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Design Engine have completed the remodelling of the main reception of the Old Building, off Houghton Street, WC2. This is the main entrance foyer to the LSE and its famous Theatre, which was in need of a major transformation to meet current security, access and wayfinding requirements. The project, which was won in competition, includes a new green room for the theatre, toilets, reception and split-level waiting areas. Central to the scheme are glass cabinets, which clad the existing walls, offering information, signage and inspirational extracts from luminaries' speeches given from the theatre.





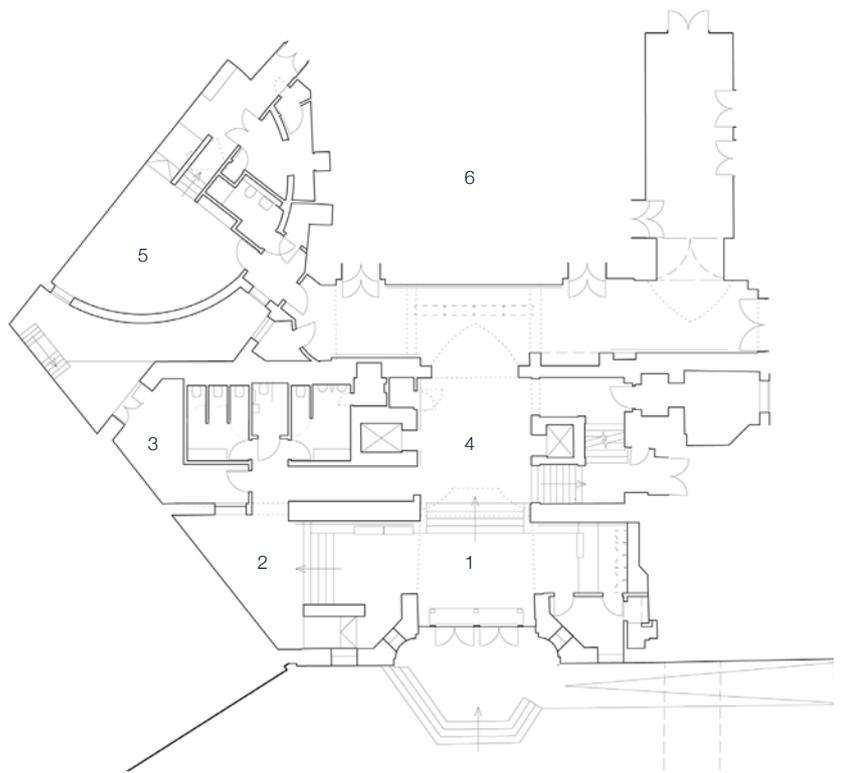


The refurbishment provided the opportunity to improve the access to the Old Building as part of an integrated campus-wide strategy.

Careful consultation was carried out with the LSE's Disability and Wellbeing Services as well as an independent access consultant. Opening the reception area into previously lost cellular rooms allows for an enlarged entrance lobby, DDA compliant desk and a proper waiting area on two levels. New toilet facilities are located on the entrance level rather than the previous arrangement via a tortuous ramp.

Bespoke glass and stainless steel wall cladding units create a consistent datum providing a clear, adaptable and integrated way-finding and information strategy.

The new interior is announced with a red LED glow to the famous entrance portal and the underside of the linking bridge over Houghton Street.



Plan

- 1 reception
- 2 waiting area
- 3 cloakroom
- 4 lobby
- 5 green room
- 6 theatre



Perspective section

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Project Details

Location
London
Houghton Street
WL2A 2AE

Completion Date
2011

Contract Value
£480,000

Area
350 sqm

Project Team

Client
LSE Estates Division

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Inspector
MLM

Main Contractor
**CPL Interiors/Russell
Cawberry**

Old Theatre
Green Room
Student Services
Rooms G.11 to G.33

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... They have had some eyes on the right of all
... from the University of London. This is
... for the past 10 years a lot of work in the field
... to be really good at a lot of things.

... ready for having full support from them in the
... in all areas of our work, making a system, making
... for training and knowledge in fields that are critical
... and our partnership long-term. Your mission
... and of our continuing commitment to our shared goal.

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