

THE GREEK THOMSON SIXTY STEPS PRESERVATION TRUST

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Structural work update

Over recent months, and thanks to Glasgow City Council, a great deal of work has been taking place to stabilise the Sixty Steps wall, which had been in danger of collapse.

This has involved exploring the voids behind the wall, and installing a row of CINTEC anchors to 'stitch' the structure together. Boreholes have been dug to examine the foundations, which have revealed a sub-layer of sand that is thought to be the cause of movement. Vulnerable sections of the wall will now be carefully underpinned in stages, and stonework will be grouted.

The further stabilisation required means that repair work – and related obstruction on Queen Margaret Road – will continue into the new year. But we are extremely grateful that the underlying structural problem is being addressed, and that careful and sensitive repairs are being undertaken to this important monument.

Efforts to raise awareness of the need for – not to mention funds for – full restoration continue. If you would like to help, please email mail@sixtysteps.org.uk

BBC site plans invite responses

Detailed plans for the redevelopment of the former BBC site on the other side of the river Kelvin from the Sixty Steps structure have now been formally lodged with the Council.

In summary, the plan comprises 19 townhouses and 79 flats. The development proposes low-level housing facing Hamilton Drive, and a series of blocks of flats, ranging up to 6-7 stories, overlooking the river.

You can view the plans and associated documents online at

<https://publicaccess.glasgow.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=MC95EX0FZ00> (copy link into internet browser).

December 4 is the closing date for responses, which can be made by letter or email to planning.representations@drs.glasgow.gov.uk.

Responses should carry the reference 12/02120/DC.