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Neil

Further to my email of 6 December. I met on 20 December with architects RJMJ and the CofY council property and conservation/planning teams to view the further work which had been done by the architects in response to the earlier criticisms of the teams. The presentation was as a video of the building in the streetscene illustrating its design, massing, footprint and environmental response to existing and proposed new structures. I now have four A4 colour photomontages which had been forwarded late on the 19th and which I had been able to share albeit very briefly with Giles and Hilary.

My view is that the scheme has made considerable, positive progress and that EH could offer its broad support to the direction which the design and massing is now taking and I advised the meeting accordingly. RJMJ had made much effort to reflect our concerns especially regarding the massing impact on the Black Swan and street scene views and had attempted to create a building which would be innovative and contemporary whilst having a degree of "Yorkness" and civic stature. There are clearly numerous issues still to be considered (materials being the most important) and work continues by RJMJ with a view to presenting more detail later in the month. I hope to be able to present further design detail to an IAR which I guess we should have sometime in late January/early February.

Alison

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