

Commentary on the Proposed DG.01:



2 Eccleston Street, Prescott c.2018.

The starting point in consideration of what should be proposed for the new main entrance door design (please refer to approved plans and elevations for location) at 2 Eccleston Street is a presumption in favour of restoration. However it is clear that the existing doorset is not the original (please refer to photo above) due to the materials used and the split of the door with a small side light which presumably was installed by the operator in order to comply with DDA guidance to facilitate access for all. As such it is accepted that any replacement will in fact, at best, be a replica as opposed to a true restoration but it is considered that on balance this would be appropriate to the scheme as currently the building remains the victim of a series of ad-hoc window and door replacements which detract significantly from its historical character and value to the area.



Midland Bank, Piccadilly, London c.1980.

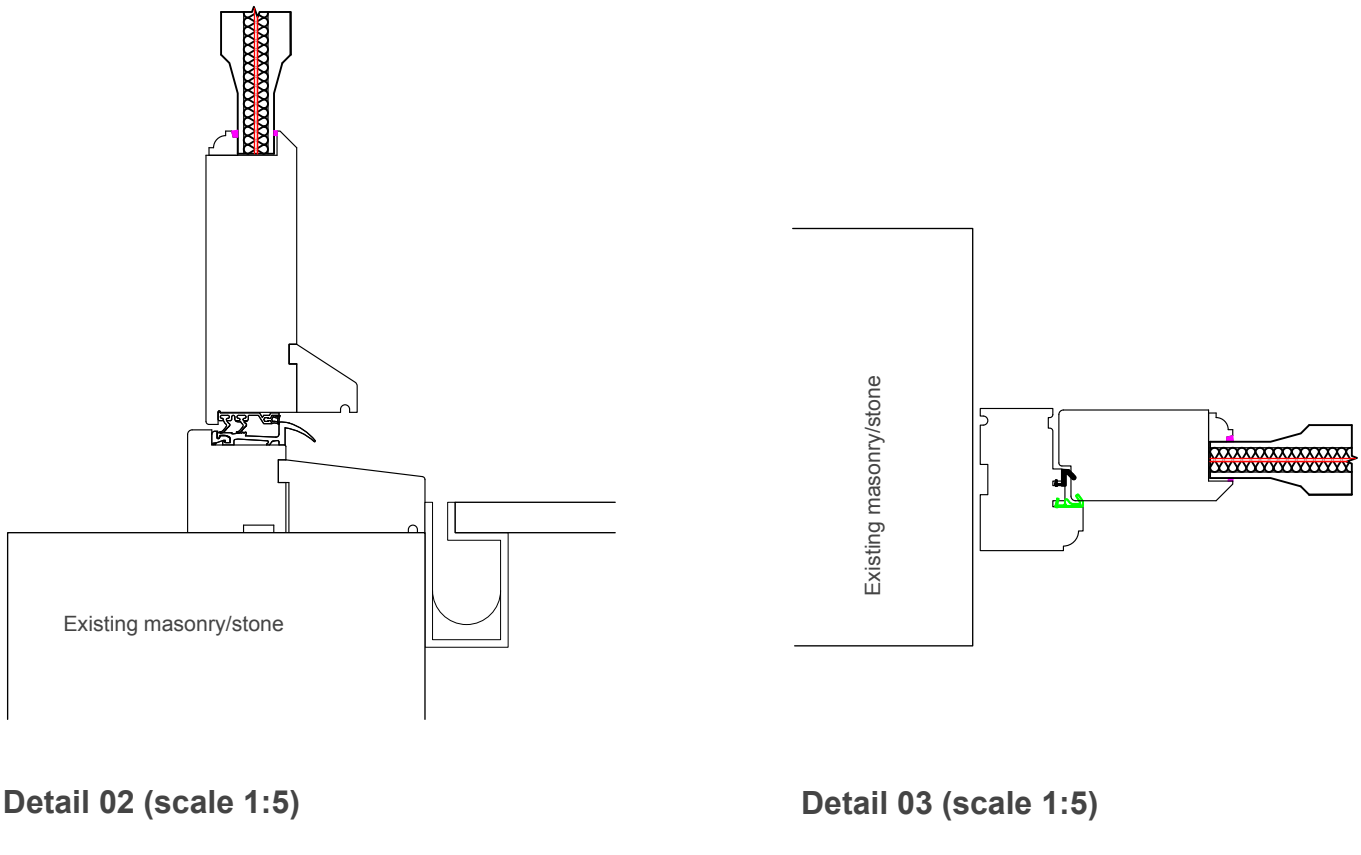
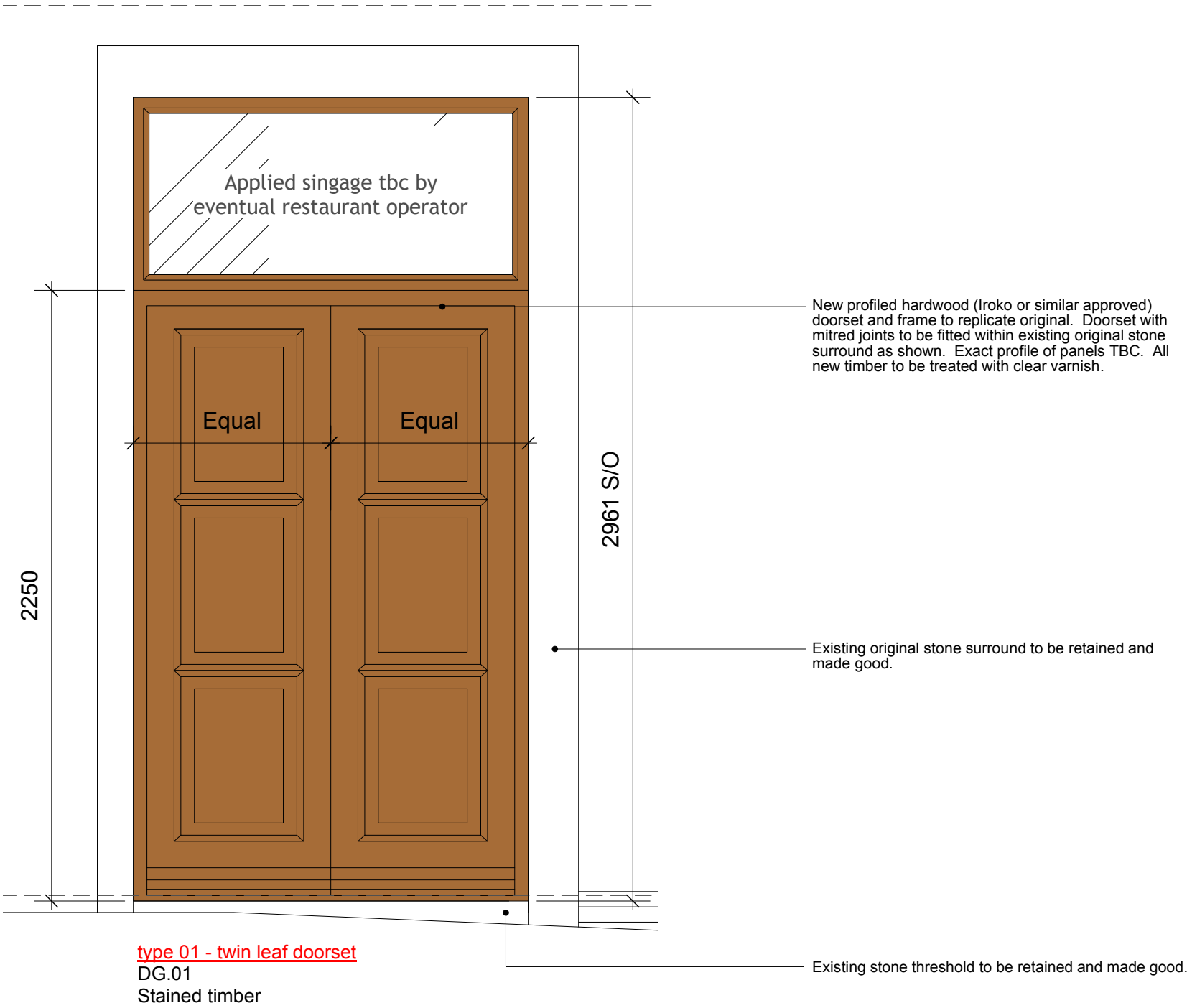


Midland Bank (Hauser and Wirth Gallery), Piccadilly, London 2003.

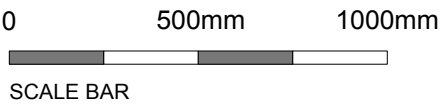
In the absence of any historical photographic evidence it is worth a brief explanation as to the thinking behind the proposed drawing for this doorset.

The HSBC Bank at 2 Eccleston Street, Prescott was originally constructed by Midland Bank probably during the 1920s. At the time the Midland Bank was under the Chairmanship of Reginald McKenna who commissioned Edwin Lutyens to design the Midland HQ in Poultry, London as well as the Piccadilly, London branch (pictured above). Whilst it cannot be assumed that the building at 2 Eccleston Street was an Edwin Lutyens design it can certainly be seen from the above photos that there are similar stylistic traits with the Piccadilly branch particularly with regard to a neo-Georgian style using stone surrounds with red brick infill. This assumption of similar design intent to the above London premises may be extended in consideration of the detailing given the strong neo-Georgian similarities it can be assumed that the proposed DG.01 should follow similar design philosophy.

The full-height solid timber doorset with square inset profiling would, based on these similar buildings that would have been commissioned by the same individuals from the Midland Bank organisation then the proposal for DG.01 as illustrated can be considered a good approximation of the original.



Door Profiles by Lomax Wood or similar approved.



Notes:
1. Door to be supplied by Lomax Wood or similar approved hardwood timber frame with solid hardwood door construction installed to suppliers recommendations.
2. Refer to LJ Architects elevation drawings for locations and handing.

Planning

Project Title: P237_2 Eccleston Street
Client: Market Place Developments Ltd
Drawing Number: P237.1_234
Drawing Title: Proposed DG.01 Elevation and Details
Date: 14.07.2022
Scale: 1:20 @ A2
Drawn by: SS
Checked by: LW