

From: Mayor <mayor@bristol.gov.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 May 2020 at 17:05
Subject: RE: Status of work on the Western Harbour proposals
To: Dennis Gornall <email redacted>
Cc: Nuala Gallagher <email redacted>

Dear Dennis

Thank you for your email and patience while I responded.

There appears to have been a breakdown in communication here – the update to the website was prompted by your helpful suggestion and you should have been thanked. It was right that we took to opportunity to explain where we are and I'm grateful for your suggestion.

We are still committed to engaging communities, business and stakeholders from across the city on this, and I agree that it would be impossible for any meaningful consultation to take place while the lockdown (and immediate recovery) continues and therefore we will only consider it once it is safe. We do however want to develop thinking and prepare the ground to engage people and businesses in the opportunity. We do not want to suggest that this is because people's attentions are understandably elsewhere – but the work of developing and planning the city does need to continue.

The developments you mention below are not part of the Western Harbour project. Their emergence demonstrates some of the demand in the city for development, and why it is so important we draw up a plan together.

I think Nuala as the responsible Director will be best placed to explain the impact of COVID on the project's timeline, but I am fully committed to making sure we get the engagement with the city right and building the trust that the local community deserve for this process. Many of the conditions which we saw stay the same (our housing need and an aging road network), but you are right that it is impossible to predict exactly how this pandemic will affect Bristol. Western Harbour can be a key part of our economic recovery and something that the advisory board can consider.

Thank you again for writing.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marvin', written in a cursive style.

