**My Castle Gateway Responses to comments from the Castle Gateway Advisory Group**

**22nd May 2020**

Thank you to all of the My Castle Gateway Advisory Group who have provided written responses to the draft Open Brief for the new public spaces.

Many of those giving comments have been active participants and contributors to the My Castle Gateway events and we welcome all of the positive comments about the overall vision.

We were able to incorporate almost all suggestions, many of these comments were refinements or clarifications.

There were a few suggestions that we have not incorporated and we set out below our rationale for this.

* York Civic Trust note the need for hierarchy in allocating resources. We see priorities for the new public spaces as something that will emerge through proposed design process. This process will initially identify how different levels of funding might be allocated. These different models will then be used for public engagement and debate.
* York Civic Trust requested a reference to “quality of materials”. The brief outlines what ‘high quality’ might mean. In this instance we have focused on robustness and avoidance of maintenance as these are the issues which will impact longevity and long-term appearance.
* York Museums Trust asked that we changed all references to Eye of York to Eye of Yorkshire. While recognising the reasons for this, we think the decision on naming the area needs a longer and more public conversation and have added this commitment to a future conversation to the Open Brief.
* York Museums Trust asked that we referred to the Debtors Prison and Female Prison together as York Castle Museum. We have incorporated references to York Castle Museum (as combining Debtors and Female Prison) where appropriate but sometimes we did also need to refer to specific buildings (e.g. to describe the new entrance to the Debtor’s Prison).