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Drum Launches Online Consultation for Stead's Place Development

Interactive Website for Leith Walk Site Live on Thursday 30 July

Drum Property Group has launched an online public consultation seeking views on a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) submitted to the City of Edinburgh Council for the redevelopment of the 2.9-acre Stead's Place site, near the foot of Leith Walk.

The interactive online consultation will be launched on Thursday (30th July), following the latest Scottish Government guidance on public consultation reflecting the current restrictions in public gathering imposed by the coronavirus lockdown.

The Stead's Place site has been earmarked for development by the City of Edinburgh Council since 2008 and consists largely of an aged industrial estate and office space, together with a two-storey sandstone building facing directly on to Leith Walk.

As part of the proposed redevelopment, the sandstone building will be retained and refurbished and made available for a range of commercial uses. The existing industrial units located directly behind Leith Walk are to be demolished and replaced with a new residential-led landscaped development, linking to Pilrig Park and beyond.

Welcoming this latest phase of the Stead's Place redevelopment, Graeme Bone, Managing Director of Drum Property Group, said: "We remain 100% committed to investing in and improving the whole Stead's Place site, and are looking forward to this next initial stage of planning consultation, which will now take place online following Scottish Government advice.

"We have listened to a range of concerns voiced during the previous application. As a result, we are proposing to retain and refurbish the two-storey sandstone building to ensure that, once again, it plays an important role in the future of the Leith Walk community.

“The rest of the site will be designated to provide much needed local housing. This will open up what is currently an inhospitable industrial area to create an accessible living environment linked through landscaped walkways and cycle routes to Pilrig Park and the rest of the city. We are confident that the revised proposals provide a much-needed boost to the city’s economy as it recovers from the coronavirus lockdown.”

The online consultation can be viewed by logging on to the Stead’s Place website: www.steads-place.com.

The live consultation will be launched on Thursday 30 July, with viewers able to email questions directly to the development design team between 12 noon and 8 pm on that day. A questionnaire seeking feedback on the proposals will be available to return online, with a completion deadline of August 13.

Ends

July 22, 2020

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Note to Editors – Stead’s Place Development Timeline

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| 2008 | The 2.9-acre Stead’s Place site is first earmarked for development by the City of Edinburgh Council and becomes one of the city’s most prominent gap sites. |
| Spring 2018 | Drum Property Group purchases the site and launches a comprehensive consultation programme - including five days of public exhibitions and setting up a community liaison group |
| August 2018 | Drum submits a planning application to the City of Edinburgh Council for a £50 million mixed-use development plan comprising homes, student accommodation and a hotel - plus a row of retail and restaurant/café outlets overlooking Leith Walk replacing the original sandstone building. |
| November 2018 | Revised proposals are submitted reducing the Leith Walk elevation by one storey to keep the building in line with surrounding tenements. The revised proposals, which followed detailed discussions with the local community and the City of Edinburgh Council’s planning team, also include a more defined and distinct row for the sandstone retail units as well as increased provision for cyclists and pedestrians. The proposals receive more than 700 letters of public support. |
| January 23rd 2019 | The City of Edinburgh Council planning officers recommend approval for Drum’s revised planning application. |
| January 30th 2019 | Despite the council planning officers recommending approval, Drum’s planning application is refused by the City of Edinburgh Council’s planning |

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| | committee. |
| May 2019 | Drum lodges an appeal with the Scottish Government challenging the council's decision not to grant planning approval for the revised planning application. |
| December 2019 | The Scottish Government Reporter decides not to uphold Drum's appeal challenging the City of Edinburgh Council's decision to refuse planning approval for the Stead's Place development. |
| April 2020 | Drum launched a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) with new proposals to retain the original sandstone building overlooking Leith Walk, which will be refurbished and made available for a range of commercial uses. The existing industrial units located directly behind Leith Walk are to be demolished and replaced with a new residential-led landscaped development linking to Pilrig Park and beyond. |
| July 2020 | Drum launches an online consultation programme in line with Scottish Government advice following the restrictions in public movement imposed by the coronavirus pandemic. |

About Drum Property Group

Drum Property Group Ltd is an award-winning property development and investment business with a long track record of growth throughout the UK.

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