

### **Relocation of the Peasholme Centre Public Consultation Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

#### **Initial Comments / points raised**

- Complaints raised about the distribution of the leaflets informing residents of the affected areas about the meeting.
- As a result of the above a proposal was made that the meeting be rescheduled. The timescales leading up to the Executive meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July was explained. Members of the public enquired if there could be another meeting before this. Objections were raised when informed this was not possible due to time restraints. Steve Waddington agreed to raise this with the Executive.
- Consultation process is an issue that needs to be addressed as the timetabling gives no margin for mistakes.
- Guildhall ward members stated that they had received no complaints regarding the Peasholme Centre which is currently in the Guildhall ward and they would expect no problems in it's new location.

#### **Questions raised**

- Why does the Peasholme Centre have to be in the city centre?  
-Monkgate and Goodramgate have 10 charity shops, job centre, health centre and Arclight - anything else will turn the area into a ghetto.
- What will physically be on the spot where the Peasholme currently is?
- Why is timescale a key criterion?
- Is there a timescale on residential developments within the Hungate development?
- Who is buying the ambulance site?
- If the two proposed sites are not accepted what will happen?
- What is the cost of the re-development?
- Why does the Peasholme have to move? It should be incorporated into the Hungate re-development.
- Did City of York Council own anything on the Hungate site?
- How big are the new council offices?

- Is the business lease on the Monk Bar site coming to an end? Will it be redeveloped anyway?

### **Comments / suggestions and concerns**

- Concern over disorganisation of the consultation process
- New site of the council office buildings considered to be an expensive location and an inappropriate drain on public funds
- Concerns over the proposed site at Monk Bar being close to the city walls
- Feeling that the developers are calling all the shots
- The council offices should stay as now and new offices not built
- There is enough space at the existing site.
- The first priority should be to the permanent residents of the city not the transient ones
- The relocation will devalue the houses on Lord Mayor's Walk.
- Since the Hungate development is a commercial one, Peasholme is only being relocated as it would otherwise be a blot on this landscape
- The 2 chosen sites are the 2 sites with the biggest problems and they have only been chosen due to the problem of timescales
- Both of the proposed sites are in prime tourist areas and the relocation will detrimentally affect tourist trade
- Concern over why exactly Peasholme has to be a 5-10 minute walk from the centre. Suggestion to move Peasholme out of the centre and give the residents a bus pass.
- Of the 32 sites considered why only these 2 fit the timescale.
- Issues with security. The landlord of the pub adjacent to the proposed site is concerned there will be a problem with security for his premises.
- Issues over vandalism. Will security cameras have to be installed around local businesses
- Concerns on the impact the relocation will have on local businesses in Fishergate, the relocation of the centre adjacent to the pub will have a detrimental effect on the tourist trade into the pub.

## Annex 2

- Fishergate site situated on a busy section of road, which will be unsafe for the residents.
- Personal safety - concerns over the dangers the Peasholme residents will present to tourists and residents
- Concerns about anti-social behaviour / drug use / alcohol abuse / noise
- Concerns over non-residents that the Peasholme centre will attract
- Feeling that the criteria has been made to fit the sites rather than the sites fit the criteria
- Through the poor management and poor foresight the council have put themselves in the position with a timescale that cannot be managed.

### **Comments in support of the relocation / neutral**

- Residents need to stay in the city centre since they cannot afford the transport. Fully in support of the work the Peasholme centre does and would be more than happy to have the centre relocated into the area. (The Groves resident)
- Old building is very discreet and the new building will give both residents and staff flexible accommodation.