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**Planning Application 12/01112/FUL – Plot A1, Brunel Way, Millbay. Plymouth**

Plymouth Local Access Forum has noted the planning application received from English Cities Fund to develop part of the eastern side of Millbay Docks. This, we understand, is the first formal proposed development for this area since the acceptance in 2007 of Plymouth's Core Strategy Document.

We note that Trinity Pier, still a working pier, will remain accessible via the road, described as a military right of way in the application, along the east side of the docks. The application acknowledges this and the plans accommodate this access to Trinity Pier and also a walkway for public use along the side of the both East Quay and Clyde Quay. For many years the greater part of the land to the east of the aforementioned quays has resembled a waste land, conveying an image of neglect in a prime area of Plymouth, to all who see it. At last this is a positive step forward in the use of that land and doubtless it will be the first of a number of other, co-ordinated applications to regenerate the area, in keeping with the core strategy document.

A particularly pleasing feature to the LAF, of the development, is the proposed waterfront walkway linking to a pedestrian only access up to West Hoe Road. The current Plymouth waterfront walkway in the area is currently behind the stone wall along West Hoe Road, and then along Millbay Road and Durnford Street to Devils Point. This proposed new walkway will significantly improve the present waterfront walkway along to Millbay Road and we hope that in the fullness of time the rest of the route to Devils Point can be brought closer to the Plymouth waterfront than it is now.

The LAF supports the provision of the walkway in the application and recommends the relocation of the current waterfront walkway to this new route as soon as is practicably possible.

The prestigious SWCP National Trail through the City follows the Plymouth Waterfront walkway. The LAF is aware that the organisations responsible for that path will also seek relocation of SWCP to this proposed new route when it is completed. To further enhance the proposed waterside walkway we recommend that the SWCP and its related artwork in the area should be relocated to the proposed new route and that any plans for the area accommodate the provision for the relocation of this artwork.

Yours Sincerely,

Ray Fairchild,  
Chair of the Plymouth Local Access Forum