Planning Applications Committee: 9 March 2023

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Application: 22/01500/NF3

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Clarification:

The application was called in by Cllr Ben Price – the reason given was for consideration of concerns including existing bats in the locality and increased light pollution, offence taken to the statue itself, and that ASB could also be increased by relocating to the statue to this site (Elm Hill Gardens).

Officer Response:

The issues relate mainly to Elm Hill Gardens. This relocation site no longer forms part of the application. See paragraphs 6 and 7.

Additional representation:

One of the individuals registered to speak at committee has provided a 16-page document / pamphlet "to circulate to the councillors on the planning committee as I think it may inform them. It was produced at the time of the installation".

Officer Response:

The document mostly explains the site; the nature of and layout of the artwork; Sir Thomas Browne and his link to Norwich and Hay Hill area and background in philosophy, religion and science; the artists (Anne and Patrick Poirier) and their intent / concept for the work; and information on how the work was commissioned and funded. The document includes visualisations and photographs of the work.

Relevant contextual information is included within the committee report. The scheme has been amended which limits the assessment of the application to mainly the impact of the removal of the "homage" work from Hay Hill. The proposal is considered to result in no harm to identified heritage assets in this area and on balance is considered to be acceptable. Conditions are suggested to require future details of heritage assessment which could include links to relevant information and websites explaining the importance of Sir Thomas Browne and potentially direct people to the location of any agreed future site for the "homage". See main issues 1, 2 and 3.

It is understood that it is the applicant's intention to re-assess sites within the city for the relocation of the "homage" work and submit a further planning application for a relocation site in due course.