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Aerial view looking north over site



Aerial view looking south east over site

01 Introduction

Purpose

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared to support the planning application for the proposed signage and small improvements at UK DOCKS River Drive, South Sheilds, South Tyneside, NE33 2TR

The purpose of this document is to explain and justify the design of the proposal and how it will be a positive addition to the existing building. It will set out the principles, appearence that will support the submission of the Plannning Application.

Vision

The aspiration for the proposal is to improve the appearance of the existing industrial facilities, formally SAFT warehouse. The proposals will enhance the entrance and provide signage on the building.

This proposal will also provide a secure parking area for visitors and staff accessed via the existing vehicles entrance off River Drive.

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- Application Site
- Improvments to the Entrance and Secure Parking



Aerial view taken from Google Earth Pro

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About UK Docks

UK Docks is a family owned and operated business established in 1992 and proudly delivers a range of services in the maritime sector. Over the years, the company has acquired an excellent reputation in the industry by combining the expertise and experience of its staff.

Originating in the North East of England which remains its' headquarters, UK Docks work across the globe delivering vessel maintenance repair and refit, in-service support, vessel upgrades and modifications, vessel conversions, ship life extension programs, technical and logistical support and comprehensive data management services.

UK Docks facilities include four dry docks, deep water repair berths, eights slipways and boat lifting, transport and storage facilities supported by fully equipped workshops to manage all requirements from small boat maintenance and repair projects to major complex ship conversions.

The starting point for the company's progress is recognition of its responsibilities toward its customers and employees alike and we consciously maintain the highest standards in terms of health and safety, the protection of the environment and the quality of our work.



Existing UK Docks Offices further along River Drive.

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Analysis

Brief

The brief for this project consisted of 4 main criteria, which were:

- Updating the existing elevation to include new corporate signage
- Improve the building entrance and reception
- Provide a secure area for visitor and staff parking
- Improve the physical security and access to the front of the property, in order for the site to be used for the core activities of the Group, and enable compliance with ISO27001 which is mandatory for government contracts.

The applicant wishes for the building to have an improved appearance along River Drive, their signage and materials will also echo the appearance of the headquaters building also on River Drive.

The main change to the building will take the form of a new refurbished entrance canopy positioned in the same place as the existing entrance to improve it visability along the long elevation. Existing windows and surrounds will be refurbished and painted with the view to smarten the buildings appearance and give it a corporate feel.

The current condition of the building appears tired and in despirate need of upgarding and maintenance.

This Design and Access Statement supports the improvments to the building and demonstrates how the building will appear after the enhancements have been made.



View of the existing building in its current confition.

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The Site

The site is located adjacent to the River Tyne, an industrial and active dockyard area owned by UK Docks Marine Service North. UK Docks' is a modern boat yard and workshop facilities, coupled with an excellent diverse range of services and skilled workforce.

The site itself is accessed via River Drive which continues along the length of the site.

River Drive (B1344), also connects Sandhaven Beach to Tyne Docks.

The region around the dock has a mixed industrial-maritime history, though parts have changed over time: some heavy-industry and ship-repair operations remain, others have given way to redevelopment or disuse.

UK Docks' yard offers substantial ship/boat repair, refit and maintenance facilities. On the site they have slipways, berths, and equipment to handle vessels (including repair for local ferries).

The presence of such an active marine-industrial yard means you'll likely see cranes, docksides, vessels in repair or maintenance, heavy-duty workshop infrastructure, and associated marine/industrial paraphernalia rather than purely residential or tourist-style harbour scenery.



Google Earth Pro view looking over the UK Docks site illustration site location

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- Site owned by UK Docks
- New Reception Entrance
- Application Site

Site Photographs

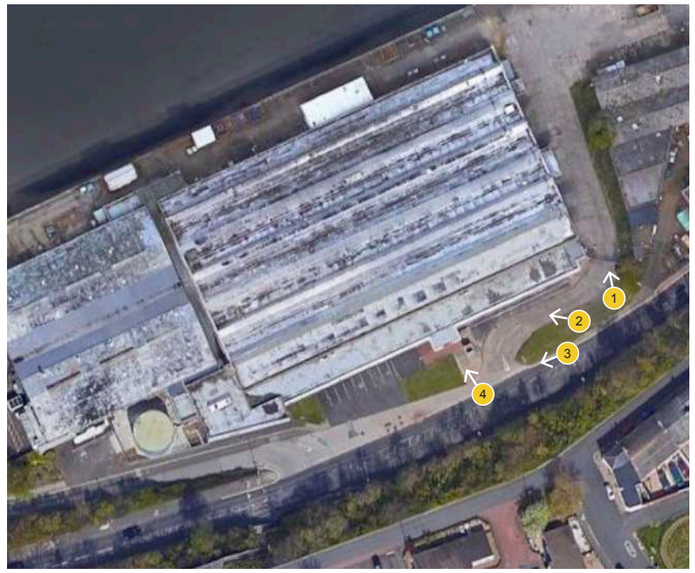


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KEY PLAN



Google Earth preview of views taken of the existing building



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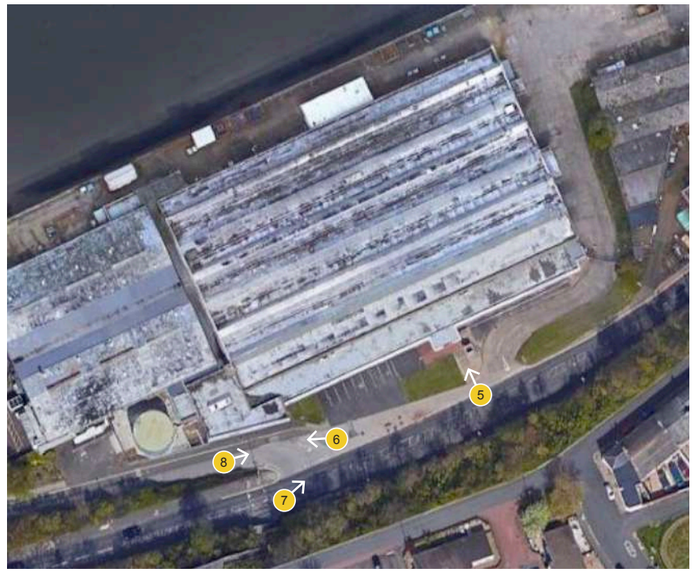


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Concept

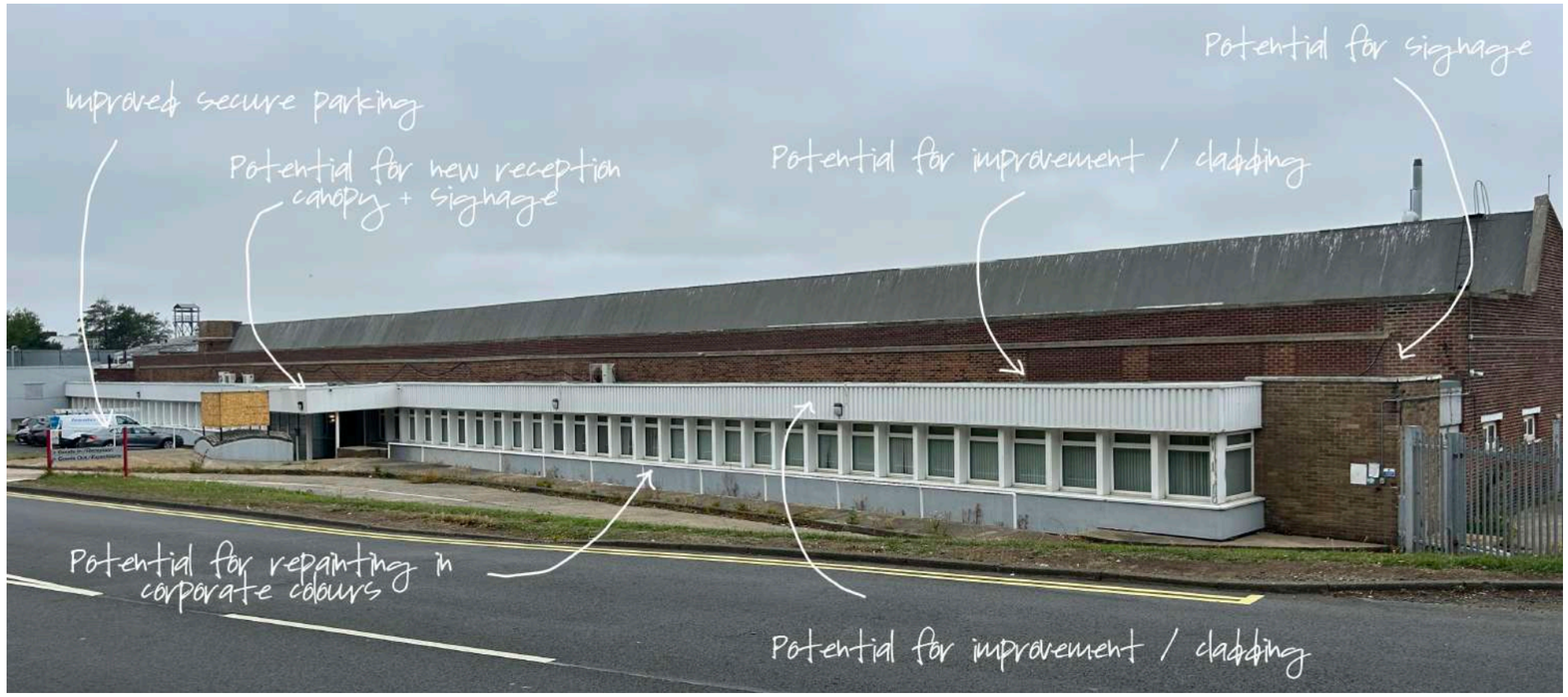
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Development of ideas

Various aspects of the existing building were studied and colour options were tested for suitability and overall appearance.

The existing reception and entrance appeared lost as the elevation was very long and repetitive. There was no distinction in height or significance to the entrance which also appeared tired and in need of repair.

The photos shown here illustrate our initial ideas of how the building's appearance and facade could be improved.





Updated Material Precedents

This page presents an palette / selection of material references that reflect the refined design direction for the proposal.

The precedents demonstrate a balance between durability and visual quality, drawing from contemporary industrial architecture, existing brand colours and the surrounding marina context to inform tone, texture, and finish.

Typically the dominate colours were dark grey, orange and white. These formed the visual palette that also reflected to corporate brand colours for UK Docks.



Grey Cladding in Corporate Colours



Grey Cladding with Branded Signage



Corporate Colours with Branded Signage



Grey windows



Alternative Colours with Branded Signage



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Signage and Colour Palette

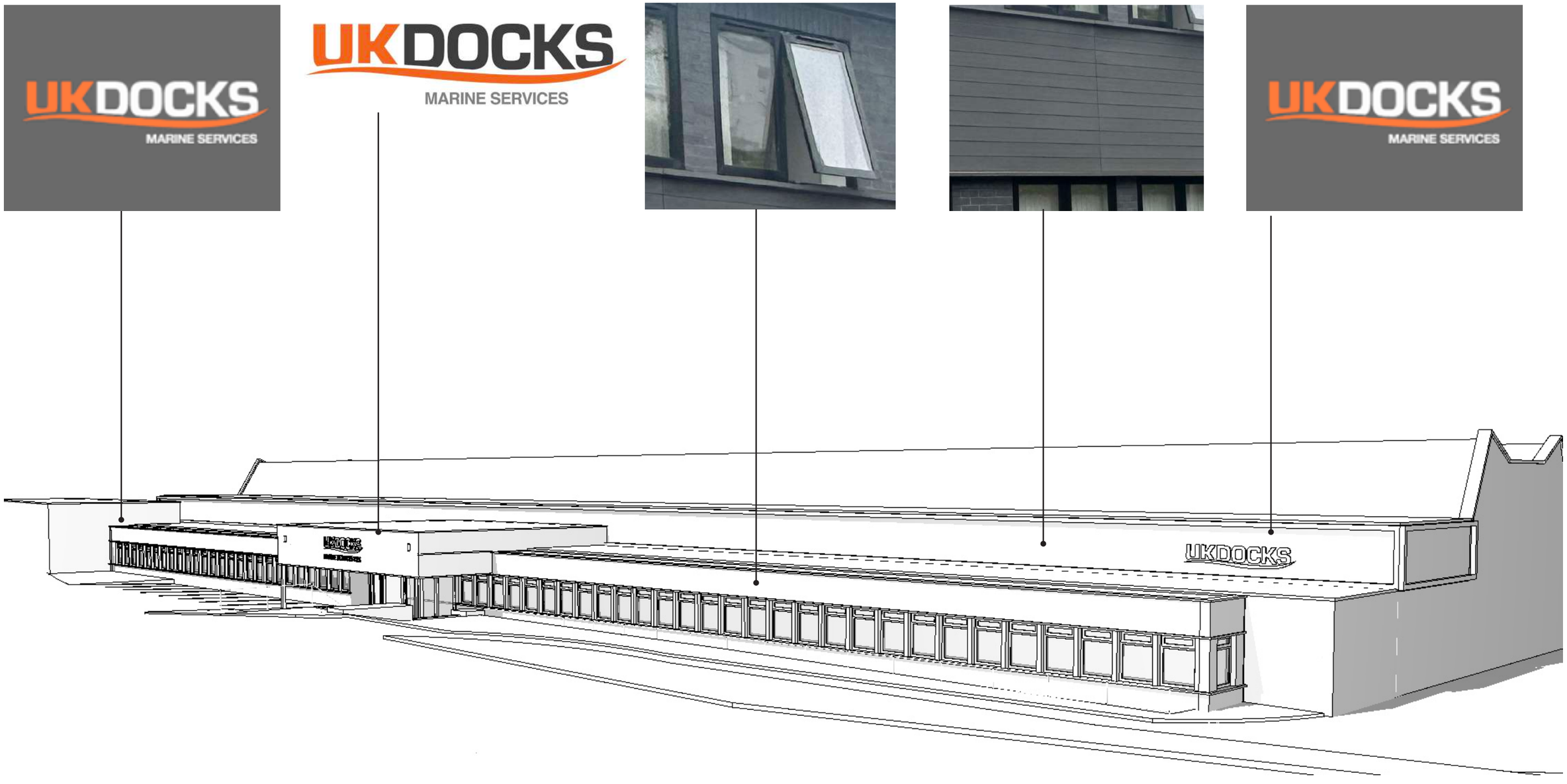
UK Docks Signage

Larger Entrance Canopy

Grey Windows

Grey Cladding

UK Docks Signage



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Proposal

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Elevation Treatment

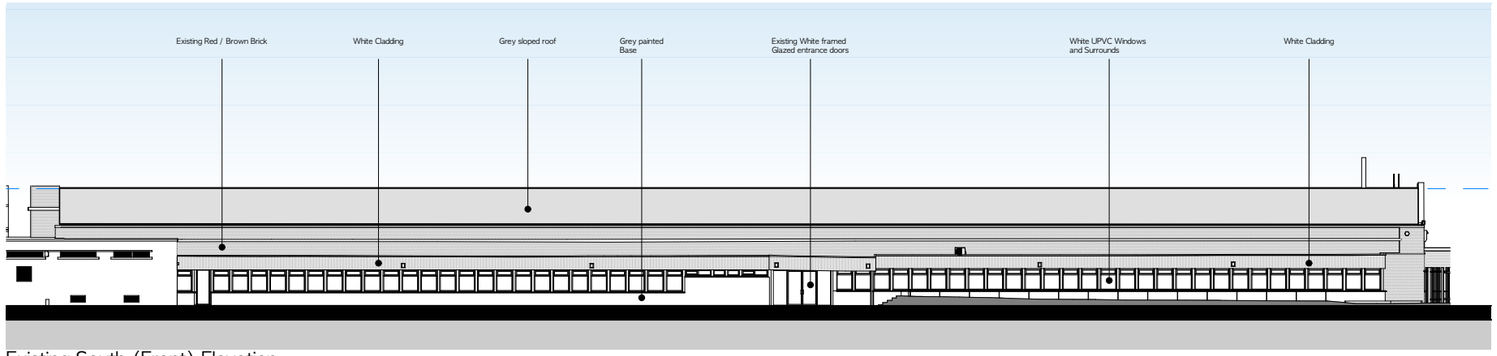
The drawings and illustrations shown here highlight the subtle changes and improvement to the street elevation fronting River Drive. These drawings also form the planning pack submitting with this application.

The UK Docks corporate branding colours have been applied to the existing elevation to give the building identity on the street and improve the existing tired looking elevation.

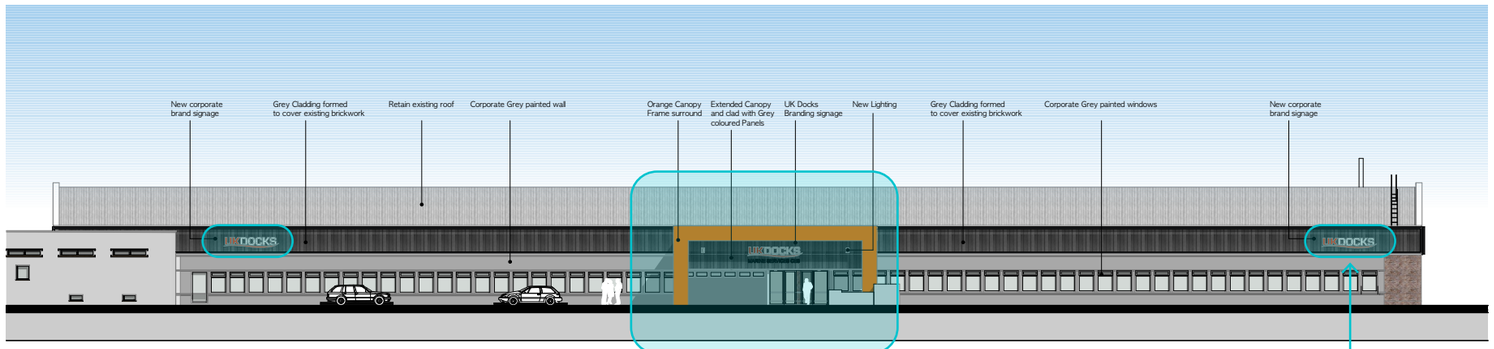
The entrance canopy has been enlarged by 6m and the height increased slightly above the existing line by 1m to define the reception and provide a backdrop for new signage.

To give the elevation a coherent feel, grey cladding panels have been applied to the existing brick facade lifting the quality of the building and also offering further protection, increasing the life of the building.

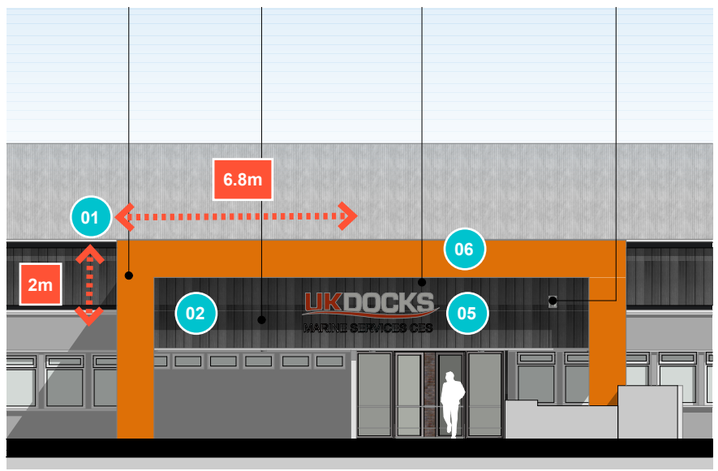
To balance the facade, two further smaller signs have been positioned at either end of the building which also help to break up the long expanse of the existing building.



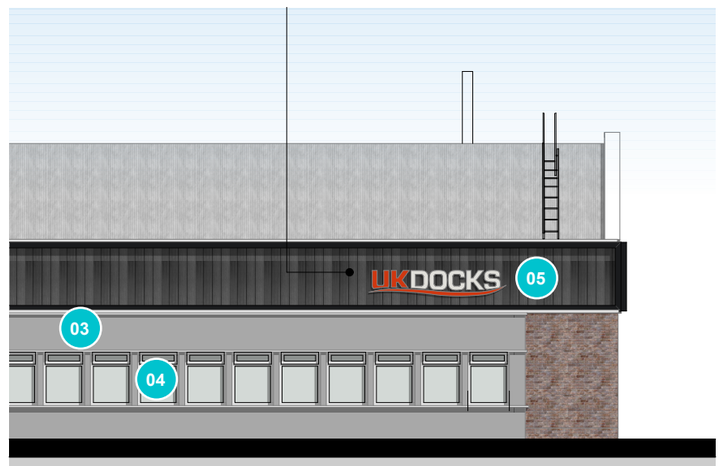
Existing South (Front) Elevation



Proposed South (Front) Elevation



Proposed Elevation C-C



Proposed Elevation D-D
Same Sign either end of the building

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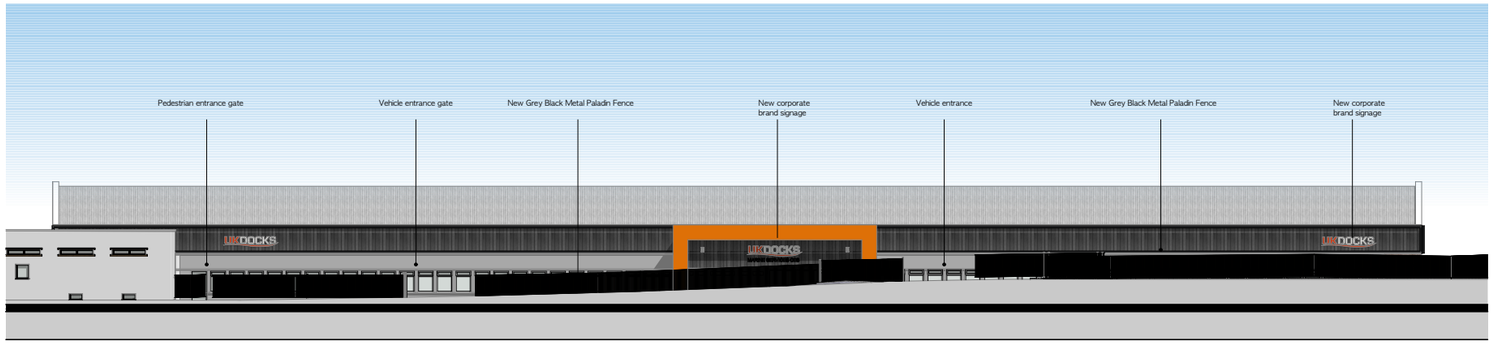
01. Extended and upgraded Reception / Entrance
02. Grey Cladding in corporate colours
03. Grey painted existing facade in corporate colours
04. Grey windows and surrounds
05. New corporate signage
06. Orange Coloured reception frame

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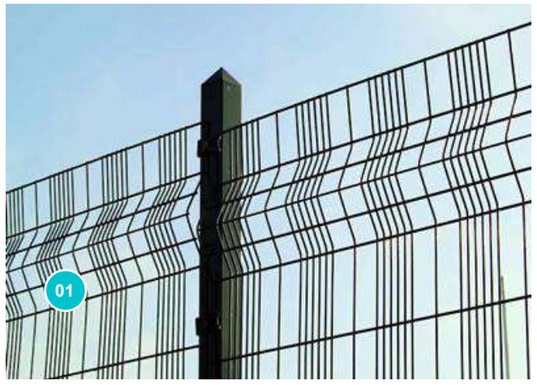
Boundary Paladin Fence

To secure the boundary a new 1.7m high Paladin Fence has been proposed to enclose the street elevation. This will be the similar to the previously approved fencing further along River Drive at the UK Docks office site.

Large gates will allow access to existing vehicle entrance / exits set off the highway edge allowing for visibility along the street. The drawings shown here illustrate the type of fence proposed to secure the perimiter along River Drive.



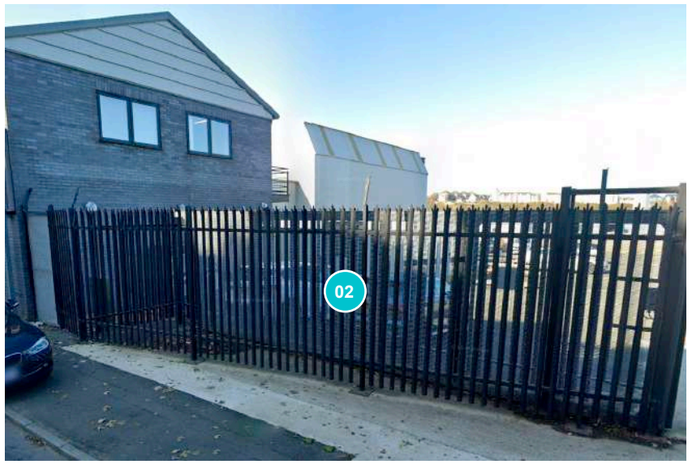
Proposed Street Scene - E-E

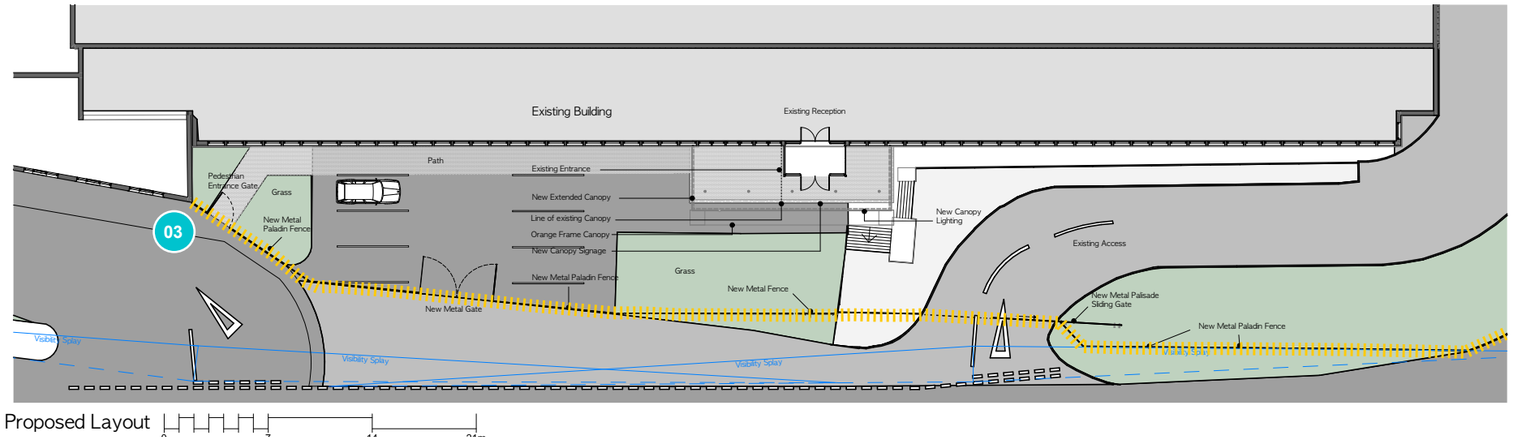


Paladin Fence at 1700mm High



Paladin Fence or similar to match UK Docks office compound





Proposed Layout

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01. Proposed Paladin Fence
02. Existing UK Docks Office and Fence
03. Location of Secure Fence and Gates

Artistic Impression



Proposed Entrance view



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