

Milsom Quarter Masterplan

Thank you Chair for the opportunity to speak today. My comments relate to the Milsom Quarter Masterplan.

For a long time there has been a need for a safe way for pedestrians to cross Lansdown Road at its southern extremity to get from the western side of The Paragon to the southern side of George Street. The traffic lights at the bottom of Lansdown Road are not pedestrian-controlled and the current phasing of lights at that junction does not provide a window for pedestrians to cross that junction safely. Able-bodied people can wait for a break in the flow of traffic and then make a dash across the road before a car comes round the corner from George Street. But this is clearly not a solution for elderly residents or those with walking disabilities who are currently left with no safe and convenient way to cross.

The crossing at that junction needs to be overhauled. As the Milsom Quarter Masterplan gets implemented, the volume of pedestrian traffic needing a safe way to cross that junction will only increase. The more successful the Masterplan, the greater that need will become. Therefore it is appropriate that the Masterplan should be the vehicle for effecting that overhaul. I ask that the detailed planning for the implementation of the Milsom Quarter Masterplan should include the early provision of a safe and convenient pedestrian-centric crossing at that junction.

Thankyou.