



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2025/0915
Proposal	Installation of 2no. liquid oxygen storage vessels with vaporisers for medical gas use with associated security and screen fencing and artwork.
Address	Barnsley District General Hospital, Gawber Road, Old Town, Barnsley, S75 2EP
Date of Consultation Reply	14/01/26
Consultee	Nik King, Senior Urban Design Officer

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Here are the design comments on planning application 2025/0915.

I am supportive of the three artworks. I think the light visual touch of the flower motif on the storage cylinders will help to visually reduce the massing and scale of these structures and make them a distinctive wayfinding element.

I would request more information about the lighting around the corten steel screen and more information about the setting of the artworks.

Lighting around the corten steel screen

My main concern is ensuring that the proposed 2.4m high corten steel screen does not look imposing on the adjacent pedestrian routes, especially for pedestrians going up the adjacent stairway. The existing pedestrian route towards and up the stairway is currently not a very attractive environment, and I am keen that pedestrians feel safe when walking along this route.

The 3D image shows morning sunlight on the corten fence, but this side will be in shade later in the day and darkness descends about 4pm in the current winter season.

I think a combination of a high degree of perforation of the corten steel and some additional lighting from the existing lighting columns to specifically illuminate both sides of the corten steel at night would help make it appear less imposing and help to allay fears, for example, that someone was waiting and hiding behind the screen, or that anti-social behaviour was occurring behind the screen. Similarly, I would suggest that the CCTV coverage ensures that with the area behind the screen there are no blind spots.

The setting of the artworks

Please can the elevation and 3D views be as accurate as possible in the way they show the colours and setting of the artworks



- I am assuming that the existing handrail along the top of the concrete retaining wall will remain (for health and safety reasons to prevent a fall) so this would be in front of views of the corten steel screen. Can this be clarified on the images of the screen and the proposed plan of the site.
- Will the large information board attached to the concrete retaining wall by the steps be staying? (It promotes a smoke free zone). Can this be clarified on the images of the wider setting of the artworks.
- What colour will the vertical pipes (the vaporisers) be? They are just shown faded out in the elevations.
- Will there be any cleaning of the concrete retaining walls, or will they be left as they are?
- Please can the prison grade fencing be in dark green, to match the adjacent fencing, (not black or grey).

Additional information requests

- The flower motifs on the two large cylinders look like computer image 'wraps' on the elevations, but I understand from the explanatory text that they will be painted. Will they end up looking like these images?
- Will the colour of the corten steel darken over time? (It is shown as a golden hue on the elevations).
- It would be good to know if any groups have been consulted about the artwork or have been involved in its design, beyond the management of the hospital. This could help provide extra supporting information in the development management case officer's report.

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Consultation Suggested Conditions:

Consultation Informative(s):

Planning Obligations required: