

# PLANNING REPORT

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# Application reference: 18/2439/ADV

**KEW WARD** 

Date application received	Date made valid	Target report date	8 Week date
05.07.2018	05.07.2018	30.08.2018	30.08.2018

Site:

The National Archives, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond

Proposal:

Installation of 13 no. non-illuminated, information signs; post mounted, gate mounted and wall mounted located in and adjacent to the National Archives' car park accessed off Bessant Drive.

Status: Pending Consideration (If status = HOLD please check that all is OK before you proceed any further with this application)

APPLICANT NAME

The National Archives The National Archives Ruskin Avenue Kew Richmond TW9 4DU AGENT NAME

Mr J Livingston 22A Hill Street Richmond TW9 1TW

DC Site Notice: printed on and posted on and due to expire on

Consultations: Internal/External: Consultee

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Expiry Date 03.08.2018

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## History: Development Management, Appeals, Building Control, Enforcements:

Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:04/0201
Date:17/03/2004	Proposed New Signage Over Main Entrance.
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:74/0878/ADV
Date:16/09/1974	For Advertisements.
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:76/0219/ADV
Date:10/05/1976	For Advertisements.
Development Management	
Status: REF	Application:10/0771/FUL
Date:12/05/2010	Provision of DDA ramp for means of escape from Q1.
Development Management	
Status: REF	Application:10/0772/FUL
Date:12/05/2010	Replacement of two sets of external steps with DDA compliant ramps for

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	means of escape.
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:10/1448/FUL
Date:01/10/2010	Provision of glazed lobbies to main front entrance and rear entrance
Development Management Status: GTD	A 15 40 /4 FOF /FL II
Date:05/10/2010	Application:10/1525/FUL Reprovision and extension including secure fencing of existing staff cycle
Date:03/10/2010	storage.
Development Management	Ciorago: 1
Status: GTD	Application:10/1911/FUL
Date:26/08/2010	Provision of a smoking shelter including level access.
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:10/2004/FUL
Date:26/08/2010	Proposed 4x emergency egress ramps.
Development Management	A 1' 1' 10/00F0/F1 II
Status: GTD Date:27/09/2010	Application:10/2252/FUL
	Increased provision from 8 to 36 visitor cycle racks with covered canopies.
Development Management Status: GTD	Application:10/2764/FUL
Date:21/01/2011	Replacement of 4 existing air conditioning units on Q1 building northwest
2410.2770172017	elevation (ground floor). Two additional air conditioning units adjacent.
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:10/2997/FUL
Date:02/12/2010	Replacement of 5 no. window units on northwest elevation of first floor Q1
	building with 5 no. louvre panels for cooling in I.T suite.
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:10/3257/FUL
Date:21/01/2011	Replacement of 4no existing air conditioning units with 4no new units on
Development Management	ground floor podium of northwest elevation, Q1 building.
Status: GTD	Application:10/2252/DD01
Date:28/02/2011	Details pursuant to condition U49239 (Drawings) of planning permission
	10/2252/FUL
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:11/0694/FUL
Date:03/03/2011	Alternative "Broxap" cycle shelters for the planning approval 10/2252/FUL
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:11/1929/FUL
Date:04/08/2011	Replacement and re-roofing of inclined glazing to the Atria and glazed link roofs of Q2 building (option 2).
Development Management	10013 of Q2 building (option 2).
Status: GTD	Application:11/1930/FUL
Date:05/08/2011	Replacement and re-roofing of inclined glazing to the Atria and glazed link
	roofs of Q2 building (option 3).
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:11/2107/PS192
Date:15/09/2011	Renewing the existing inclined glazing to the atria and glazed links to Q2
	with replacement double glazed insulated glass units with increased thermal
Dovolonment Management	properties in existing framework (option 1).
Development Management Status: GTD	Application:12/1895/PS192
Date:06/08/2012	Renewing existing vertical glazing to atria and links to Q2 (areas 1, 2 & 5)
	with replacement double glazed glass units with increased thermal
	properties in existing framework, including removal of 'art glass' in area 1
	entrance area.
Development Management	
Status: GTD	Application:13/1981/ADV

Development Management
Status: GTD
Application:13/1982/ADV
High level large format external signage to north and west elevations of the Q1 building.

main pedestrian approach to the building.

Installation of eight flag poles and associated banners on the bridge on the

**Development Management** 

Date:29/07/2013

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Status: GTD Application: 13/2186/ADV Two flag poles & flags Date: 12/08/2013 **Development Management** Application: 13/2662/FUL Status: GTD Date:06/11/2013 Reprovision and extension to existing staff cycle storage, including secure fencing. **Development Management** Status: GTD Application: 10/1911/EXT Date:18/10/2013 Application for an extension of time to planning permission 10/1911/FUL. **Development Management** Status: GTD Application: 10/2004/EXT Date:21/10/2013 Application for an extension of time to planning permission 10/2004/FUL. **Development Management** Status: GTD Application: 13/3374/FUL Date:27/11/2013 Renewal of existing cooling towers (in external enclosure). Existing enclosure is retained, new cooling towers to same dimensions and in same locations as the existing towers. **Development Management** Application: 13/4793/ADV Status: REF Date: 18/02/2014 Large scale 'wrap' banners on n.w. and s.w. elevations. **Development Management** Application: 13/3374/DD01 Status: GTD Date:04/04/2014 Details persuant to items 1a and 1b in condition U66327 (Replacement Cooling Towers Noise Control), of planning permission 13/3374/FUL **Development Management** Application:14/0913/ADV Status: GTD Date:02/05/2014 Banners on n.w. and s.w. elevations. **Development Management** Application:14/0983/PS192 Status: GTD Date:30/04/2014 Application of window film to the inside face of existing windows in Q2. **Development Management** Status: GTD Application:13/3374/DD02 Date:07/10/2014 Details pursuant to item 1C of condition U66327 (Replacement Cooling Towers Noise Control) of planning permission 13/3374/FUL for renewal of existing cooling towers (in external enclosure), existing enclosure is retained, new cooling towers to same dimensions and in same locations as the existing towers. **Development Management** Status: GTD Application: 15/1475/ADV Date:21/05/2015 New banners to North West and South West elevations of Q1 Building. **Development Management** Application: 15/3432/FUL Status: GTD Date:01/10/2015 Localised ground floor glazing amendments and ancillary works to the South East elevation of the cafe, Q.1 building. **Development Management** Status: GTD Application: 15/3554/FUL Date:07/10/2015 Relocation of TNA entrance gates and pedestrian side gate, and installation of sliding metal security gate to the TNA car park entrance; changes needed due to vehicle access location into adjacent Taylor Wimpey residential site. Repositioning of existing services and signage in connection with above. Realignment of kerbs associated with above, also increasing width of part of TNA service road to improve turning and safety on entrance to site. Construction of TNA 'welcome wall' feature, amendments to pavements, walkways and associated landscaping to improve pedestrian access. Enlarged coach parking bay to improve manoeuvring space. **Development Management** Application: 15/3554/DD01 Status: GTD Date:20/01/2016 Details pursuant to condition DV49 - Construction Method Statement of planning permission 15/3554/FUL. **Development Management** Application:17/2606/ADV Status: GTD Date:31/08/2017 Erection of banners on North West and South West elevations of the 'Q1' building to promote awareness of the family programme and the National Archives 40th anniversary on its Kew site.

**Development Management** 

Status: WDN Date: 22/05/2018 Application:18/1090/ADV

Retrospective application for the installation of 11 no. small scale nonilluminated information signs located in and adjacent to the National

Archives' car park accessed off Bessant Drive.

**Development Management** 

Status: PCO Date:

Application: 18/2439/ADV

Installation of 13 no. non-illuminated, information signs; post mounted, gate mounted and wall mounted located in and adjacent to the National Archives'

car park accessed off Bessant Drive.

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 02.07.2010 Reference: 10/1231/IN

Internal alterations to map room

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 07.07.2010 Reference: 10/1263/IN

Construction of emergency egress ramp

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 23.09.2010 Reference: 10/1867/IN

Internal alterations to open reading room

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 27.09.2010

Construction of new main entrances and porches

Reference: 10/1887/IN **Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 15.02.2011 Reference: 11/0273/IN

Installation of CHP and associated works

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 08.04.2011 Reference: 11/0638/IN

Construction of camera room

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 20.06.2011 Reference: 11/1137/IN

Alterations to security office

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 27.06.2011

Refurbishment, replacement and alterations to roof

Reference: 11/1183/IN **Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 15.07.2011 Reference: 11/1351/IN

Alterations to existing surface water drainage

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 14.11.2011

Reference: 11/2192/IN

Document store and office

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 12.01.2012 Reference: 12/0062/IN

Humidification plan upgrade works.

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 07.06.2012

Replacement vertical glazing to the Q2 link and associated ancilleray areas

Reference: 12/1043/IN

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 27.06.2012 Humidification plan upgrade

Reference: 12/1185/IN

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 17.10.2012 Alterations to museum

Reference: 12/1952/IN

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 16.11.2011

Reference: 13/1215/IN

Construction of office accommodation and associated works

**Building Control** 

Deposit Date: 20.09.2013

Fire stopping and fire door upgrade

Reference: 13/1968/IN

**Building Control** Deposit Date: 06.01.2014

Refurbishment of ARK ground floor kitchen

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Reference: 14/0013/IN	
Building Control Deposit Date: 06.01.2014 Reference: 14/0014/IN	Refrubishment of bar
Building Control Deposit Date: 06.01.2014 Reference: 14/0015/IN	Building work associated with cooling tower replacement
Building Control Deposit Date: 06.01.2014 Reference: 14/0016/IN	Alterations and refurbishment to kitchen/dining room
Building Control Deposit Date: 17.02.2016  Reference: 16/0365/IN	Fit out of existing restaurant and runway area; to include removal of existing suspended ceiling over to expose the underside of structural ceiling, alterations to form a small area of fabric canopy at ceiling level over part of the restaurant, small areas of MP plaster finish dropped ceilings and alteration of cosmetic finishes. Removal of non-load bearing partitions. Reinstatement of mechanical services, AC, fire alarm and emergency lighting. (Excluded are building works not described that can be self-certified under a current competent person scheme).
Building Control	
Deposit Date: 19.07.2016	Fit out and construction of new meeting/conference/events room, learning room and storage area within the existing first floor public access space. Talks space to hold 150 people and 250 people when opened into L shape
Reference: 16/1588/IN	
Building Control Deposit Date: 19.07.2016	Alterations and fit out to the existing bookshop and alterations to the entrance
Reference: 16/1589/IN	
Enforcement Opened Date: 11.12.2015 Reference: 15/0828/EN/BCN	Enforcement Enquiry
Enforcement Opened Date: 27.03.2018 Reference: 18/0144/EN/UBW	Enforcement Enquiry

The determination of this application falls within	the scope of Officer delegated powers - YES / NO
I therefore recommend the following:	
<ol> <li>REFUSAL</li> <li>PERMISSION</li> <li>FORWARD TO COMMITTEE</li> </ol>	
This application is CIL liable	YES* NO (*If yes, complete CIL tab in Uniform)
This application requires a Legal Agreement	YES* (*If yes, complete Development Condition Monitoring in Uniform)
This application has representations online (which are not on the file)	YESONO
This application has representations on file	YESTNO
Case Officer (Initials):	Dated: 24/8/19
I agree the recommendation:	
Head of Development Management has co	ations that are contrary to the officer recommendation. The insidered those representations and concluded that the ce to the Planning Committee in conjunction with existing
Head of Development Management:	
Dated:	
REASONS:	
CONDITIONS:	
INFORMATIVES:	
UDP POLICIES:	
OTHER POLICIES:	

Recommendation:

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SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS AND INFORMATIVES	
CONDITIONS	
INFORMATIVES	

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# Proposal

The proposed scheme is for the installation of 3 non-illuminated, information signs located at the entrance to the National Archives' car park, accessed off Bessant Drive.

# **Site Description**

The subject site is expansive and currently contains a multi storey building which is occupied by 'The National Archives' and ancillary uses. The proposed signage would be located within the existing car park on the south-western extremity of the site nearest Bessant Drive. The subject site is located within the 'Kew Village Area 14 Character Area' and identified as 'Other Open Land of Townscape Importance'. The site is located within Flood Zones 2, 3 and 3a.

# Relevant Planning History

Application number	Description	Determination
04/0201	Proposed New Signage Over Main Entrance	Granted 17/03/2004
13/1982/ADV	High level large format external signage to north and west elevations of the Q1 building	Granted 29/07/2013
15/1475/ADV	New banners to North West and South West elevations of Q1 Building	Granted 21/05/2015
15/3554/FUL	Relocation of TNA entrance gates and pedestrian side gate, and installation of sliding metal security gate to the TNA car park entrance; changes needed due to vehicle access location into adjacent Taylor Wimpey residential site. Repositioning of existing services and signage in connection with above. Realignment of kerbs associated with above, also increasing width of part of TNA service road to improve turning and safety on entrance to site. Construction of TNA 'welcome wall' feature, amendments to pavements, walkways and associated landscaping to improve pedestrian access. Enlarged coach parking bay to improve manoeuvring space.	Granted 07/10/2015

17/2606/ADV	Erection of banners on North West and South West elevations of the 'Q1' building to promote awareness of the family programme and the National Archives 40th anniversary on its
	Kew site.

## **Planning Policies**

Local Plan (LP) 2018

LP1 - Local Character and Design Quality

LP8 - Amenity and Living Conditions

LP14 - Other Open Land of Townscape Importance

## **Public Representation**

The occupants of 71 neighbouring properties were consulted as part of the application. Three objections and two observations were submitted to Council. The relevant planning matters are summarised below:

Too many signs resulting in visual clutter

Concerns were raised regarding the application form that was submitted which do not warrant discussion in the report. Additionally, concerns related to payment for parking at the site were raised however, this is not a planning matter.

### **Amendments**

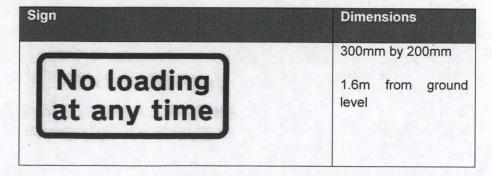
In response to the comments raised during the notification period Council requested the applicant reduce the number of signs proposed. The original application sought 13 signs spread within and at the entrance to the car park. The revised application seeks permission for three signs at the entrance to the car park. The concerns raised by the public have been met.

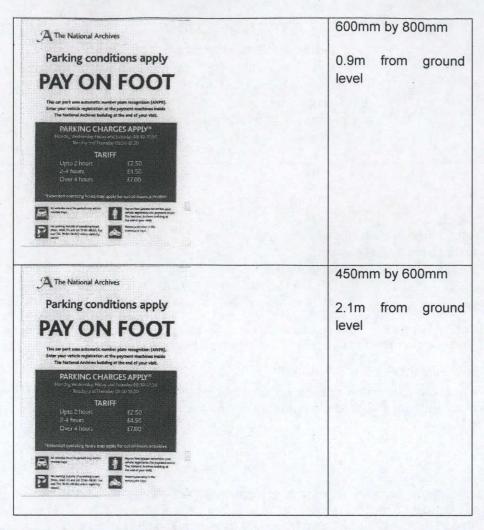
## **Assessment**

Policy LP1 states that the Council will exercise strict control over the design and siting of advertisements and hoardings to ensure the character of individual buildings and streets are not materially harmed, having regard to the interests of amenity and public safety (including highway safety).

Policy LP1 further states advertising can enhance the appearance and vitality of a street. However, it can also cause considerable damage to visual amenity by cluttering the built environment and detracting from the quality of the area.

The proposal seeks to erect 3 non-illuminated, informative signs located at the entrance to the car park. The design and scale are detailed in the table below:





The scale and siting of the signs are appropriate to their intent which is to inform users of the car park. Given the signs would not be illuminated and relatively small in scale there would be no adverse impact on road traffic conditions; public or highway safety; nearby dwellings; or views to the site which is identified as 'Other Open Land of Townscape Importance'. Whilst the site is not located within a conservation area it is noted that the car park adjoins the Ruskin Avenue and Defoe Avenue Conservation Area. The number of signs would not result in visual clutter. Given the scale and type of signs proposed they would barely be visible from the conservation area. The proposal is compliant with LP1 and LP8 of the Local Plan.

The subject site is identified as 'Other Open Land of Townscape Importance'. The proposed signage would be restricted to the entrance of the car park of The National Archives and barely visible from the main area of the site. The proposal would not harm the character or openness of the subject site. The purpose of the signage is to inform clientele how to use the car park facility and is therefore linked to the function of the subject site. The proposal is acceptable under policy LP14 of the Local Plan.

#### Conclusion

Overall, by reason of the nature, scale and context of the proposal it would not do harm to the character of the site or the surrounding area. The proposal has acceptable design and amenity impacts satisfying policies LP1, LP8 and LP14 of the Local Plan.

### Recommendation:

It is recommended that application 18/2439/ADV be granted approval subject to conditions.