



A strategic response from the faith-based community to the proposed Warwick Mall development

Introduction

In response to the ongoing problems faced by traders within the Warwick Junction precinct, Council members of Diakonia Council of Churches agreed on 30 June 2009 on the following strategy of engagement. This has been informed after much deliberation, and after consultation with various stakeholders, and in response to statements from the City management and community activists.

Strategy

1. A visit to the market traders will take place on **Thursday 9 July**. The visit will comprise faith leaders of as many denominations and faiths as possible, and will aim to engage with various trader-group representatives, with a view to establish first hand their views on the proposed mall, the process of engagement by the city, and other relevant issues.
Kindly meet at Emmanuel Cathedral – the visit will commence at 2pm and will conclude at 4pm.
2. A meeting will be sought with City management, following the meeting with traders.
3. A meeting will be held with relevant architects and other professionals with a view to establish alternative proposals and suggestions which could be offered to take into account the needs of all traders.
4. A statement will be issued which reflects the stance of the faith-based community, and which will hopefully provide suggestions on a more appropriate way forward for the Warwick community.

Attached please find a report compiled by Richard Dobson and Caroline Skinner which serves to accurately present most of the issues at stake.

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