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The GCSS Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter provides an update on the exhibition and voting on the School's major campus redevelopment project; the new Global Centre for Social Sciences.

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Estates Division

The new LSE Global Centre for the Social Sciences Newsletter

Winning Design Team selected

International award winning architect **Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners** (RSHP) has been selected as the winner of the School's design competition for the new Global Centre for the Social Sciences.

Professor Craig Calhoun, Director of LSE chaired the Jury Panel which made the final decision after presentations from the five shortlisted teams. He commented: *"From an extremely strong field of submissions, LSE has chosen Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners to create a new structure at the heart of our campus. They have designed beautiful, dynamic buildings around the world and they offered an elegant, thoughtful submission to this competition. RSHP grasped that this would be a building at once for the university and for the city, an enhancement to public as well as academic space. My colleagues and I are delighted that the RSHP team will now work with us to complete the design and add to the excitement of our terrific London location."*



Aerial view of the new building looking towards the Aldwych from the Library

Director of Estates and Jury Panel Member Julian Robinson said: *"Each of the five proposals gave us pause for thought with innovative design responses. We intend this to be a seminal piece of university architecture so it was important we took time to get the decision right. The RSHP proposal goes beyond the School's brief by giving us a new public square in the heart of the campus. We are looking forward to developing the designs with the RSHP team and are confident that the result will produce a highly sustainable and outstanding piece of architecture."*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Konsella'.

Director of Capital Development



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The winning design team

Ivan Harbour, Senior Partner leading the project at Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, said "We are excited to be working with LSE and we look forward to an open dialogue with the School, so that together we can create the best environment possible for the university and its students. Our new addition to the campus will enrich the urban context and reflect the essence of LSE." RHSP are internationally renowned architects who have designed many high profile and prestigious buildings including the Lloyds Building in London and the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff. They have won numerous awards including two RIBA Stirling prizes. For more information on their work visit http://www.rsh-p.com/rshp_home

RSHP are joined by an experienced team of specialist consultants including building services and environmental engineers ChapmanBDSP; structural engineers AKT and landscape architects Gillespies. The building will be designed to meet the highest sustainability standards limiting carbon use and becoming an exemplar university building.

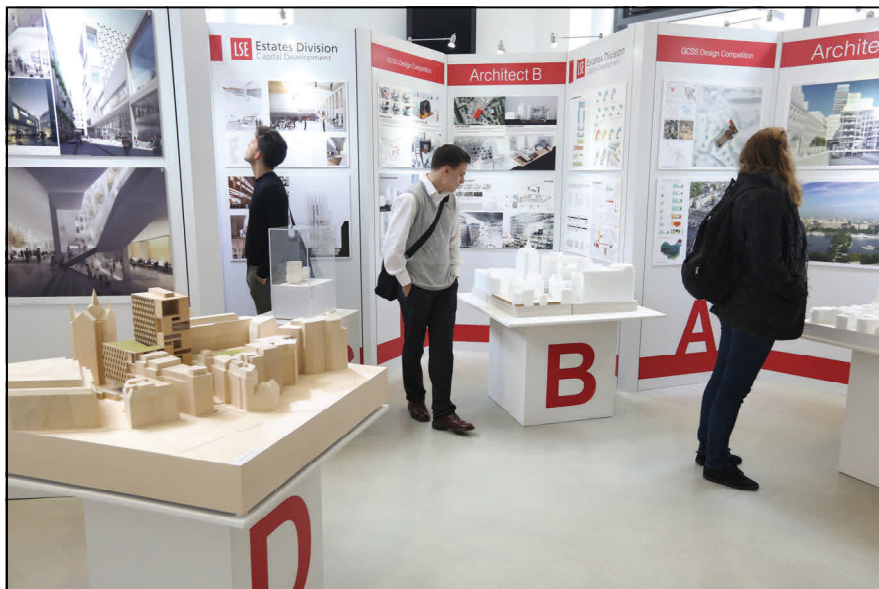


Ground plan of the new building showing the new square leading to the Library

View from the new building overlooking Aldwych House

Stakeholder votes

Part of the decision making process included a review of the votes and feedback from the exhibition of the five schemes which was held between 7—18 October.



Visitors to the exhibition in the LSE Library

Staff, students and visitors were able to vote online for their favourite scheme. 575 votes were cast of which nearly 50% were by students. The results are set out in the table below.

Design Team	Number of votes.	Votes as %
Team A (Hopkins Architects)	112	19%
Team B (OMA)	106	18%
Team C (Grafton Architects)	68	12%
Team D (Heneghan Peng)	69	12%
Team E (RSHP)	220	38%
Total	575	100%

Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners were Team E; who received 38% of the votes. A selection of the comments made on this scheme are below:

“Team E’s design is by far the most attractive in terms of public space, jars least with the surrounding buildings, and has lots of thoughtful design ideas”

“I like a number of factors regarding the Team E design: the LSE Square, ...the multiple roof terraces, the open office lay-out, the best use of the available land space and the amount of natural light “

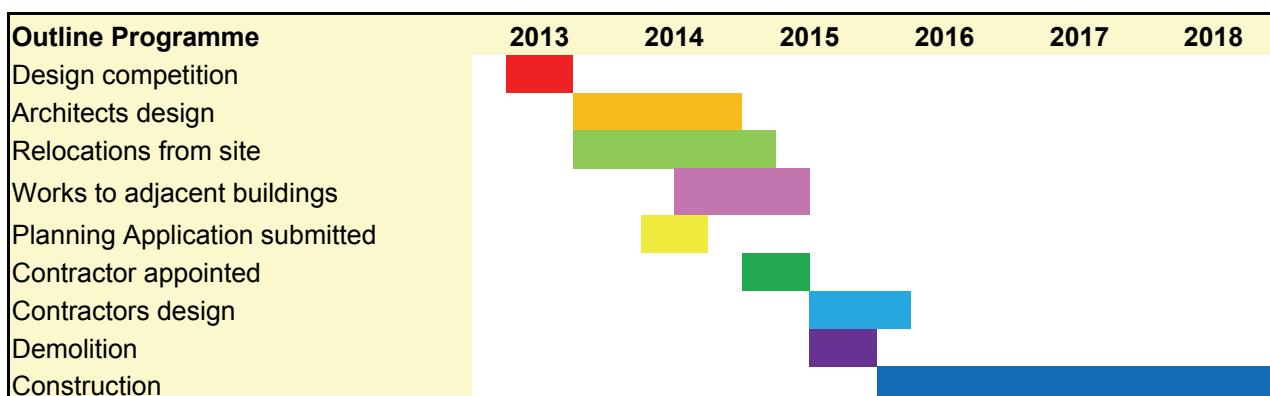
“I very much like the idea of cutting through St. Clements to create the 'LSE Square' and the stronger connection between Houghton Street and the Library. Appears to be the most developed and thoughtful design. Would give LSE a strong new image”

Next Steps

The selection of the winning architect is just the start of a long process. Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners will be working with LSE staff to design the detail of the project.

Regular newsletters will continue to be issued for the duration of the project covering, design, decanting and construction issues.

The outline programme is below.



Location

The development involves four existing central campus buildings: East Building, Clare Market, the Anchorage and part of St Clements (the section nearest the Towers). These buildings are coloured purple on the campus map below.



If you have any queries or require further information please email estates@gcss.lse.ac.uk or contact Sarah Beck, Principal Project Manager. s.h.beck@lse.ac.uk Tel. 020 7106 1150