

## 4.5 Consultation process

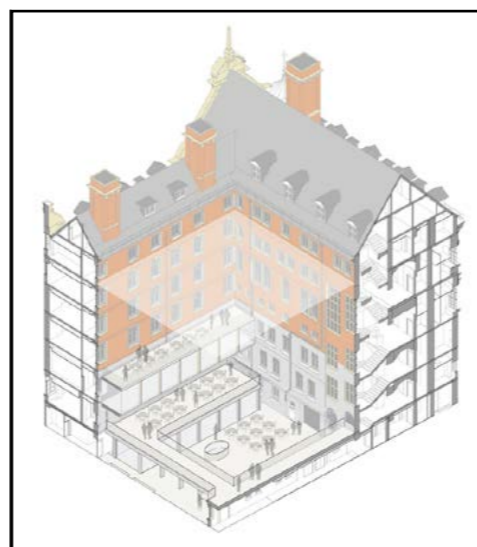
### 4.5.1 Key points from consultation advice

4.5.1.1 The proposals for Norman Shaw North have been informed by an iterative process of pre-application engagement with Westminster City Council (WCC) and Historic England (HE), which involved a series of meetings and/or site visits with the design team since June 2017.

4.5.1.2 Early engagement with WCC and HE established NSN to be the “set-piece” of the Northern Estate and during the original masterplan optioneering process, WCC advised that initial proposals for substantive infill development to the courtyard would be resisted. Instead, WCC and HE agreed that options for a more lightweight and transparent roof structure should be explored. Designs for the roof structure were developed and refined in an iterative process of consultation with both WCC and HE.

4.5.1.3 Proposals for the distribution of services within NSN were also subject to detailed discussions with WCC and HE. As a result, the instances of clashes between riser volumes and windows have been minimised and existing chimneys utilised to conceal new kitchen flue risers. Proposals for adaptations to the roof including the introduction of louvres to the low level perimeter of the inner roof were also discussed with WCC and HE and the design refined accordingly.

4.5.1.4 A number of key design decisions have been influenced by the pre-application discussions and advice offered by both WCC and HE as well as other parties. A selection of these are shown in chronological order on the adjacent timeline.



#### 10th May Pre-application meeting

- Transparent roof structure over the courtyard should be explored
- Main roof ventilation strategy options: use of existing dormer windows, the use of chimneys and the creation of new openings within the pitch of the roof.

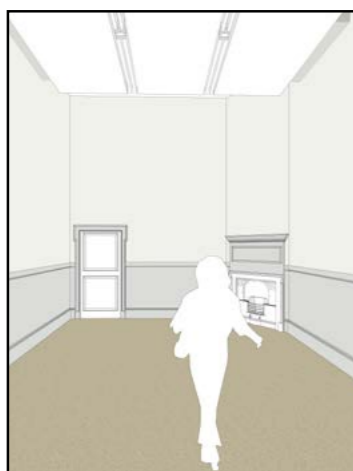
2018



#### 21st June Pre-application meeting

- Roof: Option 1 ‘Clear Span Roof’ preferred by Historic England (HE) and Westminster City Council (WCC).
- Support for the roof structure to be as ‘simple as possible’, retain transparency and overall ‘not compete with the significance of the space’.





**22nd January  
Pre-application meeting**

- The extent of proposed basement slab removal
- Main roof ventilation strategy options.
- Services riser locations on a floor by floor basis horizontal services distribution strategy



**25th April  
Pre-application meeting**

- Alternative levels for the courtyard roof including structural strategy
- Main roof ventilation development
- Updated riser arrangements which no longer clash with windows
- The proposed fire upgrade strategy was presented, this comprises a number of new lobbied spaces and a new opening on the west elevation that mimics an existing opening below.

2019

**17th April  
Design council presentation**

- Level of courtyard roof to be explored
- Density of services
- Use existing chimneys for ventilation

**30th May  
NEP public consultation lasting two months**

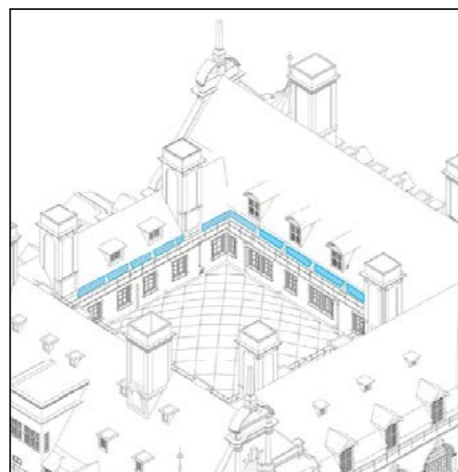
- Five day public exhibition
- Support received for atrium proposals



**17th July  
Design council presentation**

- 'NSN Courtyard roof will create a space with architectural integrity'
- Concern raised regarding the impact of servicing within Shaw buildings
- Refine structural solutions for NSN roof and acoustic strategy for courtyard space

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
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**7th March  
Pre-application site walk**

This site walk was utilised to cover proposals throughout the basement, including southern vault areas, as well as main roof ventilation proposals



**19th June  
Pre-application meeting**

- A detailed appraisal of the courtyard roof level options was presented with support from the engineering team.
- Design development options for the perimeter detail of the proposed courtyard roof were presented.
- Design proposal options for the north elevation were presented.
- Services distribution development
- Option studies for rooms that contain new risers were tabled

4.5.2 Key points from consultation advice 2020-2021

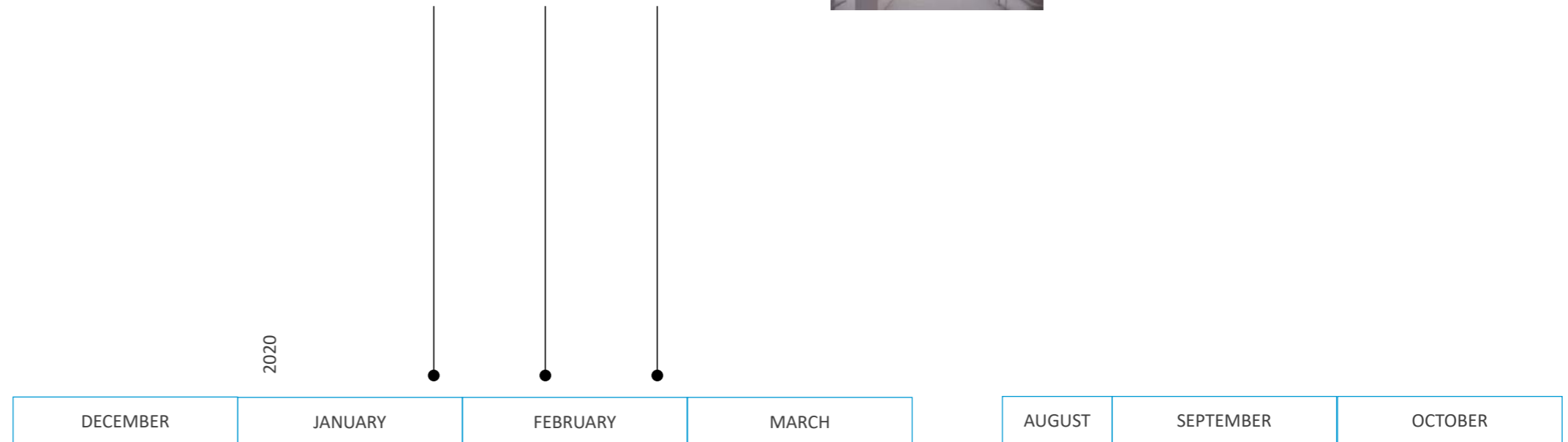
4.5.2.1 Following the submission of the original application, further stakeholder engagement was undertaken in the determination period, during December 2019-February 2020, leading up to the addendum applications in March 2020. This reviewed extent and impact of building services, as well as detailed points around the courtyard finishes, acoustics and lighting, doors and radiators.

4.5.2.2 Following the Strategic Review, the engagement for the envelope listed building consent application works was undertaken in summer 2020, leading up to the application in October 2020. Engagement focussed on the extent and scope of works and the justification thereof, in the context of safeguarding the building for the future.

4.5.2.3 The engagement on Norman Shaw North, as a standalone project, has been undertaken December 2020-February 2021, culminating in the planning and listed building application of March 2021. Here, the review has focussed on the new design requirements, specifically the chiller plant enclosure siting and scale, where the requirement for a sense of architectural permanence was conveyed, and landscape adaptations where a general simplification and reference to the Whitfield design was suggested.

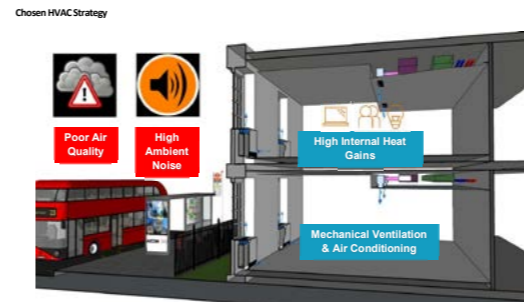
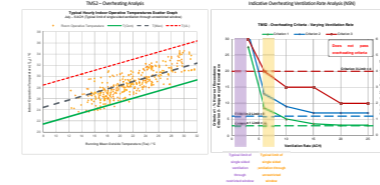
27th January, 12th and 25th February NEP2 Pre-determination meetings

- Services design in offices and corner rooms; minimising impact
- Courtyard roof support and impact
- Acoustic proposals for Courtyard
- Courtyard finishes, linings, openings, oculus detailing
- Understanding of chimney reconstruction



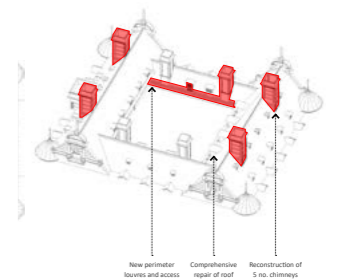
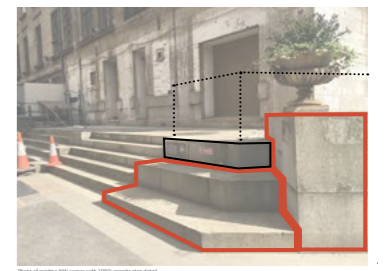
4th December NEP2 Pre-determination meeting

- Review of HE advice letters topics
- Justification of services strategy for NSN and NSS with HE's specialist advisors
- Review of typical offices and impact; requirement for greater granularity with survey information and different conditions



11th August Pre-application meeting

- Envelope application principles
- North elevation
- Roof adaptations and reconstruction
- Landscape adaptations
- Enabling





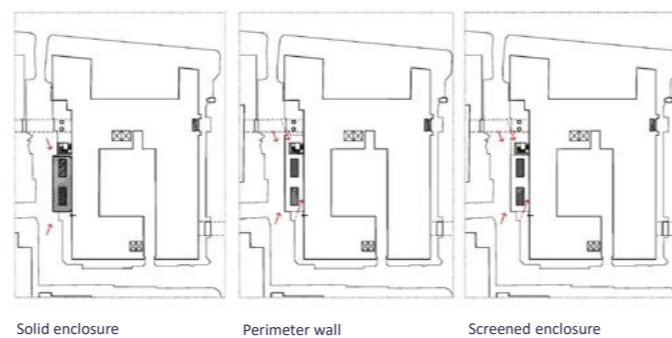
**17th February  
Pre-application meeting**

- Standalone re-cap
- Review of alternative plant locations including RH, ruled out
- Enclosure design development, scale, massing and materiality in relation to lost structure precedent
- Landscape development and cross over - simplification and reference to Whitfield
- Potential to reduce bins or increase amount of screening fencing
- Enabling works updated
- Content of application agreed



**17th December  
Pre-application meeting**

- Standalone principles outlined
- Primary energy supply requirements
- North elevation context and strategy for enclosure design - architectural rather than landscape / screening intervention
- Landscape opportunity to re-set building
- General updates, including piling, east lift core and courtyard improvements



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