

# LSE is BD readers' and bookies' Stirling favourite

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## Odds shortened on O'Donnell & Tuomey's Stirling contender

BD readers have given their overwhelming backing to O'Donnell & Tuomey as it battles to convert four unsuccessful Stirling Prize nominations into a victory.

Hundreds of readers voted in our poll on which building should win this year's prize.

A third backed the Irish practice's Saw Swee Hock student centre at the London School of Economics. Renzo Piano's Shard was the least popular building, attracting just 7% of the vote.

Manchester School of Art by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios and Zaha Hadid's Aquatics Centre were joint second, though Mecanoo's Library of Birmingham was only fractionally behind.

Haworth Tompkins' Everyman Theatre in Liverpool took penultimate place.

Meanwhile, bookmakers William Hill have slashed the odds on the LSE building after punters piled on the scheme. With odds of 11/8, it has gone past the Shard to become the front-runner.

It is thought to be the first time a building on the Stirling shortlist has been backed into favourite.

William Hill's original odds were 4/1 for the LSE and 2/1 for the Shard.

## William Hill's revised odds

LSE, O'Donnell & Tuomey: 11/8

Aquatics Centre, Zaha Hadid Architects: 7/2

Shard, Renzo Piano Building Workshop: 7/2

Everyman Theatre, Haworth Tompkins: 9/2

Library of Birmingham, Mecanoo: 10/1

Manchester School of Art, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios: 10/1