

## **DPAC – Highway, Transportation and Development Focus Group**

### **Minutes of Quad Special meeting held on 21 June 2004**

#### **Present**

Judi Bateman  
Nancy Pountain  
Cordell Jackson  
Christine Yates  
Peter Maidens  
Marion Edge  
Councillor Roy Webb  
Peter Mount – David Powell Architects  
Ann Webster - DCC  
Mick Watts – DCC

#### **Apologies**

None

#### **Quad Presentation**

Peter outlined that the Quad project was the name of the Derby Visual Arts and Media Centre. The building will be the new home for Q Arts, the Metro Cinema and the Media Archive for Central England.

The Quad building will be located on the Market Place next to, though separate from the Assembly Rooms. It will form one of a cluster of cultural buildings in the centre of Derby. It is planned that the building will open in November 2007 allowing three and a half years to raise the capital funding and design and construct the building.

Peter explained that the building would contain:

**Visual arts** – exhibition space, workshops, multimedia studios and facilities, darkrooms and artists' studio

**Cinema** – 3 cinemas (290, 150, and 90 seats), education and meeting room, and central projection box

**Media archive (MACE)** – viewing and exhibition space

**Central resources** – entrance area and reception, café/bar, booking office, administration offices, and cultural industries workspaces

**Central systems** – integrated IT/digital structures and web presences

Councillor Webb confirmed that the Council cabinet had selected the architect for the project following extensive public consultation, but the buildings design had not yet been finalised. This would be the subject of further consultation. Councillor Webb commented, and Peter agreed that, even at this early stage it was important that disabled people had the opportunity to comment on the early design concepts, and principles under consideration.

### **Comments**

A number of focus group members raised the issue of parking. Peter commented that there were no proposals for the building to have it's own dedicated parking. The Assembly Rooms car park would be the nearest available public car park. Members commented that in their view there was an underprovision of disabled people's parking spaces in the car park to cope with current demand, and that this would definitely need to be reviewed before the Quad building opened. Comment was also made about the current "difficulties" with the Pay-on-exit" parking system.

Members also highlighted the following issues:

- Clarity of signage
- Wheelchair user sightlines, and seating arrangements
- Lighting levels
- Seating choice
- Public transport links

All agreed that the meeting had been an important first step in understanding and commenting upon this important cultural project. Members felt that a further meeting was required to consider the detail of the proposals was required. It was also suggested that representatives from Q Arts and the Metro Cinema

be invited to the next meeting. Peter agreed that this would be a good idea.

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

9 August 2004 @ 2:00pm in Room 96 @ Council House (Quad Special)

12 July 2004 @ 2:00pm in Meeting Room 2 @ Council House (Full HT&DFG meeting)

# **DPAC – Highway, Transportation and Development Focus Group**

## **Minutes of meeting held on 12 July 2004**

### **Present**

Cordell Jackson  
Trevor Ford  
Nancy Pountain  
Judi Bateman  
Marta Hancock  
Pat Fletcher  
Christine Yates  
Marion Edge  
Councillor Roy Webb  
Mick Watts – DCC

### **Apologies**

Sarah Fletcher  
John Ireland  
Peter Maidens  
Ann Webster – DCC

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed as a true record

### **Matters arising**

Several members still had concerns regarding certain aspects of the detailed implementation of Connecting Derby (CD). It was agreed that an invitation would be extended to a representative of the CD project time to attend the next meeting.

Councillor Webb commented that the consultation period for the proposed highway work at the Five Lamps had just ended. A planning application for the work would be submitted shortly.

Councillor Webb raised the matter of the issuing of RADAR keys. Mick commented that there was an extensive list of people who had been issued with a key. Due, however to Data Protection Act issues the list could not be distributed to a third party.

Mick did however comment that there were important issues arising from the issue, and use of RADAR keys both locally, and nationally. Mick felt that it was appropriate to perhaps have this issue on the agenda of the groups next meeting. This was agreed.

### **Lifting device guidelines**

Mick had distributed guidelines to assist Building Consultancy colleagues in determining compliance with Building Regulation accessibility guidance. Members agreed to consider the guidelines in the context of the Part M presentation to follow.

### **Derby Station footbridge**

Mick confirmed that the new station footbridge would be built without lift access. Members were disappointed that despite all the representations the new structure would be inaccessible to some passengers. Marta commented that she would not be surprised if a challenge under the DDA was launched after October.

### **Building Regulations – Part M presentation**

An extensive presentation was given by Mick on the new Part M of the Building Regulations. The regulation relate to the accessibility of buildings to all users, including disabled people. Feedback from members was that they found it very helpful, and informative.

### **Any other business**

Councillor Webb raised concerns about the level of provision for Blue Badge holder on-street parking around the Park farm centre at Allestree. Mick commented that he would discuss this matter with highway colleagues, and report back at the next meeting.

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

4 October 2004 in Meeting Room 2 @ Council House @ 2:00pm

# **DPAC – Highway, Transportation and Development Focus Group**

## **Minutes of Second Quad Special meeting held on 9 August 2004**

### **Present**

Judi Bateman  
Nancy Pountain  
Cordell Jackson  
Christine Yates  
Trevor Ford  
Marta Hancock  
Councillor Roy Webb  
Peter Mount – David Powell Architects  
Ann Webster – DCC  
Mick Watts – DCC

### **Apologies**

Peter Maidens

### **Quad update**

Following certain speculation regarding the Quad project Councillor Webb informed members that Cabinet was considering a report at their meeting on the 10 August 2004 on the current situation, with options for the development of the project in Derby.

Peter confirmed that despite speculation to the contrary the Quad project was still very much alive, and that he felt it was really important that today's meeting should progress the important accessibility issues that would be relevant wherever, and whatever form the project eventually took. The group supported that approach.

### **Quad design**

Peter circulated copies of draft floor plans for comment (See appendix 1). The appendix contains a list of some of the main points discussed. Peter did however agree to provide a more detailed list of comments that would be circulated. If a further meeting was required to progress some of the issues raised then Mick agreed to arrange.

Members thanked Peter for his commitment to inclusive design and accessibility issues. Members hoped that their comments would be helpful in any future Quad development proposals.

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

4 October 2004, 2:00pm, Meeting Room 2, Council House.

## Appendix 1

### Quad comments

- Automatic entrance doors
- Stairs and lifts to be located together
- Recommend two lifts
- Firefighting lifts
- Lowered counter and induction loop at reception
- Unisex disabled people's toilets required where male/female provision proposed
- Size of pods to facilitate wheelchair user access and use
- Induction loops in meeting rooms
- Ambulant disabled people's facilities in male/female toilets
- Means of escape issues to be considered further
- Wheelchair user accommodation in auditoria
- Infra red sound enhancement in auditoria
- Colour usage to assist visually impaired people
- Signage issues
- Door opening pressures
- Door only to be used where absolutely necessary
- Disabled people's toilet to have hoist and changing bench
- Car parking issues
- Drop off point