
Meeting notes

Meeting HEDQF Meeting

Date 30 April 2008

Venue Kings College London

Present

Dean Apes (DA) University of Newcastle

Ian Caldwell(IC) Kings College

Rupert Cook (RC) Architecture plb

Fiona Duggan (FD) FiD

Bernard Dromgoole (BD) HEFCE

Joanna Eley (AM) Alexi Marmot Architects

Ian Mehrtens (IM) Royal Veterinary College

Angela Nash (AN) University of Wolverhampton

Mike Osborn (MO) Bath Spa

Liz Pride (LP) McCormac Jamieson Pritchard

David Emmanuel Noel (DEN) RIBA

Joseph Saunders (JS) University of East Anglia

Ian Taylor (IT) Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios

Patrick Watson (PW) Buro Four

Apologies

Heidi Corbett (HC) Hawkins Brown Architects

Richard Furter(RF) University College London

Patrick Finch (PF) University of Bath

George Henderson (GH) Consultant Architect

Eleanor Magennis(EM) University of Strathclyde

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Rod McAllister (RM) Sheppard Robson

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1.0 **Minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

2.0 **Matters arising:**

None

3.0 **HEDQF 2008 Conference and Winter Workshops**

HEDQF- Learning Cities Conference - Feb 14

This event explored the impact of universities on cities using case study presentations from Prof. Mike Wilkinson Pro Vice Chancellor of South Bank University, Neil Bennett of Terry Farrell and Partners, Roger Madelin, Chief Executive of Argent. Presentations were followed by a lively debate exploring how the sector may change in 20 years time. This was chaired by Dickon Robinson of RIBA Building Futures.

Future Events:

The HEDQF will continue staging a variety of one day/evening events. Some will be organised with AUDE and the AIA.

The last evening event on Student Housing was well received. The March 5th debate entitled "This house believes all cities need icons no-one likes a show off!" is now scheduled for June 23. The original date clashed with several advertised events including a RIBA Building Futures 'Sex in Architecture' workshop.

Potential speakers include Graham King or Rosemary McQueen from Westminster Planning. PW and RC agreed to draft the programme for the debate

4.0 **Residential accommodation associated with Universities.**

A toolkit, report and real life case studies have been produced to assist members to address key issues,

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such as whether to refurbish or replace buildings.

The study, on the legacy of the 1960s estate, included a full consideration of sustainability issues – with four key points emerging:

- Academic buildings can often be refurbished more successfully than residential.
- While the financial case for refurbishment might look poor, with costs in some cases as high as 80% of new build, there are often significant additional benefits from the refurbishment route, particularly environmental ones.
- High standards of environmental performance can be achieved through refurbishment projects, provided that objective is at the core of the design from the outset.
- Architectural excellence can still be achieved in refurbishment projects.

The work was supported by the Higher Education Funding Council for England via their LGM fund and by AUDE.

Estate Management Statistics research indicates that in England, over 40% of the university estate was built between 1960 and 1979. A conservative estimate of the replacement cost of all 1960's buildings within English university institutions is circa £11 billion, excluding demolition and decanting costs.

Colleagues attending the AUDE conference in Liverpool received a summary brochure about the research, copies of which can be downloaded from the AUDE web site.

Also available are a full project report, detailed case studies, toolkit items and a toolkit users guide, all at:

http://www.aude.ac.uk/info-centre/1960s_project

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Listed Buildings

Energy Conservation and listed buildings remain important issues. This follows a Government white

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paper in November 2007. The first parliament reading will take place this year with new legislation likely by 2010. The National Trust is supportive of its recommendations. The paper is available on the DCMS website.

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HEFCE Bid Updates

Strathclyde and Wolverhampton:

EM and AN were absent. Updates will be provided at the next meeting

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LGM Funding Bid

BD provided a summary of the Loughborough and Lincoln bids. The former primarily explores research and academic workspace as a central theme. The Lincoln bid is more wide ranging. The Space Management Group highlighted the silo approach adopted by various stakeholders. Further engagement and feedback particularly from students and administrative staff is needed.

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Knowledge Communities

The 'RIBA Knowledge Communities' initiative will play a key role in the RIBA's strategic objective to become the Knowledge Management resource for the UK's Architects' profession. It will achieve this by building upon existing knowledge and resources of RIBA members and practices, RIBA staff and stakeholders; and developing online communities to share and engage with users' particular area of expertise. The RIBA's Anna Gagliano provided a brief presentation on the proposed timescale of its implementation. She will keep the group updated

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Any Other Business

Queen Margaret Edinburgh was proposed as a future venue. RM has suggested an organised tour of US universities in 2009.

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Future Meeting Dates

June 23 (proposed HEDQF /evening debate)

Sept 18-19 Belfast