Project Brief:

The need has been identified to improve the exterior of the existing 1964 four-storey south-eastern block of the Mechanical Engineering Building (the Annex). This building provides a key element of the College’s frontage to Exhibition Road, being the first part of the College that visitors’ encounter on approach from South Kensington station.

The key objectives to this project are:

- To improve Imperial College's frontage to Exhibition Road, particularly in light of the recent Exhibition Road resurfacing project and the V&A's restoration of its building façade.
- For the enhancements to be completed prior to the commencement of the London 2012 Olympics, when a significant number of visitors are expected in the South Kensington vicinity.
- In addition to the aesthetic improvements, to enhance the thermal integrity of the existing building, yielding improvements to the College's carbon footprint objective.

The works are to install an insulated aluminium cladding system with integral double glazed windows to the external face of the existing elevations of the Annex building. The existing windows will then be removed with an internal window reveal fitted between the new and original removed window.

This will provide an affordable solution to the issue presented by the current condition of the Annex and is consistent with the overall strategy for the Mechanical Engineering Building.

Project Update:

- Start on site January 2012
- Planning permission granted in October 2011
- D&B Facades appointed as main contractor.

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