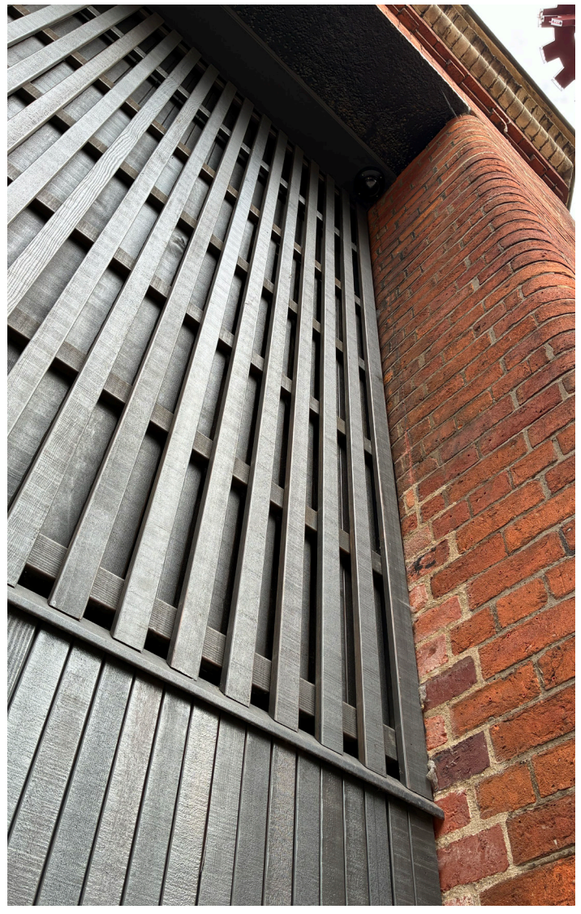
Please find below a summary of the works proposed:

Camera 1 – ref. Camera C_WH_022.
Located internally, within the café lobby at ground floor of the New Warehouse. See drawing P(400).
This is a high level unobtrusive installation, screw fixed into the mortar joints of the historic brickwork.

Camera 2 – ref. Camera C_PH_004
Located externally, on the South Eastern corner elevation of the Power Hall. See drawing P(410).
This is a high level unobtrusive installation, screw fixed into the mortar joints of the historic brickwork.



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Camera 2 – ref. Camera C_PH_004

5.0 RESPONSE TO HERITAGE

5.1 SIGNIFICANCE

The installations are designed to have a minimal physical impact on the existing historic fabric, and they achieve this via concealed wires routed through the mortar joints of the existing brickwork.
The installations are also designed to be minimally visually intrusive, and are located at high level.
The external camera is black, whilst the internal camera has a white surround.

6.0 ACCESS STATEMENT

5.1 ACCESS STATEMENT

These works do not affect existing access into or around the building.

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