

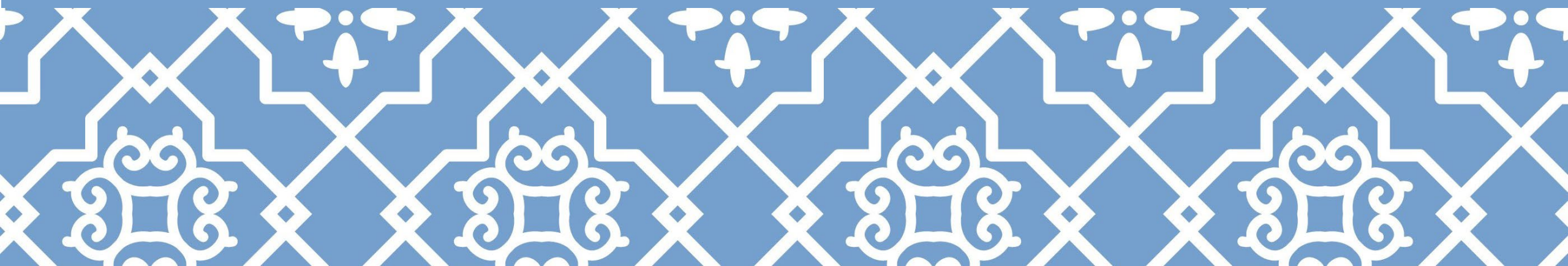
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By the Castle

GUILDFORD DESIGN AWARD 2023

136 – 140 High St, Guildford GU1 3HJ

New commercial shop fitouts & hospitality



Project Description

Megan's by the castle is the twentieth restaurant in the Megan's family. Opening its doors in April 2023, this restaurant is placed within a Grade 2 listed building on Guildford High Street. Taking up 3 floors, the dining area has been designed around the ground and first floors, whilst the kitchen and restrooms are located at basement level.

Formerly a men's suit shop, our original intention was to celebrate the existing listed features, some of which had been concealed by the previous retailer. This included opening up the ceiling to expose the original Victorian skylight. This helps bring in natural light to the back of the restaurant and sets up an opportunity to catch views of the surrounding buildings whilst the incoming light casts shadow patterns that change throughout the day.

We also wanted to celebrate and draw emphasis to the existing features by adding murals, finishes and accessories that draw your eyes to original features such as the fireplaces and sash windows on the first floor.

Being a brand that draws strong inspiration from our Executive chefs Turkish roots, we wanted to create an eclectic pallet of Victorian charm mixed with colourful patterns and textures of the Mediterranean.

As the building was originally a house, we wanted to create a restaurant that takes advantage of the separate spaces to create a unique design vibe in each room. For example, the rear dining area utilizes soft timber finishes to create a romantic experience whilst the light patterned tiled finishes on the first floor help to lighten up the North-facing spaces. Each room has a unique character which gives our guests a new experience each time they walk through our doors.

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Shopfront elevation



Ground floor – bar area



Ground floor – front dining area



Ground Floor – front dining area



Ground floor – rear dining area



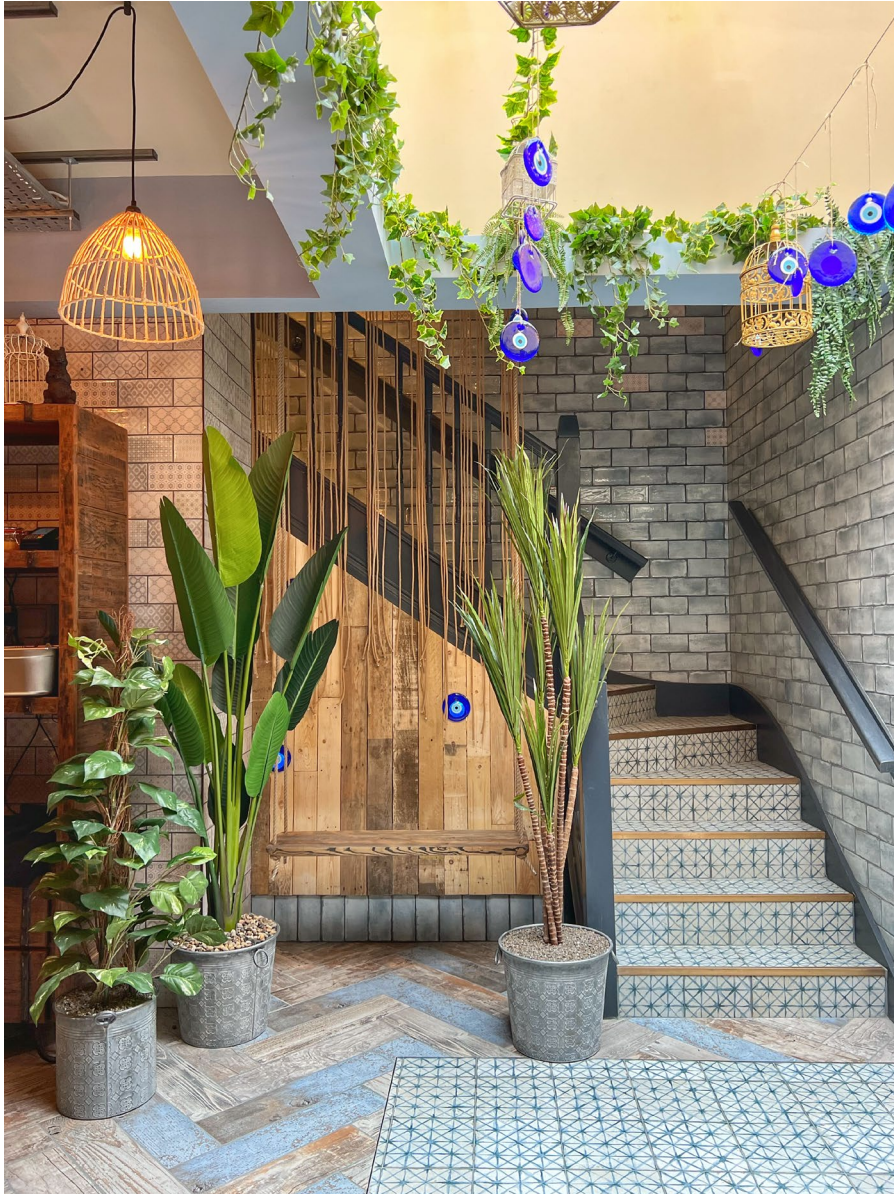
Ground floor – front dining area



Ground Floor – skylight feature



Ground floor – rear dining room



The staircase and swing bench feature



First floor – front dining area



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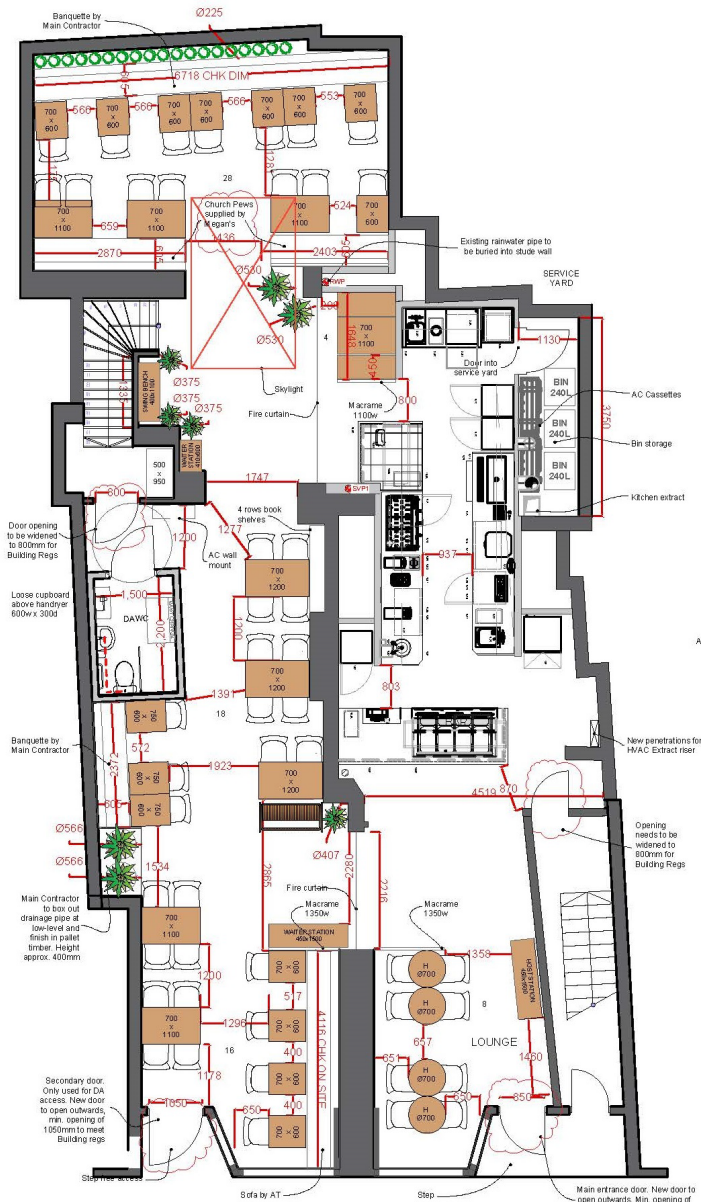


First floor – dining area

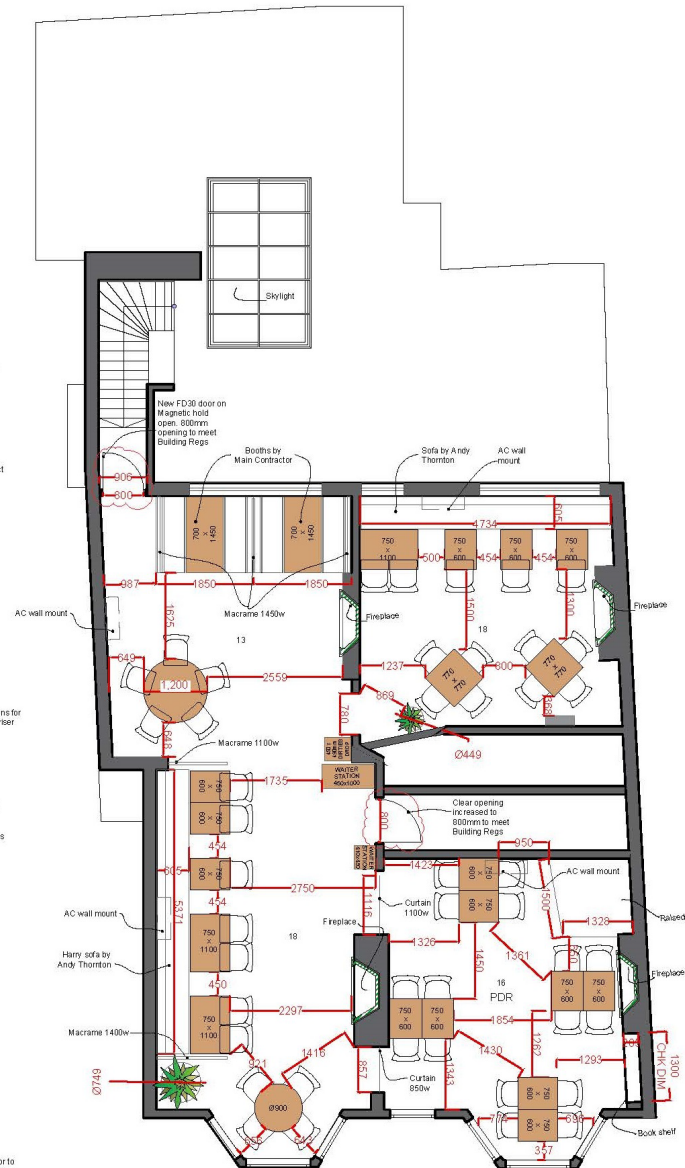


First floor – fire place corner

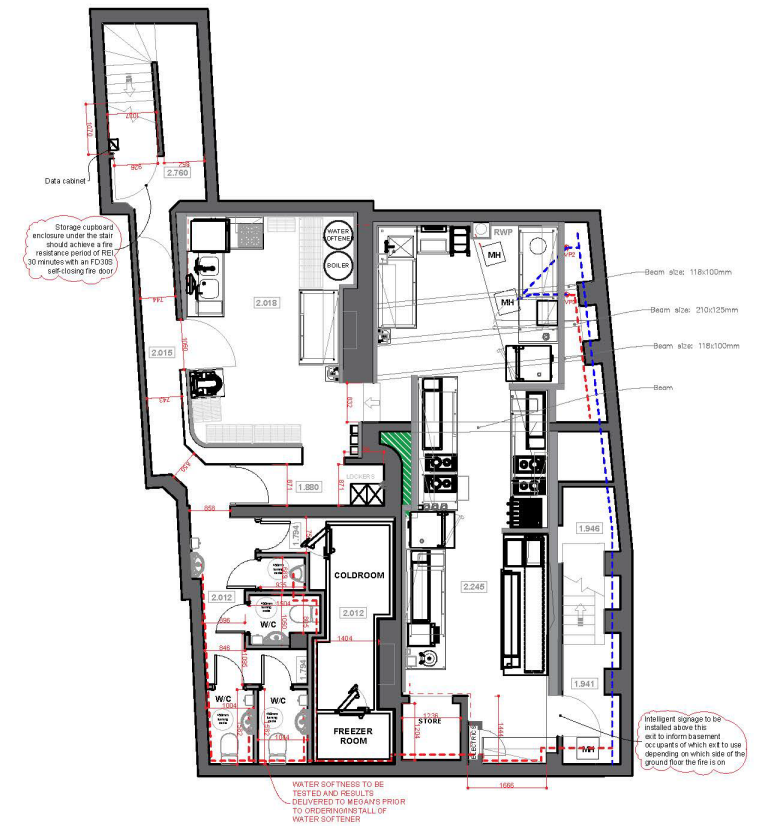




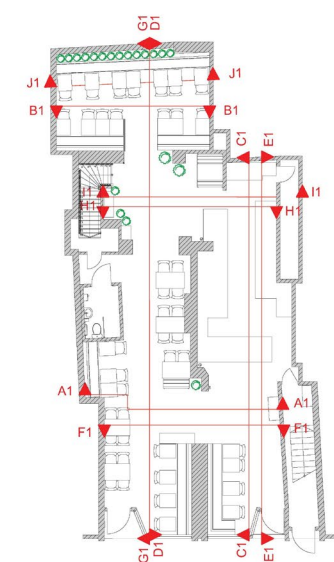
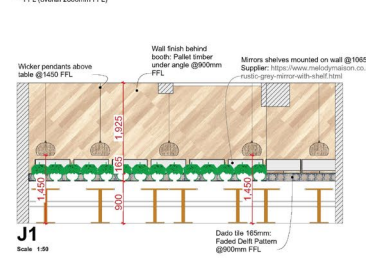
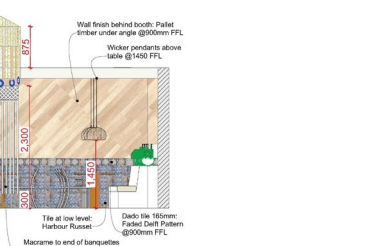
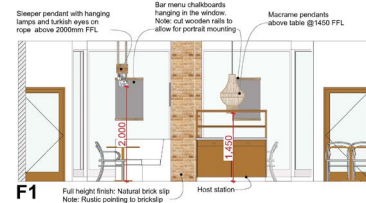
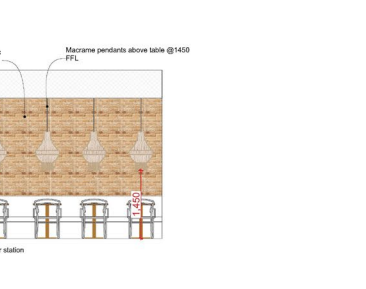
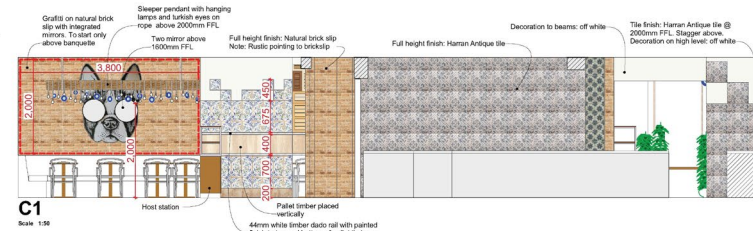
Ground Floor Plan



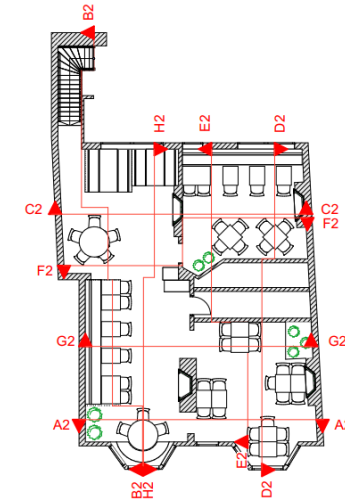
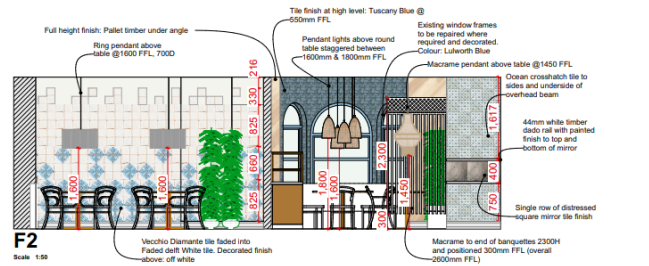
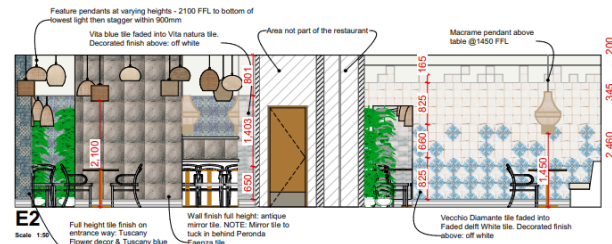
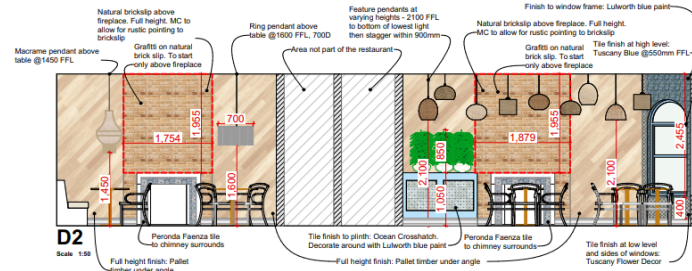
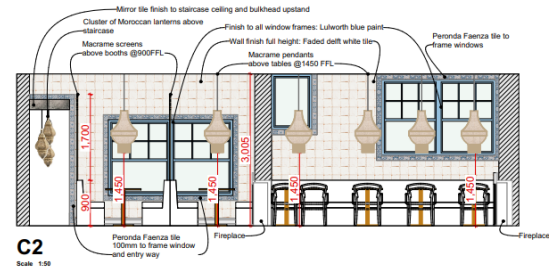
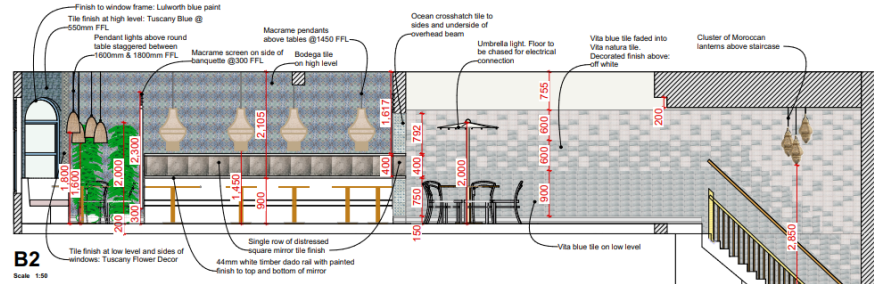
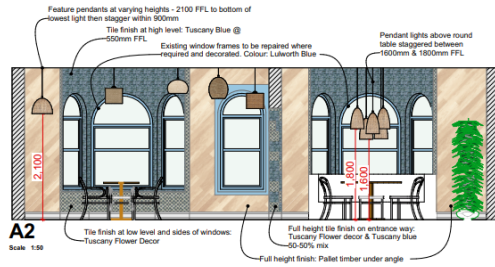
First Floor Plan



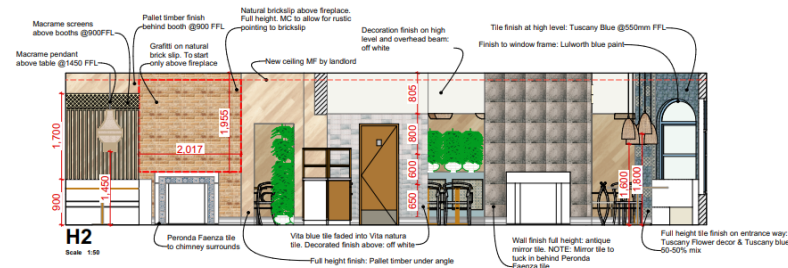
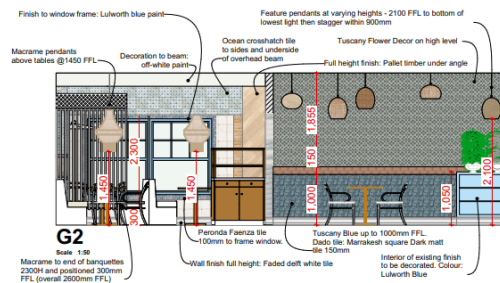
Basement



Reference diagram



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Thank you

