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# LOOK! St Albans our community voice on design

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Sir

I recall with a huge sense of pride and achievement being one of the forty seven people who chose to give 329 hours of their time to help shape the design concept for the redevelopment of the St Albans Museums Site Hatfield Road in October 2014. This is the first time that I am aware of that the community has hosted such an event anywhere in the country.

We had as our guide to the independently externally facilitated event, the draft design codes that many had helped shape to be found in our workshop report co-authored with The Prince's Foundation in 2012 <http://www.lookstalbans.org/about-us.html>

For reasons other than design the planning application for this site was only submitted to the planning department just after Christmas 2015.

As an organisation Look! St Albans 'Our Community Voice on Design', does not have a collective view on any planning application, as the combined views have been expressed through the outcome of the design charrette.

However we do encourage those who took part in the design charrette for this small, but significant site within the heart of the central conservation area and others, who have an interest to make their representations to the planning department by 17th February 2016.

You can submit your comments on the planning application online. Alternatively they can be emailed to [planning@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:planning@stalbans.gov.uk) or sent by letter to the Planning Department, St Albans City and District Council, Civic Centre, St Peters Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE quoting the reference 5/2015/3706

We are grateful to the applicant for allowing us to place the Design and Access statement on our website <http://www.lookstalbans.org/> news and events webpage alongside the outcome of the design charrette for comparison. The Design and Access statement explains the development of the scheme from the design concept to the planning application that is now before the planning department for determination.

Yours faithfully

Vanessa Gregory

Chair Look! St Albans



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