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Consultation on the Future of Govan Graving Docks

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The Clyde Docks Preservation Initiative is preparing to launch a consultation on the future of Govan Graving Docks. We will be conducting this in collaboration with a number of local organisations and academia.

We wish to invite a wide range of stakeholders and interested parties to comment and give views on what they wish to see done with the derelict dry dock complex. Through this we hope to be able to exert considerable influence over the plans of the developers, New City Vision Group, who own the site as well as shape an alternative vision for the future of the docks.

Govan Graving Docks is a Category A-listed site and the only remaining dock complex in Glasgow. It is a monument to the people who built it and thus there exists a moral duty of stewardship over their legacy. It is a maritime asset of local, national and international significance and any development on the docks must be sympathetic to this.

Our position is that the graving docks should become a UNESCO World Heritage Site and that any construction of permanent buildings should be restricted to low-rise on the edge of the site along Govan Road.

The long-term objective of The CDPI is that the graving docks site will be restored to create a shipbuilding heritage park and we wish to engage a number of parties across academia, the maritime industry and the public both locally and nationally in shaping a possible vision for this. Part of the strategy development will include competitions for architecture, design and engineering students to design buildings and installations in the park and exploring options for the restoration of the dry docks to working order so we can accommodate vessels in them.

We are also very concerned about the recent fires in the A-listed pump house building at the Graving Docks and while we understand the police and fire service have spoken to some of the youths involved, more needs to be done to secure this building against vandalism and further deterioration.

The CDPI is also interested in hearing from corporate sponsors and consultants that can support our objectives. We are also interested to hear from potential volunteers who can support the ongoing project to save the docks. We also need to raise funds to support our ongoing work.

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