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Developers Deeley Freed will be preparing revised and more detailed proposals for the regeneration of St Mary le Port in Bristol city centre. This follows feedback from public consultation during the summer and a change of brief from the city council.

The public supported the idea of redeveloping the St Mary le Port area to provide a vibrant new quarter for the city but also felt that any loss of public space should be minimised. They also said they needed to have a greater idea of what the new place and buildings would be like before they could back any plans. Many felt they wanted to see how the scheme would relate to the park and surrounding buildings and that the original masterplan approach did not provide enough information to allow them to make an informed decision on this important project.

The developers have brought in extra design advice to help with the project. Auckett Fitzroy Robinson will continue as the masterplanners and lead architects on the project with additional urban design and architectural advice coming from architect George Ferguson of Acanthus Ferguson Mann, and conservation architect Richard Pedlar, a director of Bristol based Richard Pedlar architects.

George Ferguson, who is the immediate past president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) will also be working with stakeholders to agree a shared vision for the project which can be translated into an outstanding design and strong identity for this key city centre site.

Richard Pedlar who has been researching the history of the site will be ensuring that the designs take account of the historic importance of the site, which occupies the heart of the Saxon origins of the city and sits within the quarter of the medieval city destroyed by bombing in 1941.

Deeley Freed has agreed with Bristol City Council that the development should enhance the west end of Castle Park and minimise loss of public space, while still providing a viable scheme which delivers the key benefits of the project. The aim is to remove the existing eyesore of derelict post war buildings and provide a mixed use development featuring good quality food shops, cafes and restaurants. Improved connections between Broadmead, the Old City and Redcliffe will also be needed to enhance the use and setting of St Mary le Port church and provide real benefits to the area.

The developers are working closely with the Council and other landowners as they work up their plans which they do not expect to present to the Cabinet for several months. Once Cabinet approval has been given for a proposal, Deeley Freed will seek planning permission for the development.

You can keep up to date with developments via this website, or for hard copies of information, please e mail or fax your contact details to Avril Baker Consultancy.

On behalf of Deeley Freed and their project team, we would like to thank everyone for their continuing interest in the masterplanning process.

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