



University of Glasgow - Adam Smith Lecture Theatre

It is tempting fate, but dare we say that **haa design** are reasonably placed to survive these troubled times. Our move into a greater amount of educational work is proving usefully counter cyclical and our commercial work is at present underwritten by some key pre-lets. We are even in expansion mode with a major collaboration proposal and the taking on of additional staff.

COLLABORATION

haa design are in discussion with another Glasgow practice FBN, regarding detailed collaborative working (in the first instance). FBN has an excellent track record, primarily in housing design, and valuable technical skills. Their profile dovetails with **haa design's** commercial and educational expertise and its higher design profile. FBN are currently working with **haa design** on the development of the detailed scheme design for Banff & Buchan College.

NEW ASSOCIATE

haa design are pleased to announce the appointment of Gillian Lockyer to the position of Associate. Gillian joins Asha Narbutt and Katherine Strachan Davis in management of major projects and the day to day running of the practice.



ADAM SMITH LECTURE THEATRE

haa design have completed their first design project for the University of Glasgow. The Adam Smith Lecture Theatre has been given a serious makeover and equipped for new working. In addition to state of the art A/V facilities including wi-fi, a new cabling infrastructure and seating arrangement enables group working to be combined with traditional lecturing. Following on from **haa design's** research work in this field, emphasis was also put on the need for an excellent physical environment, good fresh air and variable lighting, to make it a little more difficult to go to sleep in those back rows.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE SURVEY

Also for the University of Glasgow and to help it in its programme of general campus renewal, **haa design** have undertaken a survey of all its lecture theatres from the point of view of usability and condition. In the past the university repaired or replaced as facilities became broken. The idea is now to target the improvement programme in line with changing methods of teaching and learning. The exercise overlaps with the work **haa design** is also involved with contributing to the University's "Learning Spaces Working Group".

SUBSEA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

haa design completed their assessment of market demand for Sub-Sea training facilities in July with the running of a workshop involving key public and private sector players. This has led in turn to a 'working group' to take the initiative forward. Proposals for the 'teaching offer', as it might be provided by Banff & Buchan College, have been tabled together with a possible business model. While there appears to be enthusiasm on all sides to see an end result, finding the appropriate funding route is not immediately obvious or at least something of a 'catch 22' between public and private partners. The shuttle diplomacy continues !

BANFF & BUCHAN COLLEGE

The B&B saga took a major step forward in the summer with a promise to the College of serious funding following its submission of an Outline Business Case. At the time **haa design** were engaged in a 're-engineering' exercise to see how their proposals might fit with a phased improvement programme. They are now proceeding with speed to turn these ideas into a detailed scheme design suitable for a 'Full Business Case'. **haa design's** proposals for skillful remodelling, as opposed to new build, have shown themselves to be both flexible as well as sustainable and cost effective. The proposals are also designed to provide a radically new working environment in line with changing trends in learning and teaching.



Banff & Buchan College



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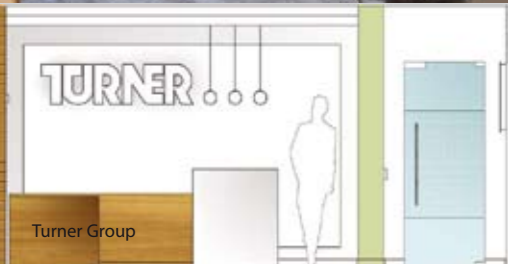
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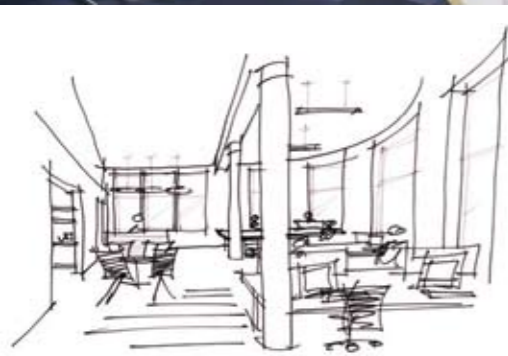
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CARLUKE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

haa design's feasibility study is complete and the delicate balance between market viability and a case for lottery support agreed - at least for the time being. Does the new economic climate change this however? Arguably now is the time for greater public support, lest everything grind to a halt.

LETHINGTON ROAD

This major refurbishment project has now made it onto site and is even starting to look like an improvement - at least on the client-terrifying bomb site that characterises first phase down takings. There is even evidence that the lower ground floor will constitute a magnificent open plan space leading onto the garden.

ADAM SMITH COLLEGE

haa design have been asked by Adam Smith College to work with them in the adaptation of various parts of their existing campus to meet the challenge of changing patterns in learning. The idea is to work closely with staff and students to develop a set of strategies and then test these in the context of selected areas. Adaptation, as we all know, (or should know) is sustainable and increasingly cost effective. It also has the benefit of being organic, allowing the organisation to mould, and be moulded by change. By contrast the big bang approach is dramatic but can leave the organisation alienated and struggling to keep up.

TURNER GROUP

haa design's proposals for a new entrance and reception at Turner's Govan works are due to start on site early in the New Year. They mark the start of Turner's phased refurbishment of their Govan premises making best use of their existing building. The design not only ensures the premises are compliant with current DDA Regulations, but creates something fresh, sophisticated and far more workable than the previous arrangement. This work adding appropriate visual impact is consistent with Turner's recent refreshing of their brand.

SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL (SFC)

haa design are once again working with AMA on a research project for the SFC. This time the task is to understand the process by which space projections are made and then implemented. Besides understanding the theory of such an exercise, the project involves visits to those Colleges currently going through the process of rebuilding or refurbishment, hopefully to produce recommendations well founded in the practicality of the delivery of new campuses

DAVID DALE CENTRE

The David Dale Centre was one of haa design's first term contract design projects with South Lanarkshire Council's Social Work Department back in January 2007. The configuration requires to be flexible and adaptable as the rooms will be used for a number of purposes including training, seminars, presentations and social events. A user-friendly audio visual system with SMART board and touch screen control system were discreetly built into the design. Initial reactions to the newly refurbished rooms are extremely favourable.

haa design NEW OFFICES

Central Chambers has served haa design well these last 10 years being wonderfully accessible (at least from a city centre point of view) and with a great outlook (at least by the time one made it inside), but the time has come to expand and move on. Our new location will allow us to do just that and provide the focus for haa design as a mature and professional organisation. It will be an opportunity also for us to receive a dose of our own medicine in terms of suffering builders work and disruption. We look forward to reporting further on this exciting new development and to welcoming you to our new home in due course.

ARUP SCOTLAND

Despite a number of delays, and some "re-engineering" haa design's proposals for Scotstoun House have emerged leaner, tougher and arguably better. We now aim for a serious start on site in the new year with projected completion early spring 2010.



Scotstoun House

SHELL BAY & KINCRAIG HILL

Working with a consortium haa design have been busy looking at development options in Fife, ranging from upmarket holiday houses to landscaped caravan sites and stand alone lodges with a variety of mixed use options in between. The intention is to provide something that will set new standards for holiday accommodation in Scotland.



Shell Bay & Kincaig Hill

VENTURE BUILDING

haa design and client Speyroc Limited's proposals for a flexible office/research facility of 25,000 sq ft lettable space, designed with natural ventilation, two wind turbines and ground source heat pump is on target to achieve a prized excellent BREEAM rating. The development is now ready to start on site.



Venture Building



vive la difference!

QUICKFIRE NEWS

This spring saw an office trip to Paris to experience what was different out there, high style boutiques, Citroen showrooms, new museums and the patisseries of Place de la Concorde. Even the Eiffel Tower was made to feel different when seen from the Palais de Tokyo. The value of these trips for designers to get out and see a wider world is essential - we promise!