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Olympia Building Glasgow New Development- New Furniture?

Proposed redevelopment at Olympia Building, Glasgow. Moving and Needing Furniture?

May 4, 2011 - [PRLog](#) -- The Office Furniture Centre has been involved in the office furniture industry for over 25 years, supplying new and used office furniture to clients in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Scotland and across the UK.

The proposed redevelopment of the Olympia Theatre of Varieties will involve retention of the Category B Listed facade facing onto Olympia Street/London Road, and demolition of the rear structure to allow erection of a new steel framed structure capable of accommodating 4 stories of flexible floorspace of over 3,300sq.m / 35,000sq.ft.

The new build element will provide a visible facade onto Orr Street, also viewed from Bridgeton Cross. Initially the listed facade requires stabilisation and protection from further deterioration. It will then be sensitively restored and integrated into the new structure with the prominent dome reconstructed as part of this process.

The building will be transformed externally, with areas of glazing opening up the existing façade and a new glazed frontage onto Orr Street, allowing the activities in the first floor sports training areas and the upper floor offices to be seen from the street, animating the building at all times of the day.

A new granite plinth will run along the ground floor on Olympia Street before wrapping up and over the large curtain wall opening on Orr Street, the design being reminiscent of a proscenium arch recalling the buildings original use.

At ground level the primary access to the building will be from the corner of Orr Street and Olympia Street, via the original theatre entrance, which will be covered by a new canopy, recreating the original, now lost, canopy of the Olympia Theatre. The foyer will allow access to all levels via a spiralling timber clad stair.

The ground floor will house the re-located Bridgeton Library, which will be a modern inclusive ICT rich environment, which will also accommodate a café.

The sports training area located on the first floor of the proposal will house the national governing bodies of Wrestling and Boxing, serving as a training facility for elite athletes in these sports. This requires the creation of a large open space free from structure to accommodate the wrestling and boxing activity spaces.

The second and third floor is to be allocated for lettable office space, and will also feature large span open plan spaces with the potential to be occupied as either as a single open plan office or subdivided into two.

The development is also being assessed under BREEAM and is aiming for an 'Excellent' rating, with the proposals including rain water harvesting, high thermal insulation and a micro CHP.

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