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Subject:

M/ 1.4 YBS site/1

Hello.

I wish to express my opinion on the proposed re-devlopment of site M/1.4 the former Yorkshire Building Society (High Point) site.

As a local resident, I would welcome redevelopment of this site. However, i would like it stipulated that the planning consent must include the following:

- a) The current building creates a "wind tunnel" effect. This is a severe problem for local residents. At high winds, I have witnessed the sight of elderly people clinging to the electricity box on the street and requiring rescuing. I have had to assist neighbours across the street, at times, as they have not felt safe without someone to cling to. In extremeis, and that is more frequent than ever, the area has to be avoided and the long way around taken. There are times when I will not walk near the building, This is not appropriate for elderly and low mobility neighbours. Assorted items including headware are blown into the road causing hazzards, Given the increase of children expected in the area, there is a great risk of a child chasing a blown item onto a very busy arterial road. As the devlopment plans are eager to promote public transport, it should be noted that in order to use the buses, people have to cross from the retail area into the hazzard zone created by that building. I therefore request, thast there is an unconditional requirement as part of the redevelopment that the "wind tunnel" effect is dealt with and effectively removed for the safety of all concerned.
- b) The current building is an eyesore. It occupies a large splace in the skyline of the city. Ift is also not in keeping with the traditional architecture on that side o Westgate and down into the Goitside area. I terefore wish it to be a planning requirement that the exterior, at the very least, is subject to cladding that is more visually acceptable and in keeping with the surrounfding area.

Regards,

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