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The Centre Buildings Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter provides an update on the latest progress on the School's major campus redevelopment project: the new Global Centre for Social Sciences.

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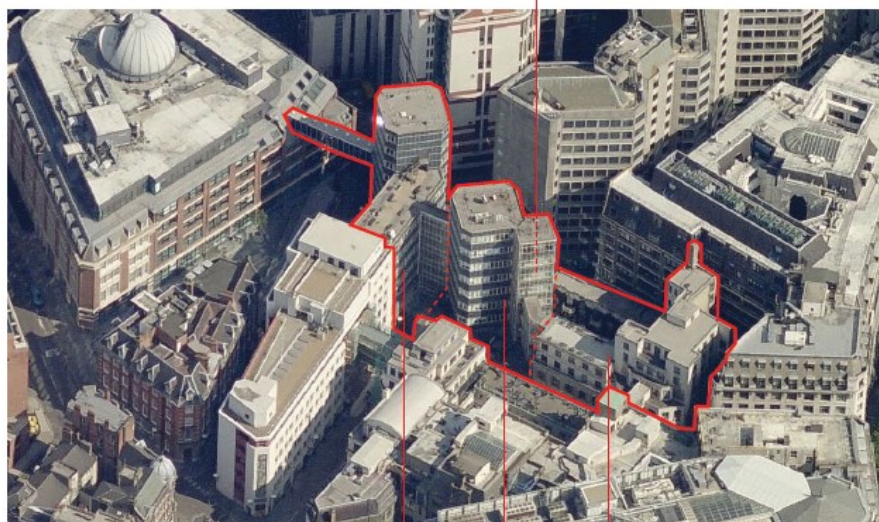
New 'Global Centre for the Social Sciences': the Centre Buildings Newsletter

Background

The scheme involves four existing central campus buildings: East Building, Clare Market, the Anchorage and part of St Clement's (the section nearest the Towers), which will all be demolished. They will be replaced with one new building (project value circa £90m) which will have a vital role to play in cementing the LSE's position as a world renowned educational establishment and will become a place that inspires existing LSE students and will help attract new high calibre students and staff to the School.

Aerial view and map of location

The Anchorage (beyond)



The site

St. Clements Clare Market East Building

The LSE is committed to procuring 'world class' architecture so that its estate is comparable with its international academic reputation. The redevelopment provides the School with the opportunity to radically improve the quality and appearance of a major part of the estate providing dramatically improved accommodation and facilities for staff, students, alumni and visitors while also improving the public realm and the connections between buildings.

International Design Competition

Working with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), the School has organised a design competition to identify the right architectural team for this exciting project. The School received 75 expressions of interest for the project, including submissions from architects of international standing. These submissions have now been shortlisted by a jury panel to five firms which are listed over the page in alphabetical order.

Yours sincerely

Director of Capital Development



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Shortlisted Architects:

- Grafton Architects, Ireland
- Heneghan Peng, Ireland
- Hopkins Architects, UK
- OMA, The Netherlands
- Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, UK

Julian Robinson, Director of Estates for the LSE commented: *“What a shortlist! The next stage in our plan to create a world class campus has just taken another significant step forward. The Global Centre for Social Sciences attracted a wealth of architectural talent from across the globe. I and my fellow jury panel members, which included our own in-house guru, Ricky Burdett had a difficult job but surprisingly there was a high degree of unanimity amongst us when the final selections were made. If the New Students’ Centre design competition (won by O’Donnell Tuomey) is anything to go by we are in for a real treat when the proposals from the shortlisted five are presented in October.”*

The LSE’s vision

While the new building will not be ready to be occupied until 2018 it is important that the School’s future requirements are carefully considered at this early stage so that the winning design can accurately reflect the requirements and aspirations of the School.

A design brief has been issued to the shortlisted architects and to develop this we have been working with a selection of LSE staff to consider the requirements and aspirations for the new building. This is the start of an on-going consultation process as user and stakeholder requirements will need to be refined as the building’s design progresses.

The School wishes the completed building to be described in the terms in the adjacent diagram.

Programme

The next stages of the competition are as follows:

30 September	Design proposals submitted to the LSE
Start of term	Public exhibition of all proposals
End of October	LSE approval of selected architect

Please look out for information on the public exhibition and come and have your say: the new building will have a huge impact on the whole campus. Further information on the decant, design and redevelopment programme will continue to be made available, together with details about the works required to neighbouring buildings before any construction starts. The outline project programme is below.

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synonymous with the LSE

Flexible, multi-functional, adaptable

Sustainable  international, award winning

PARTICIPATORY, COLLABORATIVE

Stimulating, innovative, inspirational

unique, recognisable, distinctive

Outline Programme	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Design competition						
Design						
Adjacent buildings works						
Planning Application						
Appoint Contractor						
Contractors design						
Demolition						
Construction						

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