

# Glasgow Urban Design Panel

## Feedback Report

**Date:** 19th September 2019

**Project:** Candleriggs Masterplan

**Planning Status:** Pre-Application

**Presentation by:** Stallan Brand

### Panel Consensus

- The panel welcomed the quality of presentation and analysis.
- The shuffle concept and the proposed masterplan form were generally well received by the panel. However, further exploration of the block forms is required to provide a better understanding of the relationships between each one.
- Traditionally this is a strong city block but is there a point at which this identity will be lost by breaking down the block too much resulting in a collection of individual buildings.
- This is no longer an urban block that is familiar with the Merchant City. It is a hybrid block where two typologies of the city come together.
- More consistency to the Trongate elevation in relation to massing and shift in plan could help reinforce the idea of the 'urban walls' of facades along this corridor in the city.
- The panel felt that some analysis of existing public spaces within Glasgow could help establish the middle ground in between the New Town and Merchant City typologies to develop a narrative that is appropriate and unique to this development.
- A series of sections through the masterplan would help to provide a better understanding of the space between the buildings and also the relationship between the proposed public square and density levels.
- To support the proposed density a series of microclimatic studies are required to understand the quality of the public spaces and to ensure that the proposed height is not detrimental to these spaces.
- There are challenges with amenity planning policy that need to be overcome through further discussion with Planning and City Design.

- Whilst there is no allowance for car parking other aspects of transport should be considered such as access, drop off, delivery and servicing.
- An overview of architectural language was provided and the panel look forward to development of detail design and exploration of materiality.

### **Panel Recommendations**

- Further exploration of the block forms relating to their relationships and legibility of city block.
- Analysis of existing public spaces within Glasgow to help develop a new narrative for masterplan.
- Develop sections through the masterplan to provide a better understanding of the space between and public spaces.
- Develop a series of microclimatic studies to help inform the proposed density levels and provide a better understanding of the environment that will be created in the new public square.
- Develop a vehicular strategy in line with access, drop off, delivery and servicing.
- Develop detail design and materiality.
- A walking tour of the site would be welcome.