

Note of Riverside Studios and Queens Wharf Meeting between Cllrs Cowan, Jones and Vincent with relevant officers and Mount Anvil and A2 Dominion – 16 October 2014

Attendees:

Councillors: Cowan, Jones and Vincent

Council Officers: Nigel Pallace, Kim Dero, Juliemma McLoughlin and Matt Butler

Mount Anvil: Andrew Reid, Peter Gore and Nicola Leatherby

A2 Dominion: Nicholas Yeeles

Agenda:

The meeting was arranged to review and discuss the planning permission granted on 22 January 2014 to Mount Anvil for the redevelopment of Queens Wharf and Riverside Studios to provide 165 residential units and re-provided Riverside Studios.

Meeting Record:

- A2 Dominion advised, with reference to the scheme which has no affordable housing on site, that in terms of their business plan they need to generate housing for sale to cross fund affordable housing.
- Councillors asked Mount Anvil what their strategy was to mitigate potential adverse impacts on the local neighbourhood arising from the redevelopment.
- Mount Anvil explained that they were implementing a community engagement strategy that included newsletters and meetings with residents to keep them fully informed of their programme and measures to mitigate any impact during demolition and construction works. They also claimed that 50% of their projects were with registered social providers and they prided themselves on striving to deliver schemes of high quality.
- Councillors questioned the quality of the scheme's Crisp Road elevation and advised that many residents considered it offered very little in terms of vitality and interest to the area and that the bulk of the scheme was considered excessive.
- Mount Anvil advised that they were happy to work with local residents and explore improvements to the Crisp Road elevation.
- Councillors questioned the need for such large TV studio spaces and how these are perceived as separate to any theatre, arts and community uses.
- Mount Anvil stated that the size and configuration of the studio space was necessary for the scheme and that they were now contracted to Riverside

Studios. They advised that they would continue to look at enhancing community uses in what are multi-functional spaces.

- Councillors stressed to Mount Anvil the need to make every effort to engage with local residents and improve the Crisp Road elevation if they are serious about working with the local community.
- Council officers advised that they would meet with Mount Anvil's design team to review the Crisp Road elevation to enhance its active frontage and visual quality and interest.

End of meeting record.