

Application 2020/30 – Proposed Siting of the Replica Water Fountain – The paved area, the Canister, Jamestown – Enterprise St Helena

The Chief Planning Officer presented this application. The site falls within the Intermediate Zone in the National Conservation Area. The application is to install a Replica Water Fountain on the edge of the extended pavement outside the Canister, Jamestown.

The installation of the Replica Water Fountain is to replace the Rock Fall Water Fountain that was erected in memory of those who lost their lives through the rock fall incident in 1890.

The proposal should be considered as public art and its location is assessed against the Built Heritage Policy of the Land Development Control Plan (LDCP). It was noted that the proposed location for this installation are well used for sitting and is a busy pedestrian access and therefore not considered to be wide enough to install or provide public art feature. The installation of the Replica Water Fountain would compromise pedestrian safety particularly during the hours of daylight when there is considerable pedestrian movement.

There were three Representations to this proposal. Mr Pearce was allowed to speak. It was noted that a discussion took place with the applicant. Members felt that the location is not the right place to install the Replica Water Fountain as the area is not considered to be wide enough.

It was mentioned that other areas such as the Castle Gardens, the area of the Coffee Shop in Jamestown could be looked at for the siting. It needs to be sited in an area that is more peaceful. Following consideration, it was agreed that the application be refused as recommended by the CPO.

Resolution: The application for siting of a Replica Water Fountain was refused for reasons as recommended by the CPO, in that

- i) the proposal fails to comply with the objectives of the Built Heritage Policy for the proposed development in the location on the pavement outside the Canister as it fails to enhance the character and heritage objectives of the Conservation Area.
- ii) the proposed development as a “public art” feature in the street scene fails to be a prominent landmark as it would be obscured by the vehicles parked in front of it; and
- iii) iii) the proposed development would restrict pedestrian movement along the pavement by obstructing an important thoroughfare and also compromise the safety of pedestrians.

A Decision Notice to issue. The Applicant has a right of appeal.

