
Ref 2021/1638 – Advertisement Consent Application

Applicant: Mrs Patricia Twigg

Proposal: Illuminated shaped fascia and projecting bus stop signs

Address: SU2, The Glass Works, 9 Cheapside, Barnsley, S70 1GW

Planning History

There is a complex planning history on the site relating to the Glass Works redevelopment and its previous incarnations, the most relevant recent planning permissions being:

2017/0135 - Proposed refurbishment and extension of Metropolitan Centre containing a mixture of markets, retail, food and drink (A1, A3, A4), and leisure (D2) uses - Reserved matters of outline planning permission 2015/0549 (access, appearance, layout and scale, excluding landscaping)

2018/1569 - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 2017/0586 to enable changes to the design of the multi storey car park and its access arrangements - Mixed use development of land adjoining Barnsley Markets following demolition of part of existing market hall and multi storey car park to provide new retail/food and drink (Use Classes A1, A3), cinema and leisure use (Use Class D2), new multi storey car park and service road, with access to/from Lambra Road

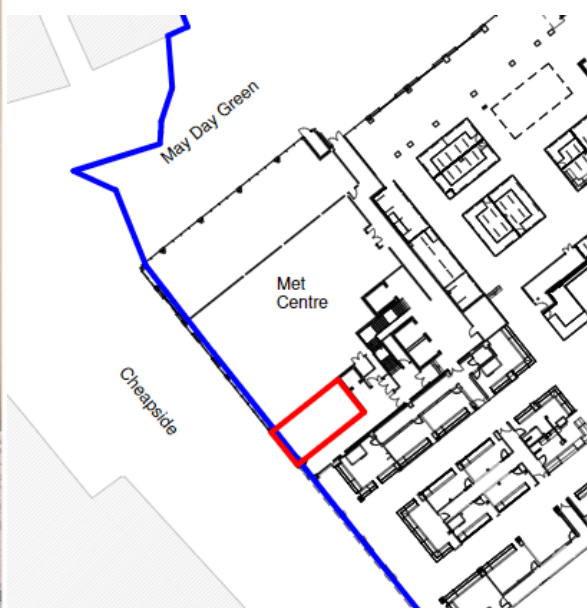
Site Description

The application relates to unit SU2 of the Glassworks Development in the Markets District of Barnsley Town Centre. The unit is one of a number on the ground floor of this building fronts onto Cheapside.

Street view



Location Plan



Proposed Development

The applicant seeks permission to display several signs and has amended the proposal to reflect the comments of the Design Officer, including removing the vinyls that were originally proposed on the upper windows, removing the frosting that was originally proposed as part of the door vinyls and clarifying the colour of the fixing rails of the fascia sign.

Illustration of proposed shopfront



Proposed fascia and projecting bus stop signs

Main Sign:
1000 x 977 x 100mm shaped light box



Bus-Stop:
Sign 600 x 600 x 100mm



Policy Context

Decisions on applications for advertisement consent are not determined under the S38/6 presumption in favour of the development plan. However, development plan policies are a material consideration, and will inform consideration of the two principal issues of public safety and amenity

Local Plan

The new Local Plan was adopted at the full Council meeting held on 3rd January 2019.

The application site is in the primary shopping area of Barnsley Town Centre as designated in the Local Plan. The following policies are relevant:

Policy GD1 General Development – Development will be approved if there will be no significant adverse effect on the living conditions and residential amenity of existing and future residents.

Policy D1 High Quality Design and Place Making – Development is expected to be of a high quality design and will be expected to respect, take advantage of and reinforce the distinctive, local character and other features of Barnsley.

Policy TC1 Town Centres – indicates that new retail and town centre development will be directed to centres in order to maintain and enhance their vitality and viability and that a sequential approach will be used to assess proposals for new retail and town centre development outside the designated centres.

Policy BTC12 The Markets Area District – we will allow shops, offices, leisure developments, and food and drink uses within the Markets District. Other uses will only be supported where they contribute towards the vitality and viability of the town centre.

Policy T4 New development and Transport Safety – expects new development to be designed and built to provide safe secure and convenient access and to not cause or add to problems of highway safety or efficiency.

Supplementary Planning Documents

Advertisements SPD – offers guidance to anyone seeking to display an outdoor advertisement and in particular cautions against cluttered advertising and excessive illumination.

NPPF

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. At the heart is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. Development proposals that accord with the development plan should be approved unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Where the development plan is absent, silent or relevant policies are out-of-date, permission should be granted unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the Framework as a whole; or where specific policies in the Framework indicate development should be restricted or unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

In respect of this application, the policies above are considered to reflect the NPPF, which relates to high quality design and good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings. They also reflect the advice in paragraph 136 which states that the quality and character of places can suffer when advertisements are poorly sited and designed. Advertisements should be subject to control only in the interests of amenity and public safety, taking account of cumulative impacts.

Consultations

Design – Initial comments expressed concern at the details of the proposal and in particular, the use of vinyl and frosting on shop windows and doors to and the need to clarify the colour of the rails on which the fascia sign will be displayed.

- Comments on revised plans: No objections

Highways Development Control - The proposals for an illuminated shop frontage sign along with a small projecting 'bus stop' style sign do not adversely impact upon the highway and are therefore considered acceptable from a highways development control perspective

Ward Councillors – No response.

Representations

The application was advertised by way of a site notice (12 January to 2 February) and consultation letters (4 to 25 January) which were sent to units/properties adjacent and near to the proposal site. No comments have been received.

Assessment

Principle

Advertisements are acceptable where they would not be harmful to amenity, by virtue of size, position, location or proliferation and level of illumination; and where the proposal would not be prejudicial to public safety.

The site is located within a block that was approved for retail sale of goods under the 2019 planning permission for the Glass Works development. Planning permission is required for the change of use of the unit from the authorised use to the proposed mixed use for the retail sale of goods and for the provision of medical or health services. A planning application has been submitted for this change of use and will be determined on its own merits. There is no reason to delay determination of this application

Visual Amenity

Following adverse comments from the Design Officer, the application has been amended. In particular, the application has been amended by removing the vinyls that were originally proposed on the upper windows, removing the frosting that was originally proposed as part of the door vinyls and clarifying the colour of the fixing rails of the fascia sign. The signs are considered to be acceptable in terms of their impact on visual amenity and are in compliance with the Glassworks Shopfront Design Guide, the SPD Advertisements and Local Plan Policies GDA and D1. Conditions are recommended to ensure that the advertisements are displayed in accordance with the amended plans submitted; and also to remove deemed consent for any further advertisements – this will ensure that any further advertisements remain under the control of the Local Planning Authority, in the interests of the continued satisfactory appearance of the property.

Highway Safety

Highways Development Control advise that the proposed signs do not adversely impact upon the highway and are considered acceptable. It is concluded that the proposed signs are in accordance with Local Plan policy T4 – New Development and Transport Safety and would not be prejudicial to public highway safety.

Conclusion

As amended, the proposed signs are a high quality addition and proportionate to the unit upon which they will be situated. The signs on this unit will ensure the vibrancy, vitality and viability of the town centre without incurring negative impacts to visual amenity or public highway safety.

Recommendation

Grant subject to conditions