

A Future Gateway

A new vision for Buchanan Bus Station



We are creating a **new vision and masterplan** for Buchanan Bus Station and the surrounding urban block.

This includes proposals for the bus station, its surrounding public realm and how it interacts with neighbouring locations, setting out what Glasgow need from a modern bus station. We are carrying out a public consultation and want to hear your thoughts.

You said...

Feedback from previous workshops, focus groups and surveys has highlighted that the bus station's primary role as a transport hub must remain central to its future. People want a station that is intuitive, efficient and seamlessly connected to other transport modes, helping to reduce journey times and provide safe, door-to-door connectivity.

Participants recognised opportunities for wider uses, which should complement, not compete with, the station's transport function. Many felt the current facilities and public spaces could be improved, with stronger links to surrounding areas and nearby hubs such as Queen Street Station and Buchanan Street Subway.

Looking ahead, people expressed a clear preference for a functional, welcoming, and well-connected place that supports sustainable travel and offers better amenities, cultural activity, and greener, safer public spaces with complementary developments for the city centre.

We did...

Development of a distinctive design that prioritises visibility, efficiency, and connectivity, ensuring the bus station remains a central and intuitive transport hub. The proposal delivers an enhanced passenger experience through improved facilities and seamless links to other transport modes, supporting safe, door-to-door journeys and reducing travel times.

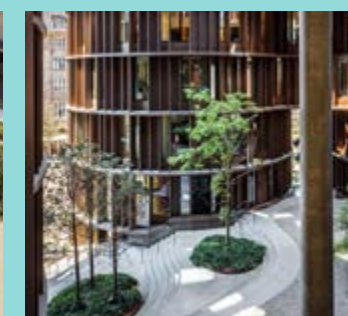
The design allows for operational flexibility, with open areas and adaptable layouts to accommodate future changes and improvements. Enhanced safety measures and improved surveillance contribute to a more secure environment for passengers and other users of the station.

Generous public realm creates a welcoming and vibrant environment, with high-impact activation and stronger connections to surrounding areas and nearby hubs such as Queen Street Station and Buchanan Street Subway, ensuring the station not only functions effectively but also enhances the city's public spaces and travel experience.



The early proposed masterplan creates a distinctive, well-connected bus station that enhances passenger experience and operational efficiency.

The proposed plan introduces flexible layouts, improved safety, and generous public spaces that link seamlessly with other areas and transport modes within the city centre.



Example images for public civic spaces

Example images for landscape planting

Concept Model showing early design options



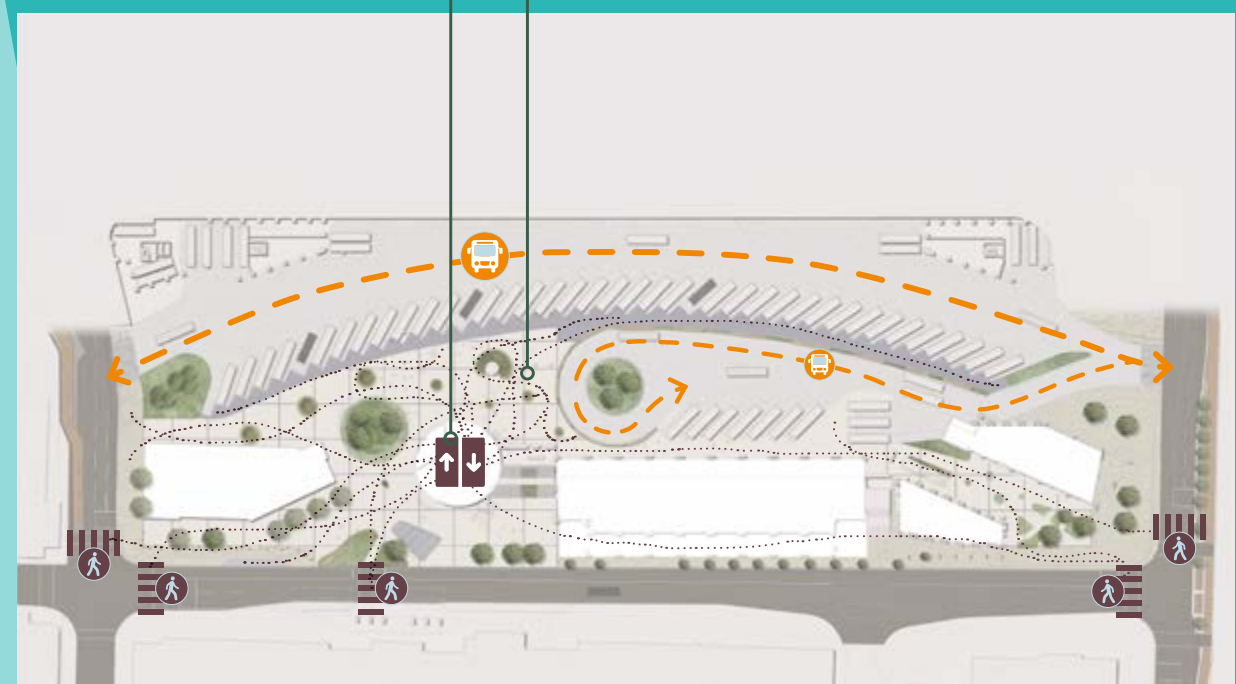
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Welcoming, Lively & Easy to Navigate

Lift connecting to Bridges

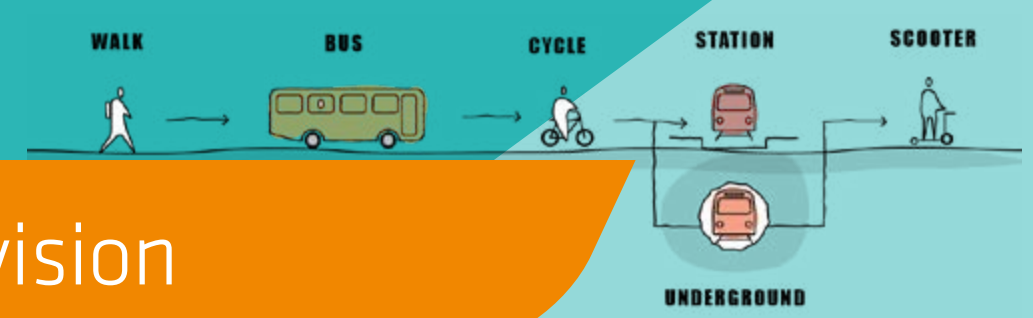
Level access throughout Concourse

Level access across all Bridges



Accessibility, Walking/Wheeling Experience, ground floor: Concourse

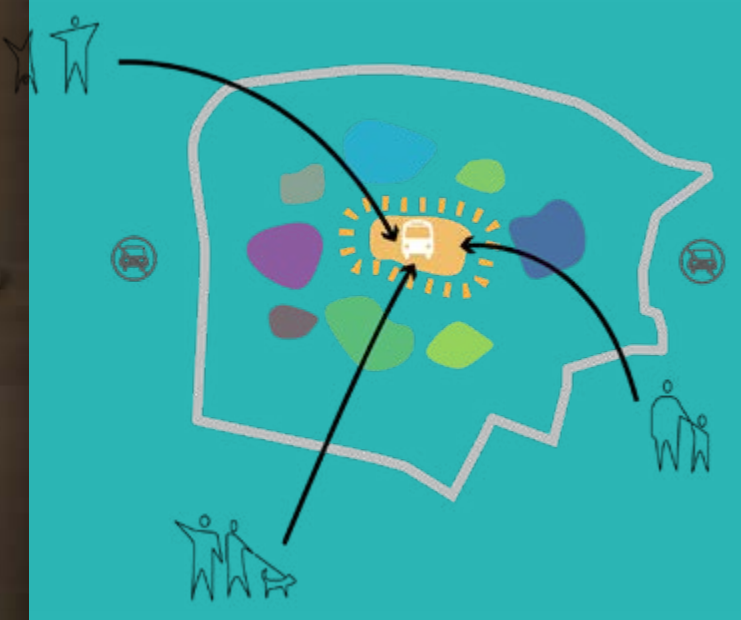
Accessibility, Walking/Wheeling Experience, upper level: Bridge



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Previously participants told us that improving accessibility and movement was a top priority, with better connections, safer routes, and more greenery around the station.

Previously participants told us the bus station should feel welcoming, easy to find your way around, and full of life, while still being practical and efficient as a transport hub.



Concept sketches, site approach within Glasgow city centre



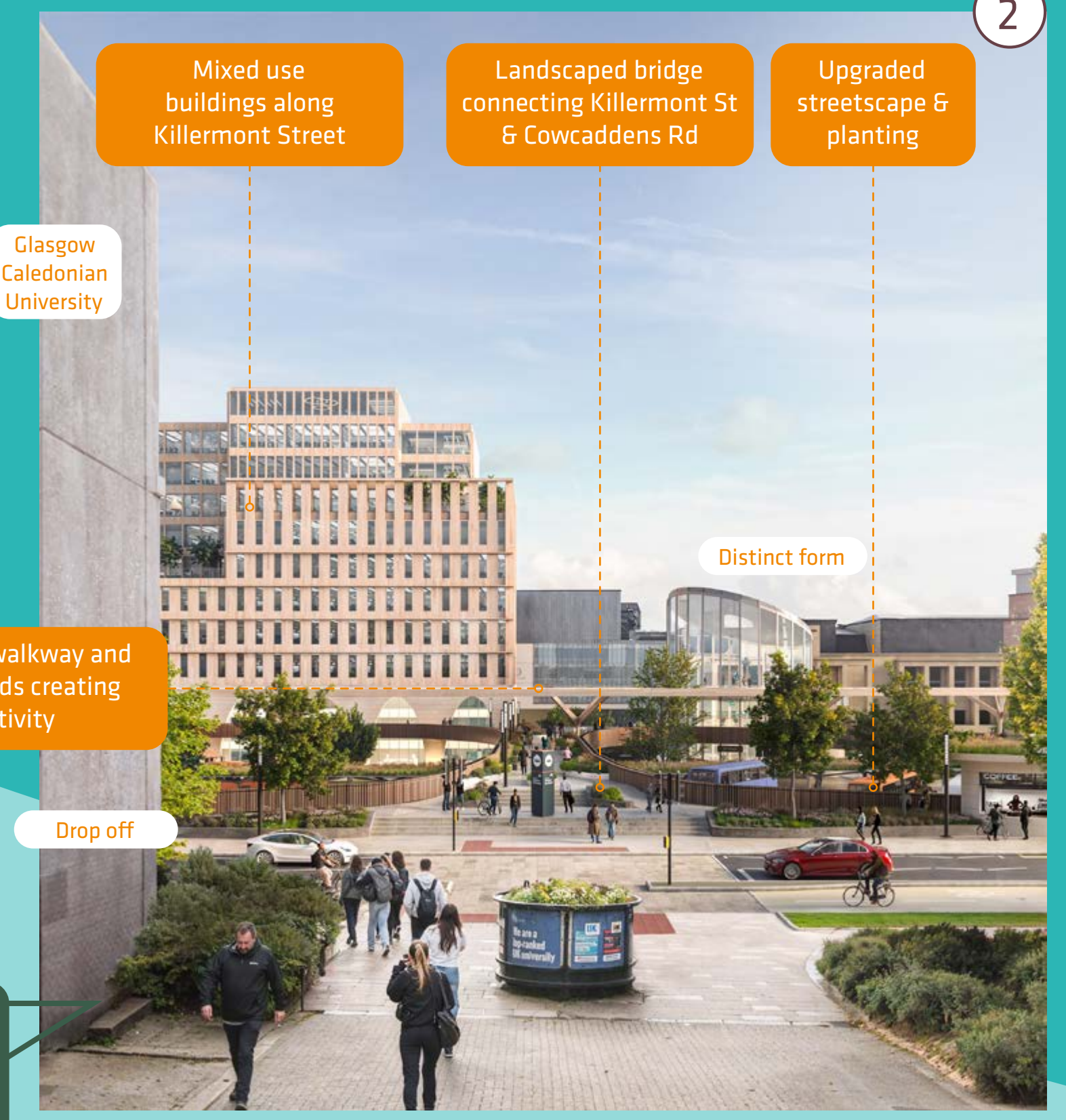
The team:

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Accessible & Connected



Bus arrival and waiting areas

Mixed use buildings with green walls and roofs

Pedestrians under large scale canopy at upper and ground floor levels

Green infrastructure bridge connecting upper level / Cowcaddens Rd

Existing building / hotel / student

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall

New canopy

Covered waiting

Station Amenities

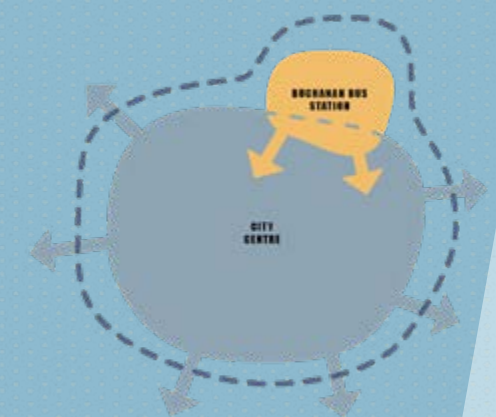
Raingardens / SuDS

Bus Stances

Seating / Rest

Upgraded streetscape & planting

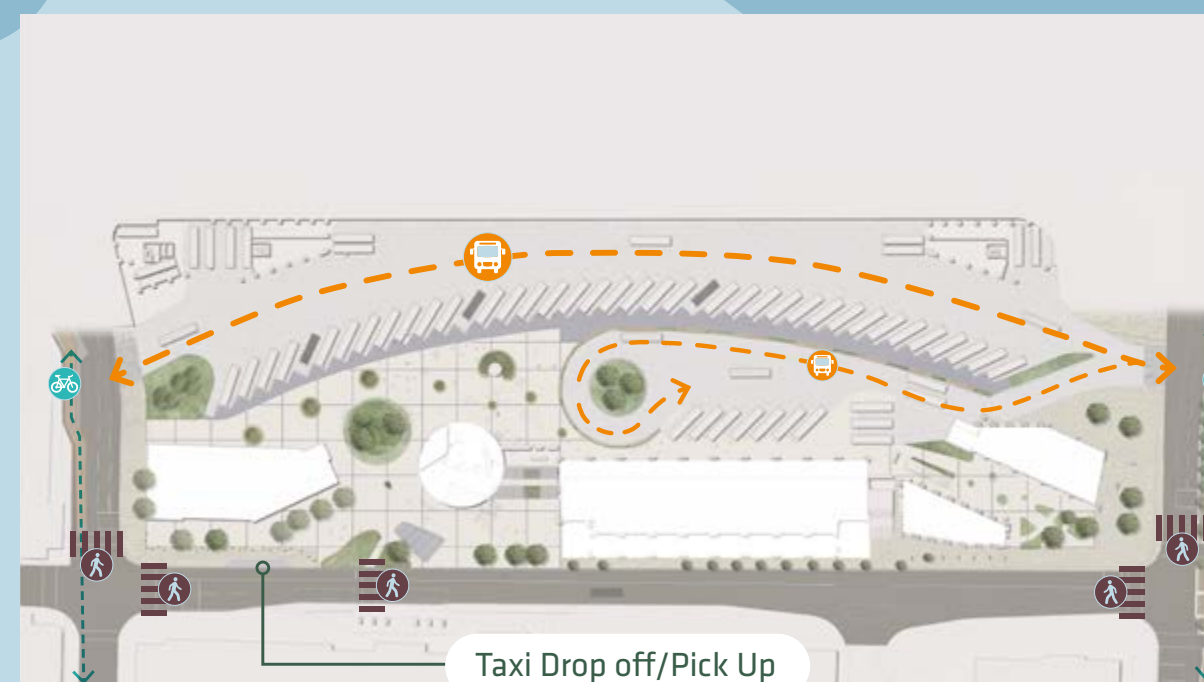
Previously participants told us they wanted stronger links between different transport modes and more natural, welcoming spaces, with good shelter and protection from the weather.



Transport-first Connections & Concourse



Concept sketches, inter-transport modal connections and being in the city



Drop off, pick up and bus journeys, ground floor: Concourse



Drop off, pick up and bus journeys, upper level: Bridge



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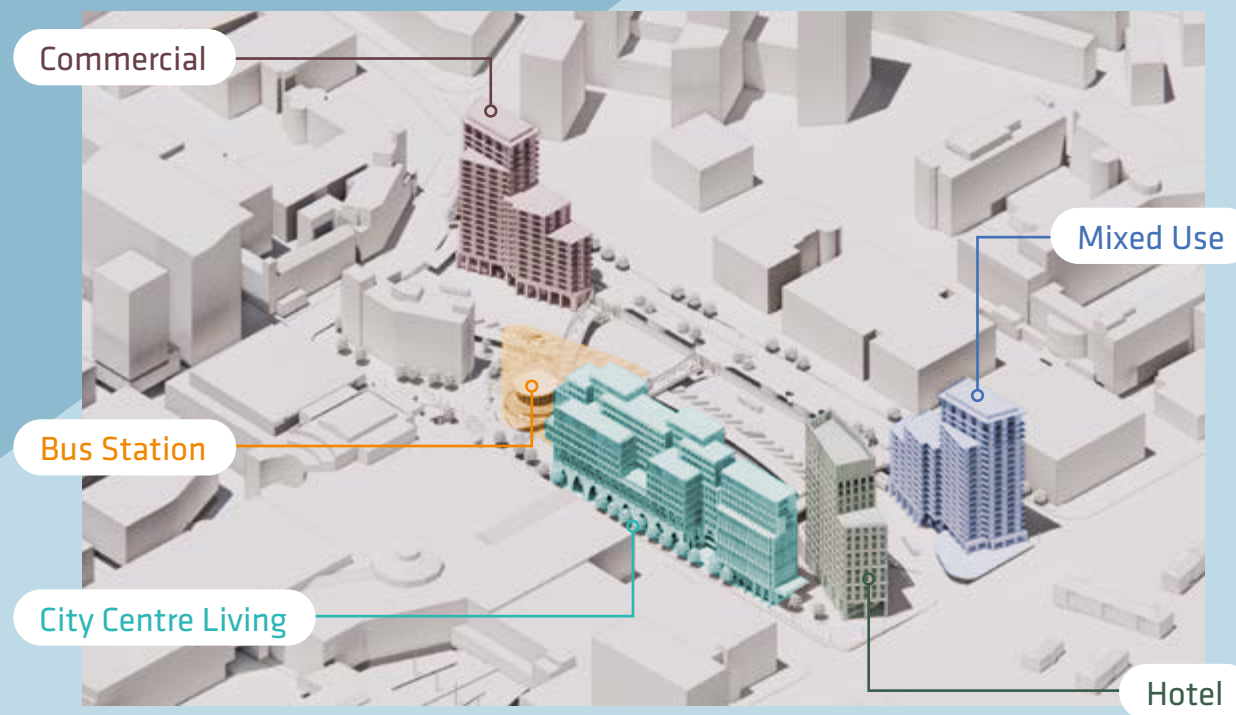
Station Amenities, Waiting Experience & Wayfinding



Example images for look & feel of Station and Concourse

This proposal has been designed to prioritise sustainable travel, comfort, and accessibility, the scheme transforms the station into a welcoming, vibrant gateway that strengthens connections across the city while maintaining its core role as a central transport hub.

The approach to the site promotes walking and wheeling, creating inclusive and accessible routes that integrate smoothly with the wider city centre. Importantly, the proposal establishes new development plots for office, residential, and retail floorspace, offering opportunities for high-quality urban growth that complements the station and contributes to a more connected, people-focused city centre.



Massing of proposed new blocks, showing potential uses across the site

Previously participants told us that the station should offer better amenities and a clearer passenger experience, with comfortable waiting areas, good weather cover and simple intuitive layouts

Local connections and amenities with pop up opportunities



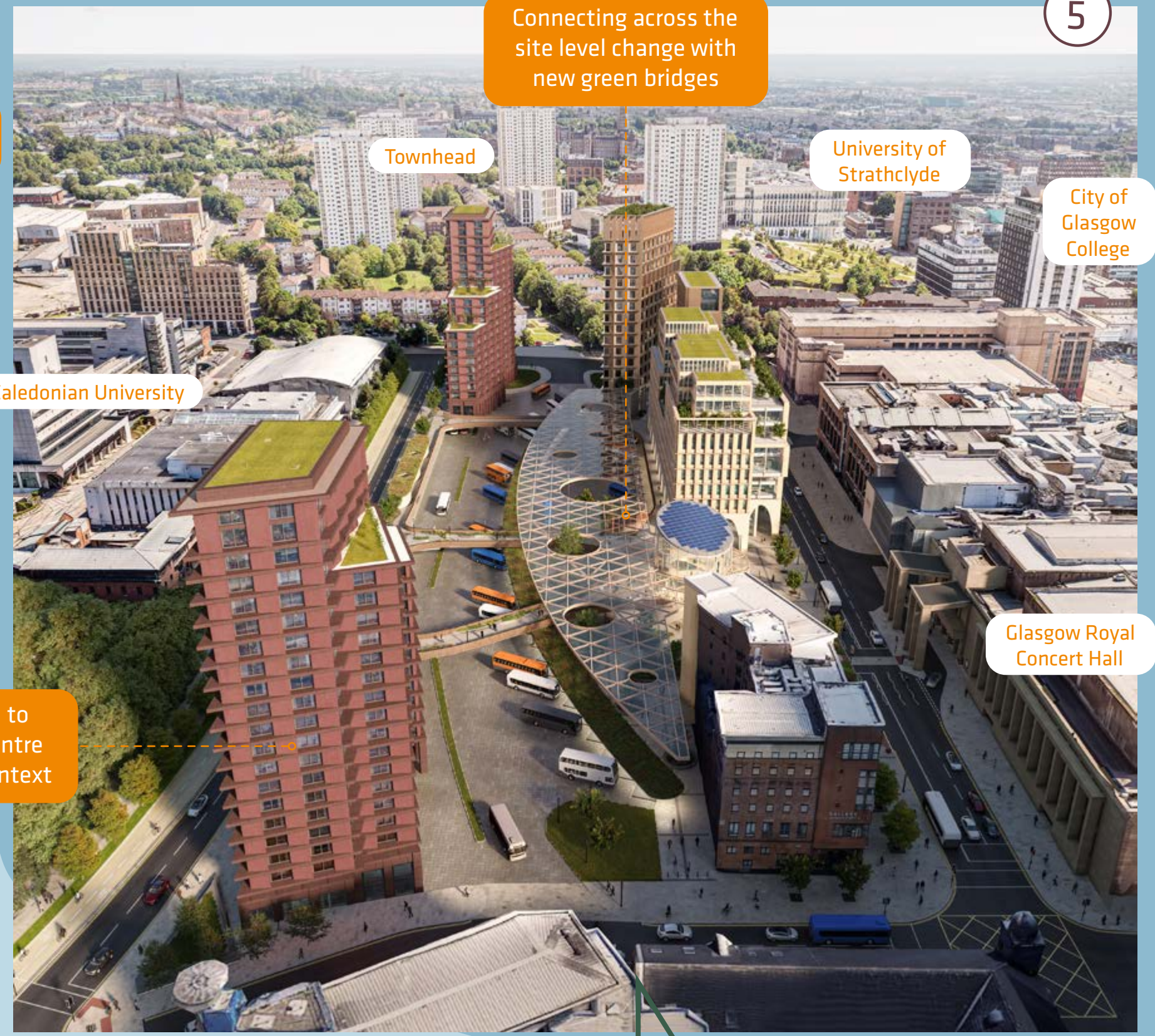
Frequently Asked Questions:

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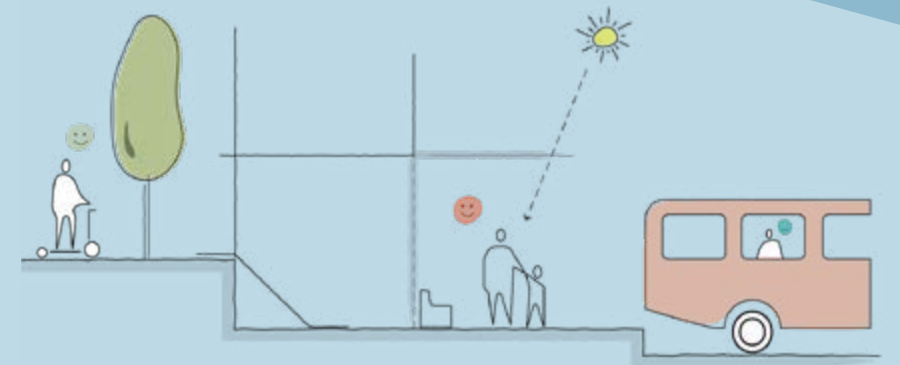
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Mixed-Use Development in Context

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Densification to suit the city centre location and context



Improved passenger experience by creating pleasant spaces and sheltered waiting

Previously participants told us that any new development should fit comfortably within its surroundings and keep the transport function central, while still creating a lively and well-designed place.