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6.1 Exterior

6.1.1 General Description:

The Town Hall forms the centrepiece of a civic complex. It is set back from the main street, on the east side of the public square. Uren's bold building comprises a series of large brick-faced volumes, with a strong interplay of solid and void. The building is asymmetric, using the 'group plan' to separate out its functions into individual blocks: namely the Assembly Hall (north) and the Administrative and Civic Block (south). Within the latter, the east and west office wings are connected by a light-filled corridor known as the Link Block. Uren managed to get plenty of light into his building, despite the constrained site, by arranging the blocks around two internal courts: the Garden Court and the Service Court. He also deployed a series of rooflights, glazed screens and borrowed lights throughout.

There are two main entrances: one to the Assembly Hall and one to the Administrative and Civic Block and a striking tower. There is a secondary entrance at the rear for the offices, which has eye-catching wrap-around windows in the stairwell. There is also disused entrance to the Service Court for vehicles to the rear.

Significance: Highest Significance. This is a near-complete survival of a seminal 20th century building and the extent to which the historic fabric and features of the building have been preserved at Hornsey Town Hall is one of its most significant qualities.

6.1.2 Front (West) Elevation:

The Assembly Hall Block is seven bays wide. Its base is Portland stone and its ground floor contains squat bronze-framed windows with Portland stone lintels and sills. There are three large entrances framed by curved and rusticated brick piers, accessed via stone steps with slim metal railings. These openings are fronted by ziggurat openwork shutters. Between are semi-hexagonal wall-mounted lights and above a curved-profile canopy (later, yet suitable additions). The modern lettering: 'HTH ARTS CENTRE' previously above the north Assembly Hall block has been removed [plate 30, 31].

At first floor are seven double-height bronze-framed windows, surrounded by Portland stone with slit keystone details. Fronting the three central windows is a bronze openwork balcony, and the remaining windows have individual openwork balconies; now all with modern plastic safety screens.

The entrance to the Administration and Civic Block is set within the base of the tower. It is accessed via stone steps and ramps (original with some areas of earlier and more recent alteration). Original steel handrails were not present during the recent site visit. The entrance contains a large door with a Portland stone surround carved with Haringey coat of arms and animals. Above is a copper-grilled window surmounted by a bronze hood [plate 32]. The central bay of the tower features rusticated brickwork. Its upper stage contains four slit windows with stone strips set between. At the very top is a central flagpole, supported by curved brackets.



30 Main elevations of Hornsey Town Hall (2017)



31 Front West elevation



32 Carved stone doorpiece to the Administrative Entrance (2017)

6.1.3 North Elevation:

The north elevation of the west office wing is six bays wide. Beneath the first window on the left is the inscribed Portland stone foundation stone. Its ground floor contains squat bronze-framed windows with Portland stone lintels and sills and the first floor contains taller windows with Portland stone sills and brick lintels. There is a set back third floor which is five bays with a three bay return (this contains the former caretaker's flat). There are curved flagpole brackets set between the windows, some are missing / broken and no poles survive. The west elevation of the west office wing is three bays wide and otherwise matches the north elevation, with three further bays to the set back second floor. There is a narrow south elevation to this block, where it abuts No.10 Hatherley Gardens. It contains steel-framed casements and a fire escape stair **[plate 33]**.

The north elevation of the Assembly Hall block is largely plain except for the attractive curved cantilevered stair core, which is lit by three tall steel-framed windows **[plate 34]**. The Assembly Hall is lit by five tall narrow steel-framed windows.



33 West elevation to southern block



34 North elevation of the Assembly Hall Block, cantilevered stair (2017)

6.1.4 East Elevation:

The rear of the Assembly Hall Block is three storeys, two bays wide and is arranged asymmetrically. The left hand bay contains a tall steel-framed strip window which illuminates the stair core. The right hand bay contains wide steel-framed windows with concrete lintels and sills on each of its levels **[plate 35]**.

The rear elevation of the east office wing is largely symmetrical. It is four storeys as it accommodates the lower ground floor. It is thirteen bays wide with its central stair and lift core flanked by the secondary entrances. The stair and lift core is the main feature of this elevation – it is oblong and features curved wrap-around windows. The remainder of the windows are steel-framed casements (like the stair, all painted white) with continuous concrete sill and lintel bands. At lower ground floor, there are entrances either side of the stair, with a large curved canopy over (half of which has been altered). To the north, the remainder of the lower ground floor contains the former car entrance to the Service Court, this has been blocked off with sheets of ply. The second floor is arranged as two bays wide either side of the stair core, again with large steel-framed windows. There is a deep stone parapet above and the core rises to accommodate the lift overrun, the second floor has been extended either side of the stair core to the full length of the building **[plate 36]**. There is a new residential block to the east of the Town Hall across what was the previous service court **[plate 37]**.



35 Rear (east) elevation of Assembly Hall Block (2017)



36 Rear (east) elevation of the east office wing, second floor extended to length of east office wing



37 New buildings to east of Town Hall

6.1.5 South Elevation:

The south elevation of the Assembly Hall faces the Service Court and is largely obscured by the east office wing. Between the two blocks runs a narrow fire exit passage; the Assembly Hall has five tall steel-framed windows facing onto this. Where it faces the rear of the site, one of these narrow windows is visible. The projecting two-storey stage wing is a later addition; it is in a very similar brick. The remainder of this block contains the stair core, accessed via the stage door, which has curved steps and a corresponding canopy. At ground and first floor there are steel-framed windows **[plate 38]**.

The east office wing and Council Chamber block are set around the 'Garden Court', and its elevations are fairly utilitarian. The south elevations of the projecting wings (east wing and Council Chamber blocks) are largely blind, with the exception of three steel-framed windows at first floor level to the east wing **[plate 39]**.

Facing the Garden Court, the south elevation of the Link Block is four-storeys, six bays wide and contains large steel-framed windows at each level, linked by continuous concrete lintel and sill bands. The return elevation of the east wing is four storeys and ten bays wide, with steel-framed windows at each level. The Council Chamber Block is four storeys; at lower ground level, the former Caretaker's room (now hotel rooms) will have large steel casements. Five large steel casements illuminate the former General Clerk's offices (now providing co-working space) and the Council Chamber above is lit by three narrow double-height steel-framed windows **[plate 40, 41]**.



38 South elevation of Assembly Hall Block (2017)



39 South Elevations (2017). Note that timber extension to right now replaced with a new storey providing hotel accommodation to the second.



40 Council Chamber block around the 'Garden Court'



41 South elevation of Link Block, now Hotel corridor and rooms

6.1.6 Hotel Courtyard Elevations:

(Formerly known as Service Court) The south elevation of the Assembly Hall has a largely blind elevation, except for the two entrances at lower ground floor level. The west elevation of the east office wing rises three storeys and is four bays wide; the lower ground floor contains large openings which formerly provided access for cars, but these spaces have now been converted to hotel rooms with new windows. The ground and first floors contain large steel casements, linked by stone sill and lintel bands. The north elevation of the Link Block is three storeys, plus a set-back third floor and is six bays wide [plate 42, 43]. The ground and first floors contain large steel casements, linked by concrete sill and lintel bands. The set back third floor is nine bays wide, faced in concrete, with a deep parapet and overhanging cornice; this floor has been extended on the north section of the east wing. The remaining elevation is four storeys and is asymmetrically-arranged. The ground floor contains a very wide steel casement, which illuminates the main entrance hall and adjacent are high-level casements for the WCs. The first floor contains three tall narrow steel casements and adjacent, windows lighting further WCs. The second floor contains three tall narrow steel casements and adjacent is a projecting bay with wrap-around steel casements.



42 Service Court elevations (2017)



43 Hotel courtyard elevation looking east

6.1.7 Roof:

The roofs over the Assembly Hall and Council Chamber are pitched and slated. The remaining flat sections of roof are asphalted [plate 44].



44 Flat asphalted roof over Assembly Hall Block (2017)

6.1.8 Windows:

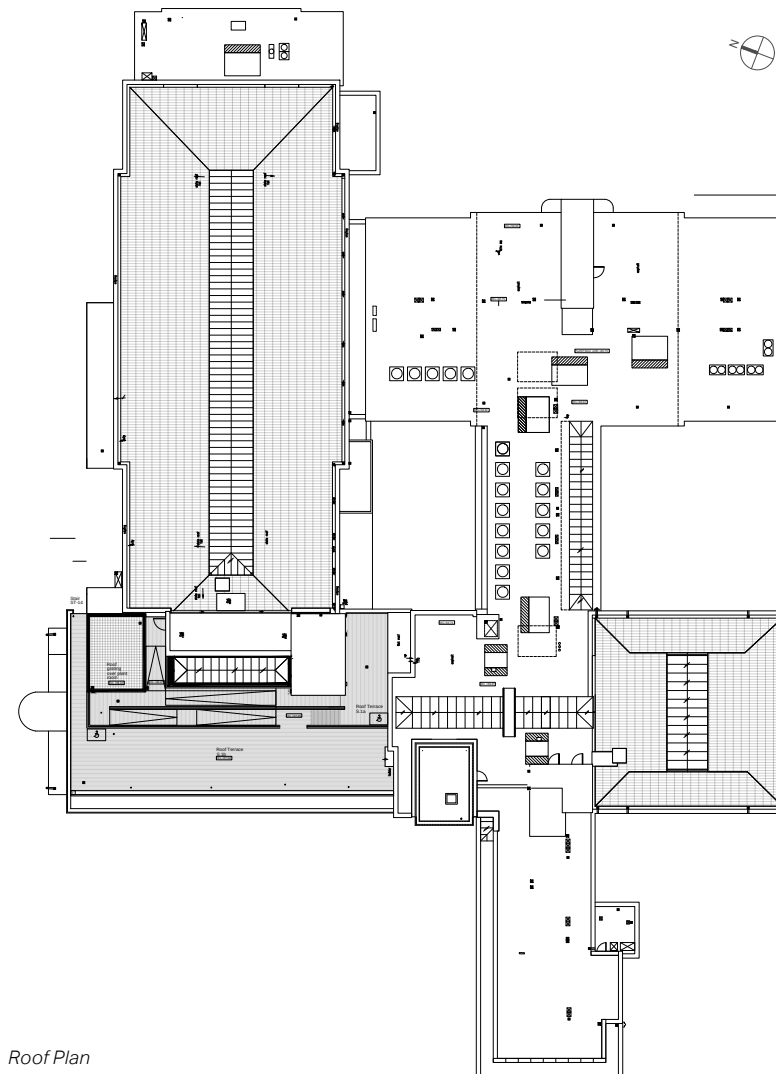
The steel casement windows are a defining feature of the building, the placement, proportion and detailing provide elegance and personality to the building. Internally the detailing of the ironmongery adds extra interest reinforcing the care and attention which has gone into the building.

6.1.9 Doors:

Whilst some of the doors are steel casements to match the windows, others are solid timber doors with additional detail and ironmongery entirely in keeping with the building.

6.1.10 Additional Fixtures, Fittings and Features:

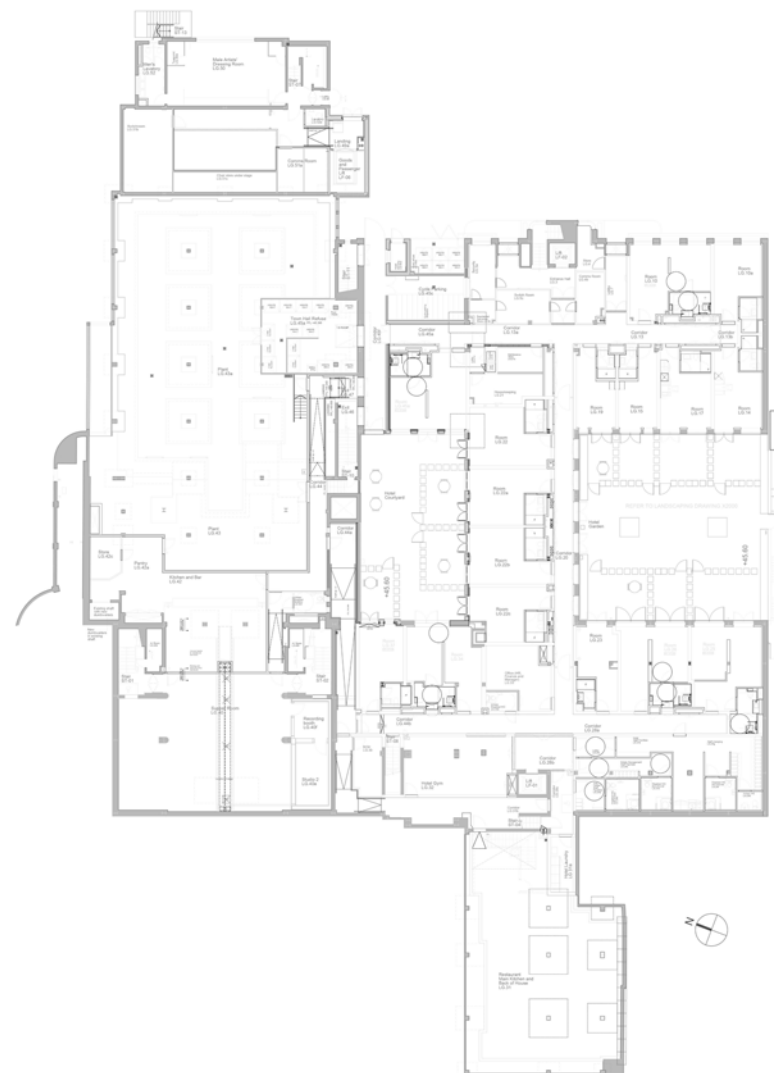
sculpture, decorative gates and urban elements such as external fountain.



Roof Plan

6.2 Interior

Lower Ground



Room: LG.3 Entrance Hall [plates 50 and 50A]

General Description: Entrance Hall, with access to stair No.6 and lift No.2. Construction works underway.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard with exposed services.

Walls: Large cream bricks, laid in stack bond to lift and stair wall. Painted plaster walls elsewhere.

Windows: Not applicable internal space.

Doors: No timber framed doors or concertina security gate visible (opening boarded during site visit Dec 2022)

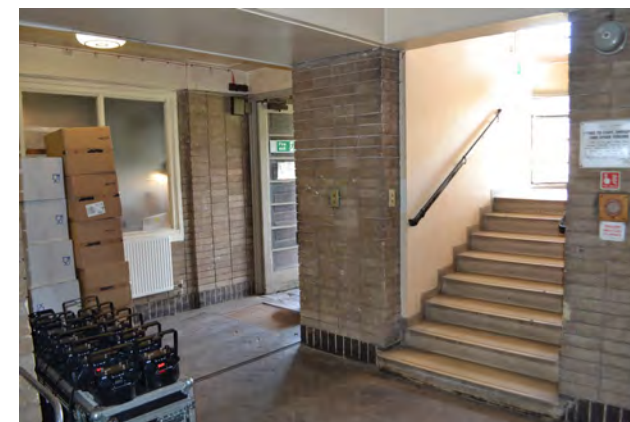
Doors: (description to lift doors from earlier report as doors not present during site visit) The lift doors were veneered with cross band detail, and framed with yellow terrazzo, with a large concrete lintel over. It has large tripartite timber-framed windows (borrowed lights), which illuminate the rooms beyond (LG.5 and LG.6). Lift doors and tripartite timber framed windows not present during construction works.

Floor: Floor covered during construction works.

Fittings: Lift call buttons not present during site visit.



50A LG.03 Entrance Hall Basement



50 Basement, lobby and stair, LG.03 and ST.06 (2017)



Room: LG.4 Store [plate 51]

General Description: This is a Storeroom (but formerly Telephone Exchange), adjacent to Stair No.6. Access now from Lobby LG.7 and not connected to stair/lift lobby. The room is now a storeroom with modern finishes, with the original curved window remaining.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary service area (storage).

Ceiling: Plaster.

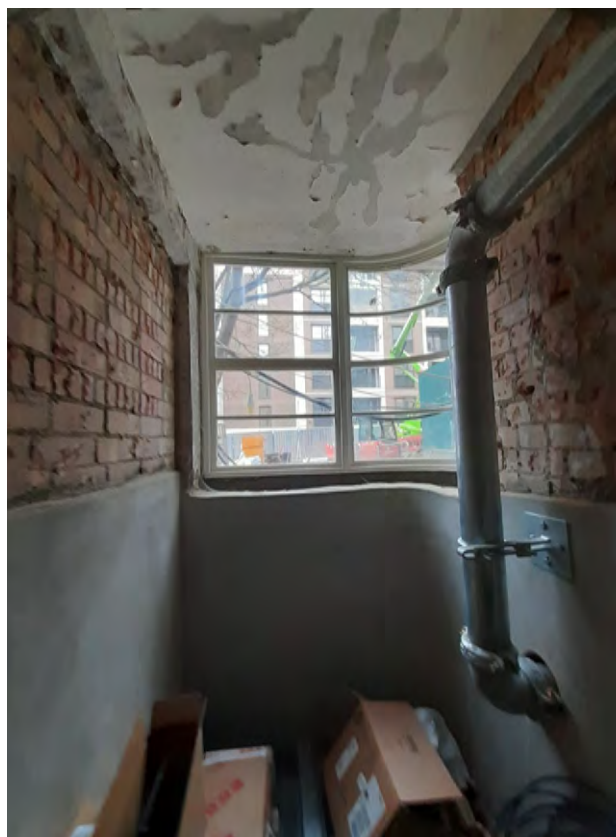
Walls: Plaster and bare brick upper sections during site visit.

Windows: Original curved glazing, part of projecting stair above

Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: None

Fittings: -



51 LG.4 Store



Room: LG.4b Comms Room [plate 51A]

LG.5c Switch Room [plate 51B]

General Description: New rooms formed for services and support.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary service area: Communications & Switch Rooms.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard and some exposed concreted beams

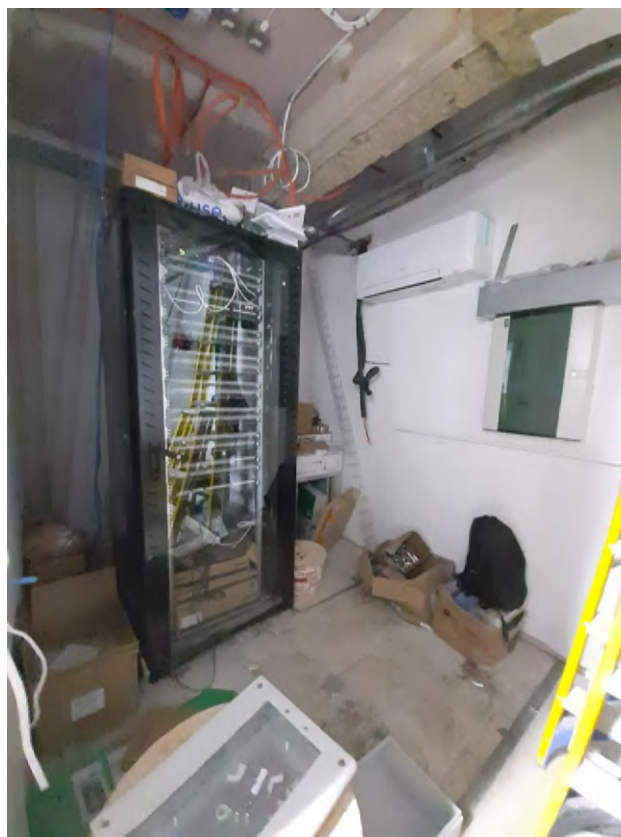
Walls: Modern plasterboard

Windows: None

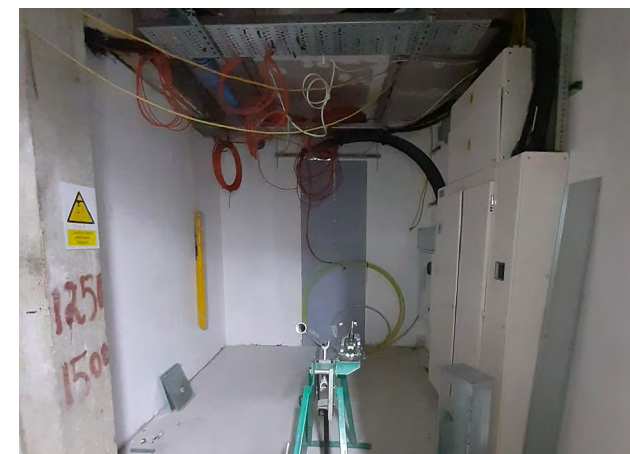
Doors: Modern

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022) could be original parquet flooring.

Fittings: -



51A LG.4b Comms Room



51B LG.5c Switch Room



Room: LG.5a Security**LG.5b Residential Deliveries Store**

General Description: Security (no access) and Residential Deliveries Store (no access)

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary support services.

Ceiling: -

Walls: -

Windows: Original steel casement windows to LG.5a Security.

Doors: -

Floor: -

Fittings: -



Room: LG.7 Lobby [plate 51C]

General Description: New Lobby corridor south of lift tower, mainly modern finishes.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Circulation/Access.

Ceiling: Modern

Walls: Modern

Windows: None.

Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022) could be original parquet flooring.

Fittings: -



51C LG.7 Lobby



Room: LG.10 Room [plate 52]**LG.10a Room [plate 52A]**

(Subdivided from GL.10 Juvenile Employer's Office)

General Description: En-suite hotel rooms, with LG.10 larger.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern.

Walls: Modern

Windows: Steel-framed casements, doors with metal frame and architraves and metal skirtings. Steel framed casements.

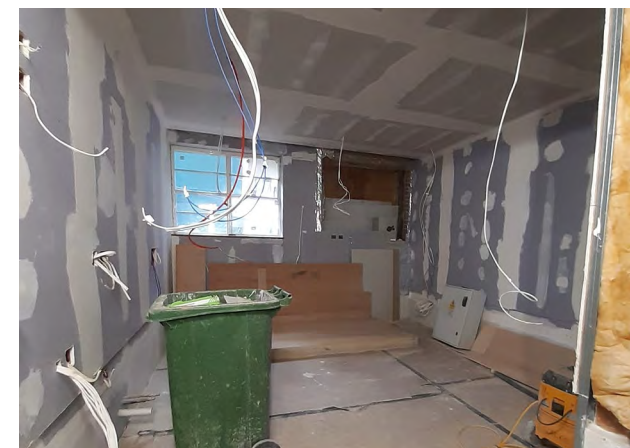
Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Parquet floor (covered for construction works)

Fittings: -



52 LG.10 Hotel Room



52A LG.10a Hotel Room



Room: LG.13a Corridor [plate 53]

LG.13b Corridor [plate 53A]

LG.20 Corridor [plate 53B and 53C]

LG.45a Corridor [plate 53D]

General Description: Corridor spine running north-south servicing hotel rooms through easternmost stair lobby ST-06.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Painted plaster modern.

Walls: Painted plaster modern.

Windows: None to LG.13, LG.13a and LG.45a. Steel-framed casements to LG.20 facing the Garden Court lighting eastern portion.

Doors: No doors present during site visit (construction works ongoing).

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022), likely to be original parquet flooring

Fittings: None recorded during construction works.



53 LG.13 and LG.13a Corridor (southern section)



53A LG.13a Corridor (northern section)

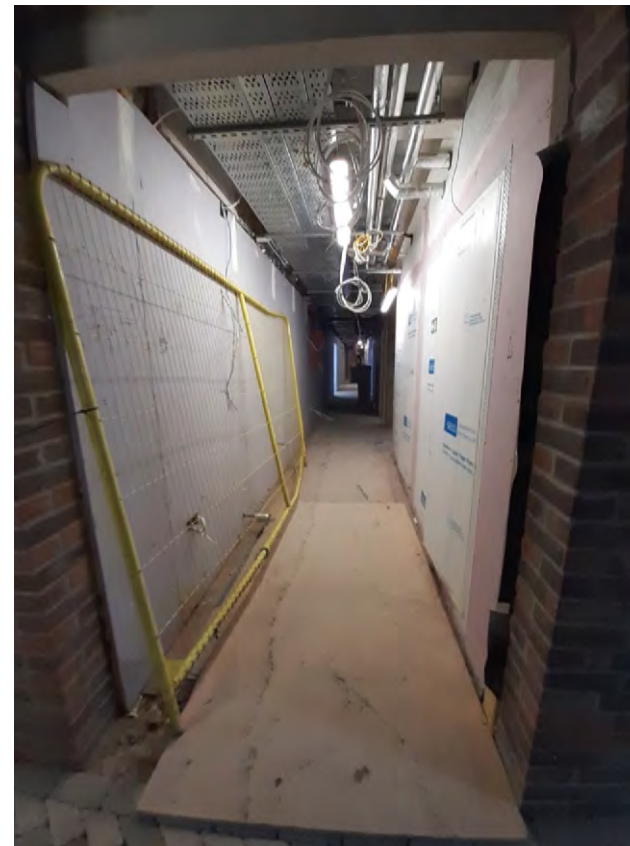




53B LG.20 Corridor (western section in Link Block)



53C LG.20 Basement, corridor in Link Block (2017)



53D LG.45a Corridor (continuation of LG13a Corridor)

Room: LG.14 Room [plate 54]

LG.15 Room [plate 54A]

LG.17 Room [plate 54B]

LG.19 Room [plate 54C] (Men's Lavatory LG.18 and Women's Lavatory LG.19 combined [plate 54D])

General Description: En-suite hotel rooms

Significance: Neutral

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern.

Walls: Modern. LG.19 would have had terrazzo dado band and skirting details (formerly lavatory).

Windows: New double glazed steel framed window and doors.

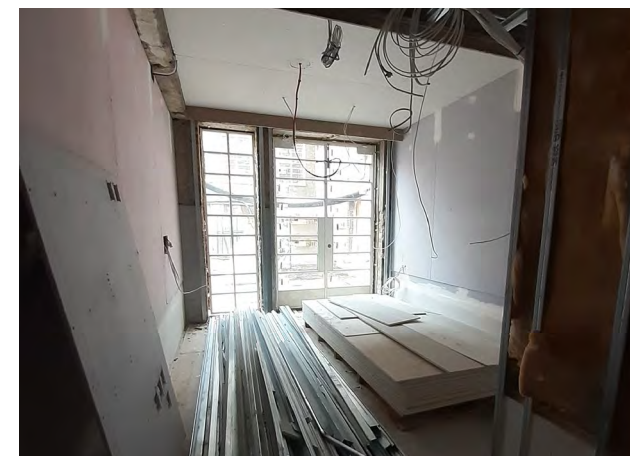
Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Parquet floor – likely to be modern (covered for construction works) LG.19 would have had terrazzo tiles (formerly lavatory).

Fittings: -

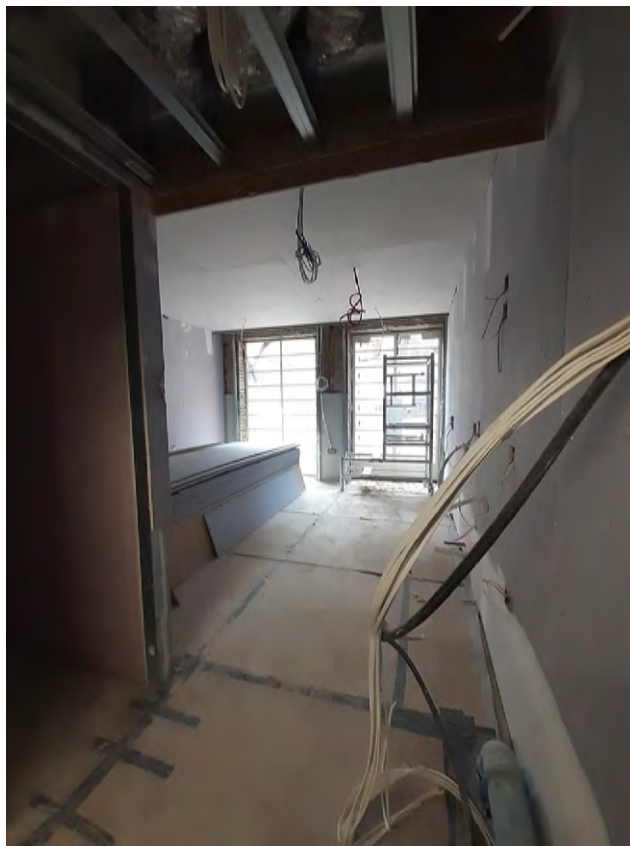


54 LG.14 Hotel Room



54A LG.15 Hotel Room





54B LG.17 Hotel Room



54C LG.19 Hotel Room



54D Former Female WCs, LG.18 (2017) now combined with adjacent space to form Hotel Room

Room: LG.20 Housekeeping [plate 55]

LG.21b Maintenance Store [plate 55A]

LG.21c Lobby

General Description: Housekeeping and maintenance store (previously part of Garage LG.21), now made of modern partitions and materials to service the Hotel.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Circulation and ancillary support services.

Ceiling: Modern plaster

Walls: Modern plaster.

Windows: None.

Doors: No doors during site visit.

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022), likely to be original parquet flooring

Fittings: -



55 LG.21 Housekeeping



55A LG.21b Maintenance Store



Room: **LG.22 Room** (previously LG.21 and LG.22) [plate 56]

LG.22a Room (previously Garage LG.22 and LG.22a) [plate 56A]

LG.22b Room (previously Garage LG.22 and LG.22a) [plate 56B]

LG.22c Room (previously Garage LG.22a and LG.22b) [plate 56C]

General Description: En-suite hotel rooms (formerly Garages off Service Court).

Significance: Neutral

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern.

Walls: Modern.

Windows: No windows during site visit (construction ongoing).

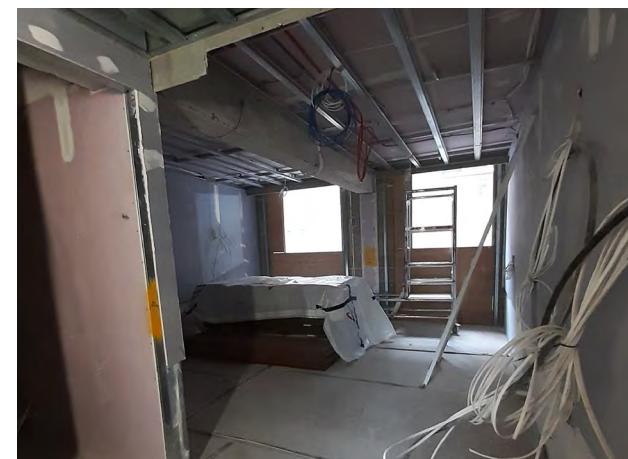
Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Not inspected (covered during construction works).

Fittings: -



56 LG.22 Hotel Room



56A LG.22a Hotel Room





56B LG.22b Hotel Room



56C LG.22c Hotel Room

Room: LG.23 Room [plate 57]

LG.23a Room [plate 57A]

LG.23b Room [plate 57]

General Description: En-suite hotel rooms

Significance: Neutral

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Painted plaster.

Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: New doors to existing window openings and new openings with doors to rooms LG.23 and LG.23b.

Doors: -

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022).

Fittings: -



57 LG.23 Hotel Room





57A LG.23a Hotel Room (unnamed on plans)



57B LG.23b Hotel Room (unnamed on plans)

Room: LG.24a Arts Centre Staff Facilities**LG.24b Disabled WC and Shower****LG.24c Estate Management Staff Facilities****LG.24d Disabled WC and Shower****LG.24e Hotel Staff Facilities****LG.24f Disabled WC and Shower****LG.24g Staff Changing****LG.24h Unisex WC****LG.24j Lobby**

General Description: Staff Facilities/ Room including washing and toilet facilities, with new partitions and finishes [generic plate 58]

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary (staff) support services.

Ceiling: Modern plaster.

Walls: Modern plaster.

Windows: None

Doors: John Tann 'Reliance' steel door off LG.26.
Reused

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022).

Fittings: -



58 LG.24 Staff Facilities Room



Room: LG.28a Corridor [plate 59]

LG.28b Corridor

LG.28c Corridor [plate 59A]

LG.44b Corridor

General Description: Corridor to west end of building connecting staff facilities area to Hotel/Gym.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Modern plaster.

Walls: Modern plaster.

Windows: None.

Doors: None present during site visit (Dec 2022).

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022) but likely to be original parquet [plate 59B].

Fittings: Lift LF-01 call buttons etc. not present



59 LG.28a Corridor



59B LG.28b Corridor floor showing original parquet floor blocks

Room: LG.31 Restaurant Main Kitchen and Back of House [plate 60]

General Description: Servicing to new area to form main kitchen and BOH.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Food preparation and ancillary services.

Ceiling: Modern metal deck to floor above.

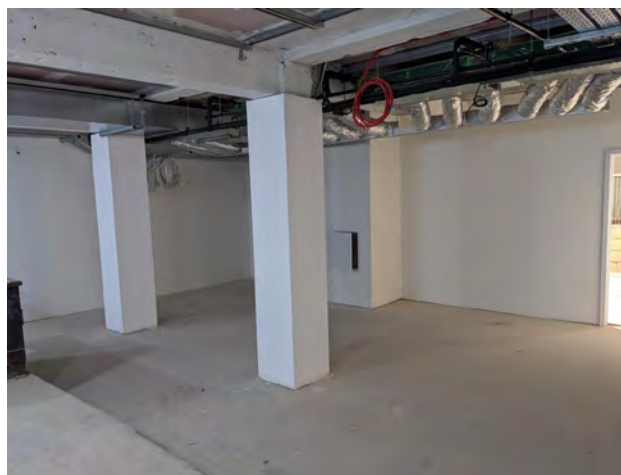
Walls: Plaster.

Windows: None.

Doors: None during site visit (Dec 2022).

Floor: Modern screed.

Fittings: None during site visit.



60 LG.31 Restaurant Main Kitchen and BOH



Room: LG.31a [plate 60A]

General Description: Hotel Laundry (no access)

Significance: Neutral.

Use: Hotel ancillary support service.

Ceiling: -

Walls: -

Windows: None.

Doors: -

Floor: -

Fittings: -



60A LG.31a Laundry



Room: LG.31b Corridor [plate 60B]

General Description: New corridor formed behind lift.

Significance: Neutral.

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Plaster.

Walls: Plaster.

Windows: None.

Doors: Timber.

Floor: -

Fittings: -



60B LG.31b Corridor



Room: LG.32 Hotel/ Gym [plate 61]**General Description:** Hotel Gym**Significance:** Neutral.**Use:** Hotel ancillary guest services (Leisure).**Ceiling:** Modern plaster.**Walls:** Modern plaster.**Windows:** None.**Doors:** None during site visit (Dec 2022).**Floor:** Covered during site visit (Dec 2022) but likely to be original parquet.**Fittings:** None during site visit (Dec 2022).

61 LG.32 Hotel Gym



Room: LG.33 Office [plate 61A]

LG.33b Unisex Disabled WC [plate 61B]

General Description: New rooms formed with modern partitions for Office (HR, Finance and Manager)

Significance: Neutral.

Use: Ancillary (staff) support services.

Ceiling: Modern plaster.

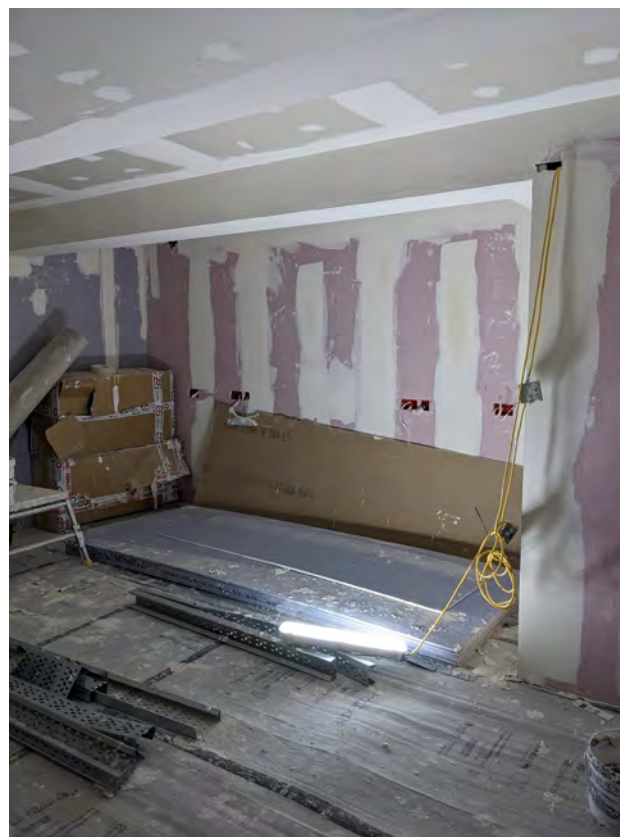
Walls: Modern plaster.

Windows: None.

Doors: None during site visit (Dec 2022).

Floor: Covered during site visit (Dec 2022).

Fittings: None during site visit (Dec 2022).



61A LG.33 Office



61B LG.33b Unisex Disabled WC

Room: LG.34 Room [plate 62]

LG.37 Room [plate 62A]

General Description: En-suite hotel room.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard.

Walls: Modern plasterboard.

Windows: No windows during site visit
(construction ongoing).

Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Not inspected (covered during
construction works).

Fittings: None.



62A LG.37 Hotel Room



62 LG.34 Hotel Room



Room: LG.39 BOH

General Description: BOH (no access).

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary service/support space.

Ceiling:

Walls:

Windows:

Doors:

Floor:

Fittings:



Room: LG.40 Supper Room [plate 63]

LG.40f Recording Booth [plate 63A]

LG.40e Studio 2 [plate 63A]

General Description: The Supper Room, set beneath the Assembly Hall foyer, with the Recording booth and Studio 2 to the southern side of the room.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Arts Centre.

Ceiling: Modern plaster.

Walls: Painted plaster walls, skirtings, some walls had previously been lined with acoustic tiles (mid- to late-20th century). The curve-ended columns were previously faced in narrow tiles (possibly 1990s).

Windows: None.

Doors: Double doors with porthole windows to entrance and servery. Some original door ironmongery and signage, including 'WAY OUT' sign.

Floor: Covered during site visit, likely to be narrow timber floorboards,

Fittings: -



63 LG.40 Supper Room - 1



63B Basement, supper room, LG.40 (2017)



63A LG.40f Recording Booth & LG.40e Studio



Room: LG.40a AV room (not inspected)

LG.40b AV room (not inspected)

General Description: AV Room.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Arts Centre.

Ceiling: Painted plaster.

Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: None.

Doors: -

Floor: -

Fittings: -



Room: LG.42 Kitchen and Bar [plate 64]

General Description: Kitchen and Bar adjacent to the Supper Room. There is a level difference with some items of furniture remaining.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Food & Beverage.

Ceiling: Some original ceiling structure including beams with sections of new plasterboard.

Walls: Existing columns and some new plasterboard.

Windows: None.

Doors: None during site visit (Dec 2022, construction)

Floor: Bare concrete during site visit.

Fittings: Double dumbwaiter (original) previously noted.



64 LG.42 Kitchen and Bar



Room: LG.42a Pantry [plate 64A]

LG.42c Store [plate 64A]

General Description: New rooms formed of modern partitions.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary support area.

Ceiling: Modern.

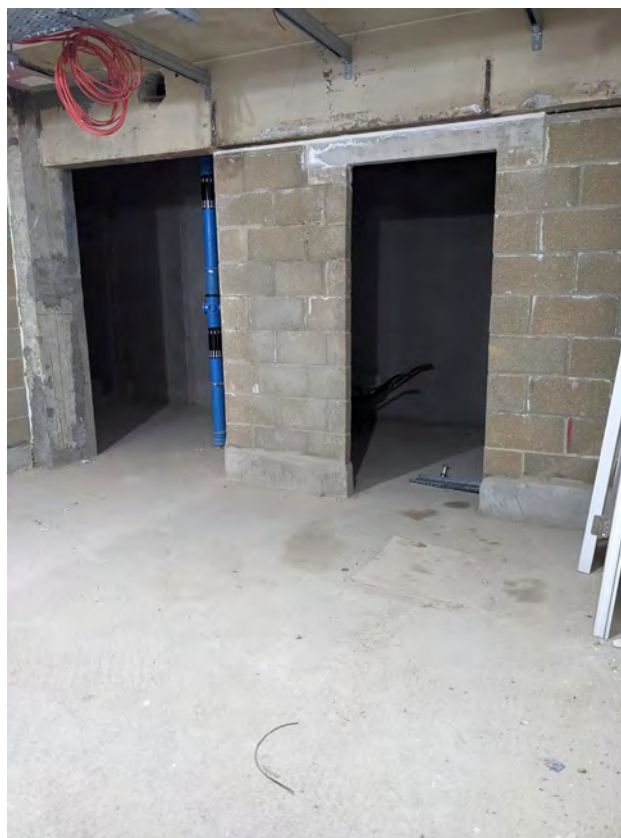
Walls: Modern.

Windows: Modern.

Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: -



64A LG.42a Pantry and LG.42c Store



Room: LG.42d [plate 64B]

General Description: Unisex disabled lavatory and corridor

Significance: Neutral

Use:

Ceiling:

Walls:

Windows:

Doors:

Floor:

Fittings:



64B LG.42d



Room: LG.43a Plant [plate 65 and 65A]

General Description: Plant Room, set beneath Assembly Hall Block.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Plant Room.

Ceiling: Painted concrete plank.

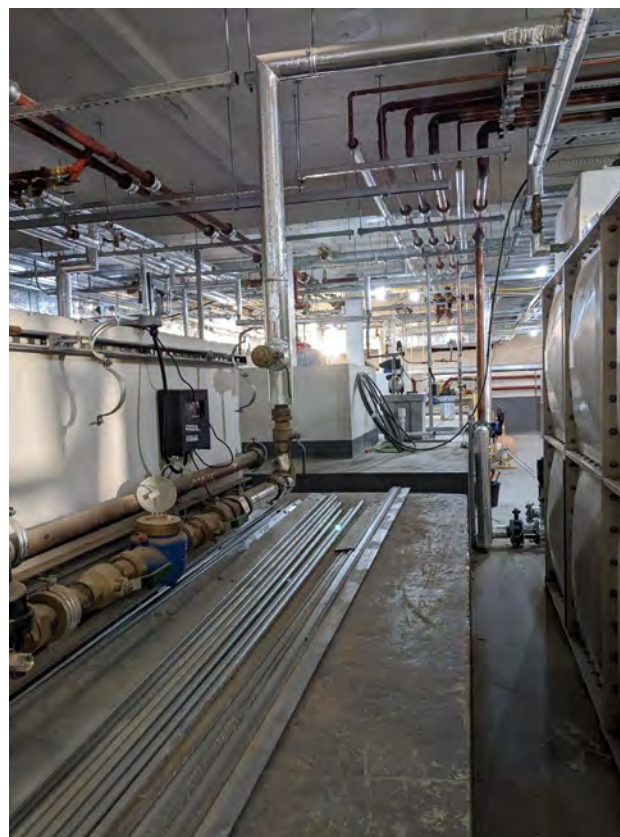
Walls: Columns and plastered masonry walls.

Windows: None.

Doors: None.

Floor: Screed.

Fittings:



65 LG.43 Plant Room beneath Assembly Hall 1



65A LG.43 Plant Room beneath Assembly Hall 2

Room: LG.44 Corridor [plate 65B]

LG.44a Corridor

LG.47 Exit

General Description: Access and service corridors of modern finish.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Concrete and modern plasterboard.

Walls: Concrete and modern plasterboard.

Windows: None.

Doors: None.

Floor: Screed.

Fittings: -



65B LG.44 Corridor



Room: LG.45a Town Hall Refuse [plate 65C]

General Description: Town Hall Refuse housed in previous Cycle Store LG.45

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary service.

Ceiling: Low concrete ceiling, with some areas raked.

Walls: Concrete columns internally, some areas brick.

Windows: None.

Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Concrete.

Fittings: None



65C LG.45a Refuse store



Room: LG.45a Room

General Description: New en-suite hotel room built in former Service Court. All new finishes and fabric.

Significance: New Room.

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern.

Walls: Modern.

Windows: Modern.

Doors: None.

Floor: Modern.

Fittings: -



Room: LG.45b Hotel Refuse

LG.45c Cycle Parking

LG.45d Security

General Description: New service provision built in former Service Court. All new finishes and fabric.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Ancillary service area.

Ceiling: Modern.

Walls: Modern.

Windows: Modern.

Doors: Modern.

Floor: Modern.

Fittings: -



Room: LG.45f Corridor [plate 66 and 66A]

General Description: New covered (outdoor) access corridor built in former Service Court.

Significance: Neutral (new)

Use: Circulation

Ceiling: Concrete slab.

Walls: Brickwork.

Windows: None.

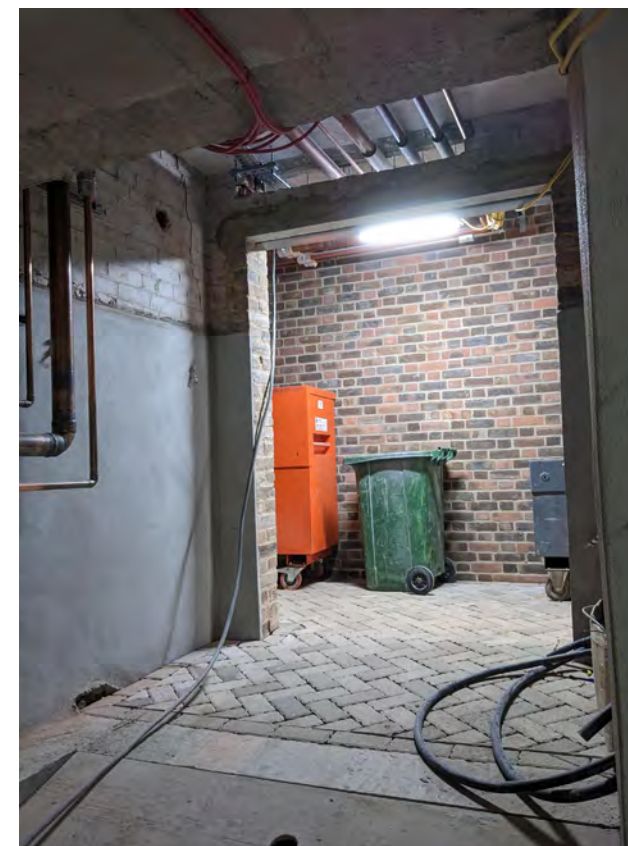
Doors: None.

Floor: Brick pavers.

Fittings: -



66 LG.45f New covered corridor near Plant and Refuse Store



66A LG.45f Corridor at junction with LG.45a

Room: LG.46 Exit [plate 67]

General Description: Stairs up to ground floor.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Circulation - stair.

Ceiling: Painted plaster.

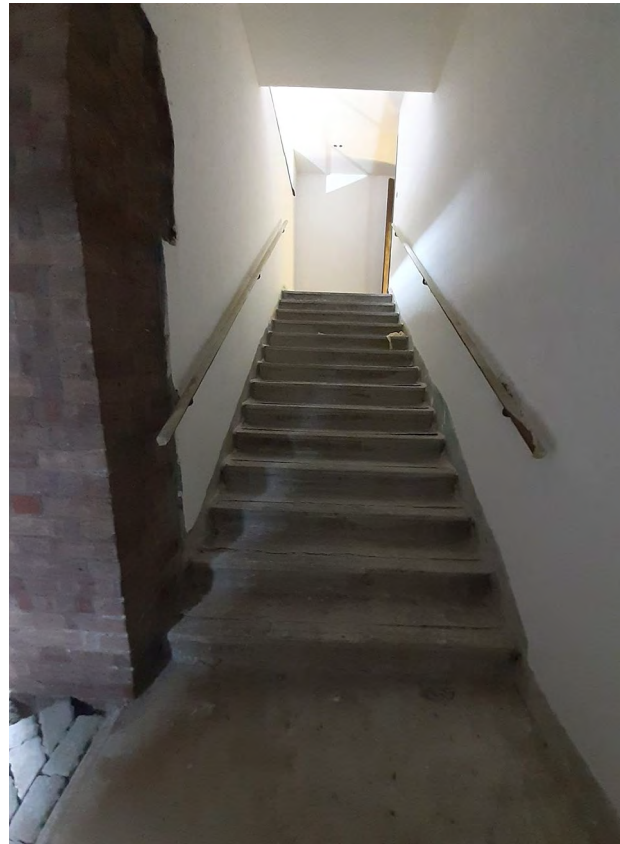
Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: None

Doors: None.

Floor: Granolithic stairs with handrails.

Fittings: None.



67 LG.46 Stair



Room: LG.49a Landing

LG.51a Comms room

LG.51b Switch room [plate 68]

LG.51c Chair store under stage [plate 68A]

General Description: Back of house space under the stage with storage, Goods Lift, switch and comms room.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Storage and service rooms including switch and comms room.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard, with services hanging from ceiling.

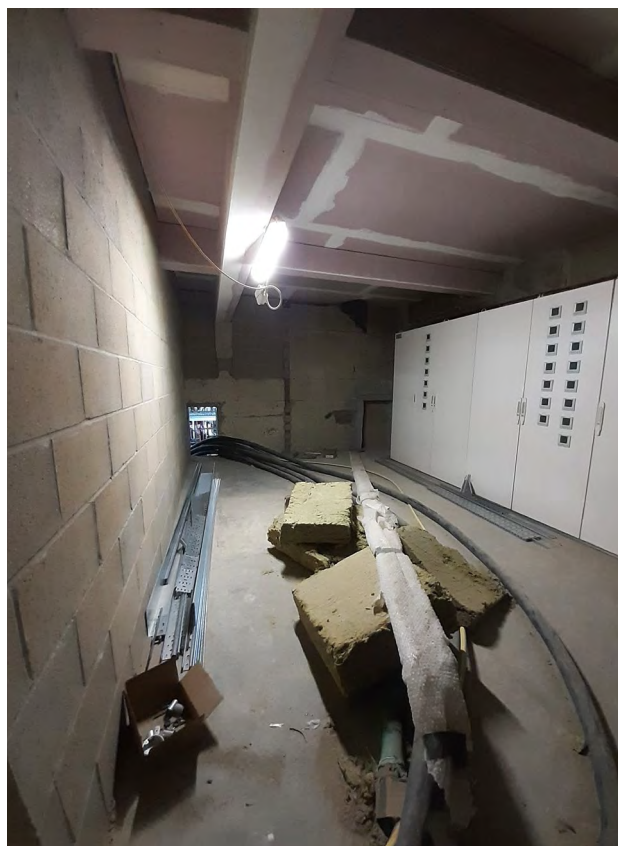
Walls: Bare blockworks walls and some plastered walls.

Windows: None.

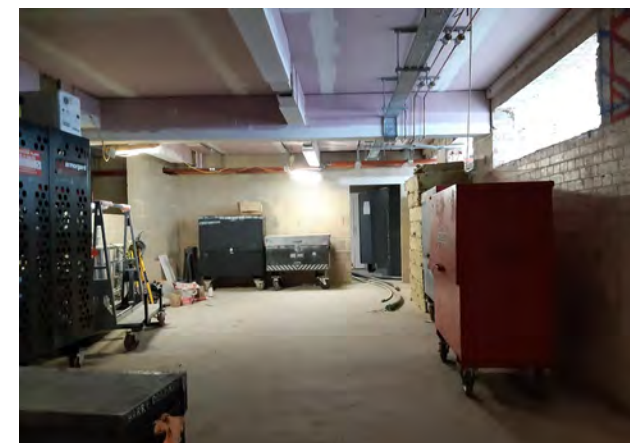
Doors: Openings only during site visit (construction underway Dec 2022).

Floor: Bare concrete.

Fittings: -



68A LG.51a Comms Room



68 LG.51c Chair store under stage



Room: LG.50 Male Artists' Dressing Room [plate 69]**LG.52 Men's Lavatory [plate 69A]**

General Description: The former Male Artists' Changing Rooms are set behind the stage.-

Significance: High

Use: Co-working space.

Ceiling: Painted plaster.

Walls: LG.50: Painted plaster walls. LG.52: Precast terrazzo tiles with bitumen joints to walls (up to head height). Contrasting terrazzo dado band and curved skirting detail. Painted plaster upper parts of walls. Terrazzo cubicles.

Windows: Steel casement windows (original) to both rooms.

Doors: Original door and ironmongery to LG.52

Floor: LG.50: Covered during site visit (construction underway, Dec 2022.). Parquet floor with perimeter detail originally. LG.52: Precast terrazzo tiles with bitumen joints.

Fittings: Urinals to LG.52.



69A LG.52 Men's Lavatory

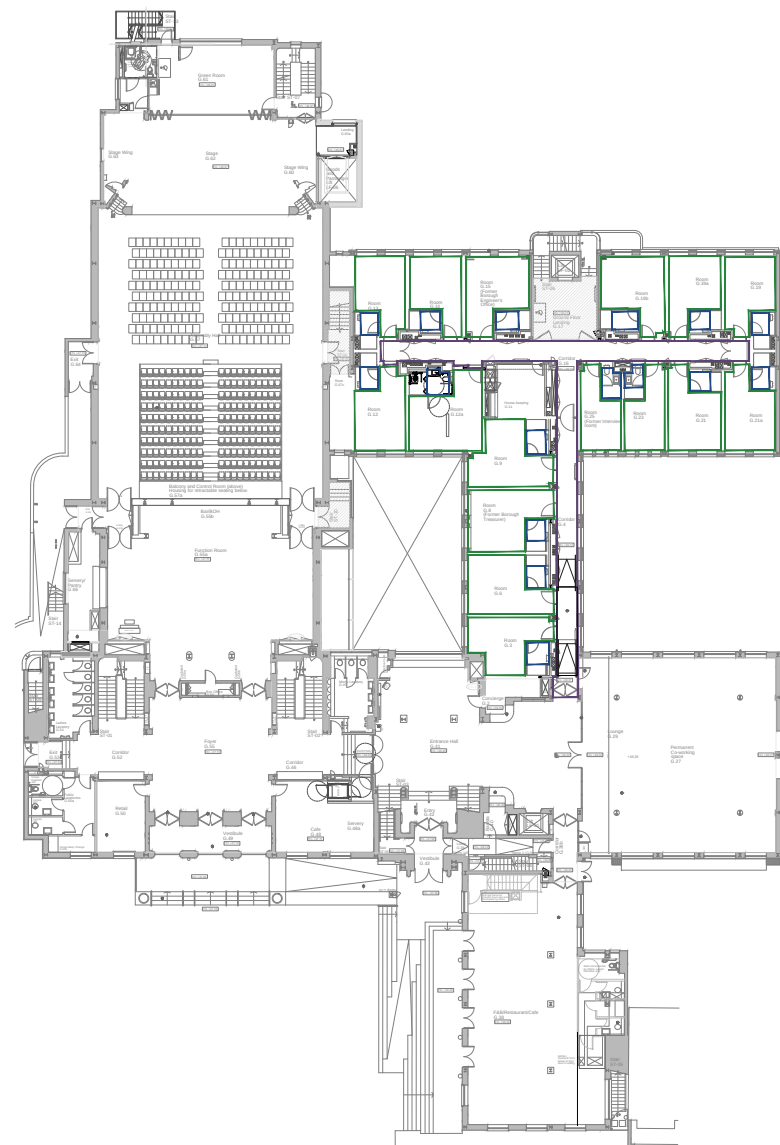


69 LG.50 Men's changing room



Ground Floor

The ground floor holds some of the building's most exceptional spaces and is largely intact in terms of planform, fitting and finishes, even soft furnishings. These spaces are connected by light-filled corridors and are separated from one-another by glazed screens. The planform is largely intact, though there have been some changes to the Rates Office, General Clerk's Offices and to partitions around rooms G3 to 5, adjacent to the former Borough Treasurer's Room. The offices in the west wing have also been heavily altered by the insertion of aluminium-framed glazed partitions.



Room: G.2 Concierge [plate 70]

General Description: Concierge (being used as storage during site visit, difficult to inspect).

Significance: Highest

Use: Ancillary service area - part of Entrance Hall.

Ceiling: Painted plaster with some profiled sections.

Walls: Painted plaster and some modern drylined walls.

Windows: Timber panel and glazed section to G.41 side, with curved section of counter boarded internally during site visit, Dec 2022).

Doors: Architrave remains on G.41 entrance hall side, temporary door installed during sit visit.

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: Enquiry desk and counter could not be inspected.



70 G.2 Concierge interior showing curved wall and painted ceiling



Room: G.3 Room [plate 71]

G.6 Room [plate 71A]

G.9 Room [plate 71B]

General Description: En-suite hotel rooms.

There are photographs of the Borough Treasurers on completion in the 1930s in the Photograph Collection of the British Architectural Library at the Royal Institute of British Architects,

Significance: Moderate

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard with services concealed.

Walls: Painted plaster and modern drylined walls.

Windows: Original steel-framed casement with metal sill looking onto Service Court.

Doors: None during site visit (Dec 2022).

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: Some original cupboards are to be refitted to rooms G.6-





71 G.3 Hotel Room



71A G.6 Hotel Room



71B G.9 Hotel Room

Room: G.4 Corridor [plate 72]**General Description:** Corridor

This was the main office corridor in the Link Block, which is accessed off the Entrance Hall and connects the west block to the east block (now mainly hotel). There were large screens with nickel-plated frames and double doors, which divide the office corridor from the Hall [Plate 72A, 2017]. They contained Georgian wired glass (non-original). There are glazed screens with single doors onto the former General Clerk's Office (now part of G.3 Room) and the Lounge (G.29), again with their glazing replaced.

The western section of the corridor has modern timber-framed borrowed lights into the new F&B/ Restaurant/Café (G.38).

Significance: Moderate

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard with services concealed.

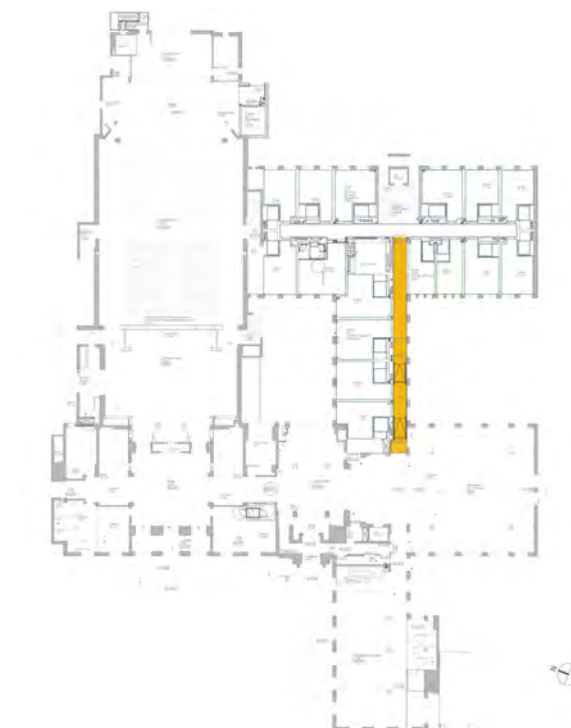
Walls: Some painted plaster and other areas modern plasterboard.

Windows: Large steel-framed casements.

Doors: None during site visit (construction, Dec 2022).

Floor: Covered during site visit (2017 inspection noted that this section is carpeted but the cork floor remains beneath [Plate 72B, 2017].

Fittings: None during site visit.

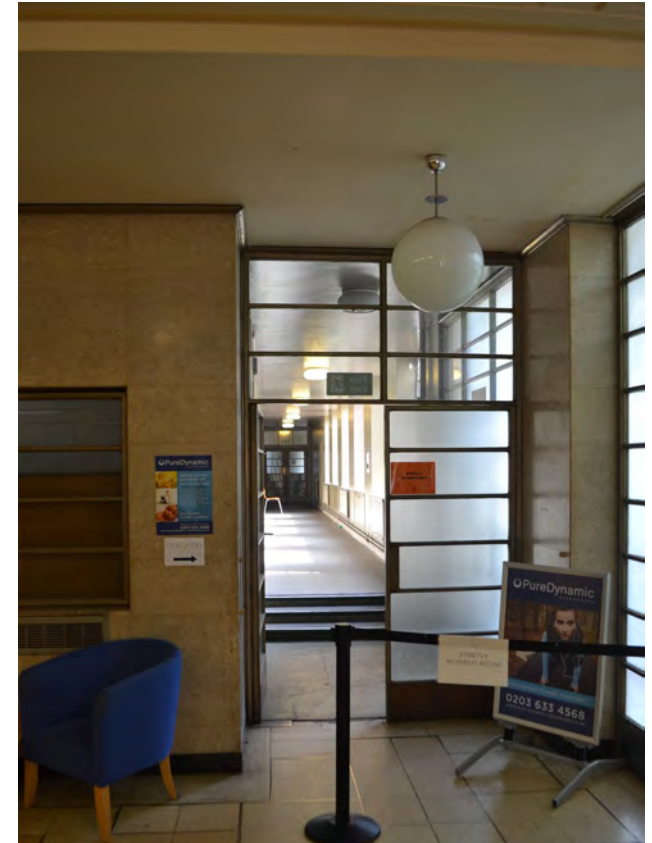




72 G.4 Corridor looking west to entrance hall (courtyard on left)



72A G.4 Corridor window (original)



72B Ground Floor, G.4 from the Entrance Hall (2017)

Room: G.8 Room (Former Borough Treasurer) [plate 73]

General Description: En-suite hotel room formerly the Borough Treasurer's Room (historic photo plate 73A).

There are photographs of the Borough Treasurers on completion in the 1930s in the Photograph Collection of the British Architectural Library at the Royal Institute of British Architects,

Significance: High

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard with services concealed.

Walls: Painted plaster and modern drylined walls – construction underway. (The 2017 inspection noted that this room had full-height panelled walls with Indian silver greywood and teak; set out with cross-banding and glazed built-in cupboards of the same.)

Windows: Original steel-framed casement with metal sill looking onto Service Court.

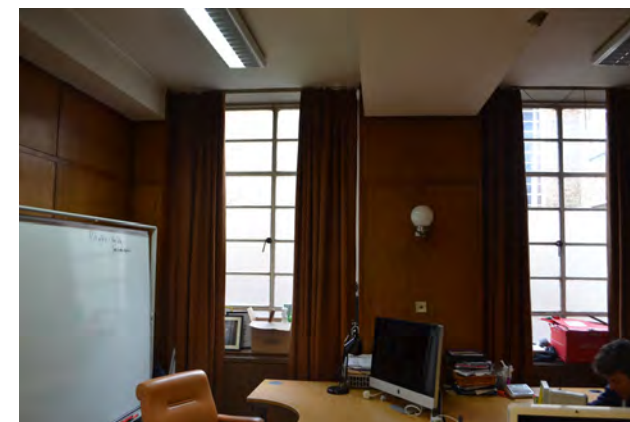
Doors: None during site visit (Dec 2022).

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: Original cupboards are to be refitted to rooms.



73 G.8 Hotel Room Former Borough Treasurer Room (furniture for reassembly)



73A Ground Floor, Former Borough Treasurer's Room, G.8 (2017)



Room: G.11 Housekeeping [plate 74]

General Description: Housekeeping.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Hotel ancillary service area.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard with exposed services.

Walls: Modern plasterboard.

Windows: None (internal room).

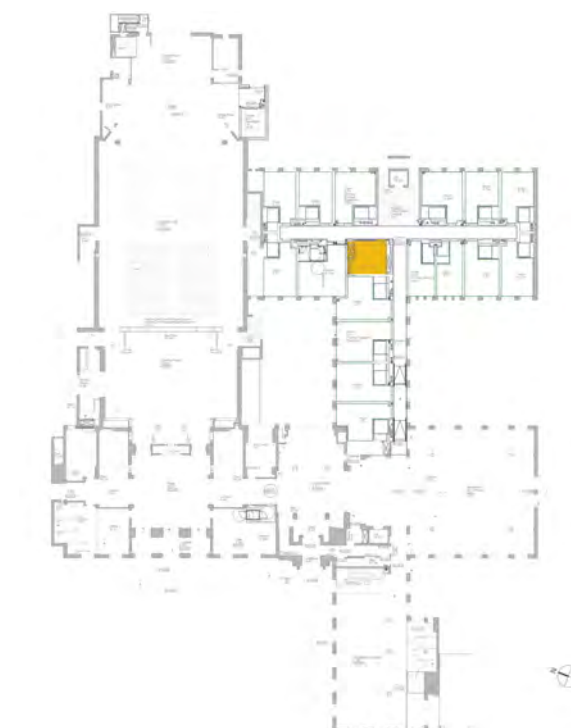
Doors: None during site visit (construction, Dec 2022). Original John Tann's 'Reliance' steel door to be refitted.

Floor: Modern (screed floor during site visit).

Fittings: None.



74 G11. Housekeeping



Room: G.12a Room [plate 75]

G.12 Room [plate 75A]

G.13 Room [plate 75B]

G.14 Room [plate 75D]

General Description: En-suite hotel room. Previously this was a Typist's room and thereafter a dance studio [plate 75c].

Significance: Moderate

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard with services concealed.

Walls: Painted plaster and modern drylined walls.

Windows: Original steel-framed casements.

Doors: None during site visit (Dec 2022).

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: None during site visit.



75 G.12 Hotel Room



75A G.12a Hotel Room

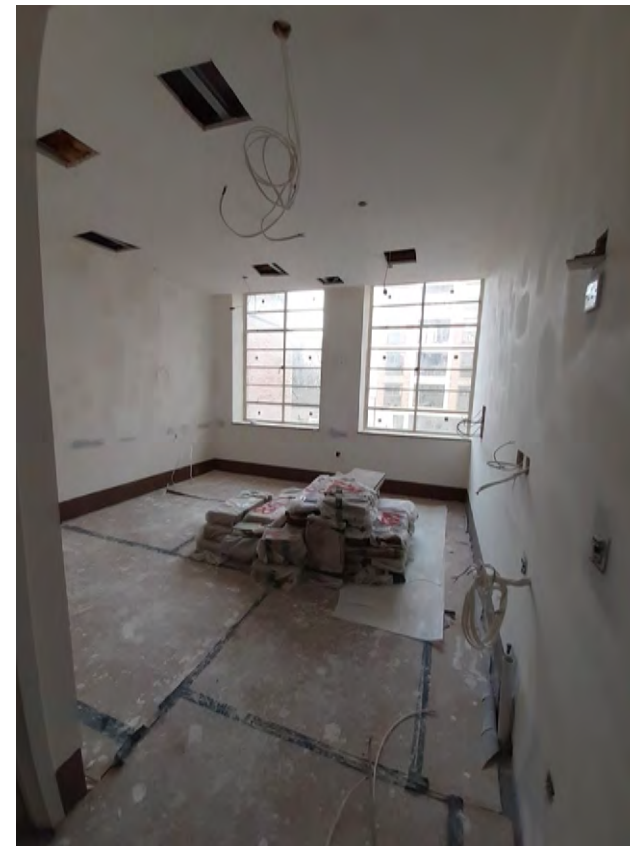




75B G.13 Hotel Room



75C Ground Floor, Former Typist's Room, G.13 (2017)

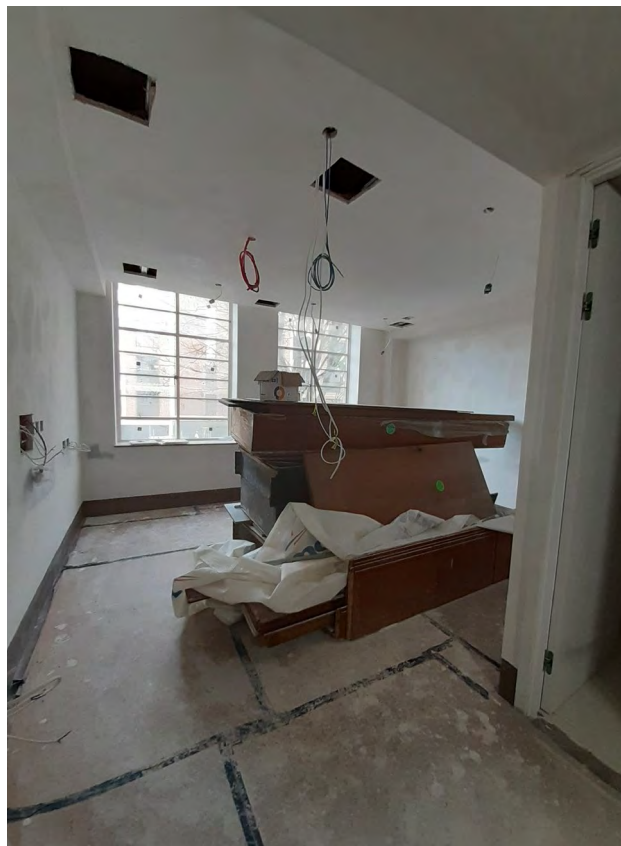


75D G.14 Hotel Room

Room: G.15 Room [plate 76]**General Description:** En-suite hotel room.

2017 inspection noted that this room (Former Borough Engineer's Office) had full-height panelled walls with Indian silver greywood and teak; set out with cross-banding and glazed and solid panel doors to built-in cupboards. **[Plate 76A]**.

There are photographs of the Borough Engineer's Office on completion in the 1930s in the Photograph Collection of the British Architectural Library at the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Significance: High**Use:** Hotel accommodation.**Ceiling:** Modern plasterboard with services concealed.**Walls:** Painted plaster and modern drylined walls.**Windows:** Two large original steel-framed casements.**Doors:** None during site visit (Dec 2022).**Floor:** Covered during site visit, Narrow timber floorboards.**Fittings:** None during site visit, although original cabinetry to be rebuilt in room **[plate 76B]**.

76 G.15 Hotel Room Former Borough Engineer's Office





76A Ground Floor, Former Borough Engineer's Office, G.15 (2017)



76B G.15 Hotel Room original cabinetry to be rebuilt in room (historic image in room)

Room: G.16 Corridor [plate 77 and 77A]

General Description: Corridor. This is the cross corridor (running north – south) providing access from Stair ST-06 and Lift LF-02. The 2017 inspection noted that there is a timber-framed glazed screen, which borrows light from the lobby (G.17). Further light is borrowed from G.21.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Exposed services during site visit (Dec 2022), with modern plasterboard ceiling to follow:

Walls: Modern drylined walls with new service cupboard doors.

Windows: None.

Doors: None during site visit, although Steel John Tann 'Reliance' to be reused to G.11 Housekeeping.

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: None during site visit.



77 G.16 Corridor (north end)



77A G.16 Corridor (south end)



Room: G.17 Ground Floor Landing [plate 78]

General Description: Ground Floor Landing; eastern lift and stair core.

Significance: High

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: New plasterboard ceiling to be installed during site visit (Dec 2022).

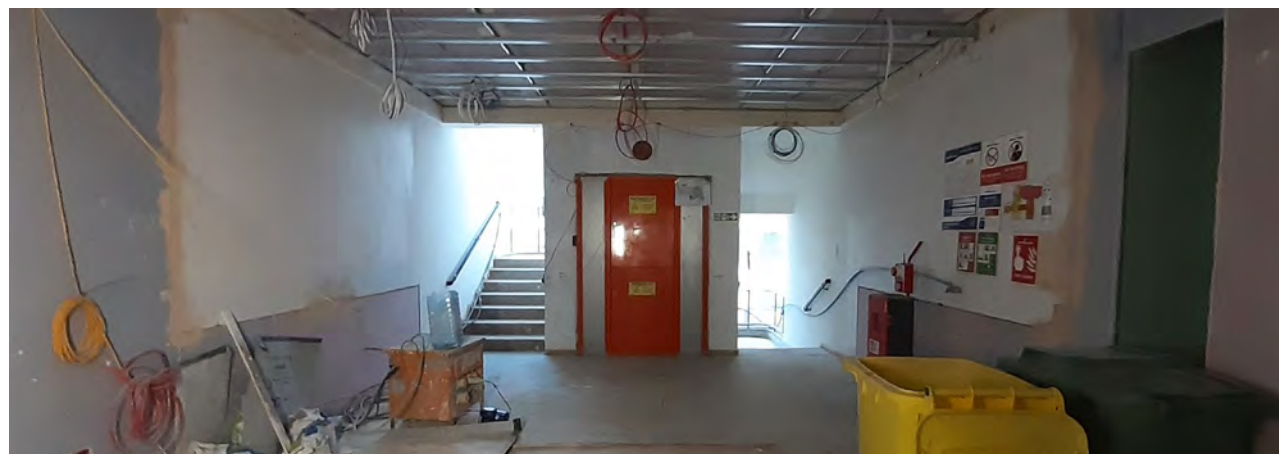
Walls: Painted plaster and modern plasterboard.

Windows: Original curved steel casement windows to stairwell and landings.

Doors: None during site visit.

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: None during site visit.



78 G.17 Ground Floor Landing



Room: G.19 Room [plate 79]

G.19a Room [plate 79A]

G.19b Room [plate 79B]

G.21 Room

G.21a Room [plate 79C]

G.23 Room [plate 79D]

G.25 Room [plate 79E]

General Description: En-suite hotel rooms.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Hotel accommodation.

Ceiling: Modern plasterboard with services concealed.

Walls: Painted plaster and modern drylined walls.

Windows: Original steel-framed casements.

Doors: None during site visit (Dec 2022).

Floor: Covered during site visit.

Fittings: LG19b and G21a to have original cupboards remade in rooms.





79 G.19 Hotel Room



79A G.19a Hotel Room



79B G.19b Hotel Room (original furniture for reassembly in room)



79C G.21a Hotel Room



79D G.23 Hotel Room



79E G.25 Hotel Room Former Interview Room

Room: G.27 Permanent Co-working space [plate 80, 80A, 80B, 80C]

G.29 Lounge

General Description: Co-working space; this single larger space previously housed several Clerks offices, book room and a public access space for dealing with the rates office. The 2017 inspection notes: This is the former General Clerk's Office, which was used as a rates collection office. The space is currently occupied as a gallery. There are large screens with nickel-plated frames and a single leaf door onto the main office corridor (G.4), the glazing replaced with Georgian wired glass. There have been earlier changes to the layout of these areas, with new partitions. [plate 80D]

Significance: High

Use: Co-working space.

Ceiling: Painted plaster, with a dropped section of ceiling for services.

Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: Five large steel-framed casements facing the Garden Court, some with metal sills.

Doors: Existing doors in place to G.41 entrance hall, G.38b Corridor (part of door boarded during works) and G.4 Corridor

Floor: Bare concrete floor (construction works ongoing during site visit, Dec 2022).

Fittings: Original Rates Office desk has been retained for reuse (not in position during site visit).



80 G.29 Lounge looking south

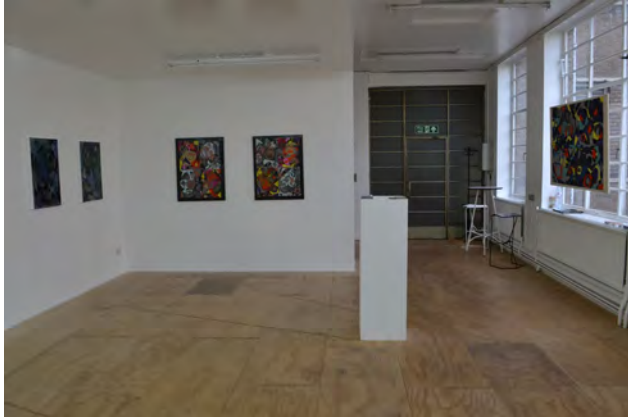


80A G.29 Lounge looking north to Entrance Hall G.41





80B G.29 Lounge looking east into former 'garden court'



80D G.27 Ground Floor, Former General Clerk's Offices, G.29 (2017)



80C G.27 original windows to co-working space (shown here with metal cills)

Room: G.38 F&B/Restaurant/ Café
[plate 81, 81A, 81B]

General Description: F&B/ Restaurant/ Café (Currently being used to store furniture to other rooms).

Significance: High

Use: Food & Beverage (ancillary service area).

Ceiling: Painted plaster with exposed down stand beams.

Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: Original Bronze-framed casements [plate 81C]

Doors: New double-glazed bronze casement doors [plate 81D. Door to G.38 is original but has been shifted, the door and borrowed lights to G.38a are non-original.

Floor: Bare screed

Fittings: None during site visit (Dec 2022).



81 G.38 F&B Restaurant Cafe looking west



81A G.38 F&B Restaurant Cafe looking southwest to kitchen prep area (by others)





81B G.38 F&B Restaurant Cafe looking east to G.41 Entrance Hall



81E Ground Floor, Former Rates and Electricity Clerk's Offices, G.38b



81C G.38 F&B Restaurant windows (original)



81D G.38 F&B Restaurant doors (new double glazed)

Room: G.38b Corridor [plate 82]

General Description: Continuation of main link corridor G.4, which runs along the south of the main blocks.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Circulation.

Ceiling: Painted plaster.

Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: Original steel casement windows to south elevation.

Doors: Temporary doors in place during site visit (Dec 2022). Original doors were part of the glazed screens [see plate 82A]

Floor: Part of corridor floor has cream terrazzo floor as G.41 Entrance Hall, with the rest being bare concrete (previously carpeted).

Fittings: None of note during site visit.



82 G.38b Corridor



82A Ground Floor, G.4 from the Entrance Hall (2017)



Room: G.39 Lobby [plate 83]

General Description: Lobby which connects G.43 Vestibule to G.38b Corridor, running parallel to and part of Stair ST-04.

Significance: Highest

Use: Entrance Hall.

Ceiling: Painted Plaster.

Walls: Plaster. Low stair walls are lined with buff bricks, laid in stack bond.

Windows: None.

Doors: Doors with some original ironmongery.

Floor: Cream terrazzo tiles.

Fittings: None (construction underway).



83 G.39 Lobby



Room: G.40 Barista

General Description: Barista, formerly Hall Porter's kiosk, balancing the form and function of the enquiry desk opposite (now G.2 Concierge). This space was boarded up during the site visit, but a previous image is shown from 2017 **[plate 84A]**.

Significance: Highest

Use: Food & Beverage.

Ceiling: Not inspected.

Walls: Not inspected.

Windows: Not inspected.

Doors: Not inspected.

Floor: Not inspected.

Fittings: Not inspected.



84A Ground Floor, Main Entrance Hall (2017), G.41 looking to Hall Porter's kiosk.JPG (2017)



Room: G.41 Entrance Hall [plates 85, 85A, 85B, 85C, 85D, 85E]

General Description: Entrance Hall: the Administration Entrance Hall is one of the most impressive spaces within the building due to its use of sophisticated materials and fine detailing. The hall leads to a spectacular Imperial staircase, which serves the ground to second floor. Despite having few windows, Uren cleverly introduced light into the hall via a series of glazed screens.

Full-height screens (nickel-plated) divide the Entrance Hall from the former Rates Office, the Assembly Hall Foyer and the former General Clerk's Room, the glass is etched and has the geometric pattern, found elsewhere in the building. There are further matching doors with overlights dividing the office corridor from the Hall. Some of the glass to the Rate's Office screen and those to the office corridors been replaced by Georgian wired glass [Plate 85G].

There are photographs of the Administration Entrance Hall on completion in the 1930s in the Photograph Collection of the British Architectural Library at the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Significance: Highest

Use: Entrance Hall.

Ceiling: Original half-barrel strip lights to the ceiling (removed during site visit), globe pendants and flush light boxes to the underside of the stair [plate 85F].

Walls: Lined with Perrycot stone and the columns flanking the stair (which support the tower) and skirtings are picked out in Ashburton marble.

Windows: Original steel casement windows to east wall behind reception area.

Doors: Various: with glass doors to south (as part of glazed screen) and panelled timber to north; some have been boarded.

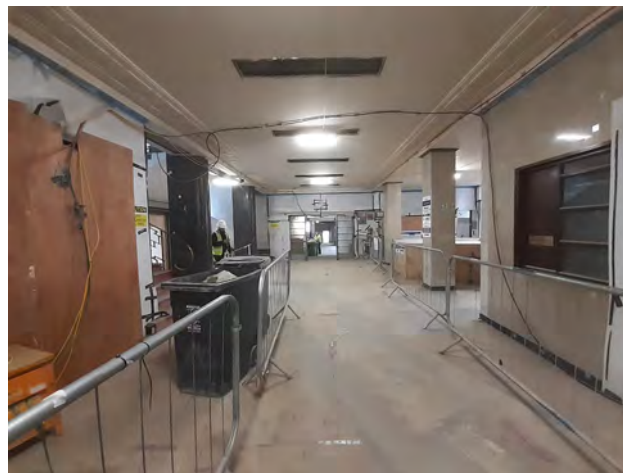
Floor: Most areas covered, but existing is cream terrazzo, with brass expansion joints. There is a Greek key-motif cornice and a brass trim.

Fittings: Most of the previously mentioned items have been covered for protection, but noted below from the 2017 inspection notes: there is an Enquiry Desk and Hall Porter's enclosure, both housed in curved-in-plan kiosks [plate 85F]; a glazed screen has been added over the counter of the Enquiry Desk. The built-in desk is a modern 1950s style reproduction (the original one is currently on the first-floor landing). The east wall contains a large steel-framed casement with etched glass which matches the screens. Below is built-in bench seating (framed with Perrycot stone), with original leather cushions. There is a timber civilian war memorial case (1939-1945) attached to the north wall.





85 G.41 Entrance Hall looking east to the 'service' court



85B G.41 Entrance Hall looking north, with the main entrance on the left



85C G.41 Entrance Hall looking west to Imperial staircase



85A G.41 Entrance Hall looking south, with the main entrance on the right



85D G.41 Entrance Hall screen at south end



85F Ground Floor, Main Entrance Hall, G.41 (2017)



85E G.41 Entrance Hall light switches



85G Ground Floor, Main Entrance Hall, G.41 (2017)



85H Ground Floor, main entrance lobby and stair ST.03 (2017)

Room: G.42 Entry [plate 86]**G.43 Vestibule [plate 86A]**

General Description: Vestibule and entrance to the Administration Entrance Hall. The Vestibule has an outer and inner door, with the entrance being a small area under the main entrance stair. On entering the building there are 3 steps up to the main entrance area.

Significance: Highest

Use: Entrance.

Ceiling: Bronze-panelled with flush light boxes.

Walls: Vestibule walls lined with Perrycot stone.

Windows: -

Doors: It has decorative bronze gates which were presumably closed at night; they feature stylised animals including horses, squirrels, owls and storks [plate 86B]. There is a matching bronze grille fitted externally over the overlight. There are two panelled timber doors off the vestibule, leading to ST.08 and G.39. G.42 is set beneath the main staircase. Temporary inner doors to Vestibule during the construction works.

Floor: Vestibule floor lined with Perrycot stone.

Fittings: Some switches in Vestibule.



86 G.42 Entrance





86A G.43 Vestibule



86B Bronze gate to the administrative entrance (2017)

Room: G.45 Men's Lavatory [plate 87 and 87A]

General Description: Men's Lavatory, adjacent to Stair ST-02.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Toilets.

Ceiling: Ceiling removed; bare structure visible.

Walls: Precast terrazzo tiles with bitumen joints to walls (up to head height with contrasting yellow trim). Painted plaster to some upper sections of walls, other plaster areas removed.

Windows: Steel-framed casements with terrazzo sills.

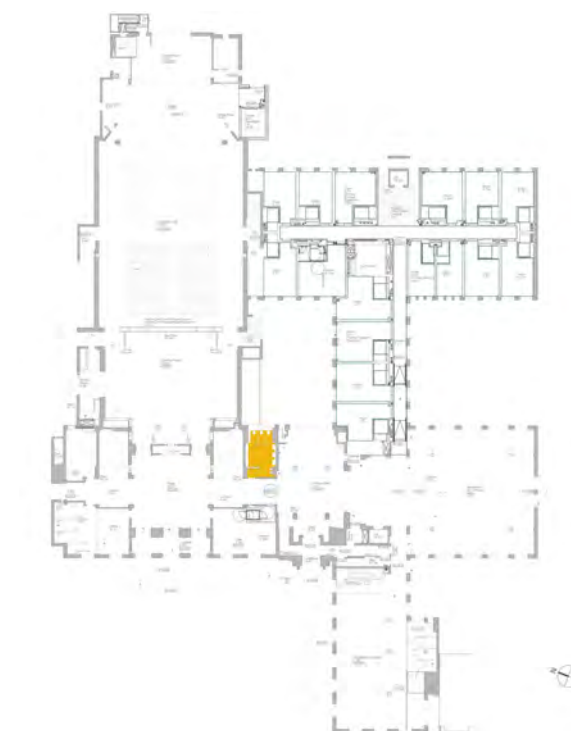
Doors: Door with some original ironmongery, including panelled door to G.45 [plate 87B].

Floor: As for walls.

Fittings: Terrazzo cubicles. Urinals retained. Sinks, taps and other fixtures and fittings removed.



87 G.45 Men's Lavatory looking east





87A G.45 Men's Lavatory looking south



87B G.45 entrance door

Room: G.48 Café [plate 88]

G.48a Servery

General Description: Servery and Cafe

Significance: Moderate

Use: Food & Beverage.

Ceiling: Painted plaster. Metal radiator panels are set within the ceiling.

Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: Bronze-framed casements with metal sills in the west wall.

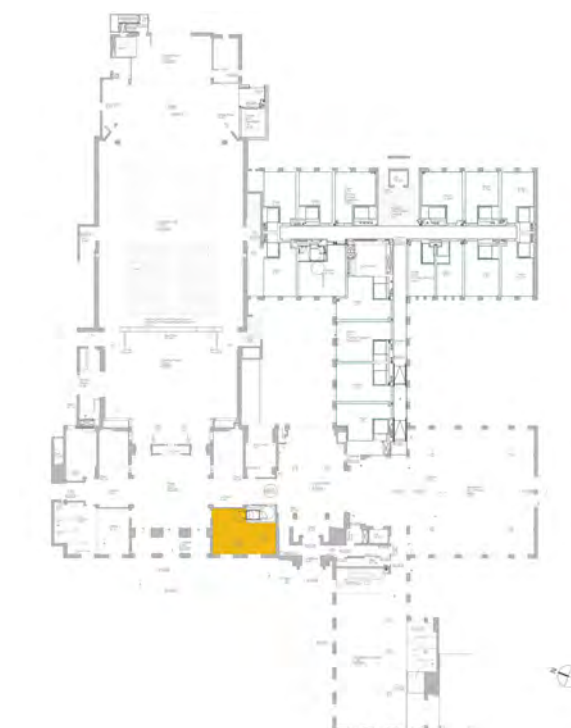
Doors: Timber with signage.

Floor: Part terrazzo (in public areas) and part parquet (behind the now-lost counter).

Fittings: Surface-mounted services, modern counter and modern pendant lights.



88 G.48 Cafe



Room: G.49 Vestibule [plates 89, 89A]

General Description: Vestibule to Assembly Hall Foyer. The inner reveals of the three main entrance doors are clad in Ashburton-marble (to G.55 Foyer). Two of the outer entrances have been temporarily closed with a temporary door in the outer door in the remaining outer entrance.

Significance: Highest

Use: Entrance.

Ceiling: Plaster.

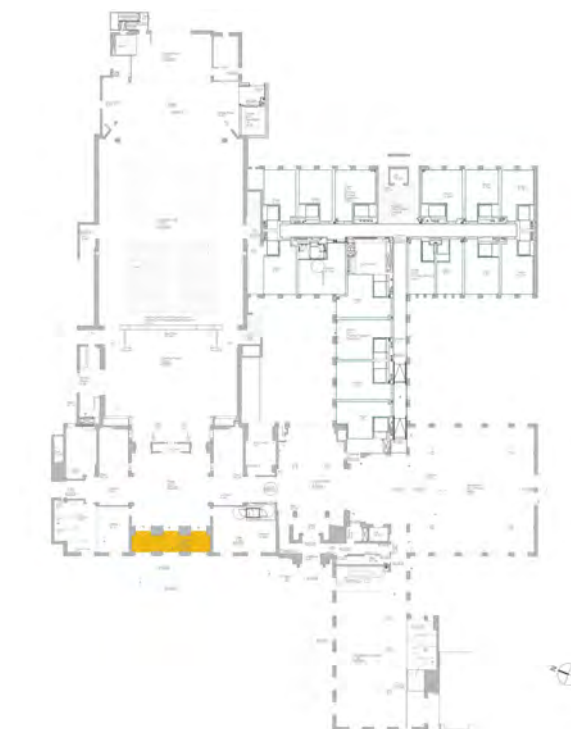
Walls: Decorative brick band detailing with curved brick reveals to outer doors.

Windows: None.

Doors: Inner doors are solid timber with channelled detail and portholes (modern), over which are large original overlights with sandblasted and etched glass [plate 90C]. Outer doors have been removed and openings boarded, but shutters appear to be intact.

Floor: Cream terrazzo, with a pale blue threshold [plate 90E].

Fittings: Ceiling radiator lights, light switches [plate 90B and 90D].





89 G.49 Vestibule looking north



89A G.49 Vestibule, entrance door opening



89B G.49 Vestibule ceiling radiator lights



89D G.49 Vestibule switchplates and fittings set into decorative brickwork



89C G.49 Vestibule inner entrance door



89E G.49 Vestibule floor finish details including for floor mounted hinge plates

Room: G.50 Retail [plate 90 and 90A]

General Description: Retail space located north of G.49 Vestibule.

Significance: High

Use: Retail.

Ceiling: Painted plaster.

Walls: Painted plaster.

Windows: One original steel casement window.

Doors: Original timber

Floor: Part terrazzo (in public areas) with other areas being parquet but covered during site visit.

Fittings: Cloakroom counter remains (previously, a screen would have guided women to the WCs across the corridor).



90 G.50 Retail



90A G.50 Retail original furniture and door



Room: G.50a Public Lavatories [plate 91]

General Description: Public Lavatories which include a Unisex disabled WC.

Significance: Neutral

Use: Toilets.

Ceiling: Modern ceiling under construction.

Walls: Modern painted plaster.

Windows: One original steel casement window.

Doors: None in place during site visit.

Floor: Covered during site visit (could be part terrazzo and part parquet).

Fittings: None of note.



91 G.50a Public Lavatories



Room: G.54 Ladies' Lavatory [plate 92 and 92A]

General Description: Ladies' Lavatory, adjacent to Stair ST-01.

Significance: Moderate

Use: Toilets.

Ceiling: Ceiling removed; bare structure visible.

Walls: Precast terrazzo tiles with bitumen joints to walls (up to head height with contrasting yellow trim). Painted plaster to some upper sections of walls, other plaster areas removed.

Windows: Steel-framed casements with terrazzo sills.

Doors: Door with some original ironmongery, including panelled door to G.54

Floor: As for walls.

Fittings: Terrazzo cubicles. Sinks, taps and other fixtures and fittings removed.



92 G.54 Ladies Lavatory looking back to entrance door



92A G.54 Ladies Lavatory looking east



Room: G.55 Foyer including [plate 93, 93A and 93B]

G.52 Corridor [plate 93C] and G.53 Exit

G.46 Corridor [plate 93D]

General Description: This is the Foyer to Assembly Hall, another of the building's prominent public spaces, though it is less elaborate than the Entrance Hall. There are two sets of double doors to the Assembly Hall, these are veneered with portholes (with later wired glass) brass pull handles, with fluted timber friezes over and are framed by Ashburton marble jambs and reveals [plate 93E]. Between these doors the former Ticket Office is set into the wall, which is fronted by silver openwork screens.

There are male and female cloakrooms and WCs arranged off the Foyer via the corridors G.46 and G.52. These spaces have veneered doors and retain original ironmongery, although there has been some change to the internal layout and finishes of these spaces. There are terrazzo lined steps and etched glass screens with double doors through to the Entrance Hall [plate 93F].

There were a number of appealing additional features and fittings in this area mentioned in the 2017 inspection, including the ceiling-hung 'WAY OUT' signs and cigarette butt plates. There is modern illuminated artwork (depicting the architect - Uren) and signage attached to the walls [plate 93F].

There are photographs of the Assembly Hall foyer on completion in the 1930s in the Photograph Collection of the British Architectural Library at the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Significance: Highest

Use: Entrance Hall (Arts Centre Assembly Hall)

Ceiling: Contains a series of five metal-framed borrowed lights, divided by painted timber panels, which now conceal lighting, the original arrangement although this was historically supplemented by pendant lights. There is ongoing work to the ceiling and borrowed lights.

Walls: Finished with Perrycot stone, with Ashburton marble to the skirtings, to the jambs of the Assembly Hall doors and as a trim to walls. The upper portion of the walls are plastered.

Windows: None

Doors: Original inner entrance doors (three sets) from G.49 Vestibule and two sets of doors to G.55a Function Room and Assembly Hall beyond.

Floor: Made up of cream and pale blue terrazzo tiles with guiding strips, and ebonite expansion joints.

Fittings: Mostly covered during site visit





93 G.55 Foyer looking towards Assembly Hall



93B G.55 Foyer looking towards Assembly Hall



93A G.55 Foyer looking towards G.41 Entrance Hall



93D G.46 Corridor looking towards G.55 Foyer



93C G.52 Corridor looking towards G.55 Foyer



93F Ground Floor, Assembly Hall Foyer, G.55 (2017)



93E Ground Floor, entrance doors to the Assembly Hall from the foyer G.55 (2017)

Room: **G.55a Function Room [plate 94, 94A and 94B]**

G.55b Bar/BOH (part of G.55a Function Room)

G.56 Box Office (No Access, Dec 2022)

G.56a Cupboard and G.56b Cupboard

General Description: This is a new space Function Room, previously part of G.57; the original ceiling layout has been retained, with much of the panelled walls to be reinstated, see historic photo [plate 94C]. There are two new lobbies at either corner of the room, which leads into G.57a Assembly Hall.

Significance: Highest

Use: Arts Centre Function Space.

Ceiling: The ceiling has 5 coffered panels (previously with disc shaped light fittings); painted plaster.

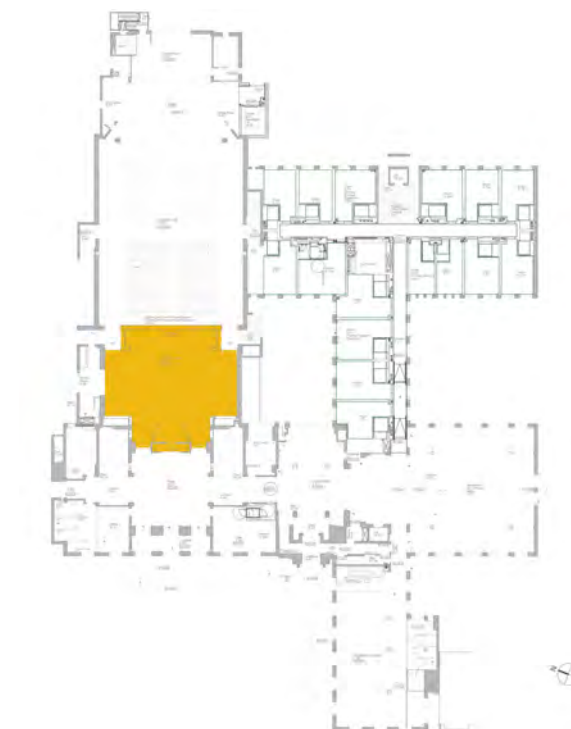
Walls: Painted plaster and panelled walls (some areas to be reinstated – construction works ongoing during site visit, Dec 2022). The walls here are panelled with veneered walnut, set out in geometric pattern. There is a timber panelled hatch through to the servery (G.66) [plate 94B]. The vents for the heating system are framed by timber architraves with timber louvers. There are two veneered columns behind the Box Office.

Windows: None.

Doors: Two sets of entrance doors into G.55 foyer.

Floor: Narrow floorboards.

Fittings: None during site visit (construction ongoing, Dec 2022). G.56Bar: the 2017 inspection noted for timber-framed opening and counter onto the Foyer. Original light switchboard.





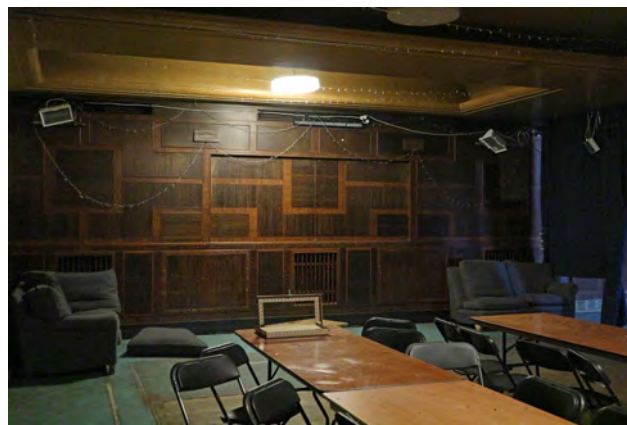
94 G.55a Function Room looking towards G.55 Foyer



94A G.55a Function Room looking south; image shows some retained furniture and lighting fixtures being stored for re-use



94B G.55a Function Room, looking towards G66 Servery Pantry, image shows panelled wall to this north side of the room



94C Former Ground Floor, Assembly Hall, this section now to be used as G.55a Function Room next to Servery Pantry (2017)