

# **DPAC – Project Group Meeting**

## **Meeting held on 16 May 2005**

### **Quad Special**

#### **Present**

Peter Maidens  
Marta Hancock  
Judi Bateman  
Nancy Pountain  
Cordell Jackson  
Peter Mount – Quad Project Director  
Suzie Lloyd – Feilden Clegg Bradley Architects  
Jo Wright - Feilden Clegg Bradley Architects  
Mick Watts – DCC

#### **Apologies**

Christine Yates  
Trevor Ford  
Ann Webster – DCC

#### **Quad presentation**

Peter briefed members on the buildings location, which occupied the current site of the sunken garden opposite the Council House. Extensive discussions had, and were continuing to take place between all parties with in interest in the garden. Peter was working towards an agreement for the gardens relocation to adjacent the Quad building.

Suzie briefed members on the buildings internal arrangements. The following issues were raised:

- Entrance door to be powered
- Café counter to have lowered area
- Café seating arrangement to allow easy access for wheelchair users to counter
- Disabled people's toilet door to open outwards
- Baby changing facility not to be combined with disabled people's toilets
- Disabled people's toilets to be handed on different floors

- One disabled people's toilet to have a hoist
- Audience seating areas to have sound enhancement systems
- Numbers of removable seats to be available adjacent to wheelchair user spaces
- Nosings of steps in audience seating areas to be clearly identified
- Handrail adjacent audience seating steps
- Refuge areas on escape routes to be identified
- Careful use of colours and contrasts
- Lighting levels to be considered carefully
- Door spring pressures to be set at minimum

Suzie and Jo agreed to consider the issues raised above and incorporate them in the project design if possible. Mick commented that a number of the points raised were Building Regulation matters and were controllable under the legislation. Mick, and group members would welcome the opportunity of commenting on the building, and adjacent gardens detailed design when it was available. Peter commented that he anticipated submission of the planning application in July, followed by the Building Regulation application.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Agreed

### **Matters arising**

Members asked if a representative of the CD project team could attend the next meeting to brief members on what actions were proposed regarding the points raised during the recent CD follow up audit. Mick to arrange.

### **Any other business**

Mick extended an invite to members to the opening of the access improvement work at the museum. The new lift and associated work would be opened at 10:30 on 28 May 2005.

Mick briefed members that it was likely that the ODPM would be asked to determine reasonable compliance with the Building Regulations in relation to whether a lifting platform should be installed in a new building in the city. Such a determination would help nationally with clarification on this important issue.

Concerns were raised regarding the apparent lack of enforcement of the Blue Badge holder on-street parking bays in the city centre. Mick commented that the Police/Traffic Wardens were responsible for enforcement. He was however aware that currently there were only three traffic wardens in the city. Members agreed to ask DPAC to consider this issue.

Members commented that it would be more accessible to them to continue to meet in the Council House, not Roman House. Mick would try and rearrange future meetings at the CH.

**Date, time and place of next meeting**

18 July 2005 at 2:00 pm in the Roman House Conference Room