

Richard Murphy
Architects

Welcome to the October 2007 Newsletter of Richard Murphy Architects

Haymarket Planning Application Submitted



The practice's largest planning application to date was submitted on programme with Edinburgh City Council Planning Department and has now been registered. The application covers the master plan of the former goods yard at the Haymarket and detailed drawings for a five star hotel by this practice, three office buildings designed in collaboration with CDA architects and a three star hotel designed by Sutherland Hussey. The application has featured widely in the national, local and professional press as well as TV and radio. The main images can be seen on the [new webpage](#) and a detailed set of drawings either seen at the planning office itself or the Tiger Developments Marketing Suite on the corner of Morrison St and Morrison Link. A magnificent model at scale 1:200 made in the office by a team of ten students and others is now on display in the Haymarket Marketing suite on site. The project has featured prominently in the Evening News, Scotsman, BBC and an interview given by Richard Murphy for STV.

Competition Win at Jesus College Cambridge.

Coming about four weeks after our competition win for the Dunfermline Museum we are delighted to report that we have won a second highly prestigious commission. Jesus College Cambridge have selected the practice from a shortlist of four, the other architects being Haworth Tompkins and Burrell Foley Fisher from London and Rafael Moneo from Madrid. The practice has been asked to develop our proposals before a formal appointment is made. The project is for, in a first phase, a 290 seat music auditorium, foyer, practice rooms, etc and a 70-bed boutique hotel. A second phase indicates a sports hall/studio theatre and third phase a Research Institute. For the time being the College has asked us not to publish the drawings.

The competition was submitted and presented in the Spring of this year but the decision has only recently been made. It represents a very major development for the practice. Oxford and Cambridge Colleges have collected a remarkable cross section of the best of UK and foreign architecture, but the last Scottish practice to build anything there was the Glaswegian practice of Gillespie Kidd and Coia with their competition winning proposal for Robinson College Cambridge won in 1974 and completed in 1980. It is not only an immense privilege to be working in such a place but also to keep such illustrious company. Images will be published as soon as the College permits.

Conan Doyle Medical Centre, Liberton - Completed



Our project for the Mayfield Road medical practice has been completed and handed over to the doctors. This is our first medical centre design and the project was constructed for developers Kilmartin and constructed on a design and build basis by Interserve with whom we are also collaborating on designs for a dementia centre in Fife. The [webpage](#) has been updated to include photographs of the completed building just before occupation and we hope to post further pictures of the building in use.

Wells Cathedral School Music Auditorium



Congratulations to Eric Parry on his victory for this interesting project. We have added a [new webpage](#) which shows our own entry. The competition was limited to an impressive list of architects and we were pleased to be included.

New Buildings at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen

We are delighted to have been included in the short list of nine architects for an enormous and exciting project for the virtual complete relocation of the University's remaining Aberdeen city centre buildings to the Garthdee campus. We are very much the David among architectural Goliaths for this ambitious £80 million project and will be making our presentation in November.

Planning Permission for Housing at Timmer Market , Aberdeen



We are delighted that our Planning Appeal was successful for Timmer Market, and we are looking forward to commencing this project with Grampian Housing Association as soon as possible.

Planning Permission for House at Strathtummel



After our experience at Loch Tay, once again Perth and Kinross Council have distinguished themselves by granting a remarkably speedy planning application for our proposal for a house, this time on the north side of Loch Tummel. Six weeks from registration to consent must be something of a record (certainly for Edinburgh!). We hope to start construction drawings soon.

Press

Our development at the Haymarket in Edinburgh has received further publicity - including extensive coverage in local papers - The Scotsman and Evening News and also on the BBC and an interview given by Richard Murphy for STV.

October's issue of House & Garden featured an article on five architects who have been influenced by the neoclassicism of Sir John Soane - Richard Murphy interprets Soane's use of skylights and mirrors in his own house at Regent Terrace Mews in Edinburgh.

Annual Edinburgh 'Doors Open Day'



As usual our buildings proved extremely popular during this years Edinburgh 'Doors Open Day' - four buildings by our practice were featured - our own office; The Breakfast Mission, Maggie's Centre at the Western General Hospital, 17 Royal Terrace Mews and 10 Regent Terrace Mews.

Lectures

Richard will be speaking to Historic Scotland on the subject of 'Managing Change in Scotland's Historic Built Environment' on 11 October 2007.

Richard has also been asked to speak at the Cornwall Architecture Trust annual lecture and dinner at the Cornwall County Council Offices in Truro on 16 November 2007.

On 7 November, Richard will be speaking to Patrons of Sir John Soane's Museum as part of a new 'Robert Adam' Exhibition at the Museum.

Richard Murphy Architects is now Richard Murphy Architects Ltd

The practice has changed its status to a limited company and there are four directors, Richard Murphy, Bill Black, James Mason and Matthew Bremner. Kathy Jowett is the company secretary and three new associates have been appointed: Graeme Armet, Craig Amy and Jamie McCutcheon. Details of all are on the "people" section of the website

and Finally...



The office will be closed from Friday 2nd to Monday 5th November as we are decamping on a "study" long weekend to Madrid of which more news in the next newsletter. Meanwhile many thanks to all those who attended our sixteenth birthday party held at the Breakfast Mission.