
SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED FOR WATERLOO CITY SQUARE SCHEME

27 AUGUST 2008, South Bank Employers' Group today announces the four shortlisted design teams selected to progress to the second and final stage of the Design Team Competition to create a vision for Waterloo City Square. The intention is to transform this key central London site from a series of complex and confusing subways circling the BFI IMAX into a unified, high quality public space. The new square will simplify pedestrian routes and ease interchanges at one of the capital's busiest transport hubs

The shortlisted design teams are:

- **DSDHA**
- **EDAW**
- **Lab Architecture Studio**
- **Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands**

Peter Bishop, Group Director Designate of Design, Development and Environment at London Development Agency, which is part funding the project, and Chair of the Waterloo City Square Judging Panel comments: "The plan to create Waterloo City Square is exciting and ambitious. The open competition attracted an extremely high level of interest. We are confident that each of the four finalists will develop ideas which will challenge our perceptions of the site and excite and inspire local communities, commuters and Londoners as well as the international audiences who know and visit the South Bank."

South Bank Employers' Group is responsible for delivering the project and their *Chief Executive, Ted Inman*, says: "This project is crucial in terms of linking the riverside area, which is largely regenerated, with the rest of Waterloo and Blackfriars which is still in need of major investment and public realm improvement."

The first stage of the competition, based on written submissions and interviews, was used to assess the creativity, experience, technical ability and financial standing of entrants. The shortlisted teams will now be tasked with preparing concept designs in response to a detailed project brief and evaluation criteria.



There will be a public exhibition in Winter 2008 at which the design teams will present their concepts and take questions. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register their details on the Waterloo City Square web site, (www.waterloocitysquare.info), and to look out for publicity.

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Notes to Editors

About the shortlisted teams

- **DSDHA** www.dsdha.co.uk
- **EDAW** www.edaw.co.uk
- **Lab Architecture Studio** www.labarchitecture.com
- **Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands** www.lifschutzdavidson.com

About the Waterloo City Square scheme

- South Bank Employers' Group has been appointed to manage the commission on behalf of the London Development Agency.
- The Judging Panel comprises representatives from Greater London Authority, London Development Agency, Transport for London, London Borough of Lambeth, British Film Institute, Coin Street Community Builders, P&O Estates, CABE (space), Network Rail, Southbank Centre, King's College London and Shell.
- The design competition is funded by London Development Agency and P&O Estates.

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