

Dear Mr Young,

I am scheduled to attend three dates of the JLP examination under comments 523, 528, 530, 531 and 623.

Unfortunately I am unable to attend any of the meetings and would therefore like to clarify my comments in writing.

Comment ID: 523

2 : Vision, Paragraph - Vision Statement

Plymouth is a city with a rich history and important heritage with 14 Conservation Areas, numerous listed monuments, listed parks and over 750 listed buildings. There is much written in the JLP about heritage, however only in the lower level text – heritage should have a prominent top level statement about its importance to the city and the vital importance of its protection. In the post war building boom much damage was done to Plymouth's heritage and in these difficult times such pressures are once again a threat to the City's heritage. Recent experience has seen recommendations and advice from Historic England and Independent Design Panels regarding development affecting heritage assets being over-ruled by the Planning Committee at the Planning Department's recommendation. This is because the city lacks a defining policy which specifically protects those assets.

It was not the Council who instigated Plymouth's first Conservation Area in the Barbican – it was borne out of the residents' fight against Council Planning Policy. Heritage needs protection and it is therefore important that heritage is afforded an over-arching, top level statement signifying its importance.

Comment ID: 528, 530 and 531

Policy PLY27 : Register office, Lockyer Street, The Hoe

I have met with Hoe Neighbourhood Forum members who will be attending and they will be representing my comments.

Comment ID: 623

Policy DEV1 : Protecting health and amenity

The Prescriptive Act of Parliament, and the Royal Chartered Surveyors 45 degree detailing of its interpretation, are to ensure that residents' Right of Light is protected. Currently the Council document for this is "Guidance to Developers" and therefore is not mandatory and can be waived. This JLP statement should clearly state that all Parliamentary Acts, such as "Right of Light" and "Right of Privacy", are Mandatory requirements on the Council Planning Department, and that the corresponding supplementary planning documents should be Mandatory and not Guidance.

Yours sincerely

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