

NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE – 10th February 2021

UPDATE TO AGENDA

APPLICATION NO: 20/3156M

LOCATION: Sparrow Park, Churchside, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA

UPDATE PREPARED: 08 February 2020

Officer Comment

Following publication of the Agenda Reports Pack, the applicant has clarified that the funding / donation of the monument is being made by the artist 'JJ Xi', who is Chair of the UK Chinese Arts Association, which is based in London. Macclesfield Town Council (the applicant) has advised that *"The artist considered that Macclesfield would be the most appropriate location for the statue's permanent home once it had completed its exhibition run"*.

References within the application to the monument being a donation from the People's Republic of China were made in error. It is confirmed that the statue is not being funded by the People's Republic of China but is being donated by the artist. In any event, the funding / donation of the development is a not a material planning consideration.

With regard to external lighting, the impact on neighbouring residential amenity in terms of light spillage would be acceptable given the retained screening and separation distance. The Council's Environmental Protection Unit who assess such impacts, have not raised any objection. Any external lighting would first have to be approved through the submission of further detail as required by condition no. 4 recommended on page 48 of the Agenda Reports Pack.

If members are minded to approve the application, it is recommended that the decision is subject to an additional condition requiring the submission, approval and implementation of a Construction Management Plan. This is to ensure that the method of construction is acceptable in terms of vehicular access from the adjoining road network.

CONCLUSION

The funding for the development is not a material planning consideration. Impacts on neighbouring amenity in terms of light spillage would be acceptable subject to approval of further details. The recommendation to approve subject to conditions remains as per page 48 of the Agenda Reports Pack subject to an additional condition as follows:

7) Submission, approval and implementation of a Construction Management Plan