

ADDENDUM – Area West

<i>Application Number</i>	W/35554
<i>Proposal & Location</i>	NEW PUBLIC SQUARE, CAFÉ AND SMALL BUSINESS UNITS TO EXISTING PUBLIC REALM AT JACKSONS LANE SQUARE, CARMARTHEN, SA31 1QD

DETAILS:

Local Member - Cllr Gareth John, Carmarthen Town South has made the following comments:

Based on various formal and informal consultation exercises undertaken over a number of years, together with the views expressed during the current statutory process, I am firmly of the opinion that an overwhelming majority of people recognise and support the fundamental aim of the proposed scheme (namely providing an effective link between the thriving new shopping centre and the struggling older quarter especially King Street).

Likewise residents and traders alike readily accept that there is an urgent need to increase footfall to and along King Street to ensure a more favourable trading environment.

Having studied the application, taken on board the views of those who have over recent months publicly commented both for and against the proposals and the submitted objections I have concluded, that on balance, I am in agreement with the main elements of the submitted scheme.

That said, I totally respect and understand the concerns expressed and in several cases agree. I would therefore respectfully suggest that committee give the following particular consideration.

- 1) I would be totally opposed to the disappearance of the areas of green space at the bottom of Jacksons Lane. The disappearance of the last grassed area in the town centre has been the subject of a great deal of debate somewhat needlessly in my opinion as the submitted plans clearly show the retention of grassed areas of land. Committee may wish to reassure people that this is indeed the case
- 2) I feel that comments made in respect of the unsuitability of the chosen stone work finish are very valid. Given the scheme's aim of joining the new with the old I agree that it would be far more appropriate to use local stone-work. The same could be said about the lighting furniture.
- 3) I would suggest that Committee impose operational conditions to mitigate any risk of potential noise nuisance impacting upon residents in the close vicinity

Welsh Water – have responded raising no objection to the proposal based on the amended details provided.

Neighbours/Public – 2 further responses to the application have been received. These raise matters already referred to in the recommendation concerning namely accessibility, removal of trees, disturbance from/need for the proposed screen and there being sufficient cafes already in the town centre. There were also comments regarding the images portraying the scheme in the 2016 consultation.