



Joint Statement on the British Waterways Site at Church Street, Marple

Marple Civic Society Steering Group and British Waterways met on 7th December as part of the continuing extended consultation exercise.

The objective of the meeting was to continue to share information and opinion on an open, honest and transparent basis and to develop further the principles that may guide or influence any potential future development of the site. The meeting was held at the Grade 2* listed Navigation Warehouse at Wakefield, comprehensively refurbished for office use following a Development Agreement between British Waterways and CTP St.James Ltd.

Matters addressed included:

- feedback upon the action points arising from the previous meeting;
- feedback from Marple Civic Society on comments provided to them by interested parties in respect of the site;
- a decision to market test commercial interest in the warehouse building;
- discussion in respect of potential occupier interest;

- a review of the earlier meeting with Stockport Council;
- MCS to consider further the options for the community based uses at the eastern end of the site;
- access to the waters edge and future control of this space by BW;
- BW to provide a summary of the joint consultation process undertaken by the parties for MCS to share with its members;
- a debate in respect of the possible future use of the internal dock within the warehouse building.

The next steps will include considering the external treatment of new build uses on the site, financially appraising the emerging options for the site and circulating the mooring basin analysis drawing. The next meeting of the Consultation Group in respect of the subject site will be on Tuesday 19th January at Marple office.