

## Civic Society Press Article

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Exeter Civic Society welcomes Exeter City Council's consultation about the Design Principles for the re-development of the Exeter Bus & Coach Station site. We agree that a new Bus Station is needed, and the area identified for redevelopment is currently one of the most unattractive parts of the City Centre. We would like to hear the public's views on the Design Principles, and what they think of the City Council's consultation, so that we can represent these views in our own response to the City Council, and challenge the Council in future if proposals do not provide what City residents would like. Exeter Civic Society has developed an on-line questionnaire which is more comprehensive than the City Council's, allowing much more room for comment.

The Society's Chairman, Felicity Murdin, said: "This is the largest development site to come forward in the City Centre since the Second World War, an exciting opportunity to ensure that Exeter gets first-class facilities and infrastructure. The Design Principles are sensible with a welcome emphasis on the need for high standards in every respect. Exeter Civic Society will keep a watchful eye as these principles are developed into practice. Some years ago the Society was involved in challenging poor initial proposals at the planning stage of the Princesshay development, and so we may perhaps share in the national praise heaped on the final scheme".

## Civic Society survey on bus station plans

EXETER Civic Society is carrying out its own investigation into what people think of the city council's plans for the re-development of the bus station.

The city council's consultation period on its design principles for a major re-vamp of the bus station has just come to an end.

But the civic society also wants to hear from people so that they can represent these views in their own response and challenge the council in future if the proposals do not provide what residents would like.

The society has developed an on-line questionnaire which, it says, allows more room for comment than the council's.

It can be accessed on the society's website at [www.exetercivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.exetercivicsociety.org.uk)

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