

High Street Development on Site in March 2010

The Dunblane Development Trust (DDT) is constructing a mixed use building on the gap site in the centre of the Town's High Street. Planning Permission for the project has been granted and a Building Warrant should be granted shortly. Once completed, the Dunblane community will own the building.

DDT's aims for this project are:-

- to give an economic boost to the local community and encourage further investment
- to increase the footfall in the High Street
- to improve the environment

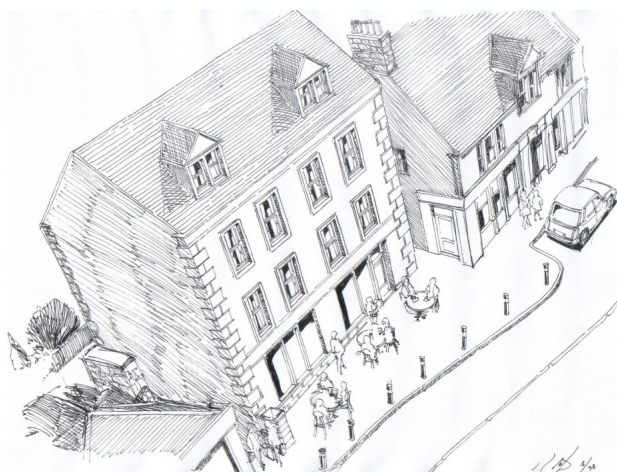
A Restaurant and five Flats

The building will accommodate for a two floor Restaurant / Bistro - and there will be space for a pavement café. On the upper floors will be four one bedroom flats and one two bedroom flat. Over twenty contractors responded to DDT's advertisements regarding the project and after a thorough vetting process by the Design Team, tender documents were issued to a short-list of six contractors in early January 2010.

Start on Site in March 2010

DDT expects to be in a position to place a construction contract in February 2010 and construction is likely to commence on site towards the end of March 2010. The fit-out works for the restaurant are expected to be provided by the prospective restaurateur.

Funding for the initial feasibility, public engagement and planning stages of the project was provided by Forth Valley Lomond Leader, the Scottish Community Foundation and Stirling Council with match funding from the Big Lottery Fund and an interest free loan from the Kippendavie Group Trust (KGT). KGT also provided substantial short term bridging finance to allow DDT to purchase the site when funds became available.



Artists impression of High Street level.

Main Source of Funding

A Grant of £1.2m from the Scottish Government Town Centre Regeneration Fund (TCRF) has been the main source of funding for the purchase of the gap site and the construction of the building. The TCRF recognises that Scotland's town centres and local high streets are a key element of the economic and social fabric of the nation, acting as centres of employment and services for local communities and a focus for community activity.



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