



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026 0721 & 0722
Proposal	The installation of a multifunctional communication Hub including defibrillator and advertisement display, as illustrated in the attached documentation (Full Consent).
Address	Outside 22 May Day Green, Barnsley, S70 1SH
Date of Consultation Reply	28.09.2026
Consultee	Charlie Atkinson Design & Conservation Assistant

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The main consideration is:

- Whether or not the proposal would harm the heritage significance or impact on the setting of a Non-Designated Heritage Asset (NDHA)

Policy

Where Planning Permission is required, the effect on a NDHA will be a material consideration.

NPPF HE4: Securing the conservation of heritage assets

NPPF HE5: Assessing effects on heritage assets

NPPF HE7: Decisions on non-designated heritage assets

Barnsley Local Plan Policy D1 High Quality Design and Place Making

Barnsley Local Plan Policy HE1 The Historic Environment

Barnsley Local Plan Policy HE3 Developments affecting Historic Buildings

Conservation Comments:

These applications seek planning permission and advertisement consent for the installation of a multifunctional communication hub, incorporating a defibrillator and advertisement display, on land outside 22 May Day Green, Barnsley.

The site is not subject to any heritage designation at either national or local level or located in an area that contributes to the setting. The proposal is located within the modern Glass Works area of Barnsley Town Centre. As such, the proposal raises no concerns from a conservation perspective. Whilst it's recognised that these units provide a public benefit through communication facilities, advertising opportunities and access to life-saving equipment, there are some minor design considerations.

Note - It's understood from previous applications that the colour of the communication hub cannot be altered from Metal Chain Grey, as the units are prefabricated.

Whilst the hub is considered acceptable in principle, the unit is felt to contribute to the growing amount of street furniture within the town centre, resulting in a cumulative visual impact. At present, this is not considered harmful. However, the necessity and siting of the unit should be carefully considered to guard against such developments proceeding unchecked that might eventually cause cumulative harm to the overarching setting. In the wider context, the applicant is also proposing a



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further communication hub under applications 2026/0723 and 2026/0724 at Cheapside. Given the close proximity of the two proposed hubs, consideration should be given to whether both these units are needed or whether one of the units could be relocated to reduce any potential impact on the visual amenity of the area and to ensure a more effective distribution of this infrastructure across the town centre.

With that said, whilst there are no concerns from a conservation perspective, our Urban Design Officer should be consulted to provide specific design considerations.

NO OBJECTION*

*Delete as applicable

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

N/A

Consultation Informative(s):

N/A

Planning Obligations required:

N/A