Public Consultation - 10th April 2013

A public Exhibition was held on 10th April 2013 at the Castleharen Community Hall. A public Exhibition was held on 10th April 2013 at the Castlehaven Community Hall. The event was attended by a total of 37 people of which 28 returned questionnaires. A complete analysis of this feedback can be formed in The Statement of Community Involvement by Bellenden. (see below). The Scheme was depicted on boards as shown opposite.



Exhibition held on 10th April 2013



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Context Board



Bonny Street + Urban Context Board



Canalside Board

Feedback, Advice and Response 19th April 2013

Feedback Sunnary

The overall design has a contemporary idiom broken down into a series of elements which seek to address their particular context. Each module is repeated, with slightly different fenestration patterns, throughout the scheme. The variation provides visual interest as well as rhythm and continuity. The scheme also creates a more subtle vertical emphasis and modulation that helps break up the facades and provides depth to the elevation, laying and showing effects. In this regard I am broadly happy to support the scheme from a design point of view but I have some concerns about the detailed design and height which need to be addressed prior to gaining officer support.

Advice on Bulk, height and design

The varying scale relates to their context. However at present each block is considered to be a too tall. The block facing the canal should relate to the height of the newly permitted proposal at Twyman House and thus a storey should be removed to ensure a consistent enclosure of the canal which doesn't over dominate at this point.

We recommend a similar approach be adopted for the development closest to the listed buildings on Bonny Street. A 4 storey block would be a storey higher than the listed building but is likely to be acceptable stepping up in height toward the junction with Camden Street. However the additional set back top floor as proposed is considered to tip the balance with regard height. Moreover it creates and more complicated form which is less elegant than simple contemporary rectangular block.

Response following the Public Exhibition and the Pre-App Advice received on 19th April, the Scheme was revised as follows:

- 1. Block A was reduced in height by 1 storey.
- 1. Block C was reduced in height by 2 storeys.
- 2. Block D was reduced in height by 1 storey.
- The overhang onto Camden Street was omitted 3.
- The amount of Proposed Commercial space was reduced.
- The Façade Material was altered.
- 6. The number of family units was increased from 7 to 12.

Public Consultation - 1st July 2013

The 2nd Public Exhibition was held on 19th July 2013. This was held at Castlehaven Community Hall. The project team circulated 200 invitations to the surrounding projects and residents. A set of 13 exhibition boards were prepared along with a feedback questionnaire. It was attended by a total of 26 people of which 17 people returned the questionnaire.



Exhibition held on 1st July 2013



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Cotext Board



Camden Street Board



Design Development Board



Mixed use scheme Board



Bonny Street + Urban Context Board



Canalside Board

View along Camden Street towards Camden Road





Context Elevation - Camden Street



Context Elevation - Canal

Feedback, Advice and Response 19th August 2013

The planning department stated, "that the design of the scheme has improved since that shown at the previous meeting" and that many of the concerns raised by the council had been addressed.

It was suggested by the council that the following further alterations are undertaken in order to get the scheme to a level when officer could recommend approval as part of a formal application:

- The set back top floor should be pulled forward
- Set back the balustrade to allow the feature corbelled openings to be better appreciated.
- Improve proportions and fenestration pattern to ground
- Replace stucco banding with brickwork (glazed/tone or texture to differentiate if necessary)

- The design officer is not comfortable with the height and recommends it be reduced to a height consistent with that shown in the original images (this appears to be roughly a storev lower).
- To help this block to sit in the townscape more comfortably it is recommended the windows on the elevation facing Bonny Street are removed. This will give the impression of a terrace building rather than a tower with windows on 3 sides. It may also improve the internal layout by increasing necessary wall space.

- The top floor should be reduced to bring it in line with Twyman House
- The conservation officer is happy with the design amendment presented at the meeting with regard 'double' height' floors created by setting back the intermediate.

- Officers are generally comfortable with the height, design and use of materials for this block.
- Ground floor windows on the canal elevation appear overly large and should be reduced in size.

The best approach with regard to materials would be to choose a simple palette of high quality materials which relates to the existing adjoining original townscape in the area. This could and probably should be varied in colour, tone or texture between each block allowing for the variation to provide visual interest as well as rhythm and continuity. Brick is the preferred material but we would be happy to comment on a stone for Block C if necessary.

3rd Pre-Application Submission - Oct 2013

Following the Pre-Application advice of 19th August

Chassay & Last Architects made further revisions to the scheme 1. Block A was reduced in height by 1 storey. and attended a further design meeting with the council on 4th 2. Block B N/A September. The summary of this was:

Block A - Bonny Street

 No change in building form required. Brick to Bonny Street to be brown / beige rather than a traditional London Stock.

Block B - Corner of Bonny Street and Camden Street.

· An arcaded top floor was proposed.



The Scheme was revised as follows:

- 3. Block C was reduced in height by 2 storeys.
- 4. Block D was reduced in height by 1 storey.





Context Elevation - Camden Street



Context Elevation - Canal

Feedback, Advice and Response

A further meeting with council was held on 3rd October 2013. Feedback was received on 2nd December 2013 as follows:

Block A - 4 storeys social housing residential block facing on to Bonny Street. The block is dark brown brick with punctured windows set back behind recessed brick architraves

Block B - 5 storey block with commercial at ground level and residential above on the junction with Bonny Street and Camden Street. The block is finished in brown brick with more horizontal openings than block A.



Block C - Corner of Bonny Street and Camden Street with an arcaded top floor proposed.

Block C - 8 storeys high with commercial on the lower floors and residential above ground floor level (5 storeys fronting Camden Road) storey residential block facing Camden Road adjoining no.41 Camden Road. The scheme proposes stone cladding to the facades

Block D - 4 storey high relating to height of the existing adjoining development at Twyman House using brown brick with glazed green brick to the 2 storeys above canal level

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Design Development

Chassay and Last have worked with the council and with Richard Coleman City Designer to develop the design.

Richard Coleman is an architect, urban designer and heritage adviser on architectural designs for historical environments.

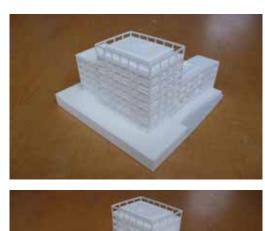
His consultancy City Designers provides design teams with support for their proposals through careful analysis of both existing and imagined environments. He is a CABE Building Environment Expert:

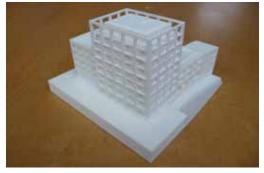
During the design process printed 3D models were used as a tool to illustrate how different iterations of the design would affect the immediate environment. In addition AVR London produced both wireline and rendered AVR's in order that the likely effect from the 16 key viewpoints could be considered in detail by Richard Coleman City Designer in their townscape, heritage and visual impact assessment

















Scenario 1

- Eight storeys (including Ground Floor)Penthouse on top
- Arcaded facade top

Scenario 2

- Nine storeys (including Ground Floor)
 Recessed penthouse on top
 Arcaded facade top

Scenario 3

- Nine storeys (including Ground Floor)
 7th Floor with recessed corners, two flats & two maisonettes
- 8th Floor with further recessed element for 2nd level of maisonettes
- Arcaded facade top

Final Option