

F: Committee Room

Extract below from Historic Building Report;

Former Committee Rooms. These grand rooms are set over the Foyer to the Assembly Hall; they are currently in use as a single room, though have the capacity to be broken down into three rooms by concertina doors, hidden within the full-height walnut panelling [Plate 83]. The end walls are faced in cork and the floor is parquet, with a Perrycot stone border. There are three sets of double doors flanked by two outer single doors (for service); all are faced in walnut with decorative banding to match the Committee Room and have original ironmongery including Britten door closers. There are seven tall bronze-framed casements with timber beading in the west wall. The ceiling contains large rectangular recesses, which was part of the heating / cooling system. It is faced in modern acoustic tiles. There are globe pendants, clock and switch plates. The furniture is not original to this room. There are photographs of the Committee Rooms on completion in the 1930s in the Photograph Collection of the British Architectural Library at the Royal Institute of British Architects. (shown right)



Committee Rooms

Summary; Similarly to the council chamber, the overall strategy for the committee rooms is to return the space back to its original design and use as a focal meeting point and events space, with the ability returned to divide the space through panelled moving walls.

Walls; The walls are clad with walnut veneer panels which is in relatively good condition and are to be lightly refurbished as the already approved sample. The side walls are cork tiled, which shows some sign of wear including some cracked and damaged tiles, the cork is to remain in-situ, repaired and refurbished.

Windows; The existing crittall windows are to be refurbished and repaired as existing.

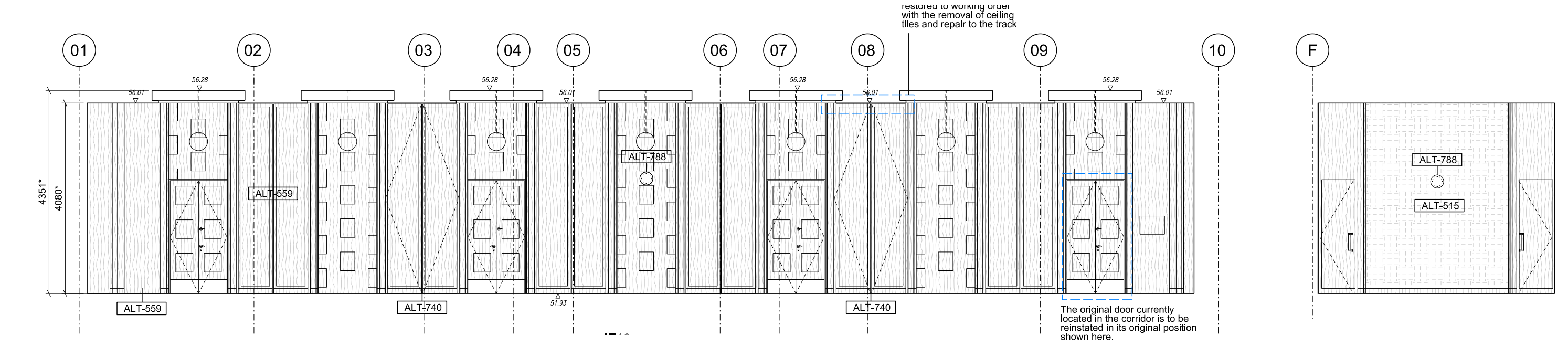
Doors; There are 4 no. doors that lead into the meeting room the adjoining corridor. Of which one door has been swapped with another existing door. To bring back the original design this door has been relocated back to its initial position in its structural opening. Additionally there are two numbers of existing ‘walls’ which act as dividing walls across the space, recessed behind double doors which form part of the panelling.

Detailed method statements have been submitted for the refurbishments of different architectural items. Referenced on the drawings with relevant codes to below drawings as below;

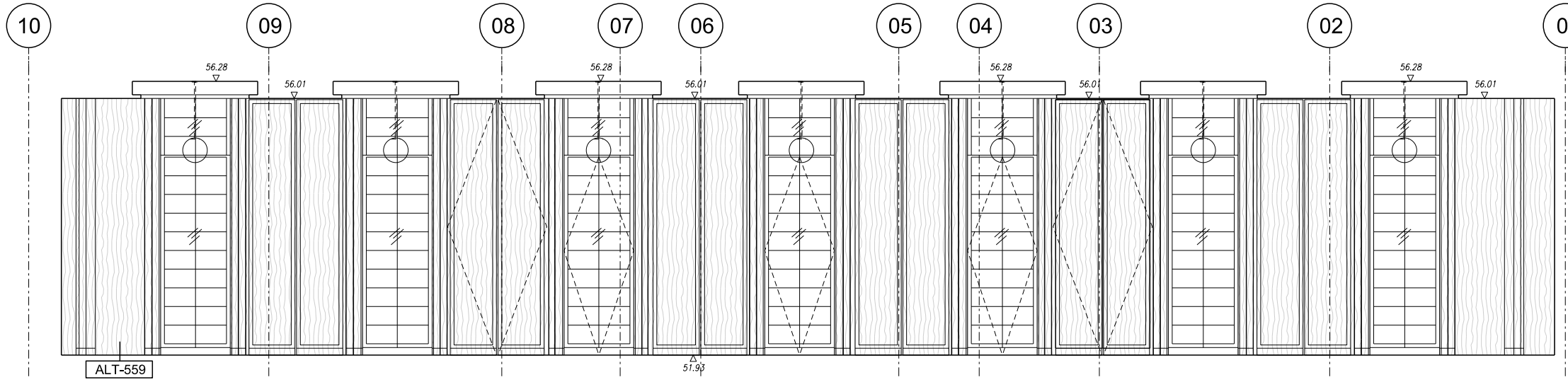
- ALT-515 Repairs to cork wall surface
- ALT-559 Refurbishment of veneered wall lining
- ALT-740 Refurbish Movable/Moving Wall System
- ALT-788 Refurbishment of existing clocks



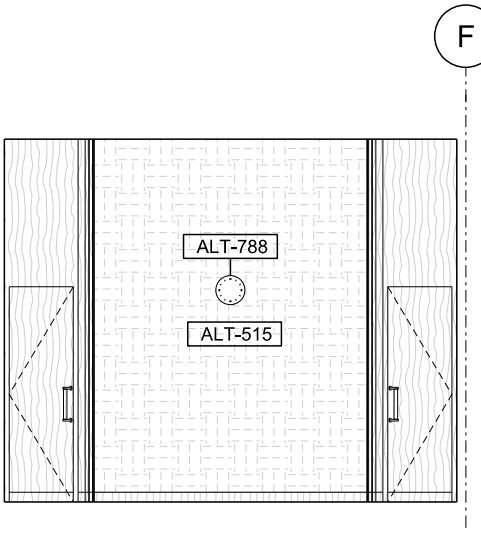
ALT-559 Refurbishment of veneered wall lining
The existing walnut veneered panelling was in a general condition and it to be refurbished to a near new condition. An approved sample of repair has been review and agreed on site and a detailed method statement of the works as the approved sample has been submitted.



01 Internal Elevation
1:50



02 Internal Elevation
1:50



Original clocks are at opposite ends within the cork walling. The clocks were previously wired and connected to the Synchronome master clock. Due to the relocation of the clock to a central location on the



ALT-559 Refurbishment of veneered wall lining
Existing cork wall shows signs of wear, a sample of refurbishment has been approved on site (as bottom right panel). The cork is to be repaired in situ and where significant damage to tiles as middle right hand side, tiles are to be replaced with matching tiles as the approved sample

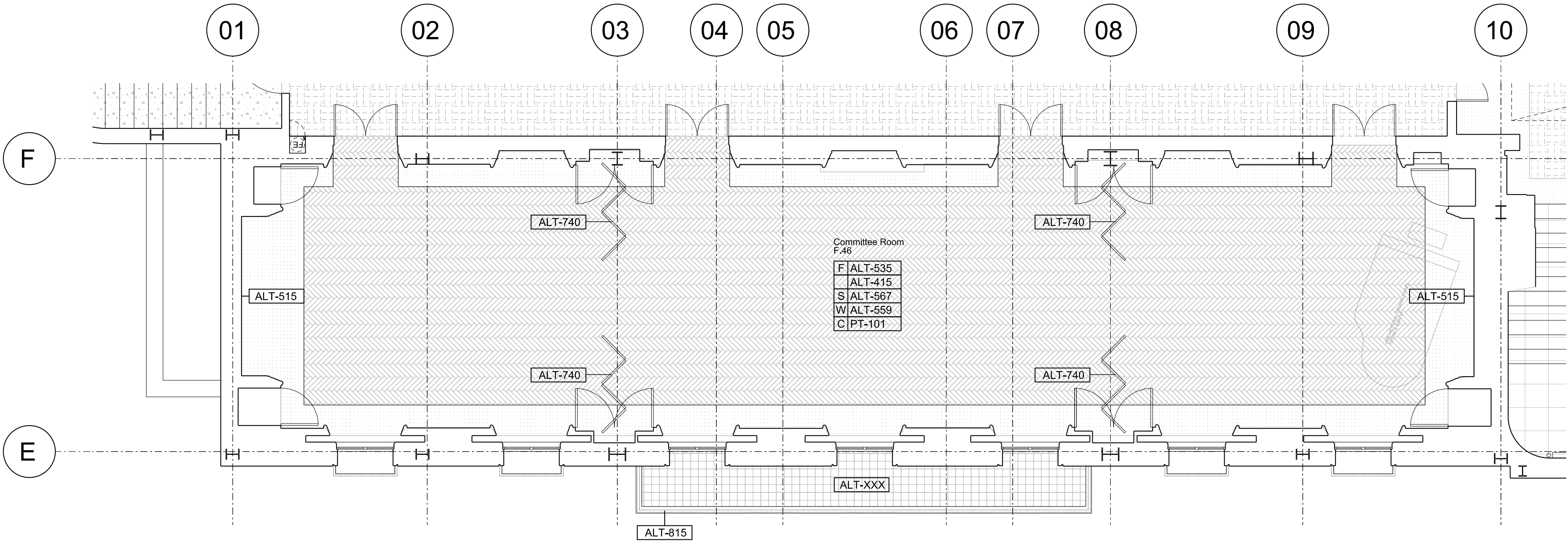
Committee Rooms

The general arrangement plan of the committee rooms remains as existing. With a large event space with the ability to be sub-divided using folding walls.

Floor finishes; Existing flooring is to remain and to be refurbished and repaired.

Detailed method statements have been submitted for the refurbishments of different architectural items. Referenced on the drawings with relevant codes to below drawings as below;

- ALT-415 Stone Floor Repairs
- ALT-515 Repairs to cork wall surface
- ALT-535 Repairs to Herringbone Flooring
- ALT-559 Refurbishment of veneered wall lining
- ALT-740 Refurbish Movable/Moving Wall System
- ALT-788 Refurbishment of existing clocks



ALT-535 Repairs to Herringbone Flooring
Existing timber herringbone flooring had localised damage that was apparent with areas heavily scratched and surface inconsistencies with marks and stain - the refurbishment of the flooring is bring the floor up to a good quality while maintaining its aged appearance.



ALT-415 Stone Floor Repairs
Stone borders to perimeter of flooring. The stone is generally in good condition but appears worn with some hairline cracks - to be refurbished as relevant method statement.



Existing tiles on balcony are to be replaced with new like-for-like replacement tiles.

Balustrade is to be repaired and refurbished - previous poor quality plastic guard has been removed as approved scheme.



To reduce the impact on the original panelling, sockets have been installed within the original curtain recesses

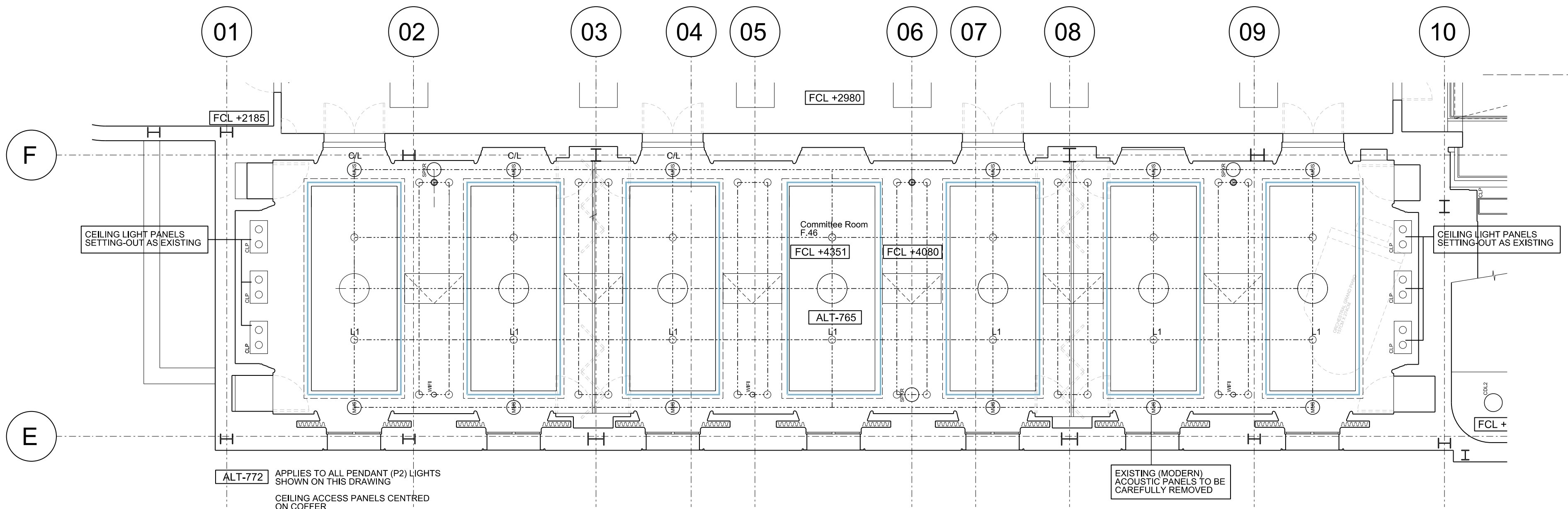
Committee Rooms

Ceiling; The ceiling within the committee room has had modern acoustic ceiling panels installed into the space, with damage to the sliding panel system rails. The perimeter of the ceiling to the windows was also worn and some areas displayed obvious signs of damp from roof leakage. Due to the wide extent of refurbishment required and the strategy of heating supplied via FCU within the ceiling voids the whole ceiling has been taken down and replaced with a new plasterboard ceiling. The layout of the ceiling including the coffers and their details has been replicate within the new ceiling.

Lighting; Lighting is provided via the original fittings which have been refurbished and relamped with modern LED fittings. To meet the LUX requirements additional downlights have also been installed with frames to match existing ceiling colour. LED strip lighting has been included within the coffers as an architectural feature.

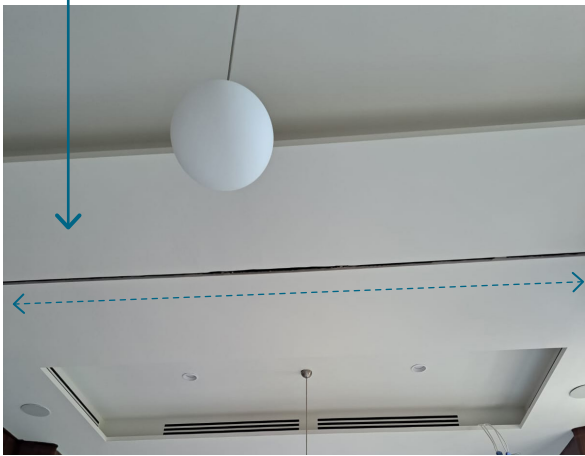
Detailed method statements have been submitted for the refurbishments of different architectural items. Referenced on the drawings with relevant codes to below drawings as below;

- ALT-415 Stone Floor Repairs
- ALT-515 Repairs to cork wall surface
- ALT-559 Refurbishment of veneered wall lining
- ALT-740 Refurbish Movable/Moving Wall System
- ALT-788 Refurbishment of existing clocks
- ALT-772 Refurbish Light Fitting



Modern introduction of acoustic ceiling panels blocking function of sliding dividing panels removed.

New flush plasterboard ceiling installed replacing acoustic panels, with track for partitions refurbished



Existing globe pendant lights have been refurbished and relamped with modern LED fittings and reinstated in original position.

New ventilation and heating units with plastered in slot grilles within coffers.

Modern fixings such as downlights, fire alarm and speakers have been introduced to meet the modern requirements of the room. These have been chosen to have minimal visual impact

