

Table 3.21 Summary of the Assessment for Building No. 12

<i>Building No., Name & Designation</i>	<i>Date of Construction and Original Use</i>	<i>Reference Drawings</i>
<p>12 B Hall</p>	<p>1910 Cell block</p>	<p>12-GA-201 Ground Floor 12-GA-202 First Floor 12-GA-203 Second Floor / Roof Plan 12-GA-204 Roof Plan 12-GA-220 North Elevation 12-GA-221 South Elevation 12-GA-222 East Elevation 12-GA-223 West Elevation</p>
<i>Brief Overview</i>	<i>Proposed Adaptive Uses</i>	<i>Significance (refer to Section 3.11 of the Conservation Management Plan dated June 2008)</i>
<p>This three storey brick building was one of three cell blocks of this design on the Site, with another being demolished and E Hall following it. The exterior features regular fenestration on all sides, and the interior has a central corridor and flights of straight open staircases with cells either side (a total of 26 each floor). Much of the original fabric survives.</p> <p>This building continued in use as a cell block until decommissioning.</p> <p>The construction of B Hall is reasonably robust with load-bearing brickwork cell walls and reinforced concrete floors, under a flat concrete roof which replaced the original tiled roof bomb-damaged in WW2.</p>	<p>Mixed Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G/F – Public Circulation; Interpretation rooms; Site management office • 1/F – Interpretation rooms • 2/F – Interpretation rooms <p>A new principal public circulation route will be created to link the lane at the south side of the Barrack Block to the upper site levels. It will be in a tunnel under A Hall and A Hall Yard before rising up into the G/F of B Hall with a new wide stairway. Adjacent to the stairway will be a new lift rising to the G/F.</p> <p>Except for the interventions associated with the new public circulation, B Hall is to be generally left in its current state, and as such it will provide a primary interpretation resource of a cell block in a most useful location adjacent to the Education Centre in A Hall. Site management office and store room will also be provided in the building.</p>	<p>MEDIUM / LOW</p> <p>This building is one of the earliest surviving examples of this style of prison block, though it was not unique or architecturally interesting. Though the roof has been replaced it is substantially as built and a good example of cell block design of the time.</p>
<i>Conservation Approach</i>	<i>Major Proposed Changes (for Mitigations see Annex A1)</i>	<i>Overall Heritage Impact Rating Assessments</i>
<p>Except for the interventions associated with the new public circulation, B Hall is to be generally left in its current state. The ground floor cells to the east of the new stairway will be left intact for interpretation purpose, and the cells to the west of the new stairway and lift will also be left intact and can be used for stores. The first and second floors cannot be made safely and equally accessible without additional code compliant staircases and a lift, and this would be very damaging to the interior. It may be possible to allow occasional organised visits for small numbers of supervised visitors to the upper floors.</p> <p>The characteristic central open stairways and balconies on the upper floors will be retained intact.</p> <p>There is no requirement for plant rooms in B Hall for the proposed uses because air-conditioning is not required.</p> <p>All elevations will be repaired and refurbished to the original design. The flat concrete roof and clerestory rooflights will be retained and refurbished, on the basis that the replacement roof is authentic evidence of the building's history.</p>	<p>The main interventions for the public circulation stairway and lift will be located within the width of three cells to be removed across the building at G/F level. Although the corridor walls of the cells will be removed up to door height the walls above will be retained. A new opening in the south elevation at G/F level across the width of three cells will be made at the top landing of the new stairway and lift for access to the regraded level of B Hall Yard and the yards round to C Hall and A Hall which remain their existing levels.</p> <p>The alterations to the facades have been designed and are seen as being a clear modern intervention that removes the minimum of fabric consistent with making the new access, stair and lift work properly. The intervention is intended to remove the fabric with a clean cut finish so that there is no confusion between the original fabric and the modern intervention.</p> <p>Documentation will be conducted prior to works commencement and the project proponent will ensure that the works will not affect the significance of the CDE.</p>	<p>The range of Impact Category Ratings for the interventions after mitigations in Block 12 are 1 (Beneficial), 2 (Acceptable), and 3 (Acceptable with Mitigation Measures). The overall Heritage Impact of the proposed interventions in Block 12 is therefore regarded as acceptable to enable the building to have a new adaptive use.</p>