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Re: Australia Road Corridor and SuDS scheme

I am writing following the consultation meeting regarding the Australia Road Corridor and SuDSs scheme. I am pleased to fully support the scheme. There has been clear consultation and dialogue in order to ensure the design fits with the needs of the local community and I believe it will make a significant difference to the character and appeal of the local area.

The designs are imaginative and functional and as a local headteacher and Children's Centre manager I am sure that there will be many generations of children who will benefit from a natural and more sustainable environment in which to grow up. The designs open out the road, forming a feature point for the estate and will allow residents a place to mix and gather in a relaxed and positive way. The closeness to local parks and amenities such as the adventure playground and the new the Parkview / Craniston Court development offer an entrance point into the estate that will draw neighbouring residents into the estate and overcome the "self-containment" that has existed in the past.

I have been impressed at the appetite for community development that has been demonstrated by the Transport and Technical Services department, who have consulted and listened to proposals, liaised with local residents and groups and have undoubtedly aimed to create something much better than what currently exists. It is proof that with commitment, hard work and a desire for positive local change that we find ourselves on the brink of a real opportunity to transform the daily environment of so many people. By investing in the quality of the local area, we are proving to the residents of White City that they are valued and that they deserve and have a right to an estate that they can they can be truly proud of.

So it is without hesitation that I fully endorse the scheme, it is attractive and functional. It holds definite opportunities for further development and community involvement and cohesion. There have already been many examples of this local commitment, such as the W12 festival held in Australia Road this August. A wealth of possibilities open up through this partnership between the local authority and its residents. I encourage you to fully support the scheme, take pride in what has been achieved this far and become part of the opportunity it creates in the future for the community of the White City Estate.

Yours faithfully,

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