

APPLICATION NO.	P14/V1220/FUL
APPLICATION TYPE	FULL APPLICATION
REGISTERED	2.7.2014
PARISH	CHILTON
WARD MEMBER(S)	Reg Waite Margaret Turner
APPLICANT	Chilton Parish Council
SITE	Public Open Space Chilton Dene/Chestnut Fields Chilton, OX11 0PQ
PROPOSAL	Work of art that is a seating area, as per S106 Contribution, in Public Open Space in Chilton Fields.
AMENDMENTS	None
GRID REFERENCE	448213/185806
OFFICER	Stuart Walker

SUMMARY

The application is referred to committee because the planning agent is a member of staff.

The proposal is install a work of art.

The main issues are:

- The impact on the character and appearance of the area
- The impact on the amenities of residents
- Highways and parking matters
- Drainage

The recommendation is for approval.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This application seeks planning permission for installation of a work of art which is to be installed on the public open space within the Chilton Fields residential development.

1.2 The application comes to committee because a member of staff, the council's arts officer, has submitted the application on behalf of the parish council.

2.0 PROPOSAL

2.1 It is proposed to create a large scale outdoor sculptural work in the form of a seating area, cut into the existing bank to create a sculptural amphitheatre. The inspiration has been partly taken from the site's location close to the Diamond Synchrotron, with its beamlines and modern metal façade, and partly from the historic world of hill forts and ancient earthworks found on the Ridgeway National Trail.

2.2 The seating area will be constructed from galvanised steel gabions, faced internally with natural Oxfordshire Ardley stone. The cages are lined on top with sawn oak decking for a tactile and durable seating surface. The seating area reaches a maximum height of 1.5m and is approximately 10m wide and will seat approximately 70 people. The seating area will be surrounded by soil, turfed or seeded with grass. The plans are **attached** at appendix 1.

3.0 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATIONS & REPRESENTATIONS

3.1 **Chilton Parish Council:** the parish council is the applicant and has therefore made no comment on the proposal.

3.2 **Neighbour representations:** none.

3.3 **Drainage Engineer:** no objection.

3.4 **Health & Housing - Env. Protection Team:** no objection.

3.5 **Landscape Architect:** no objection.

4.0 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

4.1 [P11/V1290](#) - Approved (25/04/2012)

Variation of condition 11 of Outline planning permission CHI/16952/1-X, to allow a different distribution of public open space on the site.

[P11/V1557/RM](#) - Approved (17/11/2011)

Reserved matters application (following Outline permission 05/01086/OUT) for the erection of 275 residential dwellings, and community pavilion building, open space, road infra-structure works and all associated ancillary buildings.

5.0 POLICY & GUIDANCE

5.1 Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2011 policies;

DC1 - Design

DC4 - Public Art

DC5 - Access

DC9 - The Impact of Development on Neighbouring Uses

5.2 National Planning Policy Framework (2012)

5.3 National Planning Practise Guidance (2014)

6.0 PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 The proposal is not harmful to the character and appearance of the locality. The proposed works are considered to be sympathetic to the setting of the public open space and the design is acceptable.

6.2 The proposal is not considered to have an adverse impact on adjoining neighbours, which are located approximately 100m away at their closest point. Any future use of the seating area for outdoor plays / informal entertainment is also not considered harmful to the amenity of neighbours. Officers, therefore, consider there is no justifiable reason to withhold permission on amenity grounds.

6.3 The site is considered large enough to deal with surface water without causing surface water runoff to the highway or onto neighbouring properties, and the proposal has no highway impact.

7.0 CONCLUSION

7.1 The proposal is acceptable and complies with the development plan and the provisions of the NPPF.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

8.1 Grant Planning Permission

1 : TL1 - Time limit - Full Application (Full)

2 : Approved plans

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