Welcome to this exhibition, which shows emerging ideas for refurbishing and improving the University site of the former Children's Hospital at 73 St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

This exhibition shows proposals for providing additional academic and educational space on two adjacent sites on St Michael's Hill. These projects would enhance the science quarter of the University Precinct and complement the recently completed Life Sciences Building and the Physics Building. The University has recently submitted a pre-application enquiry to the Council which covers these two distinct projects.

**Former Children's Hospital Building**

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**Potential New Extensions**

The second project concerns the potential to provide space for additional education purposes, such as teaching and research space, in new extensions to rear and south of the Listed Building on the site of the former hospital wards. These wider proposals are at a very early stage of design development and the University at present has no detailed brief, end user or a timeframe for implementation for this project.

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Site and Planning Context

The site occupies the south eastern corner of the Royal Fort Gardens site, directly to the south of the recently completed Life Sciences building. The site has a frontage onto St. Michael’s Hill set behind a stone boundary wall which extends to the full length of the site from the new steps adjacent to the Life Sciences building in the north to the adjacent buildings on Royal Fort Road to the south. The adjacent buildings occupied by Clic Sargent and Ronald McDonald House are leased from the University.

The plan also indicates the temporary landscape works in the Physics courtyard, completed as part of the Life Sciences building, and the consented location of the circular ‘Maths’ building, also consented under the same planning permission.

The site sits within the St. Michael’s Hill and Christmas Steps Conservation Area and adjacent to the Tyndall’s Park Conservation Area. In addition, 73 St. Michael’s Hill is Grade 2 listed and the site is in close proximity to a number of other listed buildings.

The following Policy documents are relevant to this project:
- Bristol Development Framework Core Strategy, Adopted 2011
- Site Allocations and Development Management Plan, Adopted 2014
- SPD11-University of Bristol Strategic Master Plan, Adopted 2006
- Conservation Area Number 9 – St Michael’s Hills and Christmas Steps Character Appraisal, 2008
- Emerging Bristol Central Area Plan – Publication Version February 2014

In particular SPD11 includes four Strategic Moves which refer directly to this development site, as indicated in the following diagrams.
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The front and side elevations will remain largely unchanged other than minor repairs to the stonework and windows. To the rear, where the wards were demolished, the building will be reinstated to match the original layout. Works will include demolition of the two storey toilet block and fire escape and part demolition of the concrete lift shaft to the access tunnel to St Michael’s Hospital.

A previous Listed Building Application was approved in 2008 as part of the Life Sciences project. As a result the old wards, which made up part of the hospital complex, have been demolished, the rear of the building made good on a temporary basis and interim landscaping carried out until a new scheme is brought forward. A detailed scheme is being worked up in order to submit planning and listed building applications by the end of this year.

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These initial massing ideas take account of the Key Moves in SPD 11 by maintaining views to the Physics Tower from St. Michael’s Hill, facilitating the future extension of University Walk through the site to Tyndall’s Avenue and respecting the massing along the St. Michael’s Hill frontage in relation to the existing building and the neighbouring residential scale. In addition the location of the potential extensions has considered the consented development within the Physics Courtyard.

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The emerging development proposals consider how the Listed Building could be improved through these new extensions including providing a new main entrance, a new accessible entrance and pedestrian links through to the rest of the Royal Fort area. Regarding the scale, height, mass and architectural treatment of any new development the University aspires to produce a new building which will have a positive impact on the historic streetscape of St Michael’s Hill and the Royal Fort.

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Illustrative Views of Potential New Extensions

These views are intended only as an initial massing for possible extensions to the rear and side of number 73 St. Michael’s Hill. The suggested elevation treatment is indicative and not representative of a specific use or design proposal for the buildings.

Key Project Milestones

Please note that these dates are subject to planning approvals and University decisions.

- Submission for Listed Building Consent: January 2015
- Listed Building Consent Decision Due: March 2015
- Commencement of Listed Building works: June 2015
- Completion of Listed Building works: November 2015

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