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SOUTHAMPTON & FAREHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPLIES TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE BY 22.8.08

WATERMARK WESTQUAY CONSULTATION Public Exhibition - 31 July to 2 August 2008 at WestQuay.

1. YES - The planned scheme should bring top class retail, leisure and dining to Southampton, which is missing at present.
2. The present layout of the city means this route down to the waterfront is not used at all, so there has to be more than just shops to attract footfall.
3. YES the design of the scheme and creating a new open space improves the setting of the town walls and will make visitors and residents more aware of Southampton's rich heritage. However, the area may lack evening sunlight, except for that reflected off the light colour of the town walls and this will depend on the height of the buildings opposite.
4.
 - a. An improved retail offer
 - b. New restaurants and cafes
 - c. A public piazza and park
 - d. Jobs and training for local people
 - e. New cinema – nearer to city centre
 - f. new landmark residential building
 - g. new hotel

Other – If the new residential building will be able to take residents of Castle House, then this eye sore in the old town can be demolished.
- 5 No comment
- 6 It will add a quality night time/evening dimension to Southampton city centre which is currently lacking.
- 7 If Southampton is to compete with other centres in the region, this southern area of the city needs to be developed as a venue of choice for Southampton's growing evening economy.
- 8 YES enough info was supplied at the exhibition, especially the computer generated DVD which helped with appreciating the multi-level, multi-aspect of this large scheme.

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