

Addendum

LA01/2020/1164/F

1.0 Update

- 1.1 An objection was received on 12th March 2021 following the publication of the Planning Committee Report. This is an objection from an Agent on behalf of their clients, and it raises concerns about the need for a fence, disabled access, that the fence is ugly and unwelcomed and will obliterate the sculpture which will cheapen the expense of the sculpture, and was the input of the artist of the sculpture sought in relation to this proposal as it seems to be alien to the design of the sculpture.
- 1.2 On the cover page of the Planning Committee report it should be noted that there is now 1 Objection.

2.0 Consideration

- 2.1 The first concern raised is “*Why is the fence necessary?*” There is no policy requirement to demonstrate need for such an application.
- 2.2 The second concern queries “*Has disabled access been allowed for as part of the proposal and how has this been designed?*” There is no requirement for any individual to have physical contact with the sculpture.
- 2.3 The third concern again raises the issue of need and states that “*We consider there to be no need for this fence, and rather consider the fence an extremely ugly and unwarranted arrival, when public sculpture should be accessible for all. As a low-ish sculpture, the bottom half of the sculpture will be obliterated by this fence, even although it is a mesh fence, and this seems completely unviable considering the expense in the sculpture.*” As set out in Para. 2.1 there is no policy requirement to demonstrate need. The other matters are subjective.

2.4 The final concern asks “*Was the context of this fence and paving designed by the artist, or is this work undertaken without their input – it seems to be an entirely alien proposal when aligned with the design of the sculpture.*” This is a matter for the applicant and is immaterial to the consideration of this application.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the Committee note the contents of the objection and this Addendum, and agree with the recommendation to approve as set out in Paragraphs 1.1 & 9.1 of the Planning Committee Report.