

ArchitecturePLB were shortlisted to submit design proposals for a new academic building for City University. The Sebastian Street project called for the complete redevelopment of an under-utilised site to create a new flagship building on the edge of the campus, signposting the University's presence onto Goswell Road and helping to reinforce it's identity as a global reaching institution right in the heart of London.

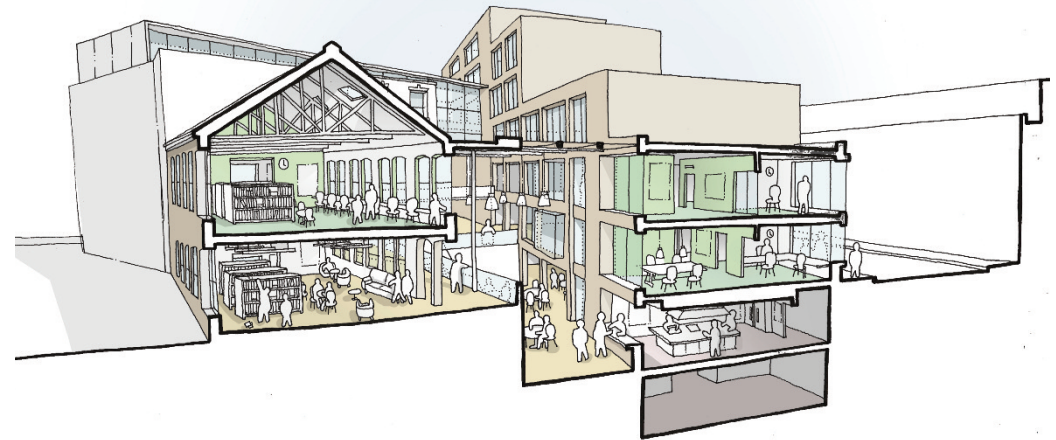
Our proposals seek to capitalise on the physical and heritage character of the site through the re-use of an existing Victorian warehouse to provide a new postgraduate Library. This is juxtaposed with a new build, efficient and highly flexible academic building comprising 6500m<sup>2</sup> of space that can be adapted to suit different spatial configurations and patterns of use. The new and existing buildings are united around a light filled central atrium, providing an extremely rich but nevertheless legible and functional arrangement, and a memorable new place for students and staff to gather.

Working closely with Buro Happold, this approach underpinned a highly sustainable and low carbon solution. The re-use of an existing building, a high performing external fabric, and a pragmatic approach to environmental strategies, including the use of ground source cooling, all contributed to a preliminary assessment rating of BREEAM "Excellent".



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- 01 New and existing buildings gathered around central atrium
- 02 Sketch section through atrium



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