

Delegated Report

Planning Ref: 24/00336/ADV

Applicant: MS DEBBI PAYNE (LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

Ward: Groby

Site: Street Record, A50, Hinckley

Proposal: Leicestershire County Council roundabout sponsorship initiative, installation of 5 fascia signs



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

1. Recommendations

1.1. Grant advertisement consent subject to:

- Planning conditions outlined at the end of this report

2. Planning application description

- 2.1. The application is for 5 freestanding advertisements signs located on the A50 roundabout situated between Groby and Glenfield. The advertisements are non-illuminated.

3. Description of the site and surrounding area

- 3.1. The development site is located on the A50 roundabout and is situated between Groby and Glenfield. The roundabout has existing planting surrounding it and is situated above the Leicester Western Bypass.

4. Relevant planning history

None

5. Publicity

- 5.1. The application has been publicised by positing a site notice within the vicinity of the site.
- 5.2. No responses have been received.

6. Consultation

- 6.1. No consultee comments received.

7. Policy

- 7.1. Core Strategy (2009)
- No relevant policies
- 7.2. Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (2016)
- Policy DM1: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development
 - Policy DM10: Development and Design
 - Policy DM17: Highways and Transportation
 - Policy DM23: High Quality Shop Fronts and Advertisements
- 7.3. National Planning Policies and Guidance
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2023)
 - Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)
- 7.4. Other relevant guidance

- Good Design Guide (2020)
- National Design Guide (2019)

8. Appraisal

8.1. Key Issues

- Impact upon the character of the area
- Impact upon highway safety

Impact upon the character of the area

- 8.2 Paragraph 136 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that poorly placed advertisements can have a negative impact on the appearance of the built and natural environment.
- 8.3 Policy DM10 of the SADMP requires new development to complement or enhance the character of the surrounding area with regards to scale, layout, density, mass, design, materials and architectural features.
- 8.4 Policy DM23 of the SADMP sets out the circumstances in which applications for outdoor advertisements will be approved by the Borough Council. The circumstances include the requirement for advertisements to reflect local character and materials, to be appropriately scaled and to be of an acceptable level of luminosity so not as to lead to obtrusive light.
- 8.5 The advertisements proposed are located on the aforementioned roundabout and are proposed to credit the environmental enhancement of the roundabout which was made possible through the financial investment of the sponsor concerned with these advertisements. 5 advertisements are proposed under this application and elevated 0.4m from the ground to the base of the advertisement. The dimensions of the advertisements are 600mm x 1200mm x 10mm.
- 8.6 Given the nature of the location of the advertisements, and when considering the size and lack of luminance, it is considered that the proposed 5 adverts would not detrimentally impact the character of the area and as such the proposal is considered to be in accordance with Policies DM10 and DM23 of the SADMP.

Impact upon highway safety

- 8.7 Policy DM17 of the SADMP requires development to not have a significant impact upon highways safety.
- 8.8 Policy DM23 of the SADMP also requires advertisements to be of an acceptable level of luminosity so not as to lead to obtrusive light.
- 8.9 The proposal, submitted by LCC Highway Operation Control is not considered to cause any detrimental impacts to highway safety, given their size and lack of luminance.
- 8.10 It is therefore considered that the proposed advertisement would not cause any material impacts upon pedestrian or vehicular safety in compliance with policies DM17 and DM23 of the SADMP.

Equality implications

- 8.11 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 created the public sector equality duty. Section 149 states:-

- (1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 8.12 Officers have taken this into account and given due regard to this statutory duty, and the matters specified in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 in the determination of this application.
- 8.13 There are no known equality implications arising directly from this development.
- 8.14 The decision has been taken having regard to all relevant planning legislation, regulations, guidance, circulars and Council policies, including General Data Protection Regulations (2018) and The Human Rights Act (1998) (HRA 1998) which makes it unlawful for the Council to act incompatibly with Convention rights, specifically Article 6 (right to a fair hearing); Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life); Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property) and Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination).

9. Conclusion

10. Overall the proposal is deemed acceptable within the character and appearance of the area. The advertisements would not cause any significant impacts upon pedestrian or vehicular safety. The proposed development is therefore deemed acceptable in accordance with Policies DM10, DM17, DM23 of the SADMP and the wider policies of the NPPF

11. Recommendation

- 11.1 **Grant advertisement consent** subject to:

- Planning conditions outlined at the end of this report

11.2 Conditions and Reasons

1. The grant of express consent shall expire at the end of a period of five years from the date of this notification.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Regulation 16(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

2. All advertisement consents are subject to five standard conditions specified in Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 which are as follows: -
 - a) No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the site entitled to grant permission
 - b) No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to:-

- (i) endanger persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military)
- (ii) obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air
- (iii) hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle

c) Any advertisement displayed, and any site used for the display of advertisements, shall be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site

d) Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a condition that does not endanger the public

e) Where an advertisement is required under these Regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Schedule 2 Regulation 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

3. The advertisement(s) hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than in complete accordance with the submitted application details, as follows:

- Application Form
- Site Location Plan and Advertisement Location Plan
- Front and Side Dimension Plan

Reason: To protect the visual amenity of the area to accord with Policies DM1 and DM23 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document.

11.3 Notes to applicant

1. The approved development may require Building Regulations Approval, for further information please contact the Building Control team via e-mail at buildingcontrol@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk or call 01455 238141.