

STATEMENT A10 – David Redgewell

As Tourism is a major employer and is worth 1.5 billion pounds and 600000 jobs. With the local council and mayoral elections Tourism is major policy in the city and city region. It is very disappointing that the conservation of Bristol historical harbour should be used as a reason not to invest in a tourist attraction. The harbour is a beautiful location in south west England that Bristol city council has invested in over the years. The old goods shed now we the curious has been adapted from a goods station and this beautiful west country harbour the former city Docks. Historic England and the Victorian society allowing the harbour to be turned into a museum. It is a living work place for residents and Tourists alike.

We need economic growth and tourism development in the city as part of Build back better in the south west. We the curious is a major education centre in south west England. We need to see more tourist industry investment in Bristol. Tourism is seen as very important in the Mayor's one city plan and the economy Board. With the opening up of the city hotels and restaurants on May 17th and more jobs and employment we would welcome the investment in the Arc it will provide £13.3m to the local economy. 250 000 visitors to the Harbour and city centre.

At a time when the zoo is moving to Cribbs Causeway in South Gloucestershire. The Arc is on good public transport routes with park and ride buses stopping at Harbourside and country buses from Weston super mare x1 x2 Clevedon x6 x7 x4 x5 from Weston super mare, Clevedon and Portishead. Coach service from Plymouth coach station, Newton Abbot, Exeter, Wellington, Taunton, Bridgwater, East Brent, Churchill, Bristol Airport and Bristol Harbourside. Ferry services from Bristol Temple meads and Hotwells. Bus links from Temple meads station.

The Arc is supported by Bristol city centre economy and regeneration officers and Bristol Cathedral and Destinations Bristol. We would like to see additional public toilets in the Harbourside area. We would ask the committee to vote in support of this application. Before Bristol harbour is turned into a museum by Heritage England and the Victorian society. The present Mayor is very supportive of employment and economic growth and the Tourism industry is very important to Bristol.

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