



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**DEV/SE/16/11**

# **Development Control Committee**

## **7 January 2016**

### **Planning Application DC/15/1956/FUL**

### **Roundabout, Lady Miriam Way, Bury St Edmunds**

**Date:** 9 October 2015      **Expiry Date:** 4 December 2015  
**Registered:**

**Case Officer:** Ed Fosker      **Recommendation:** Grant Permission

**Parish:** Bury St Edmunds Town      **Ward:** Morton Hall

**Proposal:** Planning Application - installation of metal sculpture on roundabout (resubmission of DC/15/0003/FUL).

**Site:** Roundabout, Lady Miriam Way, Bury St Edmunds

**Applicant:** St Edmundsbury Borough Council - Bury In Bloom

#### **Synopsis:**

Application under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Associated matters.

#### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Committee determine the attached application and associated matters.

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**Background:**

**This application is referred to the Committee because it is made by St. Edmundsbury Borough Council.**

**Proposal:**

1. Planning permission is sought for installation of metal sculpture of a dove on the Flying Fortress roundabout where Lady Miriam Way meets Mount Road and Bradbrook close. The metal sculpture itself comprises a dove on the corner of the tail section of a B17 bomber fixed to the top of a 1m high brickwork plinth. The height to the very top of the Dove itself is a maximum of 4.5m.

**Application Supporting Material:**

2. Information submitted with the application as follows:
  - Application form
  - Drawings of proposed sculpture
  - Block plan

**Site Details:**

3. The site comprises an existing roundabout where Lady Miriam Way meets Mount Road and Bradbrook close.

**Planning History:**

4. DC/15/0003/FUL: Planning Application - installation of metal sculpture. Withdrawn. 27.02.2015.

**Consultations:**

5. Highways Authority: Require the statue to be more than 5 metres away from the edge of the carriageway as in the interests of intervisibility. In addition any paint or covering should not be reflective and cause distraction to road users.

**Representations:**

6. Town Council: No objection based on information received.
7. One letter of representation has been received from the occupier of 68 Hardwick Lane raising concern with regard to:
  - The design has little resemblance to a Flying Fortress B 17

- Few present or future generations would understand the meaning of the proposed design
- This proposal is in danger of being a wasted opportunity to commemorate those who served in WWII at Rougham Airbase

**Policy:** The following policies of the Joint Development Management Policies Document and the St Edmundsbury Core Strategy December 2010 have been taken into account in the consideration of this application:

8. Joint Development Management Policies Document:

- Policy DM2 (Creating Places – Development Principles and Local Distinctiveness)

9. St Edmundsbury Core Strategy December 2010

- Policy CS3 (Design and Local Distinctiveness)

**Other Planning Policy:**

10. National Planning Policy Framework (2012) core principles and paragraphs 56 – 68

**Officer Comment:**

11. The issues to be considered in the determination of the application are:

- Principle of Development
- Design and form
- Impact on neighbour amenity
- Highway Safety

Principle of development

12. Policy DM2 states that proposals for all development should proposals for all development should, as appropriate, recognise and address the key features, characteristics, landscape/townscape character, local distinctiveness, special qualities of the area and/or building and, where necessary, prepare a landscape/townscape character, maintain or create a sense of place and/or local character, particularly restoring or enhancing localities where strong local characteristics are lacking or have been eroded, not involve the loss of gardens and important open, green or landscaped areas which make a significant contribution to the character and appearance of a settlement. It is considered that the proposed sculpture of the dove, located in the middle of the roundabout as a commemorate those who served in WWII at Rougham Airbase would comply with the principles of Policy DM2

### Design and form

13. The metal sculpture itself comprises a dove on the corner of the tail section of a B17 bomber fixed to the top of a 1m high brickwork plinth. The height to the very top of the Dove itself is 4.5m maximum. Given the relatively modest scale of the proposed sculpture and its position in the centre of the roundabout it is considered sensitively located in the wider street scene.

### Impact on neighbour amenity

14. By virtue of its location some considerable distance from the nearest residential property, relatively modest scale and the fact that there is no illumination proposed it is considered that there would be no adverse impact on the amenity currently enjoyed by any nearby residential properties in compliance with Policy CS3 of the Core Strategy.

### Highway Safety

15. The Highways Authority have stated they require the statue to be more than 5 metres away from the edge of the carriageway in the interests of intervisibility. The sculpture is positioned centrally on the roundabout 10m from the edge of the highway and no illumination is proposed therefore considered acceptable in terms of Highway safety. A condition could be imposed to ensure non-reflective paints are applied.

### **Conclusion:**

16. In conclusion, the principle and detail of the development is considered to be acceptable and in compliance with relevant development plan policies and the National Planning Policy Framework.

### **Recommendation:**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that planning permission be **Granted** subject to the following conditions:

1. 01A – Time limit detailed.
2. 14FP – Development to accord with the plans, including detailed materials.
3. Use of non-reflective paints and/or external materials only.

### **Documents:**

All background documents including application forms, drawings and other supporting documentation relating to this application can be viewed online.

<https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NW3O2HPD00Z00>

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Date: 21 December 2015