

STATEMENT A6 – Martin Kendall

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Dear Councillors,

I do not represent the applicant, nor do I have any commercial interest in this proposal. However, as an architect practising in Bristol I felt compelled to speak in support.

Several years ago, we designed the serpentine Castle Bridge (below) connecting Castle Park with Finzel's Reach. It has since won awards and appears to be a celebrated part of our city's fabric.

Like Arc, Castle Bridge was also recommended for refusal, on heritage harm grounds. Committee members thankfully chose to approve the application.

I think Arc is another excellent example of how contemporary structures can sit comfortably alongside heritage assets, complementing and contrasting with them.

This is exactly what we want to see in Bristol. The modern and old co-existing, beautifully.

As a designer I cannot wait to rise above Harbourside to see this amazing city from above.

And we should not forget that all cities need investment to thrive. Arc is not only an investment in its own right, but will also help attract more investment, creating jobs and building prosperity.

Let's not allow our creative city to shy away from the bold and ambitious, so please say yes to Arc and yes to the unique and fantastic. Thank you.