

CZWG's new cultural development for Southampton

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CZWG have designed a new mixed use cultural scheme for Grosvenor as part of Southampton's major cultural quarter development.

Southampton City Council have selected Grosvenor as the preferred developer to transform the site of the former Tyrell & Green department store. The proposal offers 75,000 sq ft of high quality auditoria, studios and performance space. In addition the scheme includes restaurants, shops and approximately 20 high-end apartments on the upper floors taking advantage of attractive views across the Guildhall Square and grade 2 listed East Park. The whole development contains approximately 200,000 sq ft split into two buildings either side of a new pedestrian route which connects the square with the park.

Earlier proposals for the art centre fell victim to the credit crunch. CZWG's design, with help from theatre specialist Foster Wilson Architects, relocates the art spaces from the ground floor to the first floor level. This allows for the street frontage to be occupied by restaurants and cafés which will enhance the viability and sustainability of the development.

The new cultural development will be the main focus for activity and stimulate the wider regeneration of the area. It will be open, inclusive and accessible to all and provide a wonderful counterpoint to the historic importance of the Civic Centre directly to the west.

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Notes to Editor

Further detail on the scheme

The Tyrell & Green building is in the process of being demolished, the site will be temporarily landscaped by the end of the year.

Subject to funding, the development starts in 2011. The partners who will occupy the new arts complex are the Nuffield Theatre (as well as their theatre on the University of Southampton Campus), City Eye, Art Asia and the John Hansard Gallery.

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CZWG-built projects include China Wharf; Cascades, The Circle, Barones shopping centre in Breda, the Netherlands; Glass Building in Camden, London; Queen Elizabeth Square in Glasgow; VizioN7, London; The Green Bridge, London and the Bling Bling building in Liverpool

Projects on site: Canada Water Library, London; Waterman's Place - Granary Wharf, Leeds; Brewery Square, Dorchester; Fortune Green, London;

Other current projects: One Landsdown Road, Croydon; Rathbone market Site, Canning Town; Bournemouth Pavilion Gardens; Chesterfield House, Wembley; Cleveland Street, Camden; The Almeida project, Islington and Richmond Gardens, Bournemouth.