

# Proposed Tay Rail Bridge Memorial

## KEY INFORMATION

**Ward** West End

**Address**

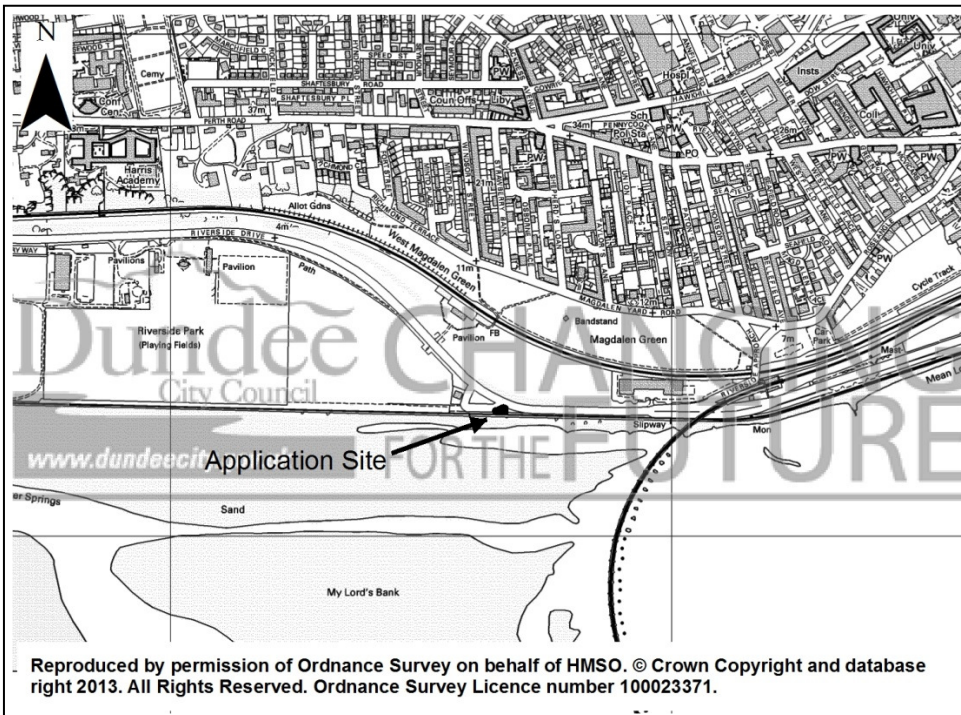
Esplanade West Entry  
Riverside Drive  
Dundee

**Applicant**

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**Registered** 9 July 2013

**Case Officer** Beverley Knox



## SUMMARY OF REPORT

- Planning permission is sought for the erection of three granite slabs to commemorate the victims of the Tay Rail Bridge Disaster.
- Policy 56 is relevant in that it aims to encourage proposals that add to the visual quality and interest of the city's environment. The proposals are in accordance with these aims.
- The statutory neighbour notification procedure was carried out and no letters of objection were received.
- In accordance with the Council's mandatory scheme of delegation, this application requires to be reported to the Development Management Committee for determination as it is located on Council owned land.
- More details can be found at <http://idoxwam.dundee.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=MPD4ZXGC04Q00>.

## RECOMMENDATION

The proposed memorial slabs are considered to be of high quality and will offer an attractive method of commemorating the victims of the Tay Rail Bridge Disaster. It is considered that the works are consistent with the aims and aspirations of Policy 56 of the Dundee Local Plan Review 2005. There are no material considerations that would justify laying aside the provisions of the Development Plan. It is therefore recommended that the application is **APPROVED**.



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### 3 POLICY BACKGROUND

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3.1 The following plans and policies are considered to be of direct relevance:

**DUNDEE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2005**

Policy 56: Public Art.

3.2 There are no other plans, policies and non-statutory statements that are considered to be of direct relevance.

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### 4 SITE HISTORY

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4.1 There is no relevant planning history.

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### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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5.1 The Council has followed the statutory neighbouring notification procedure.

5.2 No letters of objection or representation have been received.

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### 6 CONSULTATIONS

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6.1 No adverse comments have been received from any of the consultees.

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## 7 DETERMINING ISSUES

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7.1 **Section 25 of the Act provides that an application for planning permission (other than for a national development) shall be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.**

#### **THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The provisions of the development plan relevant to the determination of this application are specified in the Policy Background section above.

#### **DUNDEE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2005**

7.2 **Policy 56: Public Art** – Public Art is a means by which artists and their patrons can enrich their developments, open space and cultural heritage by adding to the visual interest and quality of the city's environment. Artworks can take the form of "stand alone" pieces, functioning elements of buildings or in public spaces.

7.3 Policy 56 is the mechanism by which the Council can support Public Art through the implementation of the "per cent for art" policy which seeks to secure the inclusion of public art on large scale projects. The general aim of the Policy is to enhance the public realm and adding to the city's cultural wealth and heritage. It is considered that these aims are of relevance to the current proposals.

- 7.4 The proposals involve the erection of 3 freestanding granite slabs of approximately 2 metres in height. They are to be of a polished granite finish and will be inscribed with the names of the victims of the Tay Rail Bridge Disaster. It is considered that they subtly blend into the surrounding landscape by the use of a natural material with discrete lettering. They have been chosen to be positioned in an appropriate area with attractive views of the Tay Rail Bridge. It is therefore considered that they will be a positive addition to the area in terms of the contribution that they will make to the overall attractiveness of the surroundings. In this regard, the overriding aims of Policy 56 are being met.
- 7.5 **The proposals satisfy the requirements of Policy 56.**

### **OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.6 There are no other material considerations to be taken into account.
- 7.7 **It is concluded from the foregoing that the proposal complies with the provisions of the Development Plan.**

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## **8 CONCLUSION**

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- 8.1 The proposal complies with the Development Plan and there are no material considerations that would justify the refusal of planning permission. Therefore, it is recommended that planning permission be granted.

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## **9 RECOMMENDATION**

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- 9.1 It is recommended that consent be GRANTED subject to the following condition(s):
- 1 No Conditions attached to this consent.

### **REASONS**

- 1 No Reasons attached to this consent.