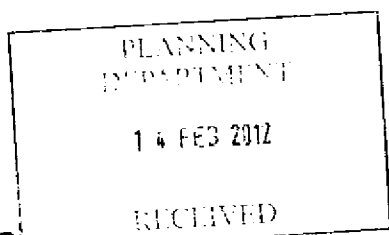


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Planning application 56/2011/1994/MA Salisbury Square

Dear Mr Peacock,

Like most of my neighbours I am in favour of the plans for the regeneration of Salisbury Square. However, I am anxious about the reduced size of the Square, the lack of detail in the plans in terms of landscaping and the paucity of on road parking. There is no way in which the Square could be compared to Trinity Street, Cambridge but well sited trees and careful planting, as in Park Meadow, would enhance the site.

I have been particularly aware over the last snowy/icy weeks how grateful I have been for our local shop, Costcutters. It serves, and has served us very well over the years (under various names, but the same owners). We can get all the basics there and the helpful assistants provide excellent service - checking on older customers and calling for appropriate help in emergencies. We would be sad if they were not given first refusal to be the anchor store at a

preferential rent. Similarly, Mr Pari's laundrette provides an excellent community service, much appreciated by the elderly, infirm and busy professionals: collecting + delivering laundry and drycleaning. I am told by my male neighbours that they value Peter, the hairdresser.

The current plans lack detail, but as far as I can decipher do not provide for any on street, short-term parking, as in Mr Duany's original plans. Similarly I am anxious that the subway should be closed and replaced by a safe road crossing but the letter from the architects dated 25/11/2011 only states that 'future development will provide'.

We appreciate and are grateful that Lord Salisbury wishes to recreate the bustling Old Town he knew as a child, and it is our wish too. We would, however, hope that the loyalty of those retailers, who have provided excellent service during hard times will be recognised and supplemented, not replaced, by additional services not currently available - a stylish all day cafe' such as 'Cafe Rouge' or the 'Inside/Outside restaurant in the Beales Hotel on the Business Park,

Yours sincerely,

