

## Get Carter 1997


We proposed to install a fully operational prison door into the entrance of the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle upon Tyne, England. All other doors and windows into the gallery space were to be closed and sealed.

The prison door was to be controlled by a private security guard, instructed to allow only one person in at a time. Entering the enclosed space would have constituted an act of voluntary submission, as the guard would have locked the door for an undisclosed period. While inside, the viewing subject would have become an object of enquiry to the gallery-going public.

Ascetics enter confinement to attain a higher state of consciousness, while prisoners of conscience do so as an act of defiance. In our proposed installation, the experience of quiet contemplation within the 'white cube' of a contemporary art gallery would have been mixed with the anxiety and frustration of solitary confinement in a prison cell.

In a society's manufacture of consent and control of dissent, a spectrum of approaches and institutions might be identified, ranging from those based on co-option through cultural consumption, to those based on coercion through law enforcement. Our proposed installation aimed to connect the two.

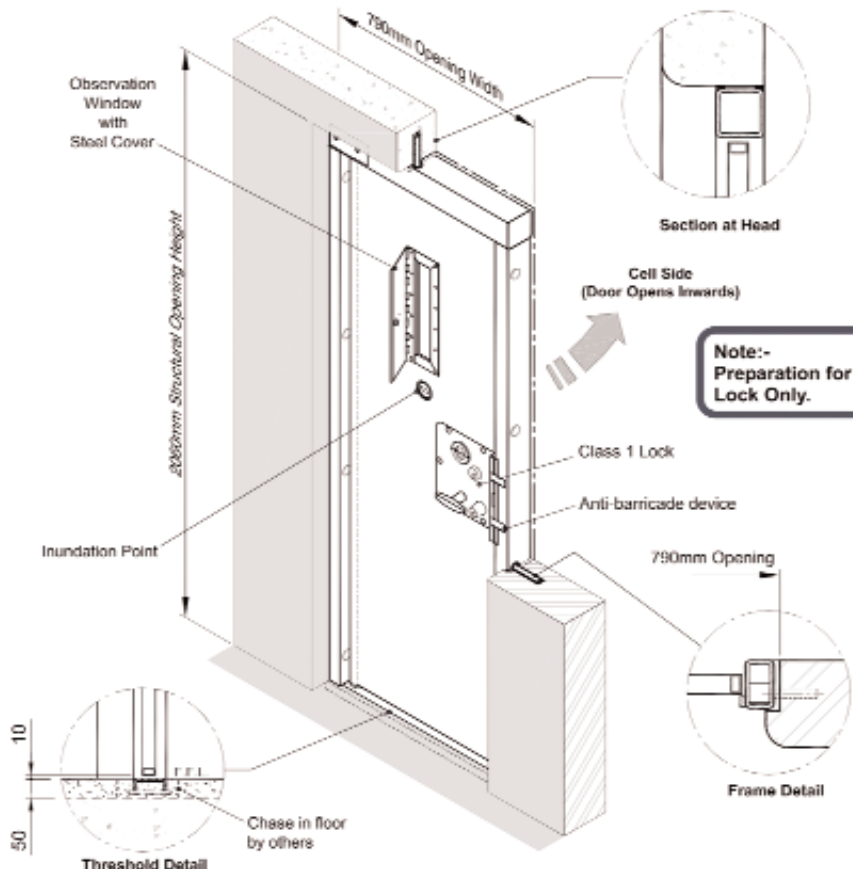
*Get Carter* (1971) is the title of a film directed by Mike Hodges, starring the actor Michael Caine as a London gangster who travels to Newcastle to avenge his brother's killing.



## Cell Door

Prison

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**Specification**

- Door leaf constructed from 38mm wide rolled hollow steel section with 1.6mm thick steel door skins.
- Mineral wool insulation to all internal voids.
- Steel hollow section door frame with anti-barricade device.
- Frame fixed by chemical resin anchors.
- Door leaf mounted within door frame and hung on a full height tubular steel pivot hinge.
- Inundation unit fitted in door panel.
- Rectangular laminated glass window with hinged steel cover.
- Preparation for **Home Office Class 1** lock supplied and fitted by HMPS on site.

**Finish**

- One coat factory applied high build zinc phosphate primer.

**Available Options**

- Frame can be modified to suit replacement Victorian cell door installation.
- Frame can be cast-in instead of bolt fix.
- Ligature resisting strips to front face of door, along top and down leading edge terminating at lock.
- Heavy duty barrel bolt.
- Scottish Specification.
- Irish specification.

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