

(CCC) Right of Reply: Open Letter on Cambridge Market Redevelopment Plans

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Response:

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The Council's response is as set out in the attached letter from Andrew Grant, Interim CEO, to Daniel Zeichner MP (attached)

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The Council has no objection, in principle, to working with Quarterbridge in subsequent stages of the project.

3. Will the Council be revising the Cambridge Market redevelopment plan following the open letter?

The Council's Environment and Community (E&C) Scrutiny Committee of 25th March 2021 unanimously approved the proposed redevelopment plan vision and concept design for public consultation in May, without amendment (following the open letter). The Council has committed to trialling the proposed prototype stall designs as part of the consultation process. The Council has committed to present the results of the consultation to the E&C Scrutiny Committee in October 2021, together with any resulting recommended changes to the proposed redevelopment plan vision and concept design. Work will not start on the next stage (ie, detailed design) of the redevelopment project, until the public consultation has been completed and the results have been brought to and approved by E&C Scrutiny Committee.