

14th August 2016

Richard Short
Assistant Director City Development
Exeter City Council

Dear Mr. Short,

Re: Planning application 16/0890/02.
Exeter Bus and Coach Station Redevelopment Area, Paris Street.
Parcels B & Y Bus Station.

You will know that we had strong reservations about the lack of space allocated to the bus station and the resultant use of the surrounding streets as bus and coach stops. These concerns remain; with the tight public concourse and bus area clear in this application. However, it appears to us, the Planning sub-committee of the Exeter Civic Society, that ALFS+P have produced a good design under these restrictive circumstances. It is a clean design, properly not attempting to rival its more flamboyant neighbour, the Leisure Centre. Comments made at consultation appear to have been listened to. The concourse is enclosed and has some seating. The roof extension gives some weather protection to the bus doors. There is an information booth and the expectation of a refreshment kiosk. We are pleased that Passiv Haus standards are applied. With the dynamic use of the bays, a high quality information system is needed and we see no indication of this here. We would press for this to be clearly addressed.

Notwithstanding the qualifications noted above, we very much support this application.

Yours Sincerely

Barbara Looser.

pp. Chris Watson. On behalf Civic Society Planning Sub-Committee.

Copy to Case Officer: Howard Smith.