DCCW2006/0725/F - 6M HIGH ARCHED STEEL SCULPTURE TO BE SITED ON EXISTING STONE PLINTH OUTSIDE ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HIGH STREET, HEREFORD, HR4 9AA

For: Ms. M. Potter, Principal Arts Officer, Herefordshire Council, P.O. Box 41, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0XH

Date Received: 3rd March 2006 Ward: Central Grid Ref: 50894, 40021

Expiry Date: 28th April 2006

Local Member: Councillor D.J. Fleet

1. Site Description and Proposal

- 1.1 The site is located at the prominent junction of Eign Gate with High Street and Broad Street directly opposite All Saints Church, Hereford.
- 1.2 The proposal is to install a 6 metre high arched steel sculpture. The sculpture will be constructed of mild steel, galvanized and then brush finished with silk clear lacquer. The sculpture would be mounted on the raised plinth constructed as part of the Eign Gate refurbishment project.

2. Policies

2.1 Hereford Local Plan:

Policy ENV14 - Design

Policy CON3 - Listed Buildings - Criteria for Proposals

Policy CON12 - Conservation Areas

Policy CON13 - Conservation Areas - Development Proposals Policy CON14 - Planning Applications in Conservation Areas

Policy CON18 - Historic Street Pattern

Policy CON19 - Townscape

2.2 Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan (Revised Deposit Draft):

Policy S2 - Development Requirements
Policy S5 - Town Centres and Retail

Policy DR1 - Design

Policy HBA4 - Setting of Listed Buildings

Policy HBA6 - New Development Within Conservation Areas Policy HBA9 - Protection of Open Areas and Green Spaces

3. Planning History

3.1 None.

4. Consultation Summary

Statutory Consultations

4.1 None.

Internal Council Advice

4.2 Traffic Manager: No objection.

4.2 Conservation Manager: No objections.

5. Representations

- 5.1 Hereford City Council: "Hereford City Council requests that this planning application be determined strictly in accordance with the approved development plan applicable to the area of the parish of the City of Hereford. The City Council also makes the following additional representation and recommends refusal wholly inappropriate development in such an historic and important location."
- 5.2 Conservation Area Panel: Proposal supported.

The full text of these letters can be inspected at Central Planning Services, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford and prior to the Sub-Committee meeting.

6. Officers Appraisal

- 6.1 The plinth on which this 6 metre sculpture is to be sited was created during the recent regeneration of Eign Gate. The sculpture was chosen following a public exhibition of four potential sculptures held earlier this year. This proposal received by far the greatest support. It will form a focal point at the eastern end of Eign Gate where it joins Broad Street and High Street. All Saints Church has been used as a focal point and the design of the sculpture reflects the arched windows of the church.
- 6.2 The City Council comments are noted, however the design is considered to be complementary to the townscape, and whilst contemporary in design will not adversely affect the setting of adjoining listed buildings or detract from the Conservation Area.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. A01 (Time limit for commencement (full permission)).

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. A06 (Development in accordance with approved plans).

Reason: To ensure adherence to the approved plans in the interests of a satisfactory form of development.

Informative:

1.	N15 -	Reason(s)	for the	Grant of	Planning	Permission.
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Decision:	 	
Notes:	 	

Background Papers

Internal departmental consultation replies.

PLANNING COMMITTEE 21ST APRIL, 2006

