

Council 30 November 2021
Public Questions

Questions from Andrew Malcolm Chair Friends of the Alexandra Theatre

'In response to Question 1 of the open letter, it appears that the Friends of The alexandra Theatre will not have the opportunity to be involved in any future plans for the theatre and market hall as we did not agree to the Memorandum of Understanding and did not sign it. This position is in direct contrast to an email sent by Alan Connett to us, and all councillors on Friday 14th May 2021 which clearly states 'The proposed Memorandum of Understanding remains on the table, and we understand if the group chooses not to sign up to it. If that is the case, our offer to be part of the group working on the design of the future space remains open'. Can the council clarify which of these, if any, are true?'

Executive Member for Economy and Jobs

The memorandum of understanding is a separate discussion and not signing it will not affect the group's ability to participate in the engagement.

As part of the engagement with all stakeholder groups we consider the input from FOTAT as important as any community and third sector organisations who are keen to be involved in investing in the future of Newton Abbot through helping to shape an innovative vibrant town centre space.