Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary			
Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday 17 May 2022	Application ID: LA04/2021/2728/F		
Proposal: Art installation of 2no. printed panel measuring 2440mm x 1220mm.	Location: Winefair 142 North Queen Street Belfast BT15 1HQ.		
Referral Route: Belfast City Council funding.			
Recommendation:	Approval		
Applicant Name and Address: Small Steps North Belfast Orange Memorial Hall 170 Alexandra Park Avenue Belfast BT15 3GJ	Agent Name and Address: OGU Architects Flax Art Studios Havelock House Belfast BT7 1EB		

Executive Summary:

The proposal seeks permission for the installation of 2 printed panels measuring 2.4m x 1.2m. The proposal is part of a Business Cluster Support Project and is an Ulster-Scots themed project. The panels are proposed to incorporate photographs and text to explain the role of Ulster-Scots in whiskey distilling in Belfast and also the invention of Belfast ginger ale and brown lemonade.

The key issues are:

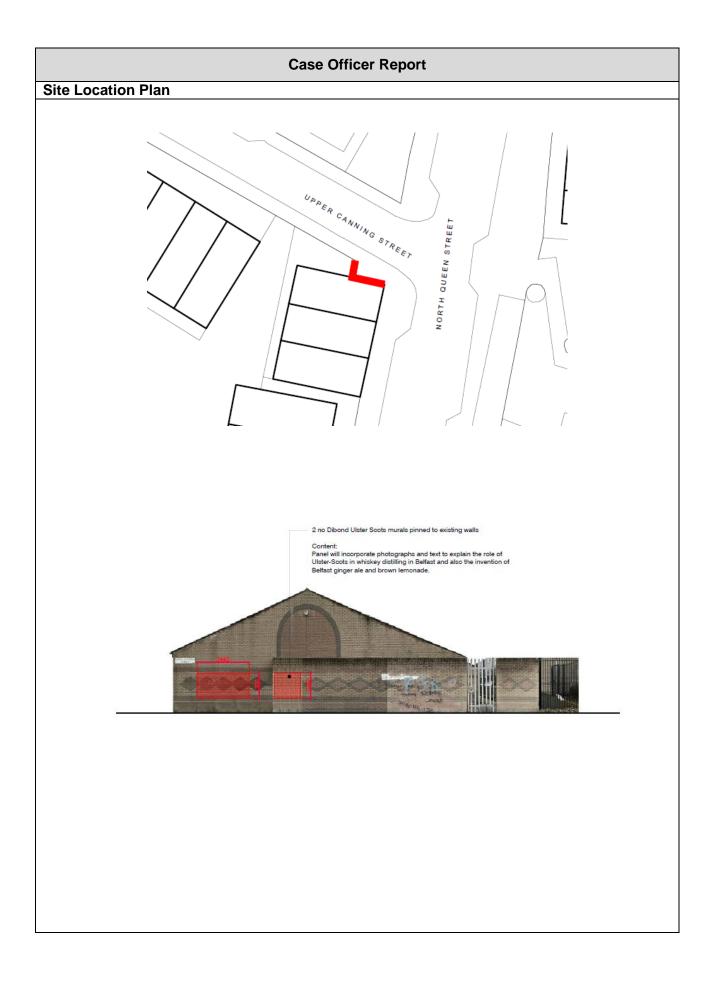
- o Impact on amenity and general characteristics of the area.
- Impact on public safety.

The panels are located on the gable wall and boundary wall of no. 142 North Queen Street. The area is mixed use in nature.

The proposal has been assessed against the Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS), Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001 (BUAP) and the Draft Metropolitan Area Plan 2015 (BMAP).

Recommendation: Approval.

It is recommended that the application is approved for a temporary period of 3 years and it is requested that delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning and Building Control to finalise the wording of conditions.



Characteristics of the Site and Area			
1.0	Description of Proposed Development		
	Art installation of 2no. printed panel measuring 2440mm x 1220mm.		
2.0	Description of Site		
	The site is located on the gable wall and boundary wall of no. 142 North Queen Street.		
	The ground host building is in use as a Winefair off licence. The surrounding area is mixed		
	use with residential dwellings across from the site, commercial premises and retail units.		
Planr	ning Assessment of Policy and other Material Considerations		
3.0	Relevant Site History		
3.1	Z/1993/2249 - Erection of 3 shop units. Permission Granted.		
4.0	Policy Framework		
4.1	Strategic Planning Policy Statement		
4.2	Belfast Urban Area Plan 2001		
4.3	Draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015		
	(The extant development plan is the BUAP. However, given the stage at which the Draft		
	BMAP had reached pre-adoption through a period of independent examination, the		
	policies within the Draft BMAP still carry weight and are a material consideration in the		
	determination of planning applications. The weight to be afforded is a matter of		
	judgement for the decision maker)		
4.4	Belfast Local Development Plan Draft Plan Strategy 2035		
	The Belfast Local Development Plan Draft Plan Strategy 2035 will guide future planning		
	application decision making to support the sustainable spatial growth of the city up to		
	2035. The draft Plan Strategy has been subject to examination by the Planning Appeals		
	Commission and the Council has been provided with a copy of their Report, together		
	with a Direction from Dfl in relation to additional required steps before it can be		
	considered adopted. Paragraph 1.10 states that a transitional period will operate until		
	such times as a Council's Plan Strategy has been adopted. Accordingly, whilst the Draft		
	Plan Strategy is now a material consideration it has limited weight until it is adopted and		
	during the transitional period planning authorities will apply existing policy together with		
	the SPPS.		
5.0	Consultations:		
5.1	Statutory Consultee Responses		
5.1.1	None		
5.2	Non-Statutory Consultee Responses		
5.2.1	None		
6.0	Representations		
6.1	No representations have been received.		
7.0	Assessment		
7.1	The proposal seeks permission for the installation of 2 printed panels measuring 2.4m x		
1.1	1.2m. The proposal is part of a Business Cluster Support Project and is an Ulster-Scots		
	themed project. The panels are proposed to incorporate photographs and text to explain		
	the role of Ulster-Scots in whiskey distilling in Belfast and also the invention of Belfast		
	ginger ale and brown lemonade.		

7.2 The proposed panels will be for information purposes only and will **not** be used for the purposed of advertising. The proposal is considered acceptable under the SPPS as the proposed panel is not located in an area which features any historic, archaeological, architectural, landscape or cultural interest. 7.3 The position of the panels on the host building and their scale and size in relation to that building is considered acceptable 7.4 The proposal is not considered to result in clutter when read with existing advertisements in the area. The host building and the adjoining pharmacy and charity shop currently have 1 fascia sign each. The panels are not high level and will not appear dominant or out of character within the context of the surrounding area. 7.5 The proposed panels are not illuminated and are not considered to prejudice public safety. 8.0 Conclusion The proposal is considered acceptable on balance, given the nature of the surrounding area. Approval is recommended. Conditions: 9.0 9.1 The permission herby granted is for a temporary period of 3 years. The art installation and all associated development hereby granted will be removed on or before 3 years from the date of this permission. Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and in order to protect the amenity of the area 9.2 The panel hereby permitted shall be used to display information for the Ulster-Scots themed project only and will be kept well maintained and in good repair. Reason: In the interests of the amenity of the area.

ANNEX		
Date Valid	3rd December 2021	
Date First Advertised	17th December 2021	
Date Last Advertised		

Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses)

The Owner/Occupier,

142 North Queen Street, Skegoneill, Belfast, Antrim, BT15 1HQ

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142 North Queen Street, Skegoneill, Belfast, Antrim, BT15 1HQ

The Owner/Occupier,

144 North Queen Street, Skegoneill, Belfast, Antrim, BT15 1HQ

Date of Last Neighbour Notification	31st January 2022
Date of EIA Determination	
ES Requested	No

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Address: Winefair, 142 North Queen Street, Belfast, BT15 1HQ.,

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: Z/1991/2757

Proposal: Proposed enterprise centre comprising small manufacturing units, associated management offices and

security kiosk

Address: SITE A,2-24 DUNCAIRN GDNS,SITE B,1-35 DUNCAIRN GDNS AND LAND

TO REAR BOUNDED BY UPPER CANNING ST & N

Decision:
Decision Date:

Ref ID: Z/1993/2249

Proposal: Erection of 3 shop units

Address: 138-144 NORTH QUEEN STREET BELFAST BT1

Decision:
Decision Date:

Drawing Numbers and Title

Drawing No.

Type:

Status: Submitted

Notification to Department (if relevant)

Date of Notification to Department:

Response of Department: