

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES - 7 JANUARY 2016

PUBLIC QUESTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 19 FROM MR PREIST

My reason for being so specific is that on p46 of the Design & Access statement of the application it states that the Bus Station area will be 675 square metres and the Substation area in the adjacent building will be 85 square metres apportioned 20/65 between passenger facilities and retail outlets.

The total of these two figures (760) was quoted by David Black in his submission to the Highways Committee of DCC when they considered the traffic issues associated with the application.

The 675 figure is clearly much less than the area set out on the large scale plan provided with the application and I hope that the figure of 20 for passenger facilities is a nonsense since the waiting room alone in the current station has an area of 75 square metres.

Bus Station Redevelopment

I would like some factual answers about details of the proposed Bus Station since there is a lack of clarity in the application

- 1) What is the total area of the exterior site devoted to the Bus Station?
- 1) **ANSWER** - *The scheme shown on page 46 of the Design and Access Statement is illustrative. (as requested the "Sub Station" area referred to on that page is an electrical substation).*
- 2) What is the floor area in the building to be constructed adjacent to the stands that will be dedicated to Bus Station facilities (excluding retail outlets)?
- 2) **ANSWER** - *The planning application is made in outline only, with all matters reserved, it allows for 3200-3700 square metres of space for the bus station including 760 square metres arranged over two floors for the bus station buildings. This building will include passenger facilities as well as bus operator/driver facilities. Further application for the approval of details of Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale will need to be made in due course.*
- 3) What facilities will be provided within this floor area?
- 3) **ANSWER** – The Bus Station will include
 - Build of new bus Station
 - 12 stands (plus four layover bays) including two out of hours coach facilities
 - Waiting area
 - Retail kiosks
 - Staff/driver welfare facilities
 - Enquiry facility and associated administration
- 4) What is the estimated cost to the City of a) the exterior station and b) interior facilities?
- 4) **ANSWER** – *The total cost of the project is £6.25 million.*

Members of the Scrutiny Committee – Resources were invited to debate the matter. Mr Preist was not in attendance at the meeting.