

Temple Gate

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The Bristol Civic Society has been sent a copy of the pre application submission to Bristol City Council, and we welcome the opportunity to review the documents.

Background

This site is situated within the Mead Street Development Brief area, and which incorporate existing light industrial commercial workplaces.

Bristol Civic Society's previous comments on the Mead Street Development Brief supported the principle of the redevelopment of this central brownfield site especially green aspects of the brief. However, we were concerned over the possibility of further tall buildings within the city and overdevelopment.

Therefore, it is a welcome surprise that the site has come forward retaining this business use with an application to retain and upgrade the existing light industrial buildings. This must be assumed to be driven by the changing commercial balance of supply and demand as it is not driven by policy. The society welcomes and supports this outcome especially as there is space around Temple Meads for small start-ups but not enough larger space for when they grow bigger.

Design and Detailing

Building 3 is the only one unoccupied building and as such may be the only one that is upgraded initially although the documents show the concept for the Mead Rise Park, buildings 3,4 and 5 upgrade. These documents show the possible improvements to the look of the buildings, their environment standards and landscaping which are all welcomed. The images look good, it would be interesting to know whether the intention is to over clad the existing brickwork or remove it and replace it with new insulated cladding.

We will wait for more detailed information, specifically regarding any access street improvements along Mead Street, St Lukes Street and York Road to ensure easy access for the tenants' vehicles with due regard for the pedestrian, cyclist, etc. We would also like to suggest that any solar panels/PVs that are intended to be placed on roofs are analysed in relation to the Totterdown Hill residents so that any glare is avoided.

Conclusion

We support this initiative and hope that the whole site can be upgraded in a similar way.