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SS Great Britain Trust Great Western Dockyard Gas Ferry Road Bristol BS1 6TY

Extension of the current visitor attraction at the SS Great Britain into the Albion Dockyard, including alterations to the dry dock, additions and re-configuring of existing buildings, construction of a new Dockyard Clock Tower and other alterations.

The Civic Society welcomes and supports these proposals. The Society has followed the development of these proposals and has had the benefit of a conducted visit to the Albion Dockyard and of a full explanation of the development proposals.

There will be considerable heritage advantages in terms of delivering permanent control, management and maintenance of the Albion Dry Dock (Listed Grade II).

However, we are pleased to see that Brunel's Other Bridge – the Swivel Bridge (Listed II*) – is now not part of the design and that it will remain in its original location.

The proposals comply with the adopted development plan for the harbourside and will deliver a vibrant mixed-use scheme, providing an enhanced visitor attraction and opening up a new area to the visitor. More widely, there will be wider benefits to the City Docks Conservation Area.

The concept of maintaining a working shipyard and dry dock, together with the construction of a replica of PS Great Western is an enticing one which the Society fully supports. There will be the added bonus of retaining maritime related employment, and of additional employment within the expanded visitor attraction as a whole.

One issue which needs to be carefully managed will be the proximity of the Albion Dockyard proposals with the residential development of the adjacent McArthur's Warehouse site. There is also an opportunity to improve the public walkway along both McArthur's Warehouse site and along the end of the Albion Dockyard. At present this is a particularly uninspiring section of the public walk around the Floating Harbour.

It will be challenging to enable increased visitor numbers to access the expanded site – SSGB is not the most accessible location on the Harbourside!