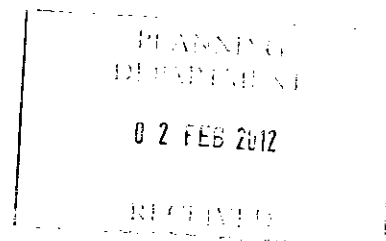


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Planning – Design & Access Statement

Project 0105_UH de Havilland Campus Weston Atrium
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This statement accompanies the Planning Application for a new Student Union at the University of Hertfordshire's de Havilland Campus as part of a larger internal refurbishment project for the Weston Atrium.

Background

The University's de Havilland Campus opened in 2003 and has helped raise the profile of the University as well as providing modern facilities for students, staff and visitors. However, the campus does not have a dedicated Student Union Office the nearest being located on the College Lane Campus approximately a 15 minute walk away. The proposal to build a new 'satellite office' will give the Union a 'shop-front' on the campus enabling it to directly serve the students who live and learn at the on de Havilland Campus, consequently improving the student experience.

Design Concept

The design comprises a single storey structure that in-fills an external neglected landscaping space enclosed by 'The Street' and the Weston Auditorium. This will improve the external environment in addition to providing a central campus location for the Union. The design concept for the building extends the existing single storey building flat roof form that links the Street to the Weston Auditorium. This link currently houses the Green Room and provides access to the auditorium foyer. The proposed area is approximately 86m²; the building height is approximately 3.9m; the width tapers from approximately 5m to 4.2m.

Materials

The proposed external envelope consists of glazing and acrylic render on West elevation to match existing finishes employed elsewhere on campus including the existing link building. A glazed corner allows good visibility when accessing the Street from the Sports Village. A new roof light provides daylight and ventilation to the back office.

Access

Level access is provided throughout the new facility including the back office and reception desk. All spaces have been designed to facilitate access by wheelchair users. The reception desk incorporates an induction loop. The nearest accessible parking bay is located immediately outside main reception at the Eastern end of the Street.

The drawings to accompany this Planning Application are:

01. Existing location plan AB-(EX)-010
02. Existing site plan AB-(EX)-001
03. Existing plans AB-(EX)-100
04. Existing sections A-A & B-B AB-(EX)-301
05. Existing sections C-C, D-D & West elevation AB-(EX)-302
06. Proposed plans AB-(GA)-100
07. Proposed sections A-A & B-B AB-(GA)-301
08. Proposed sections C-C, D-D & West elevation AB-(GA)-302

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