

DARBISHIRE BUILDING REFURBISHMENT OF SANITARY ACCOMMODATION
SOMERVILLE COLLEGE, OXFORD
**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT, DAYLIGHT AND SUNLIGHT ASSESMENT, NOISE IMPACT
ASSESMENT.**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: -

Darbishire Building
Somerville College
Woodstock Road
Oxford
OX2 6HD

This document to be read with the separate Heritage Impact Assesment.

LOCATION

The Somerville College site is located to the north of the Oxford city centre and spans between the Woodstock Road and Walton Street. The east elevation of Darbishire building forms the principal college entrance and street frontage onto the Woodstock Road. The building contains the porters lodge and encloses the entrance quad. The north side of the building faces onto the adjacent Radcliffe Observatory Quarter.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The works consist of internal alterations and refurbishment of the sanitary accommodation on the first and second floors with the resultant need for alteration to the external sanitary pipework and extract fan terminations. Three of the existing windows will be replaced whilst scaffold is erected as part of the ongoing College programme to improve the thermal performance of the windows.

PROPOSED USE

The building will continue to be used as student accommodation for the College.

AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT

The development is a reconfiguration of existing sanitary accommodation. The external sanitary pipework will be reduced as a result of the development.

LAYOUT & SCALE

The layout of the accommodation is the result of user demand for facilities with all appliances in one room rather than spread across separate rooms. The scale will remain unchanged.

APPEARANCE

Externally the proposals will result in minor changes to the elevations which will have a positive impact in simplifying the layout and reducing the amount of the external pipework resulting in a less cluttered and visually “busy” elevation. This will assist in maintaining its place as a background building whilst continuing to express the functional nature of this element of the building.

ACCESS

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Access to facilities will be improved as the facilities are located in fewer and larger rooms with more space around the fittings.

DAYLIGHT AND SUNLIGHT ASSESMENT.

The proposed development will have no impact on daylight and sunlight available to neighbours or within the site.

NOISE IMPACT ASSESMENT.

This is an application for the refurbishment of sanitary accommodation and the associated alterations to external pipework, ventilation terminals and the replacement of three windows. There will be no discernible noise impact from the proposed development. The activities within the site and buildings will remain unchanged. The proposed replacement windows will be double glazed replacing single glazed windows, there may therefore be a slight theoretical reduction in any noise emanating from the building, but this will not be noticeable.