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## ***SAVING HERITAGE: PUBLIC MEETING ON THE IMPACT OF THE CCDU BLUEPRINT ON HERITAGE BUILDINGS***

***2 OCTOBER, 7.30PM NG GALLERY 212 MADRAS ST***

In response to the threat by the CCDU blueprint to a number of the few remaining CBD heritage buildings, Historic Places Canterbury, Christchurch Civic Trust and IConIC are staging a public meeting next Tuesday, 2 October at 7.30pm in the Ng Gallery, 212 Madras St.

The Ng building, strengthened and lovingly restored by Roland Logan and Sharon Ng, is an extremely appropriate venue for this meeting: it is fully functioning, one of the few remaining heritage buildings in the area - but its future is threatened by the CCDU blueprint sports stadium proposal.

There will be a focus on buildings at risk or under notice of demolition, such as the former Majestic Theatre, Christchurch's first fully steel-framed building; and the former Millers building/Civic Offices, a vital link in the development of modern architecture in Christchurch and New Zealand.

Speakers will address issues ranging from the importance of cultural heritage internationally, to the impact of the loss of local democracy on the destruction of our built heritage; heritage property owners will reflect on their own experiences. Questions and discussion from the floor will be welcomed. Cera was invited to provide a panellist to talk about its heritage policy; although Roger Sutton has another public meeting and Warwick Isaacs will be overseas, Cera has not provided an attendee to represent its viewpoint.

Panel Chair: **Glenn Livingstone** Vice-chair CCC Community, Recreation and Culture Committee.

Panellists: **Lorraine North** Chair Canterbury Arts and Heritage Trust; **Lisle Hood** CBD heritage property owner; **Eugenie Sage** Green MP, spokesperson on Environment/RMA, Local Government and Christchurch Earthquake Recovery; **Yani Johanson** Chair CCC Community, Recreation and Culture Committee; **Roland Logan** co-owner Ng Gallery heritage building

This meeting follows a similar Saving Heritage meeting on 6 September which focused on the campaign for the restoration of the cathedral.

Attendance by members of the media is welcomed.

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[Note accompanying earlier HPC, CCTrust, IConIC media statement following blueprint release.]