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Illuminated bus shelter advertisement unit

Advertising Right, 24 High Street, Grimethorpe, S72 7LR

Description

The application relates to a bus stop located outside the commercial property 24 High Street and an area of open space. The shelter is positioned to the northern side of High Street between Joseph Street and Chapel Street in the centre of Grimethorpe. Adjacent to the bus shelter across the road are rows of terraced residential dwellings. High Street is a main road through Grimethorpe located within the main commercial area.

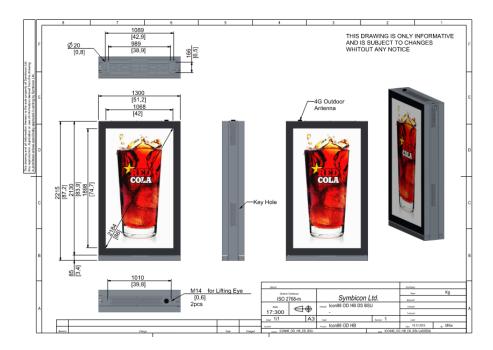


Proposed Development

The application is being submitted as part of the new advertising contract on all the bus shelters operated by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority in the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield areas. The proposal is to replace the backlit paper panel on the existing shelter with a new digital advertising panel. The digital advertising panel will be static with sequential movement to accommodate the display of up to 6 different advertisements. In addition to advertisements the screens will also be able to display urgent public messages. The proposed digital displays would be liquid crystal display (LCD) digital panels. Illumination of the proposed digital displays is controlled by light sensor which monitors ambient light to restrict the light levels to an acceptable level.



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Relevant History

2011/1084 Installation of internally illuminated double sided advertisement panel to bus shelter.

Policy Context

The site is allocated as District Shopping Centre within the Local Plan

Local Plan

The following Local Plan policies are relevant:

SD1: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

GD1: General Development

T4: New Development and Transport Safety D1: High Quality Design and Place Making POLL1: Pollution Control and Protection

TC1: Shopping Centres

SPD:

Supplementary Planning Document: Advertisements

The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Advertisements states that the council is unlikely to grant consent for: Advertising Hoardings, including poster panels, signs on shops above fascia level, signs on business premises above fascia level, signs which appear out of scale or character with the building or locality.

The SPD also states that excessive illumination causes light pollution and is therefore a waste of energy, the light source should be designed so that it is not directly visible to drivers on adjacent roads or likely to cause nuisance to nearby residential properties.

NPPF:

NPPF Paragraph 141 states that advertisements should be subject to control only in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts.

These policies are considered to reflect polices set out in the revised NPPF, which requires development to be of high-quality design and provide a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings.

Consultations

Highways – No objections subject to condition Pollution – No objections Local Councillors – No objections Drainage – No objections

Neighbours

No objections received.

Assessment

Material Consideration

Principle of development Residential Amenity Visual Amenity Highway Safety

Principle of Development

The Council will seek to ensure that development is appropriate to its context, and improves what needs improving, whilst protecting what is good about what we have.

The Council's SPD on advertisements states that 'signs should be limited to that which is necessary. Advertisements should have regard for the design, scale and proportions of the building or site on which they are displayed. The over provision or poor design of signs can give rise to a cluttered and aggressively commercial appearance which will usually have a damaging impact upon the visual character of an area.'

Consent will be granted where the development is found to be appropriate in scale and respectful of the character of the area and should not adversely impact the amenity of local residents or undermine highway safety.

As the advertisements are proposed on a bus shelter with an established advertising use, the consent for erection of the digital signage is deemed acceptable in principle.

Assessment

Residential Amenity

This application is for an illuminated screen with a digital display similar to that of a television screen and not a direct light. It is considered that the proposal would not cause any nuisance given that it is located on the strategic highway network which is also served by street lighting. The screen faces into and out of the bus shelter and not onto properties. As such, it is anticipated that there will be no detrimental effect from the new signage for local residents in line with the requirements of the SPD Advertisements and Local Plan policies GD1 and D1.

Visual Amenity

The proposed signage is to replace the existing within the same position. The updated digital signage although illuminated is not dissimilar to that of the existing. The introduction of the modernised digital advertising panel is not deemed significantly detrimental to the visual amenities of the area as its display is limited due to the position within the bus shelter and therefore will have no further impact than that of the existing. As such, it is considered that the proposal is not injurious to the visual amenity of the local surroundings in compliance with Local Plan Policy D1 and SPD: Advertisements.

Highway Safety

The signage is to replace the existing in the same location. The shelter is positioned to the northern side of High Street between Joseph Street and Chapel Street in the centre of Grimethorpe. High Street has a generally straight alignment and the road layout within the vicinity of the shelter is not complex. In terms of any adverse impact upon the movement of vehicular traffic, the shelter/illuminated display does not impede any forward visibility and is positioned clear of the 2.4m x 43m sight line to the left along High Street for drivers exiting Joseph Street.

As such it is not considered that the proposed shelter with an illuminated display panel would be a particular visual distraction to road users. Conditions will be applied to the decision notice to ensure the impact on the highway is limited. As the proposals are not expected to reduce highway safety the application is deemed acceptable in accordance with Local Plan Policy T4 and the NPPF.

Recommendation

Grant subject to conditions