



Jacobite Cruises Ltd invited outline design submissions from four architectural practices with a pedigree for exceptional design in tourist-related developments in rural locations in Scotland. These were ANTA Architecture (Tain), Gareth Hoskins (Glasgow), Cameron Webster (Aberfeldy) and McKenzie Strickland (Glasgow).

Their conceptual designs were considered on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 by the Project Team - the Directors of Jacobite Cruises Ltd, G H Johnston Building Consultants Ltd (Architectural and Planning); Millard Consulting (Transport and Engineering); Donald Mackenzie Project Manager and a representative of Visit Scotland.

The Project Team considered the submissions against nationally recognised design characteristics drawn from the Scottish Executive Development Department Planning Advice Note 68 Design Statements.

**The Project Team considered that the submission by Cameron Webster and Gareth Hoskins most appropriately met their expectations.**

Jacobite Cruises Ltd has sought to work closely with local stakeholders in the course of developing its proposal. The architectural submissions were considered at a second Stakeholders Workshop held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at the Craigmonie Suite in Inverness and Glenurquhart High School, Drumnadrochit. Local stakeholders collaborated in two groups assembled broadly for their “community” and “loch user/marketing” interest.

Participants from Glenurquhart Community Council, Inverness West Community Council and Drumnadrochit Chamber of Commerce, Visit Scotland, RNLI, British Waterways and Destination Loch Ness took part. The workshop invited their views about the architectural submissions in the light of similar key design characteristics, in particular the extent to which the four submissions were: distinctive, safe and pleasant, easy to get to and move around, welcoming, adaptable and resource efficient; and the extent to which the building responds as a concept in its setting.

**Both of the local stakeholder groups awarded a highest score to the Cameron Webster submission.**

Jacobite Cruises Ltd and their Project Team met on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 to discuss the design submissions and appoint an architectural practice to design the building. **Cameron Webster Architects were appointed.**

The company wishes to commend the four practices ANTA Architecture (Tain), Gareth Hoskins (Glasgow), Cameron Webster (Aberfeldy) and McKenzie Strickland (Glasgow) for their interest and extremely high standard of their concept submissions; and express its thanks to the representatives of local stakeholder groups participating at the workshop.