

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ERECTION OF ONE 6 M HIGH MAST AT FORE STREET, ONE 6 M HIGH COMBINED MAST AND LIGHTING COLUMN AT MANTLE STREET, AND FIXING OF 4 CCTV CAMERAS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS AT HIGH STREET AND NORTH STREET, WELLINGTON AS AMENDED BY APPLICANTS LETTER AND PLAN RECEIVED 22ND AUGUST, 2002 (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

13000/20000

FULL PERMISSION

PROPOSAL

The amended proposal is for the installation of 4 building mounted CCTV cameras, with dome, along High Street and North street, the erection of 1 pole mounted dome CCTV camera, and a 6 m combined pole mounted dome CCTV mast and lighting column. Separate Listed Buildings applications have been received. The building mounted CCTV cameras will be located approximately 5 m above ground level.

The above planning application was considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting on 20th February, 2002 when it was determined that subject to the receipt of amended plans, the relocation of camera 5, and no further representations, I was authorised to determine the application in consultation with the Chairman.

Amended plans altering camera 5 from a 6 m pole mounted dome CCTV camera to a 6 m combined lighting column and CCTV dome have been received. Camera 6 has been changed from a 6 m pole mounted dome CCTV camera to a wall mounted camera at 11 North Street, and a Listed Building application has been submitted (43/2002/105LB). Camera 4 has been positioned to the rear of the footway.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

COUNTY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY have no objection now that cameras 4, 5 and 6 have been relocated. AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY no comments.

CONSERVATION OFFICER no observations subject to relocation of camera 5.

TOWN COUNCIL no objection to original or amended scheme.

ONE LETTER OF OBJECTION RECEIVED with regard to the following: relocation of camera 5 in close proximity to my property; I will be under camera surveillance when I enter and leave my home; gross intrusion of privacy; camera lens directed at my windows and into the rooms; need for CCTV cannot be justified, presence of camera more intimidating than any perceived or possible activity; presence of camera is extremely disturbing and harassing.

POLICY CONTEXT

Taunton Deane Local Plan Revised Deposit Policies EN17 (listed buildings), EN15 (Conservation Areas), S1 (General Requirements - criteria (D) appearance/character of settlement and (E) nuisance arising).

ASSESSMENT

The four building mounted CCTV cameras will have a minimal impact on the street scene due to the location of the cameras, and due to conditions attached to the Listed Building applications for cameras 2 & 3 assuring materials match the existing buildings. Camera 4 which is pole mounted, is proposed to be located at the corner of Fore Street and Squirrel Court. Camera 5 has been relocated away from the facade of the former Methodist Church to be replaced with a combined lighting and CCTV pole on the footway outside of Nos. 5 & 7 Mantle Street. Privacy issues with regard to the CCTV cameras will be dealt with accordingly by the Service Support Manager who has overseen this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Permission be GRANTED subject to conditions of time limit. Notes re: attention drawn to Listed Building Applications 43/2002/012LB, 43/2002/013LB, and 43/2002/105LB.

In preparing this report the Planning Officer has considered fully the implications and requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998.

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