

CORPORATE COMMITTEE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 30 September 2020 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor Scott Ainslie, Councillor Linda Bray (Substitute), Councillor Peter Ely and Councillor Adrian Garden (Chair)

Apologies: Councillor Maria Kay and Councillor Iain Simpson

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

2. RUSH COMMON CONSENT - 20/02792/RUS - INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT BOLLARDS ALONG THE PERIMETER OF WINDRUSH SQUARE

Brandan Wilkinson, Principal Planning Officer; Andrew Mulindwa, Area Team Manager (Central); and, Simon Brooksbank – Planning Officer – Central Area (Brixton and Clapham), introduced the report and responded to questions as follows:

- Corporate Committee's scope of consideration was for consent and principally whether the open character of Rush Common would be harmed by the proposals.
- The small size of the bollards, their spacing and form, was not believed to harm the open character of the Common.
- Replacing the suggested bollards with trees was not a material consideration and could form part of the subsequent planning application. Furthermore, trees were unlikely to serve the same purpose as the highly engineered bollards as they could not withstand the same levels of force.
- If a different form of protecting Windrush Square was decided upon and was of material change to the proposals, the decision would need to come back to Corporate Committee for consent.
- It was noted that the report detailed Cherry Grove which should be corrected to Cherry Groce.

In discussion, the Committee noted that trees might lend themselves more to the open character of the conservation area whilst providing a green shield from nearby traffic; whilst bollards did not give a sense of wellbeing and were clearly a physical barrier. The Chair reiterated that the choice of materials was not for Corporate Committee to consider but could be considered at a subsequent Planning Applications Committee.

RESOLVED by 2 votes for to 2 abstaining:

1. To note the outcome of the consultation set out in paragraph 5 of the report.

2. To grant Rush Common Consent for the installation of 155 x 1100mm high permanent heritage style cannon-shaped bollards around the perimeter of Windrush Square.

The meeting ended at 6.21 pm

CHAIR
CORPORATE COMMITTEE
Thursday 12 November 2020

Date of Despatch: Friday 9 October 2020

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