

Matter 5 - Retail, Leisure and Mixed Uses

Q4 Does the Plan strike the right balance between supporting a late night economy focussed on the Church Street area in Policy RC17 and encouraging a wider Innovation and Skills Quarter (the ISQ in Policy RC3)? What is the objective of the ISQ and are there any planned investments to support the Plan's positive approach?

The investment required to 'upgrade' this area are huge and when discussing this at the meeting the representative was focused on the Skills Quarter for ex- students, my concern is that they will have limited finances to invest in the area and that any investment will be squandered within a few years as it will not be financially viable after initial funding has been spent. More thought needs to go into the upgrading of this area of the town which is extremely run down.