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Subject: PL/24/1234 Station Hill Public Art
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Hi Steve,

This application is for the erection of public art across the development site but also on the Public Highway to which I comment as follows:

I would firstly stress that the proposed mural along the underpass wall does not take account of the approved Highways Agreement plans that provides for replacement cycle parking, lamp columns, a bin and a replacement of a Highways monolith display that will all obstruct the mural in some way but in addition the Highways Agreement includes the replacement of the handrail down the steps that would be attached to the wall. Highways would therefore question what the applicant proposes to do with this infrastructure to ensure the mural is visible in its entirety and the impact is not diminished.

More importantly a handrail is required along the wall to meet both Highway and British Standards and the mural at present has been designed to remove the handrail. The Highway Authority cannot support a proposal that removes the handrail and we would object to the proposal should a revise design not be provided.

The mural onto the underpass wall will also be subject to further approvals those being Approval In Principle to attach the mural to a Highways maintained structure as well other Highway licences which cannot be determined at this stage given that information on how the mural would be fixed to the wall have not been provided.

Subject to the above being confirmed the proposed luminance from the display should be no greater than 300cdm².

I would however advise that access via Station Hill will be complicated and pedestrian access would need to be retained where possible but particularly over the Christmas period, a methodology for how the artwork would be installed would be required and the applicant may wish to submit this as part of the planning application to avoid undertaking a discharge of condition application.

The Mural onto Friars Walk is deemed acceptable subject to the luminance being retracted to 600cdm². As above access via Friar Steet is restricted as it is a pedestrian access only, a methodology for how the artwork would be installed would be required and the applicant may wish to submit this as part of the planning application.

The Pivotal Neon is deemed acceptable subject to the luminance being restricted to 300cdm².

Until the applicant provides information that retains the provision of the handrail the Highway Authority would object to the proposal.

Kind regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSULTATION ON A PLANNING APPLICATION

Planning Application Ref: PL/24/1234

Officer: Stephen Vigar

Application Type: Full planning permission

Address: Station Hill Reading Friars Walk, Friars Walk, Reading, RG1 1DX

Proposal: Installation of Five Art Works across Station Hill including, Mosaic Mural at Station Underpass Wall, Mosaic Mural at Friars Walk, Link Bridge Railings (over Garrard Street) and two sculptures "The Seed" and "Pivotal" at Station Square

This is to advise you that the above application has been submitted to the Planning Department. If you have any comments to make relating to the above development, please provide them by reply email and CC in plgadmin@reading.gov.uk

Details of the application can be viewed on the Council's 'Planning Registers' website at: <https://publicregister.reading.gov.uk/s/detail/a0zP2000003yglp> Please allow 1 working day for documents to be viewable.

Comments should be made by 16/10/2024. I cannot guarantee that comments received after this date will be taken into account when determining the decision. If you are not able to meet the deadline above please contact me to explain the delay and to agree an extension of the consultation period.

Yours faithfully
Stephen Vigar
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