Proposal: Erection of Pedestrian / Cycle bridge, linking Broomielaw and Tradeston
Architects: Dissing + Weitling
Status: Full application 07/01349/DC

Illustration indicates images of scheme as presented to the Glasgow Urban Design Panel 31st May 2007

Presented by:
Paul Jenson, Dissing + Weitling
Also in attendance:

Dougie Grant	Nuttals
Ian Salsbury	Halcrow
Peter Little	Halcrow
Bill Lindsay	Development Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council
Brian Currie	Development Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council

The panel thank the architects for presenting their proposal for this new pedestrian and cycle bridge connecting the two banks of the Clyde between the Broomielaw and Tradeston

However the panel do have concerns about the proposal. Consequently the panel wish to make the following comments:

The bridge was described as a light elegant structure by the presenter. The images presented belied this description, and the panel were very dissatisfied that the presenter disowned his own images in defence of his assertion. This if anything would confirm the view that this is a heavy & clumsy design, not considered appropriate for the site.

When questioned, the representatives of the City Council stated that this design was chosen as a result of competitive tender & was the cheapest. They were not able to supply any information about the selection process, nor were they able to offer comment on whether the other designs would be available for review.

Whilst appreciating the need for economy, the panel do not feel that selecting the cheapest option whatever the quality, as appears to have been the case here, was an appropriate means of selecting a design.

In summary, this design is not of sufficient quality for the site, and the panel would recommend that the other tenders are reviewed again to see if there is an appropriate design at an affordable price.

Glasgow Urban Design Panel members in attendance:

Alistair McDonald	Glasgow City Council
Geoffrey Jarvis	Glasgow Architecture Committee
Rob Hay	Strathclyde Police
Pauline Megson	Historic Scotland
Ombretta Romice	University of Strathclyde
Guy Pettigrew	New Glasgow Society
Neil Perrit	Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland
James Spence Watson	Landscape Institute
Nick Barley	The Lighthouse
Murray Russell	Glasgow Institute of Architects
David Hasson	Glasgow Institute of Architects
Peter Trowles	Glasgow School of Art
Niall Murphy	Pollokshields Heritage
Gill Stewart	Glasgow Building Preservation Trust
David Grierson	University of Strathclyde
Dr Steve Tiesdell	Urban Design, Glasgow University
Douglas Pritchard	Mackintosh School of Architecture