

Minutes

Civic Quarter Liaison Group Meeting 03

Time: Wednesday 9 October, 16:30 – 17:30

Chair: Councillor Rosy Moore (RM), Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment

Attendees:

- A list of attendees who provided their name and organisation is included as an Appendix.

Elected Members:

- Cllr Rosy Moore (Chair)
- Cllr Simon Smith
- Cllr Naomi Bennett
- Cllr Katie Porrer
- Cllr Dinah Pounds

Cambridge City Council:

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| - Ben Binns | Assistant Director, Development |
| - Tom Conlon | Senior Development Manager – Civic Quarter |
| - Paul Boucher | Capital Project Manager – Civic Quarter |

Design Team:

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| - David Roberts | Cartwright Pickard |
| - Tom Perry | LDA Design |
| - Oliver Deed | ECF |

Welcome and introductions:

- Rosy Moore (RM) introduced the agenda and provided an overview of the session.

Summary of the engagement process:

- RM handed over to Oliver Deed (OD) who provided an overview of the feedback from the engagement process that took place over the summer. A copy of the report can be found at cambridgecivicquarter.co.uk.
- After the presentation OD took questions and contributions from attendees on the following topics:
 - The need for a wider strategic city centre vision, to include an integrated approach to transport and the different uses, such as hotels and restaurants in the city centre. The scope of this project was reconfirmed, and RM talked about the wider work CCC are currently conducting.
 - Concerns were raised about whether a hotel use might generate more traffic from vehicles such as taxis. It was confirmed this will be considered as the Stage 2 proposals are worked up.
 - The need to engage the County Council in the process was raised, in the context of the importance of the transport strategy, and the project team confirmed this was happening.
 - It was asked whether people commented positively or negatively about the proposed building on the Market Square. OD confirmed there were a mix of views given during the feedback.

Next steps

- Tom Conlon (TC) outlined the next steps in the process, including the RIBA Stage 2 concept design outcomes, the date for the next liaison group and when proposals would be presented to committee. The following question was asked.
 - A question was raised about whether the project had passed RIBA Stage 0 and 1 and whether the process constituted a missed opportunity for the creation of a strategic vision for the city centre. TC confirmed that a vision had been agreed during previous work for the market square and similarly the Guildhall principles had been established prior to commencement of this stage. A request was made that future liaison group meetings would take place in a hybrid form, to broaden participation rates. It was confirmed this would be looked at.

Next meeting

- TC confirmed the next meeting would take place on Monday 11th November at 4pm, taking place in the Guildhall, with a hybrid option being considered.

Attendees:

- Tony Jewell
- Sarah Nicholas, Principal Planner, Cambridge Past Present and Future
- Linda James, Vice Chair, Cambridge Living Streets
- David Stoughton, Chair, Cambridge Living Streets
- Cllr Katie Porrer, Councillor, Market Ward
- Susan Grossey
- Cllr Dinah Pounds, Councillor, Romsey Ward
- Adam Pounds, Composer/Conductor, Academy of Great St Mary's
- Robert Gardiner, Bursar, Gonville & Caius
- David Taylor
- Gill Watts
- Becky Burrell, Director of Operations and Development, Cambridge BID
- Valerie Neal
- Josh Grantham, Infrastructure Campaigner, CamCycle
- Maria Manion, Chief Executive, Cambridge BID
- John Preston