

## **Comments on Revised Proposals for Health Centre and Student Housing, George Street/ Delamere Street, Chester**

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- 1) The reduction in height of the south block is merely a token change, and we stand by our earlier objections;
- 2) The building falls far short of the Council's stated aspirations. Indeed, the design stands condemned by the applicant's own View Analysis reports (in which the images often cut off the top of the building, disguising its true height!);
- 3) The proposal shows no respect for the scale or delicacy of existing buildings on George Street, Gorse Stacks and St Anne Street: the design both of facades and roof is crude and massive;
- 4) The courtyard will be gloomy;
- 5) Given the differing functions of the blocks, there is no reason why they should all be built in the same style: for example, the residential parts could be built as traditional three-storey houses;
- 6) The proposal to change some student accommodation to apartments merely increases a type of housing of which the city already has more than enough;
- 7) Given the amount of land still awaiting redevelopment at Gorse Stacks, this development needs to set an example in sensitive, high-quality design.