## Development Management Officer Report Committee Application

Summary		
Committee Meeting Date: 18 October 2016		
<b>Application ID:</b> LA04/2016/1829/F		
Proposal: Erection of 3.0m high bronze sculpture/statue including a granite plinth with small brick surround within a path area of Woodvale Park.	Location: Woodvale Park Woodvale Road Belfast	

Referral Route: Belfast City Council Application

Recommendation:	Approval
Applicant Name and Address: (David Logan) Belfast City Council (Project Management) Adelaide Exchange 24-26 Adelaide Street Belfast	Agent Name and Address:
BT2 8GD	

## **Executive Summary:**

The application seeks permission to erect a 3m high bronze sculpture/ statue within Woodvale Park.

The site is located within Woodvale Park and is identified as an Area of Existing Open Space. The park is designated as a Local Landscape Policy Area and a Historic Park, Garden and Demesne, with the gate pillars and band stand being listed.

The main issue to be considered is:

The effect of the proposal upon the character and appearance of the area.

The proposal conforms to the area plan zoning and planning policy. The sculpture/statue is considered acceptable and will not adversely impact on the character of the park.

It is recommended that the application is approved subject to condition as set out in the report.

## Site Location Plan Woodvale Park BCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT RECEIVED 2 2 AUG 2016\_ BELFAST PLANNING SERVICE KEY Landscape Planning & Development Unit 3rd Floor Adelaide Exchange, 24-26 Adelaide St., Beffast, BTZ 8GD PROJECT Boxer Sculpture - Woodvale Park 16/08/16 23-003-40

Char	acteristics of the Site and Area	
1.0	Description of Proposed Development	
	The proposal is for the erection of 3.0 high bronze sculpture/statue including a granite plinth with small brick surround within a path area of Woodvale Park.	
2.0	Description of Site	
	The site is located within Woodvale Park and is accessed via Woodvale Avenue. The park is a public park and contains recreational areas such children's play ground, bowling greens. The entrance pillars and band stand are listed.	
Planı	ning Assessment of Policy and other Material Considerations	
3.0	Site History	
	<ul> <li>LA04/2015/1286/F- Woodvale Park- Mobile ice cream van- Permission Granted 20/01/2016</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Z/2014/0850/F- Woodvale Park- Installation of memorial column, plinth, fence, gate and flag poles. Permission Granted 29/07/2014</li> </ul>	
4.0	Policy Framework	
4.1	Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015	
4.2	Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland Planning Policy Statement 6 (PPS6) - Planning Archaeology and Built Heritage Planning Policy Statement 8 (PPS8) - Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation	
5.0	Statutory Consultee Responses	
5.1	None	
6.0	Non Statutory Consultee Responses	
6.1	None	
7.0	Representations	
7.1	None	
8.0	Other Material Considerations	
8.1	None	
9.0	Assessment	
9.1	The application seeks permission to erect a 3m high sculpture/statue within Woodvale Park which is an existing area of open space. The sculpture/statue depicts a boxer and represents the successful tradition of boxing in the Greater Shankill Area.	
9.2	SPPS The SPPS directs local authorities to consider the guiding principle for planning authorities in determining planning applications is that sustainable development should be permitted, having regard to the development plan and other material	

considerations, unless the proposed development will cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance. 9.3 The proposal is considered to be in compliance with SPPS, in that it will not adversely impact on the local character of the area or the integrity of the Historic Park, Garden and Demesne, the LLPA or the existing area of open space which are considered below. 9.4 **BMAP** The site is located within the existing settlement/development limits of Belfast and is designated as an Historic Park, Garden and Demesne with the gate pillars and band stand being listed. The site is also designated within the area plan as being a Local Landscape Policy Area (LLPA). The proposal is in compliance with Policy ENV 1 and will not adversely impact on the character or integrity of the LLPA. PPS 6 9.5 The proposal sculpture/statue complies with policies set out in PPS 6 and is considered that there will be no adverse impact on the listed features of the Park (gates and pillars) and the proposal will not cause harm to the character or historic nature of the park. 9.6 PPS 8 The statue/sculpture/statue will not adversely impact on the open space status of the park and therefore is considered compliant with PPS 8. 10.0 **Summary of Recommendation:** The proposal complies with BMAP and relevant regional policies. It is recommended that the application be approved subject to condition set out below. 11.0 Condition: The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 5 years from the date of this permission. Reason: As required by Section 61 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. 12.0 **Notification to Department (if relevant)** N/A 13.0 Representations from Elected members: N/A

ANNEX		
Date Valid	22nd August 2016	
Date First Advertised	9th September 2016	
Date Last Advertised		
Details of Neighbour Notification (all addresses) N/A		
Date of Last Neighbour Notification	N/A	
Date of EIA Determination		
ES Requested	Yes /No	
Planning History N/A		
Summary of Consultee Responses N/A		
Drawing Numbers and Title		
Drawing No. 01 – Location Plan Drawing No. 02 – Proposed Location Drawing No. 03 – Boxer plinth Dimensions		
Notification to Department (if relevant)		
Date of Notification to Department: Response of Department:		