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Dear Mr Wordsworth

Town and Country Planning Act (As Amended) 1990
Application for Full Planning Permission – Kirklees Cultural Heart
Land and Buildings at Queensgate Market, Huddersfield Library and Art Gallery and Piazza (and
The Shambles) Shopping Centre, Huddersfield.
Planning Ref: 2022/93248

I write with regards to the above and to submit amendments to the application following comments received during the ongoing statutory public consultation phase (principally heritage, highways and comments from the EHO) and other minor design changes that the applicant considers necessary as part of a design iteration process. It is important to note that none of the proposed amendments change the description of development and all works remain within the existing red line boundary.

For clarity, comparable submissions are being made in respect of the two Listed Building Consent applications that are pending consideration as part of the Kirklees Cultural Heart scheme including ref: 2022/93234 and ref: 2022/93235.

This letter is accompanied by a table that sets out the amendments and provides reassessment of the proposed amendments against the content of the reports and reports that form the planning application and also the Environmental Statement (ES). The contents of this letter and the table therefore form an addendum to the ES.

The purpose of the ES Addendum (table) is to identify whether there would be any significant environmental effects that would arise from the proposed amendments that have not already been addressed in the original ES.

Most notably, the Local Planning Authority will be aware of the response to the planning and Listed Building Consent applications by Historic England (HE) within their letter dated 11th November 2022. HE's assessment of harm corresponds with the applicants Heritage Impact assessment; that the impacts of the scheme do not exceed the threshold of 'less than substantial harm'. Furthermore, HE is of the view that there are '**substantial**' public benefits to the scheme, which the decision



maker can weigh in the planning balance. This response is provided on the basis that amendments are made to the current scheme.

- Proposed amendments

The proposed amended drawings and their reference numbers are shown upon the attached FCBS drawing registers for each building (and also summarised upon the attached tables). This register sets out which plans are superseded and no longer form part of the application and any plans that are wholly new to the application. Each plan clearly identifies the proposed changes by way of a red 'highlight' around the area subject to change.

As a consequence of these amendments, there are some impacts upon the proposed landscaping. These amendments are picked up as part of the attached Re-Form drawing register and the attached addendum to the Public Realm Statement.

Additional to this drawing register is the submission of drawing CDT430201-ARP-XX-XX-SK-C-000006 PO3, which shows the retention of the bus stop on Queensgate. This drawing replaces the Queensgate Junction Combined Exit drawing CDT430201-APP-XX-XX-SK-C-000006

Reflective of the heritage led changes, an addendum to the Heritage Impact Assessment is also provided.

- Summary effect of the proposed changes upon the ES and the remaining planning application submissions.

With reference to the attached table, it is evident that the proposed amendments are minor in nature and do not fundamentally affect the scheme. Whilst some of the changes are important in heritage terms (and in fact being submitted as a result of comments received as part of the application), they relate to matters of comparative detail, as opposed to wholesale changes. In terms of the heritage led amendments, they represent changes that have mitigated harm by retaining more historic fabric of medium significance.

Via the table, each amendment has been considered in the context of each assessment that forms part of the application, including the ES. In each case, none of the amendments result in a deviation away from the assessment methodology, nor the conclusions that are reached. No additional mitigation or enhancement is required beyond those already set out within the submissions.

- Conclusion

In summary, the proposed amendments should be subject to re-consultation, as the LPA consider appropriate, noting that they are predominantly heritage, landscaping and highway related.



We look forward to confirmation of the receipt of this additional information.

Yours sincerely

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