

DPAC – Project Group, Eagle Centre Extension Special Meeting

13 June 2006

Present

Nancy Pountain
Judi Bateman
Pat Fletcher
Peter Maidens
Cordell Jackson
Roy Holmes
Julie Cromwell - Westfield
Councillor Robin Turner
Ann Webster – DCC
Nick Leigh – DCC
Mick Watts – DCC

Apologies

Marta Hancock
Trevor Ford
Marian Edge
Christine Yates

Introduction

Mick introduced Julie Cromwell, Community Relations Marketing Manager for Westfield. Mick commented that Julie had requested a meeting with disabled people and their organisations in the city. The request being so that Julie could outline to disabled people the Eagle Centre development proposal and seek advice on inclusive design issues. Members were impressed with the pro-active stance being taken by Julie to consult with disabled people on this major development.

Presentation

Julie informed members of the portfolio of activity worldwide of the Westfield group. She commented that the company were unique in building, managing and operating shopping centres. The value of the development in Derby being £330 million. Some visuals of the developments elevations and floor plans were displayed with Julie

explaining shop locations, centre access, cinema details, car park details etc.

Julie and members raised the following issues:

- Taxi rank and Blue Badge holder parking locations
- New highway arrangements
- Disabled people's parking within the centre
- Lift access within the development
- Disabled people's toilet provisions
- Derby Shopmobility
- Store accessibility within the new and existing centre
- Store internal arrangements
- Cinema access and design
- Centre opening hours
- Build timescales
- Foodcourt arrangements and outlets
- Customer service issues

Mick commented that he had been, and continued to work with Westfield on detailed issues regarding the centres accessibility. Members had raised a number of detailed and important issues some of which required further consideration. It was agreed that the Eagle Centre extension would be an agenda item at the next project group meeting when Mick had had the opportunity to investigate and consider the detailed issues raised by members.

Date, time and place of next meeting

24 July 2006, at 2:00pm in Meeting Room 2, Council House