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Dear Mark

I understand from Ashley Ransome that you will be presenting the Salisbury Square planning application at the Committee tomorrow night.

We have been studying the late representation (28/11/22) received from the tenants of No: 29 Salisbury Square and would like to make the following comments:-

1. Salisbury Square will become a mixed-use space which retains a large green area – as required by the local community.
2. The hardstanding area has been designed so it can function as an area for community civic events such as farmers markets, and parking areas when the space is not being used.
3. The space includes outdoor seating areas in front of the proposed retail unit and York House.
4. An aspiration of Gascoyne Estates and the local community is to bring activity back into the square.
5. There are 5 trees to be removed in the vicinity of York House; and 4 proposed replacements; the existing planter with the birch tree is unsuccessful – blocking views into the square.
6. There is a need to generate footfall and activity; the new office/business users will use existing shops and the proposed new shop.
7. Presently Salisbury Square is a scarcely used area and unsuccessful space. With the re-fit/re-let of York House there is new activity - demonstrating the start of an improvement to the vibrancy of the square.
8. There is a degree of separation from No 29 – a maisonette above a shop – there will be a paved footway between this and the “dual use” parking area. Historically the property fronted a through road.
9. Mixed use of the hard landscaping area was felt to be the best way forward to re-generate the area

by the local community and the applicants.

10. The objection from No 29 disregards the superior design and architecture proposed for the new linked building and the Arm and Sword Houses.

Hope these comments are helpful in the Committee's consideration of the planning application.

Kind regards

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