

Chichester District Council

Cabinet

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Public Questions and Answers Sheet

Question from Stuart Tappin (read by Democratic Services):

As a way of meeting the UK's commitment for a more sustainable future, and in response to the Climate Change Emergency, professional organisations such as the Institution of Structural Engineers and the Royal Institute of British Architects have advocated the retention and re-use of buildings over demolition and re-build. Can the Council confirm that they will now re-consider proposals for The Southern Gateway and put the retention and re-use of perfectly sound buildings such as the bus garage at the centre of their proposals?

Answer from Cllr Dignum:

Thank you Mr Tappin for your question , the report today sets out the progress for the project and currently no options going forward have been dismissed in relation to the sites.

Question from Bob Mousley:

Its disappointing that the Southern Gateway documents and Council discussion are not available for the public's information .

However ;

“ Given that the Southern Gateway Project will not proceed in its current form, Is now the time to step back and take a wide ranging holistic view on all the current issues of development, sustainability, climate change etc affecting the Chichester District over the next 5 – 30 years. ? “

The objective would be to produce a flexible matrix Masterplan which could be amended as new information and technologies emerged.

A step back for say 24 months in order to produce a grand vision Masterplan for the next 30 years.

This would enable a future Southern Gateway to be developed in context and as part of whole cohesive Masterplan for the area.

Answer from Cllr Dignum:

Firstly, can I reassure you that the Southern Gateway project is being actively progressed by the Council. It is important to note that the Southern Gateway Masterplan is not prescriptive as to the uses that would be acceptable for many of the sites and so should be viewed with a degree of flexibility. The masterplan does

not therefore need to be reproduced. Proposals that come forward for the Southern Gateway will also have to meet the policies and standards of the adopted and emerging local plans and so matters such as new technologies, sustainability and climate change together with normal development management requirements will be fully addressed through the planning process.