

APPLICATION NO: 14/01928/FUL		OFFICER: Mrs Lucy White	
DATE REGISTERED: 23rd October 2014		DATE OF EXPIRY: 22nd January 2015	
WARD: Pittville		PARISH: Prestbury	
APPLICANT:	Uliving And University Of Gloucestershire		
AGENT:	Mr Ian Woodward-Court		
LOCATION:	Pittville Campus, Albert Road, Cheltenham		
PROPOSAL:	Erection of a student village incorporating 603 new-build student bedrooms, the refurbishment of the existing media centre (which will include a reception/security desk, a gym, retail facilities, multi-faith area, refectory and bar, quiet study area, laundrette, ancillary office space), and the provision of a mixed use games area. In addition, the proposal involves the demolition of existing teaching facilities, 23 existing rooms and the retention and refurbishment of 191 existing student rooms.		

Update to Officer Report

1. OFFICER COMMENTS

- 1.1. An additional reason for refusal is suggested in relation to the provision of public art.

No agreement has been completed in terms of contributions towards the provision of public art. The proposed development is large scale and, given the nature of the proposed use, the commissioning of public art as an integral part of the development is considered appropriate. The provision of public art within the proposed development should be delivered through an agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. No agreement exists and therefore the proposal is contrary to Supplementary Planning Guidance 'Public Art' (July 2014) and Policy CP8 of the Cheltenham Borough Local Plan.

- 1.2. Since publication of the officer report further representations have been received from local residents and these are attached.
- 1.3. A letter from the University's Vice-Chancellor was also been sent directly to all Members of the Planning Committee via email on 19th January 2014. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the Planning Department and is attached. A further update on the content of the letter will be provided on Thursday.