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FEEDBACK ON THE ST ALBANS CITY VISION EXHIBITION 21st March – 4th April 2009

The Society's vision of a new Museum of St Albans was widely circulated on 13th March 2009. Now that Urban Practitioners Ltd and St Albans City and District Council have published their Draft Vision and Framework for Development, the Society would like to state its preferred location for the new Museum of St Albans.

The St Albans City Vision Exhibition identifies five zones of activity and three options for developing them. The museum that the Society described in its letter of 13th March is most likely to be accommodated in the City Centre zone by development option 3 on the Exhibition display panels (*but referred to as development option 1 on p. 109 of the 'Draft Vision Document' on the [District Council's website](#)*). Other zones and other options are less appropriate for the new museum which St Albans and its citizens deserve.

The Society strongly supports the proposal in the 'Draft Vision Document' that the new Museum of St Albans should be built in the City Centre zone to 'create a central cultural and civic hub for the city, accommodating cultural uses currently on the museum and university sites'.

Michael Cooper, President
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