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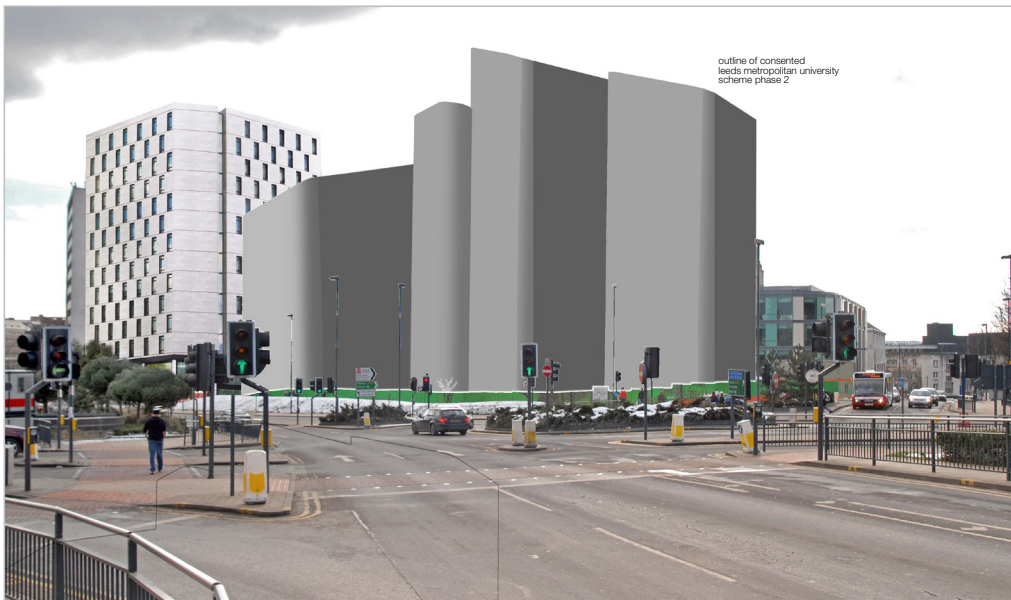
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New Hotel Plans For Leeds' Civic Quarter

Client: Oxford GB Ltd
Project: Portland Crescent, Leeds



Following submission of a full application by Manchester based HOW Planning on behalf of Oxford GB Ltd, councillors have resolved to grant planning permission for the erection of a 244 bed upscale hotel development in Leeds city centre.

The hotel site lies sandwiched between Leeds Metropolitan University, Millennium Square and the proposed new £80m Concert Arena recently announced at MIPIM 2009. The hotel scheme has been designed on a split level, part 14 storey, part 6 storey, and will include restaurant, bar and meeting room facilities. The high quality design is sympathetic to its surroundings with careful consideration given to the impact on the nearby city centre and Queens' Square conservation area.

Says Jon Suckley, Principal at HOW Planning: "The new hotel will be a landmark building in Leeds city centre and will transform this piece of land into a stunning new leisure development



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which will complement the wider environment and further improve the profile of this area.”

The hotel will be developed by Oxford GB, using GB Building Solutions to undertake the design and construction works. Oxford GB have already received strong interest from a number of hotel operators. Works are due to commence on site later this year.

