

## **King's Cross Development Forum**

### **Planning reference number 2016/5580/P**

“Reserved matters relating to Plot Q2 within Development Zone Q for the erection of a two storey building for use as a sports hall and gym (Class D2) and public realm works to Wilberforce Street and York Way together with amendments to the public realm of the R4 Courtyard. As required by conditions 12, 14, 16-22, 27, 28, 31, 33- 38, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50A, 51, 56, 60 and 63-67 of outline planning permission reference 2004/2307/P granted 22/12/06 (subject to S106 agreement) for a comprehensive, phased, mixed-use development of former railway lands within the King's Cross Opportunity Area.”

### **Response by the Forum**

The King's Cross Development Forum has heard from the architects at one of its meetings. It understands that difficulties on the site might preclude having some desirable features, such as placing the main entrance on Goods Way. It questions whether this is so for all such features, such as having a green roof instead of the proposed sawtooth roof (in supposed emulation of industrial buildings hundreds of metres away); however, at this stage only superficial changes in the design can be mooted.

In particular, several members of the Forum would like alternatives to the proposed external wall colour to be considered. Figures 33, 35 and 67 in the urban design report show that the building will look dark and uninviting by day as well as by night and to Wilberforce Street as well as to York Way. Even if zinc panels are to be used, they could have a lighter, and less oppressive or gloomy, colour than that proposed.