GLASGOW URBAN DESIGN PANEL

THURSDAY 13 JULY 2006

MINUTES

Present:

Alistair MacDonald	Glasgow City Council - DRS
Geoffrey Jarvis	Glasgow Architecture Committee
Karin Currie	Pollockshields Heritage
Guy Pettigrew	New Glasgow Society
David Martin	Church Buildings Renewal Trust
Donald Bentley *on behalf* of Murray Russell	Glasgow Institute of Architects
Samer Bagaeen	Strathclyde University
Neil Pirrit	Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland
Roger Guthrie	Alexander Thomson Society
Angela Williams	Architecture Design Scotland Society
Niall Murphy	Pollocksheilds Heritage
Gerry Grams	Glasgow City Council - DRS
Pauline Megson	Historic Scotland
Wolfgang Sonne	University of Strathclyde
Alex Adamson	Scottish Civic Trust

Apologies

Liz Davidson/Ewan Curtis,	Merchant City Initiative;
Douglas Pritchard/David Porter,	Mackintosh School of Architecture;
Dr Susan Buckham/Audrey Dakin,	Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland
Peter Trowles	Glasgow Art School
Angus Kerr	Glasgow Institute of Architects

In Attendance

Cathy Johnston	Glasgow City Council - DRS
Elaine Murray	Glasgow City Council - DRS
Neil Bell	Glasgow City Council - DRS
Eamonn Campbell	Glasgow City Council - DRS
Jim Corbett	Glasgow City Council - DRS

2	Matters Arising	Minutes of review meeting and associated papers will be circulated week beginning 18 July.
3	Proposal	**Erection of residential development (42 units) with ground floor commercial spaces (Site at 74 Fox St)**

Application Ref: DC 17950/05
Agent: RMJM
Address: 10/16 Dixon Street

Discussions took place after the presentation by RMJM. The panel was mostly interested in the height of this building. Some of the questions asked were as follows; What's the Council's view on the height? Why in the presentation are the buildings surrounding the building at the same level? How do the architects know that the surrounding building owners are looking to develop or sell? The panel asked what is the building's design philosophy. The architect stated that it symbolises stacked boxes. Several of the members expressed the concern as to whether it was appropriate to hypothesise over the potential heights of buildings surrounding the site in an attempt to argue for the proposed.

4	Proposal:	**Forth and Clyde Canal Design Framework**

Agent: J M Architects

The above item was presented by Ian Alexander of J M Architects. Geoffrey Jarvis asked the agent to describe the nature of the partnership? The framework is to give guidance to. For example City Council, Scottish Water, Isis. Don't have full ownership yet of all sites. A document has been approved to go to consultation. Some of the members were interested in the financial implications of the plan. A legal agreement will ensure a percentage of the profits will be reinvested back into the canal. Budgets are a very important part of the master planning for the canal. The panel agreed that the framework presented many potentially interesting ideas. A consultation form will be available online for comments. Gerry Grams then had discussion with the panel on there views and questions.

5 Proposal: **New Rotterdam Wharf**

Application Ref: 06/00845
Agent: Bradford Robertson Architects
Address: Speirs Wharf South/Sawmillfield Street

The presentation for the above was made by Chris Cockburn. Some on the panel were curious regarding the size of the bedrooms for the 3 and 2 apartment flats. The bedrooms are not big enough for someone to have all their belongings in a bedroom as even in the presentation, it showed that in one of the bedrooms, there was only a bed, and this is not ideal for a family home. The agents told the panel that they would look into that situation, but there should be more space in the room for more than a bed. The garden areas will be half a metre higher than ground level facing the canal. There will be two level of car parking available and some queried the impact of this aspect on the west elevation. Other points raised by members included materials and whether or not the entire development should be in brick, connections across to Spiers Wharf (no bridge as part of this scheme). The issue of single aspect flats was discussed and the implications of further development to the west of the site. It was explained that this site should be an urban solution as opposed to the more open one (for views) presented in the previous masterplan relating to 'rural' areas of the canal.

6 Proposal: **Saracen Street/Stonyhurst Street Development Options Study**

Agent:
Address Anderson Bell + Christie Architects
Saracen St/Stonyhurst St

Karen Anderson presented the proposal. The panel agreed that it was good that the presentation had different options for them to look at. A panel member asked if a new primary school which is being built in Possilpark area is on the site of the proposed development but was told that it was not. David Martin led the discussion on the options. He felt that the earlier historical discussion on the evolution of a gridded street pattern had not materialised in the options. He felt that this would be a more appropriate place making exercise onto Saracen Street. Neil Bell then also answered question posed by the panel members. He commented on urban density, attempts to change housing mix and housing types and stressed the difficulties in working in an environment which had had little private sector investment.

7 AOCB

- St Enochs Square and Buchanan Galleries will be on the next agenda and possibly another retail scheme. Alistair MacDonald left the LHAS leaflet of the High Street launch for all panel members. The painting which is on the cover of the leaflet of High Street has now been purchased by the City.
- Could all panel member please e-mail Elaine Greig (Elaine.Greig@drs.glasgow.gov.uk) with logo's or headings of their organisation to use in any correspondence.

8 Date of next meeting - *Thursday 24 August, 2006*