

Falcon Square, Street Furniture Inverness City Centre

(For Derek Lovejoy Scotland)

Falcon Square is a new, award winning civic piazza, designed and built through the new Eastgate Shopping Centre contract.

The brief was to take the opportunity to design a new and contemporary suit of bespoke street furniture for this prestigious city central location at the request of the local councillors.

The design for the urban square, also by Derek Lovejoy Partnership, aimed to provide an open, simple space for gatherings, celebrations or temporary markets and fairs. The space is flanked by a listed building, and by the new Eastgate Shopping Centre by Hurd Rolland Architects. The listed building accommodates cafes which spill out into the square. The main vehicular route into the city centre runs past the opposite sides of the square.

The listed building railings were designed to accommodate the activities of the café users with a broad timber leaning rail and a perch for resting beer glasses. The design incorporates solid stainless steel panels with a simple abstraction of the Eastgate celtic logo. This logo is carried through into the pedestrian guardrails, but with the differing functional requirements, the logo was required to have a greater degree of visual transparency. Computer modeling demonstrated that the through visibility for the overall railing design matched that of the typical visirail and approval was agreed. A common integrated lighting detail gives the railings a vertical commonality and visual rhythm.

The tree grilles and bollards were designed and detailed to compliment the other specialist street furniture elements and also incorporate lighting. The space is, with out doubt, a fantastic new asset for the people and visitors to Inverness.

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Royal and Sun Alliance

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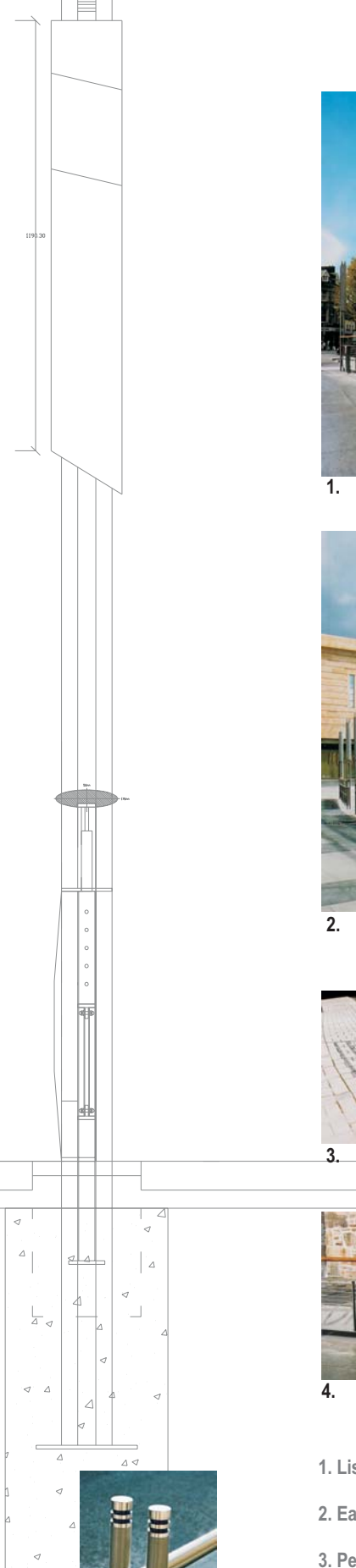
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1. Listed building railings

2. Eastgate shopping centre

3. Pedestrian 'open' guard rail detail

4. Bead blasted logo panels detail

5. Finial detail

6. Tree grille detail

7. Lighting detail