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**To The Chairman and Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board,  
of Torbay Council**

Chairman and Members,

Torquay Chamber of Commerce are in full support of the proposed development adjoining and incorporating The Pavilion.

We support the decision by the Elected Mayor, Gordon Oliver, to NOT allow a Covenant upon Cary Green.

In the carefully considered opinion of the Members of our Chamber, all very active in local business and professions, and each contributing to the local community, it is essential and imperative that the development proceeds.

Moreso as this is an iconic site deserving an iconic design and development, a landmark site justifying a landmark building, and at present a wasted opportunity for the betterment of Torquay in many ways.

Since the redevelopment of Fleet Walk in the 1970's, Cary Green has received the bridge onto a ziggurat created for easy ramp access, but which occupies a substantial part of the overall Green.

It is believed that the footfall across the bridge, and the ramp, has become minimal in daily use resulting in thoughts of removal. But equally in reality public daily use of Cary Green is also minimal, indeed the statue commemorating Agatha Christie is unnoticed by most of the community.

Public use of publically-owned land should not be the province of the few, but used for the benefit of the maximum of the local community.



The Developer proposing the development adjoining and incorporating The Pavilion , the Nicholas James Group, are proposing use of Cary Green for overflow carparking BUT with landscaped division of bays and access points marked only by trees and planting of carefully selected species, with seats interspersed at the best and most pleasant locations.

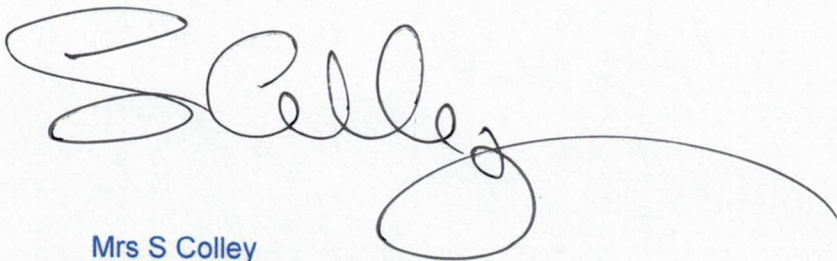
The alternative of carparking elsewhere is just not viable, and will inevitably lead to the Developer being unable to proceed and indeed withdrawing, a resulting potential loss of much opportunity which is absolutely essential to the economy of Torquay, including the realistic provision of funds adequately to restore the currently increasing dereliction of The Pavilion.

When not in use for carparking, the full extent of Cary Green will provide not only shade to seats for the public but, moreso, a very pleasant tree-enclosed environment for events such as the increasing local and indeed international Farmers and produce Markets, away from the present often windswept Promenade.

This is a much better and considerably increased potential use for the public, both local residents and the essential visiting tourists.

Torquay Chamber of Commerce not only fully supports the decision by The Elected Mayor to NOT allow a Covenant upon Cary Green, but reinforces the decision made in February 2012, with the support of the majority of the elected Councillors to allow inclusion of Cary Green in the development project, so the question of any restrictive covenant is contradictory and irrelevant.

I remain  
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Colley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs S Colley  
Chair of the Chamber of Commerce