

<b>Agenda Item</b>	A12
<b>Application Number</b>	25/00490/LB
<b>Proposal</b>	Listed building application for replacement light fittings on the balustrade
<b>Application site</b>	Dalton Square Lancaster Lancashire
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Andrew Fielding
<b>Agent</b>	
<b>Case Officer</b>	Mr Patrick Hopwood
<b>Departure</b>	No
<b>Summary of Recommendation</b>	Approval, with delegation back to Chief Officer - Planning and Climate Change

**(i) Procedural Matters**

This form of development would normally be dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation. However, as the Applicant and landowner is Lancaster City Council, the application must be presented to the Planning Regulatory Committee.

**1.0 Application Site and Setting**

- 1.1 The site to which this application relates is Dalton Square in Lancaster. The Queen Victoria Memorial in the centre of the Square is Grade II\* listed, with the surrounding balustrades Grade II listed. The site lies within Lancaster Conservation Area, and there are a number of Grade II and II\* Listed Buildings and Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs) fronting the Square.

**2.0 Proposal**

- 2.1 This application seeks Listed Building Consent for the replacement of light fittings on the balustrade end piers. The existing egg-shaped globes are to be replaced with “Kelvin” lanterns, and the existing wrought-iron torches are to be stripped, cleaned and repainted. Pre-application advice has been provided by the Council’s Conservation Team.

**3.0 Site History**

- 3.1 A number of relevant applications relating to this site have previously been received by the Local Planning Authority. The most recent of these include:

Application Number	Proposal	Decision
20/00443/VCN	Construction of temporary ice rink, temporary siting of observation wheel, chillers, erection of temporary fencing and hoardings, and temporary siting of marquee, access ramps, ticket booth, market stalls and tents for skate hire and the sale of refreshments (pursuant to variation 1 of planning application 19/00934/FUL to change operation dates of the ice rink and condition 2 to change operation dates of the observation wheel)	Approved
20/00519/LB	Listed building application for the construction of temporary ice rink and erection of temporary fencing and hoardings	Approved

## 4.0 Consultation Responses

- 4.1 At the time of writing this report, the following responses have been received from statutory and internal consultees:

Consultee	Response
Historic England	No response received.
Conservation Team	No response received.

- 4.2 At the time of writing this report, no responses have been received from members of the public.

## 5.0 Analysis

- 5.1 The key considerations in the assessment of this application are:
- Heritage
- 5.2 **Heritage** (NPPF Section 16 (Conserving and enhancing the historic environment)); Policies SP7 (Maintaining Lancaster District's Unique Heritage), DM37 (Development Affecting Listed Buildings), DM3 (Development Affecting Conservation Areas), DM39 (The Setting of Designated Heritage Assets) and DM41 (Development Affecting Non-Designated Heritage or their Settings))
- 5.2.1 In accordance with the Listed Building and Conservation Areas Act, when considering any application that affects a Listed Building, a Conservation Area or their setting, the local planning authority must pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the heritage asset or its setting. This is reiterated by the heritage policies of the Local Plan.
- 5.2.2 The existing light fittings are no longer safe and at the end of their life requiring removal. The existing egg-shaped globes are referred to in the listing description (dated 1995) but it is noted that these are not original and the torcheres are absent in earlier historic photographs. The proposed light fittings are of a traditional lantern design said to be similar to those used circa. 1940s, yet are modern energy-efficient units with improved light output for the safety and benefit of the public using the Square. The existing wrought-iron torcheres are to be retained and carry the new lanterns.

## 6.0 Conclusion and Planning Balance

- 6.1 Overall, any harm from the loss of the existing globes is less than substantial, and is outweighed by the public benefits of reducing danger to the users of this busy city centre Square.

## Recommendation

That Listed Building Consent **BE GRANTED**, with delegation back to Chief Officer Planning and Climate Change (to allow for the consultation period to expire having had regard to any further representations received), and subject to the following conditions:

Condition no.	Description	Type
1	Standard Listed Building Timescale	Control
2	Approved Plans and Details	Control

### Background Papers

None