

Design Skills Symposium **2014**

Follow up workshop...

6th November 2014





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With special thanks to CCG and the Forestry Commission for their assistance with the follow up event

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Follow up Workshop - Background



Introduction

This brief report summarises Architecture and Design Scotland's Design Skills Symposium follow-up workshop event which took place at the Lighthouse, Glasgow on 6th November 2014.

Forty participants attended from local authorities and other public and private organisations across Scotland. Symposium participants were joined by Local Authority Urban Design Forum members.

The busy programme included a workshop on lessons learned from the symposium as well as a visit to the Athletes village and Cuningar Loop. A public evening lecture by Professor Rob Adams, Director of City Design, Melbourne and Professor Alan Pert, Nord Architecture looked at possibilities for re-making cities through their public spaces and launched the associated Postcode 3000 exhibition.

Background The Design Skills Symposium 2014, (DSS 2014) took place on the 20th-21st March in Glasgow. The theme of the event was '**Learning from the Commonwealth Games**'. The aim was to seek transferable lessons for placemaking and design for the rest of Scotland, based on knowledge emerging from preparations for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Follow up Workshop A commitment was made at DSS 2014 to a follow-up event to enable a revisiting of the learning post-games. Overall feedback from

the March event had been very positive - 98 % of participants anticipated positive impacts on their practice. The follow-up offered the opportunity to reflect on lessons learned and respond to feedback.

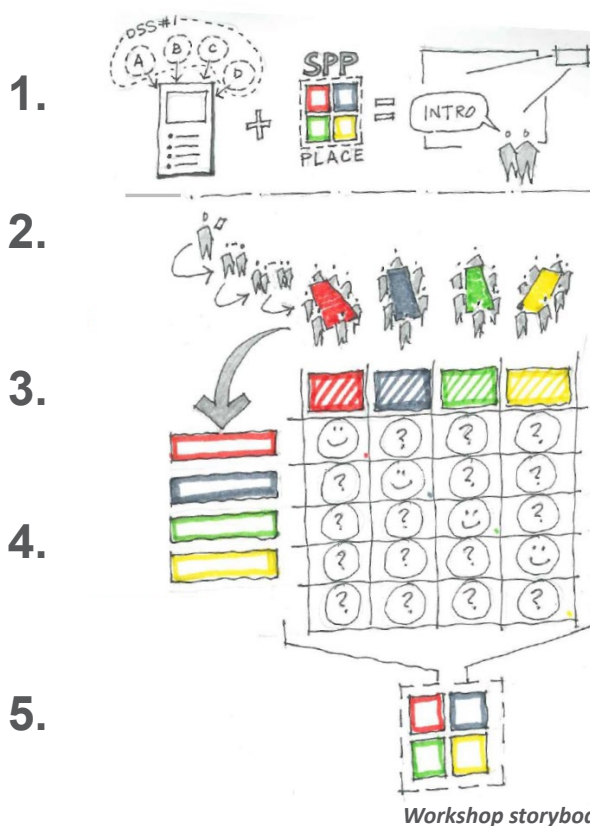
Detailed design: Feedback suggested an appetite to look in more detail at the design of aspects of the study sites. The follow up workshop was therefore programmed to give participants the opportunity to take forward ideas for one location. Key ideas from actual groupwork outputs of the symposium were synthesised to set a strategic brief, which provided a focus for detailed idea generation.

Useful tools: A collaborative brainstorming method 'OPERA', used by one group at the symposium, had received very positive feedback. To share the learning wider, the follow up workshop incorporated the OPERA method to help set group outcomes. Participants were also introduced to a new traffic light/matrix technique to help assess proposals.

Site visit: Feedback suggested people would value the opportunity to visit the Athletes Village. Due to restrictions related to the Games this had not been possible at the March event. With the assistance of CCG and the Forestry Commission, A+DS were able to offer follow-up participants the opportunity of guided site visits of both the Athletes Village and the neighbouring Cuningar Loop Woodland Park.

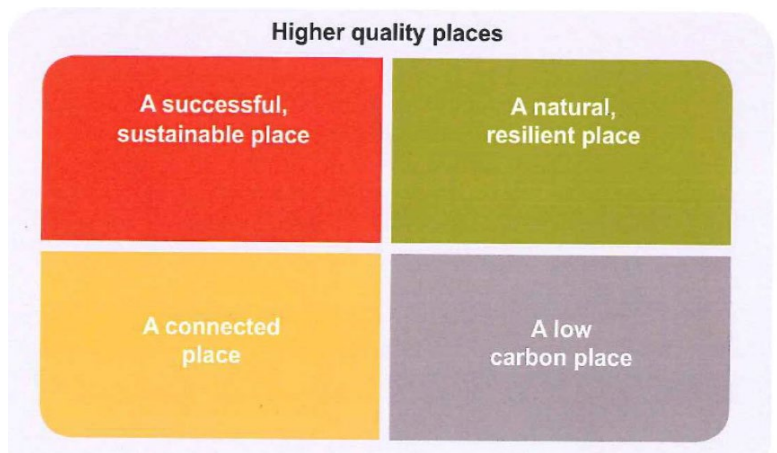
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Follow up Workshop - Process



Planning should take every opportunity to create high quality places by taking a design-led approach.

38. This means taking a holistic approach that responds to and enhances the existing place while balancing the costs and benefits of potential opportunities over the long term. This means considering the relationships between:



Scottish Planning Policy Extracts

1. Introduction (30 mins)

The group was introduced to the running order for the day, presented in the form of a storyboard.

A summary presentation was given of key overall learning from the symposium as well as a briefing on the outcomes for the three individual study sites.

Reference was made to Scottish Planning Policy guidance on higher quality places and there was discussion around how these themes would be used as a basis for the workshop.

2. Setting objectives (15 mins)

In small groups of 8 or so, participants were asked to identify a meaningful place outcome specific to one Scottish Planning Policy place theme and to the site.

LAUDF Facilitators took participants through this exercise using the OPERA method used at the symposium.

3. Develop proposals (1 hour)

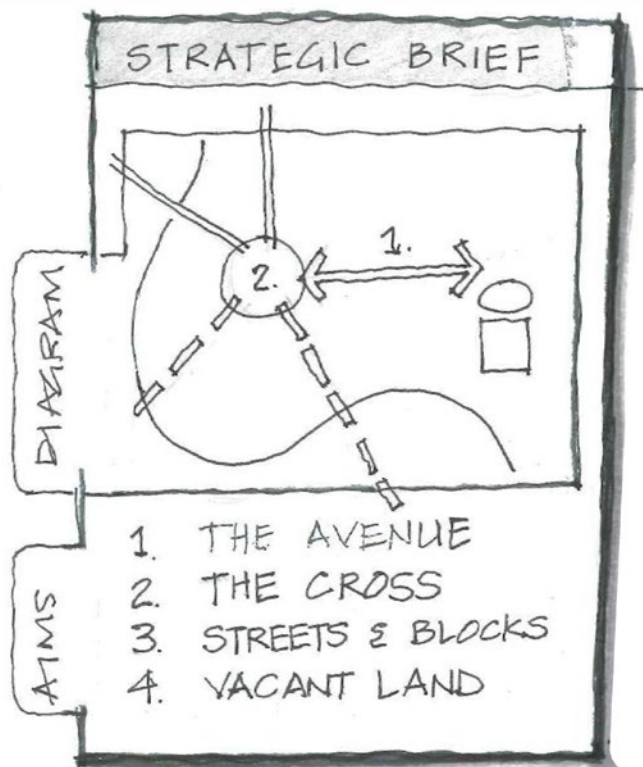
The strategic brief was explained to the group. Four

key moves had been derived from the DSS 2014 groupwork outputs for site C:

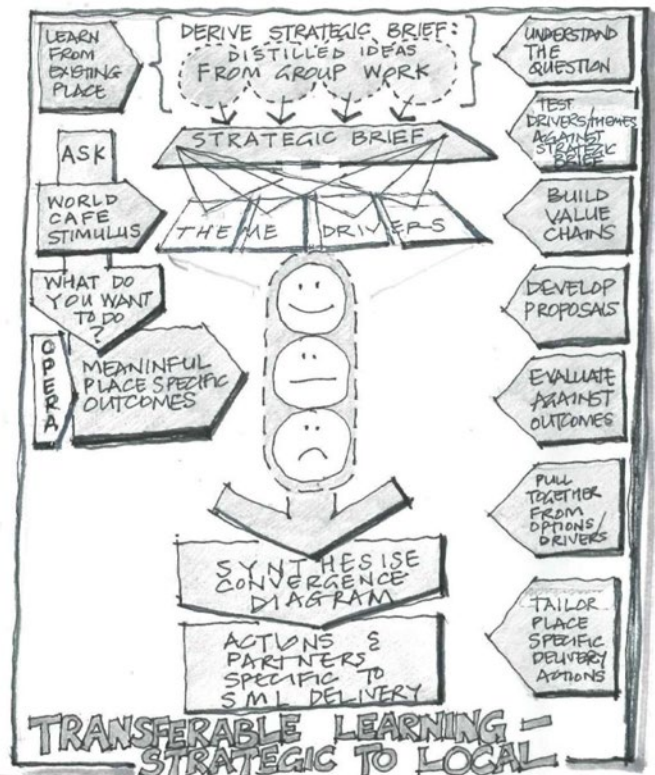
1. The Avenue - how can this be tamed to become a people place?...that straddles the civic and human scale.
2. The Cross - signal this is an arrival point, a landmark? Where? What? How high?
3. Streets and blocks - what nature would emerging streets and blocks take? Where / why / frontages / line(s)?
4. Vacant land - how might this be managed / handled? What is the short, medium, long term strategy?

Within the small groups, participants were invited to develop preproposals for the area, that worked up the strategic aims to a level of finer detail.

Participants were encouraged to consider how their 'SPP theme' influenced the decisions they were making (What does a successful, sustainable place



Strategic Brief derived from DSS 2014 outputs



Storyboard of learning process

look like...? / a natural resilient place...? / a connected place...? / a low carbon place...?)

Pulling on learning from the symposium around 'value chains', participants were invited to think about how proposals might achieve more for the area by using the SPP theme as a generator to make things happen.

4. Evaluate (1hour)

Each group briefly presented their ideas. Ideas were evaluated against the pre-established group SPP themed outcomes (red, grey, green, yellow). Through whole group discussion, using a traffic light colour coding and informal voting system, a matrix was built up to enable comparison of the proposals. (4 groups*15 mins).

5. Convergence (15mins)

Facilitated discussion was held around the similarities and differences to draw out areas of convergence between the groups and to reflect on learning from the session.

Relevant links...

- DSS 2014 Summary Presentation
- DSS 2014 Learning Contexts
- DSS 2014 Learning Outputs
- DSS 2014 Learning Methods (inc OPERA)

- DSS 2014 Follow-up Presentation
- DSS 2014 Follow-up storyboard
- DSS 2014 Follow-up strategic brief



CREATION OF A SETTLED, RICH, VIBRANT PLACE FULL OF VARIETY THAT DELIVERS HEALTH

"ONE SETTLEMENT LIVING" USING DALMARNOCK'S RESOURCES TO CREATE RENEWABLE DESIGNS.

AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PLACE WHICH ENABLES PEOPLE TO LEAD MORE SELF-SUSTAINING & HEALTHY LIVES.

HOW DO WE CREATE AN INTEGRATED NETWORK WHICH HAS A FOCUS AT THE HEART OF DALMARNOCK WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO BE?



Site Visits...

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Follow up Workshop - Cuningar Loop Site Visit



This Forestry Commission lead project, will create an inspiring riverside woodland park beside the athletes village on the banks of the River Clyde. Participants of the DSS 2014 follow up were shown round the site by members of the project team. Redevelopment is well underway – with initial opening scheduled for Summer 2015. A £5.74M investment will see the former derelict industrial site restored to native woodland, open grass and meadow. Areas of formal landscaping will be woven within the wilderness. A new pedestrian bridge over the river will connect the site to neighbouring sporting venues and to the new community on the Commonwealth Games Athletes Village site.

The park will be accessible to all and is designed to encourage families and play, allow for sporting use, as well as quiet places to relax. Visitors are to be kept engaged through natural play facilities, picnic areas and informal walking and wildlife watching. Spaces for events and outdoor learning are included and formal recreation facilities are offered in the form of a unique bouldering park and cycle skills track.

An artist has worked with local communities to highlight the rich history and natural features (from archeology to biodiversity). Site ecologist, John Darbyshire, explained to the group how the fragile

but diverse nature of the flora and fauna on the site has been protected during redevelopment. Conserving natural habitats has been a main priority.

Important lessons were shared about designing for community health and wellbeing and the benefits of meaningful engagement. The project demonstrates how dramatic and exciting change can be realised through alternative development approaches.

Relevant links...

Forestry Commission Cuningar Case Study

<http://bit.ly/1DQIlwM>

DSS 2014 Learning Contexts Report

World Cafe 02: Creating and activating Urban Parkland

<http://bit.ly/1DQoKkM>

A+DS | GREEN 2014

Commonwealth Woods lasting legacy seminar

<http://bit.ly/1tRamNX>

With thanks to Joneen Clark, John Darbyshire and colleagues from the Forestry Commission project team. Text informed by GREEN 2014 exhibition content

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Follow up Workshop - Commonwealth Games Athletes Village Site Visit



View over development from apartments

Set in the East End of Glasgow, the purposebuilt, low carbon Commonwealth Games Athlete's Village is at the heart of one of Europe's largest regeneration areas. Home to 6,500 athletes and officials for the duration of the Commonwealth Games, the site is now in the process of being transformed into a new residential community with 700 new homes and apartments for social and private housing, as well as a 120- bed care home for the elderly. The group were shown round the site by representatives of the project team from CCG, Cruden Homes and Vital Energi (Combined Heat and Power providers for the site).

The brief for the project had formed a unique challenge for the project team. The development was to deliver low carbon solutions to the 2013 Building Regs and high standards of excellence across the range and breadth of the project delivery. New homes are built to high design standards using Modern Methods of Construction, and delivered within a tight build period of 15 months.

Crucial to the delivery of the project was its centrality to the regeneration programme being led by Clyde Gateway for the wider area. There was recognition

at the very outset of the process that the village couldn't be developed as an 'island', and had to integrate and interface with other investment across the city and particularly within the East End and the adjacent communities. The unique relationship to river Clyde was seen as a major asset to be capitalised on, particularly in terms of driving the setting of place amenity. The site will have a direct footbridge link to the Cuningar Loop woodland park.

Relevant links...

DSS 2014 Learning Context Report:

700 Homes, 700 Days - Gerry Grams

DSS 2014 World Cafe session 04: Delivering healthy sustainable neighbourhood design

<http://bit.ly/1DQoKkM>

A+DS - Future of offsite construction

<http://bit.ly/1uRxNXT>

With thanks to Calum Murray CCG, Dan Donald - Cruden Homes and Vital Energi for the guided site visit. Text informed by DSS 2014 world cafe content.

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View over up the Clyde towards Arena



View towards Care Home



Street View with Integrated SUDS

Remaking Places Lectures...

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Follow up - Remaking Places Lectures



DSS 2014 follow up participants were joined by others for evening lectures and the official opening of the Postcode 3000 exhibition at The Lighthouse.

The Postcode 3000 exhibition explores how Melbourne, Australia, has developed its city centre from an “empty, useless space” to being named the “world’s most liveable city” by the Economist Magazine four years running. The exhibition charts the journey taken to animate Melbourne’s city centre and make it a lively and desirable place to live, work and socialise. The exhibition was officially launched by Professor Rob Adams, Director of City Design, Melbourne who gave a sold-out talk about Melbourne’s transformation and how the work on re-making the city focused on streets and their life.

Professor Alan Pert, Director of Nord Architecture and Director of Design at the University of Melbourne gave a lecture on remaking places, including insights on working between Scotland and Australia.

Relevant links...

City of Melbourne - Postcode 3000

<http://bit.ly/1uZwAOT>

Rob Adams - TedEX on City Growth

<http://bit.ly/1cRhIfe>

University of Melbourne - Prof Alan Pert

<http://msd.unimelb.edu.au/people/alan-pert>

NORD Architecture

<http://nordarchitecture.com/projects/wasps/>

DSS 2014 Learning Contexts - Geoffrey London

<http://bit.ly/1DQoKkM>

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