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**Cc:** Diane Lister; Chris Pickering  
**Subject:** please ensure this read out to committee members

Re agenda item 4a Rowntree Wharf.

I would respectfully request this item be deferred until a suitable and efficient means of escape in the event of floods and fire is provided. I refer to drawing no TCA-288-005 30, looking at the proposed exit grilled opening you will see that there is the concrete staircase directly behind, there is nothing in the papers to show how this is over come to provide an exit point, if the grill is hinged to open it could only open outwards and if opening from the right hand side ( the only side with space to do this comfortably) it would close off the access to the escape steps.

the distance from this exit to the point where it joins to the bridge is short and means steps are used over this distance, therefore there is no exit for residents with mobility issues.

when in the store position the stairs and platform would be vulnerable to abuse and possible entry to the car park.

moving the whole escape route to the next opening would solve the last problem and also make it possible for a sloped ramp exit to enable all resident to evacuate the building.

The plans for evacuation propose a use of 3 operators to facilitate this, but no indication of where these personnel come from or the length of time it would take to implement this emergency procedure.

I hope you understand my concerns even though they are rather brief due to the fact I have had little time to convert to an e mail due to the fact of not having the opportunity to address the committee.

thank you

Brian Watson

Honorary Alderman