

Policy Background

4.2 Paragraph 67 of the National Planning Policy Framework advises the following:

- control over outdoor advertisements should be efficient, effective and simple in concept and operation
- only those advertisements which will clearly have an appreciable impact on a building or on their surroundings should be subject to the local planning authority's detailed assessment
- advertisements should be subject to control only in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts.

4.3 The Development Control Local Plan was approved for Development Control purposes in April 2005; its policies are material considerations although it is considered that their weight is limited except where in accordance with the content of the NPPF.

4.4 Development Control Local Plan Policy GP21 Advertisements states that where advertisement consent is required, it will be granted for signs, hoardings and large advertising panels where their size, design, materials, colouring and any form of illumination does not detract from the visual amenity of the areas in which they are displayed, particularly with regard to the character of listed buildings or conservation areas, and:

- a) there is no adverse effect on public safety, and
- b) in residential areas and on sites clearly visible from roads, the advertisement is in keeping with the scale of surrounding buildings and public areas.

APPRAISAL

4.5 The proposal involves the installation of eight 1.1m wide and 0.55m high sponsor signs. A 150mm deep, dark blue coloured band at the top of each sign will have the words 'City of York Council' and the Authority's logo on the right hand side with the words 'York in Bloom' and corresponding logo on the left hand side. The area below (0.44m high) will contain the name and details of the sponsor. The sign will be supported by circa 0.7m dark blue poles at either end. It is considered that signs are tasteful in appearance and would not adversely affect visual amenities. The signs will be positioned in four locations (i.e. two in each location):

- a) Grass verge (50m long x 10m wide) on south west side of access
- b) Grass verge (45m long x 6m wide) on north east side of access
- c) Grass verge (40m long x 30m wide) in centre of access
- d) Grass verge (20m long x 15m wide) opposite access on south side of Tadcaster Road

4.6 In view of the size of the verges involved it is considered that the signs can be located comfortably within them without a cluttered appearance being created.

4.7 In terms of public safety, the exact location of the signs would be agreed on site with the Council's Highways section so that they do not give rise to any highway safety issues.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The proposed signs will not be obtrusive, it will not detract from the visual amenities of the area and public safety will not be compromised. The proposal is considered to be acceptable and complies with the NPPF and Policy GP21 of the Development Control Local Plan.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION: Approve

1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following plans:-

'City of York Council - Roundabout Sign'

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out only as approved by the Local Planning Authority

7.0 INFORMATIVES:

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