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16th April 2014

Councillor Ramesh Patel,
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Dear Councillor Patel,

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – 8th April 2014

On behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I would like to thank you and the officers for attending the Committee meeting on Tuesday 8th April 2014. The meeting considered 'Greener Grangetown – Delivery Plans' which falls within your portfolio of responsibility. The comments and observations made by Members following these items are set out in this letter.

- The Members were very impressed with the aims and ambitions of the Greener Grangetown project. They feel that the project is an excellent example of how partnership working can deliver real financial and environmental benefits for Cardiff residents. The Committee, therefore, are fully supportive of the project and will monitor its progress with interest.
- Members of the Committee would like to congratulate the staff and Councillors involved with getting the Greener Grangetown project to where it is today. They were particularly impressed that the project is unique to Cardiff and that it is being delivered by in-house expertise. The idea that the project will put Cardiff at the forefront of sustainable drainage is something that Cardiff Council should take pride in.
- The Members of the Committee would like the opportunity to visit the project when it is completed in the summer of 2015. I would be grateful if you could ask officers to contact Scrutiny Services next year to arrange a suitable date for the visit.

- The Committee were pleased to hear that the Council will be running a detailed and thorough consultation exercise on the project. They were assured that the key issue of parking will be a central theme of the consultation exercise and that local resident input will shape the final design of the scheme. I would be grateful if you could make the final results of the consultation exercise available to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee in the form of a briefing paper.
- While the Greener Grangetown project is unique, the Members were told about a project run by Welsh Water Dwr Cymru in Llanelli which did use some similar sustainable drainage techniques. The Committee feel that the Council should evaluate the implementation and delivery of the Llanelli project and apply the lessons learnt where appropriate for Greener Grangetown.

I would be grateful if you would consider the above comments and provide a response to the requests made in this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. D. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M'.

Councillor Paul Mitchell
Chairperson Environmental Scrutiny Committee

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