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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for linked planning applications P/22/033/COU and P/22/033/LBC

Having watched the development of this proposed project, engaged with the public consultation and listened to the Council meeting where the original plans were deferred, I can certainly understand some of the concerns raised by Members at the meeting and by other planning application responses that I have read online.

HOWEVER...

I also noticed that the majority of people (Members and public) expressed support for the project generally, or at least support for a new museum site. I want to reiterate two comments made by Katherine Sawyer in her response:

- 1) that a massive amount of work has been done looking at alternative sites, and this proposal at the Town Hall is the only viable option.
- 2) that time is of the essence in relation to the potential sources of funding for this project. It is likely to be now or never.

As Councillor Williams said at the previous meeting, securing funding is by no means assured, but refusing planning permission (or a further deferral) is likely to stop the whole project, see it dead in the water. In which case, where else is the Museum to be located?

Personally, I would like to see a new community facility of this sort - the benefits to the islands in terms of heritage, arts and culture would be significant. Other letters of support have made these points well. The latest version of the plans address some of the concerns raised e.g. about the height (visible on the NE elevation plan). Life is always about balance. Here, I think the benefits outweigh the harms/risks of sinking the project at this stage. I wholeheartedly support approval of the revised planning application.

Best wishes,

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