

3. Effectiveness:**PLYMOUTH CIVIC SOCIETY HEARING STATEMENT****Supplementary evidence to the Inspector on the Plymouth City Centre and University Area Action Plan.**

Strategic Objective 7 proposes “supporting the aspirations” of the University and Plymouth College of Art (PCA) and thus appears to give them “carte blanche” to do propose whatever development they wish.

The Core Strategy, para 5.7, states that the Council’s emphasis will be on partnership, working with the University and PCA on key development opportunity sites.

We understand from Chapter 12 of the AAP that it is not intended to be a detailed design framework. However, as it stands, it does not give any indication of the kind of development the University and PCA would be allowed to undertake.

We consider that some kind of Supplementary Planning Guidance is necessary to give the University and PCA some idea of what development is acceptable and also so that the public know what to expect. At present the public has no idea at all what the Council and the University have in mind. The PCA planning proposal now before the Council came as a surprise to those who were not privy to the discussions they must have had with the Council. This is not acceptable; the public must be brought into the discussions at an early stage especially when major changes to areas of heritage significance and the street scene are intended. . This would best be done by means of Supplementary Planning Guidance and the AAP should provide for that to be done..

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