Proposed Tay Rail Bridge Memorial

Item 4

KEY INFORMATION

Ward

West End

Address

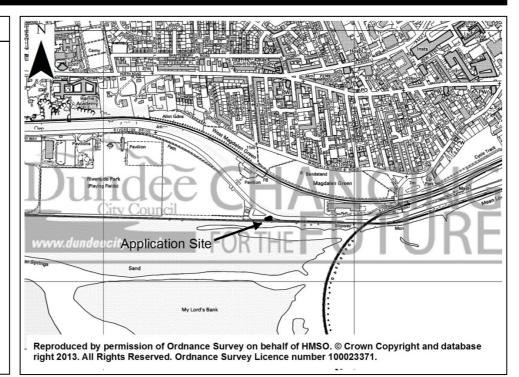
Esplanade West Entry Riverside Drive Dundee

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.dundeecity.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.

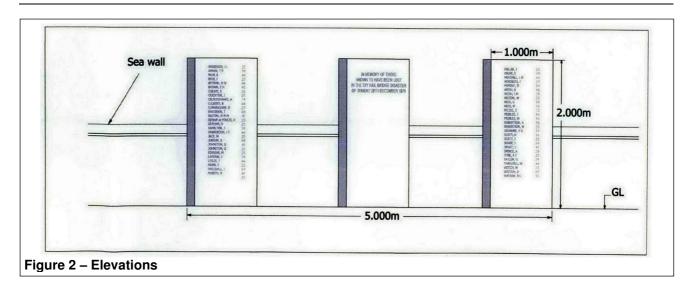
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL 1

1.1 The application proposes the erection of memorial slabs in relation to the Tay Bridge Disaster. The slabs are to be positioned on a hard surfaced seating area close to the Tay Rail Bridge. They are to be constructed of granite and will contain the names of the victims of the disaster. It is proposed that there shall be 3 slabs each measuring approximately 2 metres in height with a width of approximately 1 metre. At present, there are 3 benches at the heel of the footpath overlooking the River Tay. As part



of the proposals, one of these benches would be relocated to elsewhere within the hard landscaped area.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION



- 2.1 The application site relates to a small area of hard landscaped ground close to the Tay At present, there are 3 Rail Bridge. benches at the heel of the footpath overlooking the River Tay. The site is also close to the existing café accessed via a slip road taking access from Riverside Drive. The site is enclosed by a heightened kerb to discourage pedestrian traffic from across the small slip road.
- 22 The site overlooks the River Tay to the south. There is a small car parking area to the west of the site to allow for those accessing the café and those wishing to make use of the footpath that runs parallel to the river. It can often be a busy car park.



3 POLICY BACKGROUND

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

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Policy 56: Public Art.

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

4 SITE HISTORY

4.1 There is no relevant planning history.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 5.1 The Council has followed the statutory neighbouring notification procedure.
- 5.2 No letters of objection or representation have been received.

6 CONSULTATIONS

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

7 DETERMINING ISSUES

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.

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- 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.

8 CONCLUSION

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.

9 RECOMMENDATION

- 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.