Directors Meeting, Starbucks, Quayside, 1400, 15th Feb 2017

Present Chris, Paul. Angus White (High Quays), Gareth Kane (Councillor, Lib Dem)

1. Apologies from Louise
2. Plot 12 application. Discussed various aspects of objections. Accepted the need to develop but not at this scale, position and materials
3. Angus made the point that given the scale of change (ie the addition of a 130 car multi storey car park), a full reapplication should have been required
4. Discussed the "public meeting" last August that none of us, including Gareth, were aware of. Our view is that a new event should be arranged and properly publicised.
5. Discussed concerns about the due process - really feels like the proposals are being steamrollered through with only lip service with regard to consultation or involvement
6. Gareth reminded that this process will only be halted by legitimate flaws in terms of application of planning law. No right to a view etc. All understand that point
7. Gareth to check with planners in terms of any code of conduct for developers - 2/3rd of "supporters" have solid links with Adderstones
8. Similarly parts of the process have been clearly disingenuous - for example revised proposal refers to the development moving back 15m but that is not borne out by the plans
9. Light report is similarly flawed - averages based around all 4 aspects of St Anns whereas the light / overlooking impact is almost exclusively on the East end of the building. ACTION Chris to instruct Andrew Moss / Adrian re light report, first phase. Possibility to involve High Quays in the report to broaden the report to cover their west end etc too ?
10. Gareth to put in his own objection but he made it clear that it is very unlikely to make any difference, that the process is really designed to facilitate planners wishes rather than to take account of public opinion.
11. Gareth reiterated the point that any objections need to be fact based - we decided perhaps

    1. Light / Overlooking
    2. Choice of materials / fit into the neighbourhood
    3. Traffic impact
    4. Requirement for a full new application
    5. Inconsistencies between documents / plans etc

12. Traffic on City Road is already impossible on peak; the problem is eased currently by East Quayside Management allowing the private road to be used as a "Short cut" ACTION Louise to contact them to see if they can be persuaded to close that road for a trial period to get a real view of the traffic problem that already exists , before the new car park is built to house 130 cars, all exiting via Horatio Street.

Chris Suddes
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