

Letter of support from Exeter Chamber of Commerce

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To: howard.smith@exeter.gov.uk

Dear Howard,

I am contacting you on behalf of Exeter Chamber of Commerce regarding McLaren (Exeter) Limited's planning application for 147 co-living apartments on Summerland Street, Exeter.

Many members of the Chamber regularly tell us that attracting and retaining young and skilled employees remains a challenge in Exeter, largely due to the availability of suitable accommodation within the City Centre.

McLaren's proposals for a co-living community in the Sidwell part of the city will help provide the type of high-quality accommodation that will be attractive to young professionals and those working in Exeter on a short to medium term basis, including key workers. The plans also include for 20% affordable homes, targeted specifically at local key workers, and will help alleviate pressure on Houses in Multiple Occupancy.

As well as meeting a clear need for this type of living accommodation in the city, the Chamber welcomes inward investment in Exeter and the city centre location of the development will place its residents within walking distance of all essential shops and amenities, increasing expenditure and footfall in the area.

Please accept this letter as confirmation of Exeter Chamber of Commerce's support for McLaren's proposed development at Summerland Street (ref. 23/0490/FUL).

Yours sincerely,



Richard Marsh

Chief Executive, Exeter Chamber of Commerce