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Subject: Application P-12-096 - Comments

Craig

I've been passed through some comments from Mr. Andrew Combes that have been received on the above application for the improvement works to St. Mary's Quay.

Can I please pass through some observations on these comments for your information?:

Car and bicycle parking:

The parking spaces provided are not for general public use, rather they are for the island taxi operators. One disabled parking bay has also been included for. These spaces are close to the Harbourside building for ease of use, pick-up/drop-off of passengers and are in the location of the existing spaces.

As we are not increasing the amount of people using the quay, but are improving the facilities for all, we have not included for additional cycle parking. The existing cycle parking just outside of the Harbourmaster's office will be retained.

Vehicle conflicts:

Our proposals call for widening of the quay in one location, that by the south end of the Harbourside building. The rest of the quay along the Old Quay, Inner and Middle berths is not being widened. As such there is still single track shuttle working along the main spine of the quay until the new section by the Harbourside building.

The reason for this widening is three-fold:

Firstly to provide 2 way traffic from the quay into the freight yard. This will ease congestion at busy periods at what was a very narrow pinch point for freight traffic.

Secondly to provide a turning area for traffic such as emergency vehicles and taxis, meaning that they don't necessarily have to enter the freight yard

Thirdly widening the quay in this area increases the visibility of traffic using the freight yard, reducing risk of collisions with other vehicles and pedestrians at the south end of the Harbourside building

Footpath width:

Our proposals call for a 1200mm wide new pathway set within the existing sett surface to the pedestrian zone.

This is primarily for use by physically challenged pedestrians (wheelchair users, people walking with sticks etc.) and those using buggies, reducing the risk of trips / falls, and encouraging people away from the road surface thereby reducing collision risk

The intention was to keep this as narrow as practically possible whilst still being useable by these groups. This was intended to minimise the impact on the historically significant sett surface (ref: Statement of Significance)

Rat Island Tenant Consultation:

The Harbourmaster has regularly consulted with Harbour users through the vehicle of the Harbour Users Group

Access Control to Freight Area:

This is an operational issue that should be raised with the Duchy of Cornwall.

Quay Extension:

We welcome the positive feedback on this element.

I hope that the above clarifies some of the concerns raised by Mr. Combes. If you have any queries please contact me.

Kind regards

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