

# manchester square fire station

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The scheme for Manchester Square Fire Station provides for the conversion of the Grade 11 listed building to a 33 room luxury boutique hotel. The original building dates from 1879 and was designed by Robert Pearsall for the Metropolitan Board of Works. Pevsner described the building as the best surviving example of the gothic style used for early LCC fire stations. The scheme allows for the refurbishment and extension of the existing building including a new 5 storey annex containing 4no suites. Refurbishment works will include the reinstatement of the building's original façade, removed in the 1960s as well the refurbishment and conservation of many original interior fittings and features including the fireman's pole.

The ground floor will include a restaurant, housed in the original appliance shed, conference and meeting room in the ladder shed and lobby in the recreation room. A private dining area will be located to the rear of the plan below a new glazed roof light. The gym and hotel back of house spaces are housed in the basement. The station courtyard is to be retained and repaved to provide a generous outdoor area which will be accessible from the bar and restaurant.

