

Board Direction BD-014419-23 ABP-315024-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 31/10/2023.

The Board decided to grant permission, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature, scale and extent of the proposed development, to the removal of the existing telephone kiosks which forms part of the overall development proposal, to the pattern of development in the area and the context of the subject site, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the following conditions, the proposed development would be readily subsumed into the overall urban context of the area, would not lead to visual clutter, would not adversely impact on the visual amenities of the area, and would constitute an acceptable form of development, including provision of telephone services and digital screen advertising, at this busy urban location. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board noted and shared the opinion of the inspector that the context of the subject site was robust and comprises a built environment which is potentially capable of accommodating a modern telephone kiosk structure without undermining the historical character and quality of the town centre. Having regard to the above, the Board then determined that neither the overall policy context, nor the fact that the proposed development included a digital advertising display, would undermine this

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substantive assessment that the site location is fully capable of subsuming the proposed development would any serious injury or material adverse impact on the visual amenities of this town centre location. The Board therefore concluded that a grant of permission was warranted.

Conditions

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. The mechanism of changing the digital advertising display shall be by means of a fade transition of the display at intervals of 10 seconds or more. Any change to the nature of the advertising display including a flick or scroll transition between advertisements, shall be subject to a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

- 3. The proposed development shall incorporate the following:
 - (a) The maximum luminance of the advertisement display between dusk and dawn shall not exceed 250 canderels per square metres (sd/m2). The luminance level of the display shall be subject to review by the planning authority and following review, adjustments or amendments shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority.

(b) Only static images without movement shall be permitted, that is, no animation, flashing, three dimensional effects, noise, smoke or full motion video shall be permitted without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: To ensure the signs do not have any adverse effect on the amenity of the area or road safety.

4. Prior to making available of the telephone kiosk, including use for advertising, the developer shall remove the existing telephone kiosks. A dated photographic record of their removal shall be submitted to the planning authority within one month of their removal.

Reason: In the interest of orderly development and visual amenity.

5. All public service cables for the development, including electrical and telecommunications cables, together with support structures shall be located discreetly within the structure. Details shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.

6. The construction of the development shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

Reason: In the interests of public safety and residential amenity.

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7. Surface water drainage arrangements for the proposed development share comply with the requirements of the planning authority.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

Board Member

Date: 01/11/2023