

# The SCT Newsletter

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## Schedule of Events Autumn/Winter 2006

**27th & 28th Oct 2006  
Kelham & Neepsend  
Consultation Events**  
Part of production of  
an action plan for the  
Kelham & Neepsend  
areas: two consulta-  
tion events: Fri 27th  
Oct 9am - 5pm at The  
Brook Room, SCEDU,  
53 Mowbray Street,  
Sheffield and Sat 28th  
Oct 10am - 1pm at  
Kelham Island Museum

**30th November 2006  
Sheffield Neighbour-  
hoods: What does  
Community mean in  
the 21st century?.**  
Debate and discussion  
session, Showroom,  
Cinema 3. 6-8pm for  
further information call  
0114 241 3440 or email  
[4x4@makingplaces.com](mailto:4x4@makingplaces.com)  
See overleaf for  
info on speakers.

**7th December 2006  
Changing Sheffield:  
Who should lead on  
quality?** Debate and  
discussion session,  
Showroom, Cinema 3.  
6-8pm for further infor-  
mation call 0114 241  
3440 or email [4x4@makingplaces.com](mailto:4x4@makingplaces.com).  
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speakers.

## Hot Topics!

The Committee will  
be looking into:

-A public meeting on the  
Moor redevelopment

- The Cooling Towers:  
Should they stay? Pub-  
lic Art for Sheffield?

Send us your views  
email [sheffieldcivic-trust@googlemail.com](mailto:sheffieldcivic-trust@googlemail.com)

## First Newsletter!

Welcome to the first newslet-  
ter from the Sheffield Civic Trust.  
We hope that the newsletter will  
provide you with an opportunity to  
discover areas of development you  
were unaware of, highlight excellent  
examples of design in the city and  
provide you with information about  
all our events and activities in the  
city. We will also be including infor-  
mation about other activities and  
events that may be of interest as  
well as links to websites of interest  
and recommended reading.

We'll be calling on the Commit-  
tee and membership to submit ar-  
ticles for future newsletters, so if  
there is something you want to tell  
the other members please let us  
know. Any items should be sent to  
[sheffieldcivictrust@googlemail.com](mailto:sheffieldcivictrust@googlemail.com)

We hope that the newsletter will be a  
quarterly publication and will go out  
to most of our membership via email  
to reduce postage costs.

**Simon Gedye**  
Chair of SCT

## Nothing Hidden: Napier St

We have been watching the con-  
struction of new apartments on Na-  
pier Street with interest – **Simon  
Harrison** the architect gives us the  
story behind a challenging new face  
in the city.....

Whilst most developments are able  
to hide behind scaffolding, cloaked  
in screening throughout their con-  
struction, Napier 01 has been left  
open to the gaze of the public, who  
have shown a genuine interest in the  
design, and particularly the use of  
the unusual cladding.

The client and design team has  
sought to develop an alternative  
to the red brick boxes of other city  
centre developments, using

lamine panels and aluminium clad-  
ding to define an original aesthetic,  
illustrating externally the emphasis  
placed on innovative design through-  
out the development. The site layout  
works hard to achieve a density of  
410 dwelling per hectare, whilst still  
achieving apartments approximately  
30-40% larger than comparable de-  
velopments. This density allows for  
investment in more attractive clad-  
ding systems, and larger 'terrace  
balconies', including a communal  
western roof terrace for those sum-  
mer BBQs! All communal spaces  
have been developed to avoid dingy  
windowless corridors, with apart-  
ments accessed by naturally lit  
atriums and external terraces.



image:  
Simon Harrison

The project has also differed opera-  
tionally, in that the architectural team  
has been based onsite throughout  
the construction phase, allowing us  
to constantly evaluate and develop  
all aspects of the design. This addi-  
tional design time has allowed us to  
improve not just the aesthetics, but  
also the build quality, with all inter-  
nal walls greatly exceeding current  
acoustic regulations. We have also  
worked with ventilation manufac-  
turers and Sheffield City Council to  
develop an energy-efficient ventila-  
tion system incorporating heat ex-  
changers to minimise energy loss.

The decision to avoid using scaf-  
folding has left little to the im-  
agination at Napier 01, however it  
has stimulated a healthy interest  
in the design of such a prominent  
building in this area of the city. ■

## Sheffield Civic Trust New Retail Quarter Update

**Robin J Hughes** passes on news of the latest activities in the heart of the city.

Hammerson's outline planning application for the New Retail Quarter was granted conditionally in August. Their approach, which now has Council approval, will demolish nearly every building in the NRQ area, which overlaps the City Centre Conservation Area.

The NRQ will greatly improve the city's retail offer and thus boost the local economy, but at high cost to the city's built heritage. Although Leah's Yard and Laycock House are not threatened, the listed Bethel Sunday School, Primitive Methodist chapel, innovative Cole Brothers store, fire service headquarters, remnants of Kangaroo and Trafalgar Works, and one third of the historic west side of Pinstone Street will be lost.



Pinstone Street, created by Sheffield Corporation's ambitious 1875 scheme, embodies Sheffield's pride and increasing prosperity.

The west side is the city centre's longest intact run of buildings from this period. Objections focused on the demolition of the Brittain Building and HSBC bank, between Cambridge Street and Charles Street. Half the façade of the HSBC bank was saved, but nothing else.

Council officers insist that the replacement for the Brittain Building must be of the highest quality, expressing individuality

and flair, This is surely an ambition that the Trust would support and I urge the trust to ensure that the replacement buildings deliver this promise when detailed plans, which must be approved before demolition, are submitted.

images:  
Robin J Hughes

Visit the NRQ site for their latest news on progress [http://www.sheffield-nrq.co.uk/news\\_story.asp?i=10](http://www.sheffield-nrq.co.uk/news_story.asp?i=10)



## 4 x 4 Specials 2006

Debates on Sheffield Neighbourhoods and Leadership on Quality in Architecture, 30th November and 7th December respectively, at the Showroom Cinema.

The 4 x 4 specials are back for 2006 with new topics and an excellent line up of speakers, all eager for you to hear their opinions and raise the debate!

Among the speakers and chairs are Deborah Saunt from DSDH Architects, Joanne Roney, Executive Director Neighbourhoods & Community Care, Sheffield City Council, Julia Middleton from Common Purpose and Christopher Ash, Project Orange, architects for the new Sinclair's building on Glossop Road.

For more information about the events send your questions to [4x4@makingplaces.com](mailto:4x4@makingplaces.com) or call 0114 241 3440. Book via [4x4@showroom.org.uk](http://4x4@showroom.org.uk) or call the number above.

## Kelham and Neepsend Consultation Events

As part of the process for the production of an action plan for the Kelham and Neepsend areas, we will be holding two consultation events in the area.

Anyone is free to call in at the following locations and at any time between the following hours:

- Friday 27th October 9am to 5pm at The Brook Room, SCEDU, 53 Mowbray Street, Sheffield
- Saturday 28th October 10am to 1pm at Kelham Island Museum

All business and residents in the action plan area have already received questionnaires, which generated an encouraging feedback and response rate, and these events will provide a second opportunity for people to call in and give their views. I've attached a report which outlines the principles behind the proposal for an action plan and also its geographical limits.

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## Building of the Quarter



image:  
Kate Lockhart

We'd like our members to send us photos and info about a building they find interesting. Each quarter one of our members will have their building featured. This quarter we have a simple cityscape, hopefully inspiring you to go out and look at the city!

We're sure that there are plenty of budding photographers out there who can better this effort. Email your picture with the name, location and further info on the building to [sheffieldcivictrust@googlemail.com](mailto:sheffieldcivictrust@googlemail.com)