

Endeavour Wharf Development

Consultation update: Preliminary findings and observations

28th September 2015

Public Consultation

A public consultation was held in accordance with the discussed Consultation Plan (V 3 dated 14th August 2015)

This included a two week public exhibition of the chosen building design, the development and display at the exhibition of a set of photomontages taken from North, South, East and West showing the building in-situ, a feedback form plus ballot-box and a set of FAQ's. The exhibition, photomontage and forms were duplicated on www.whitbywind.co.uk.

Representatives from Group Ginger, Dalby and Scarborough Borough Council presented the design to members of the public at two presentations on 5th September and answered questions from the public.

An article was inserted into the Whitby gazette including a picture of the design and both the exhibition and public meetings were advertised one week in advance again in the gazette.

Summary

Few comments were received, some 15 only, mainly on the feedback forms. Only one representative body commented in writing (Whitby Civic Society). Few attended the public meetings; some 30 persons in total. Two persons attended the public meetings looking for work on Endeavour wharf. Six persons asked in writing to be contacted which was done. One asked for a personal visit which was undertaken.

Feedback

The majority supported the development of Endeavour wharf to service the offshore wind industry whilst a small minority wished the town to be solely devoted to tourism.

A group of residents from Grape Lane, plus one or two others from the East side expressed concern about the height of the building and also with its orientation with the highest point to the NE corner. Most found the design to be innovative and contemporary. A small minority objected to any development. A minority accepted the scale of the development to encourage industry back to Endeavour wharf.

Detailed comments were received from Whitby Civic Society and two other individuals on both scale and the detail of the design. Design considerations included glazing and floodlighting concerns.

All feedback was shared with the architects who are now progressing towards a revised design taking into account comments received where appropriate. Dalby Offshore Services reviewed the scale of the building with the architect and our development consultant and whilst there may well be changes to the detail we have not agreed to any overall lowering of the building height or total floor area. We believe that given the leased area the building is of a minimum size to meet our commercial objectives.

Site investigations will be underway shortly and will be used to further refine the building design.

It is anticipated that a final focus group meeting will be held at the end of October or early November to consider this second stage design.

Approval of the final design will need Cabinet level approval at Scarborough Borough Council, now likely to be in Q1/2016.