

Dear RAG followers,

Riverside Update – preferred architect announced by the Council

As many of you will probably have seen, following the public consultation process in September, the Council has recently announced the preferred architect, Hopkins Architects - architect number 1 in the public display in Clarendon Hall. Here is the Council's press release, in case you have not already seen it, please click [HERE](#).

This is positive news given that architect no 1 was the preferred option of the RAG members who attended the meeting we held on 24th September (as communicated in our newsletter of 29th September).

The next step - according to the Council - is that the selection of the preferred bidder will go to the Council's Finance, Policy and Resources Committee in January for formal approval. In the lead up to the January Committee, the Council will be working 'on the more detailed programme of activity to take the process to a Planning Application, expected autumn next year'.

Prior to the January meeting, the Council will *not* be discussing the competition or feedback received. Instead, following the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee meeting, the stakeholder group (of which RAG is part) will – the Council says - have an opportunity to be consulted 'on detailed design and implementation'.

All the best

Mark, Marion & Peter