

Plans for Calton Square office building to go on display

The public are being urged to share their views on proposals for the prominent city centre office building

The developers behind the proposals for the refurbishment of the city centre office building on Calton Square, at the top of Leith Walk, are inviting the public to come and view the plans at an exhibition on Tuesday next week (Feb 20).

Ardstone Capital have been appointed as Development Managers, with the current occupier set to move out in April 2025. The proposals include a major upgrade to modernise the office space, cutting the building's carbon footprint and meeting technical standards, as well as the creation of additional usable space, including additional accommodation, without increasing the existing maximum height of the building.

The building dates from the 1990s and fronts onto Leith Street, Greenside Row (the pedestrian street along the Omni frontage) and Greenside Place. Despite the prominent city centre location the proposal is not formally classed as a major development, so no statutory consultation is required prior to submission of the planning application.

Craig McDonald, Principal and Managing Director of Ardstone Capital UK, acting as Development Manager on behalf of the owner and its advisory team, said:

“While occupying a top-grade location, the existing building no longer provides office space that suits current occupier requirements and fails to meet current statutory requirements in several important areas. It also fails to engage with or contribute to the street life and immediate surroundings.

“Our proposals aim to address these issues and deliver an office building comparable to the best in Europe with the lowest possible carbon footprint. In addition, it will address the recognised demand for top quality office space in the capital while making an important contribution to the city.

“We urge the local community to come and share their views on our proposals.”

The “informal” public engagement event takes place on Tuesday 20th February, between 3pm and 7pm at St Paul’s & St George’s Church Hall, York Place Edinburgh EH1 3RH.

A website has been set up, with details to be published after the February 20th event, at www.caltonsquare.com