

CITY OF WESTMINSTER			
PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUB COMMITTEE	Date 29 May 2018	Classification For General Release	
Report of Director of Planning		Ward(s) involved Knightsbridge And Belgravia	
Subject of Report	Achilles Way, Traffic Island 6, W1K 1AB		
Proposal	Temporary installation of a sculpture by Matt Marga.		
Agent	Mr Gioia Bernardi		
On behalf of	Mr Gioia Bernardi		
Registered Number	18/02337/FULL	Date amended/ completed	22 March 2018
Date Application Received	22 March 2018		
Historic Building Grade	Unlisted		
Conservation Area	Royal Parks		

1. RECOMMENDATION

Grant conditional permission, subject to a condition restricting the period of display to six months.

2. SUMMARY

Island six is the southernmost traffic island on Park Lane. It is in the Royal Parks Conservation Area and is home to the grade II listed statue of Lord Byron. This large traffic island also contains a Parks Department enclosure and some Thames Water infrastructure. It is not accessible to pedestrians.

The City Council has permitted the display of sculpture in this location on three occasions, in 1998, 2012 and 2014, and has permitted the display of a menorah for the duration of Chanukah on a number of occasions.

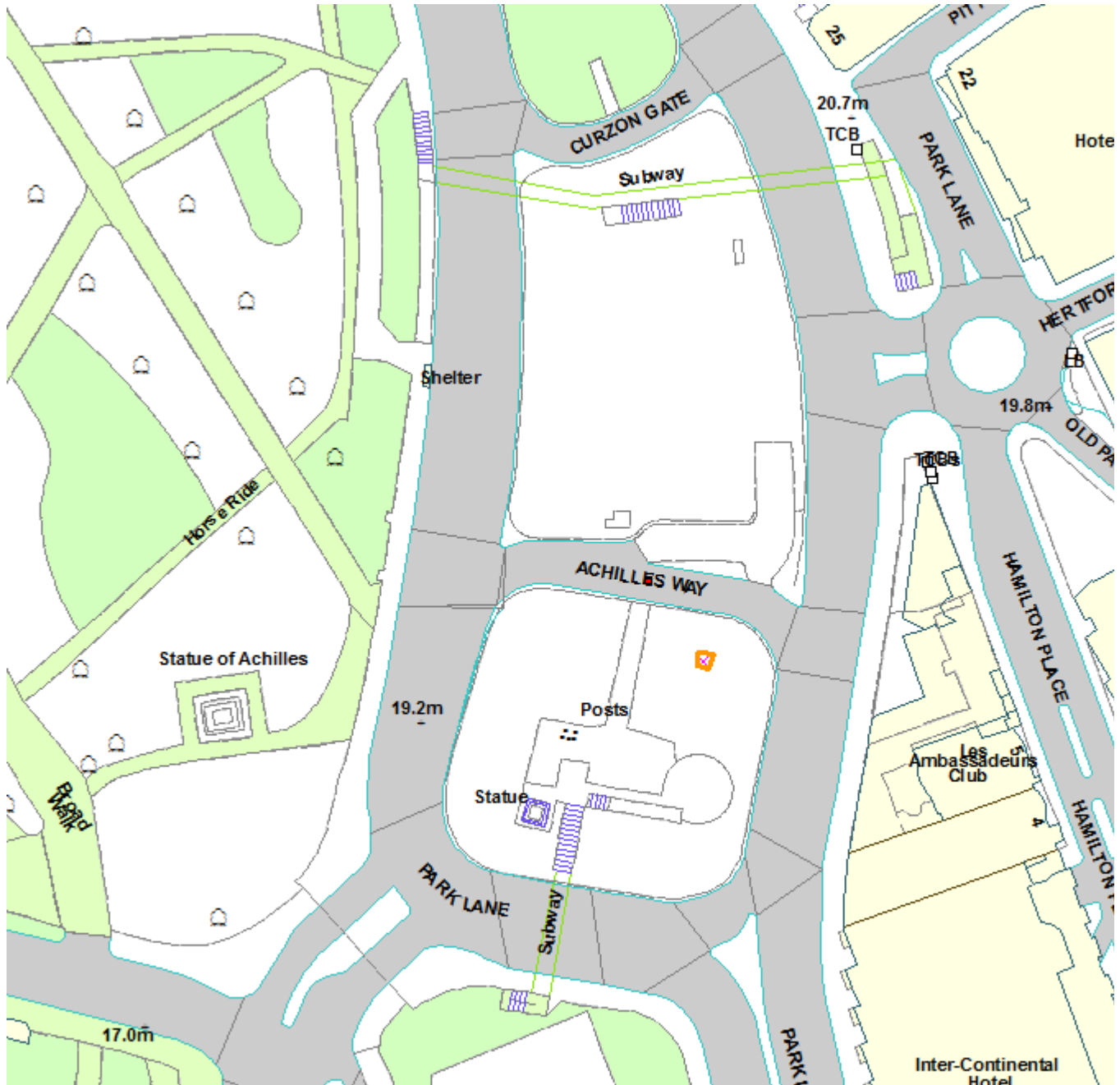
The proposed sculpture is by artist Matt Marga, represented by Gallery Ventique. Mr Marga proposes a sculpture composed of toughened glass, and bearing an image of the HM the Queen. The sculpture, including its steel plinth, is 5.3m high and 3m wide.

An existing sculpture, 'Dunamis' by Bushra Fakhoury currently occupies the proposed location on Island Six. Its temporary planning permission has expired.

No objections have been received. The sculpture is considered to be acceptable for display in this location for a temporary period. Its scale, location and orientation are acceptable in design terms. The display of a glass sculpture in the public realm is not considered to be problematic in this instance because of its inaccessible location.

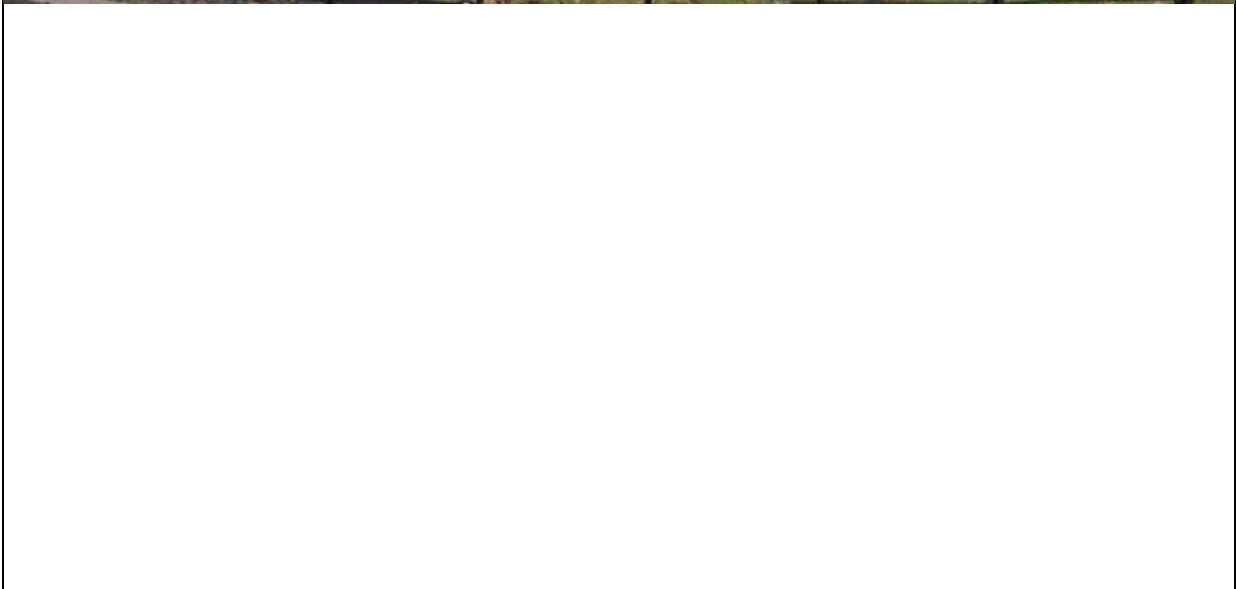
The usual period of display for temporary sculpture in Westminster is six months in the first instance. A condition is proposed restricting display to six months.

3. LOCATION PLAN



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4. PHOTOGRAPHS



5. CONSULTATIONS

RESIDENTS SOCIETY OF MAYFAIR & ST. JAMES'S
Any response to be reported verbally

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON
No objection

HIGHWAYS PLANNING MANAGER
No objection

ADJOINING OWNERS/OCCUPIERS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

No. Consulted: 1
Total No. of replies: 0
No. of objections: 0
No. in support: 0

PRESS ADVERTISEMENT / SITE NOTICE: Yes

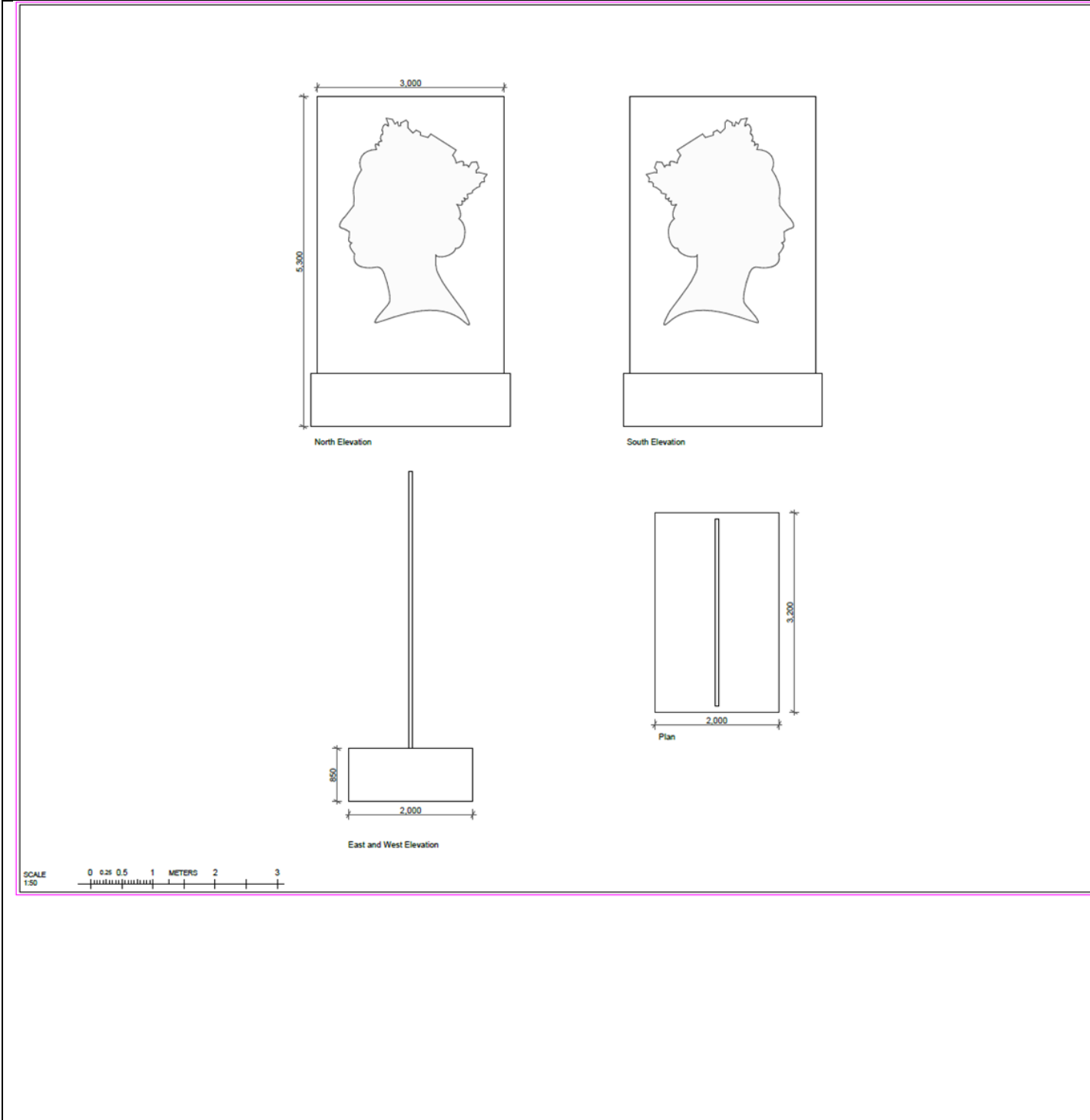
6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application form
2. Memorandum from Highways Planning Manager dated 4 April 2018
3. Letter from Transport For London dated 12 April 2018

(Please note: All the application drawings and other relevant documents and Background Papers are available to view on the Council's website)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ABOUT THIS REPORT PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESENTING OFFICER: MIKE WALTON BY EMAIL AT mwalton@westminster.gov.uk.

7. KEY DRAWINGS





Photomontage showing sculpture in location.

DRAFT DECISION LETTER

Address: Achilles Way, Traffic Island 6, W1K 1AB
Proposal: Temporary installation of a sculpture by Matt Marga.
Reference: 18/02337/FULL
Plan Nos: VE74-100; Location plan reference OI487429

Case Officer: Toby Cuthbertson **Direct Tel. No.** 020 7641 8705

Recommended Condition(s) and Reason(s)

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the drawings and other documents on this decision letter, and any drawings approved subsequently by the City Council as local planning authority pursuant to any conditions on this decision letter.

Reason:
For the avoidance of doubt in the interests of proper planning.

- 2 The sculpture hereby consented to be displayed for a period of six months only. At the end of this period, the sculpture must be removed and the land returned to its former condition. You must write to the city council to agree the date of removal and the period of display.

Reason:
Because the installation is temporary and it contributes to the character and appearance of this part of the Portman Estate Conservation Area and the setting of the neighbouring grade II listed building. This is as set out in S25 and S26 of Westminster's City Plan: Strategic Policies adopted November 2013 and DES 1, DES 7, DES 9 and DES 10 paras 10.108 to 10.128 of our Unitary Development Plan that we adopted in January 2016.

Informative(s):

- 1 In dealing with this application the City Council has implemented the requirement in the National Planning Policy Framework to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way. We have made available detailed advice in the form of our statutory policies in Westminster's City Plan (November 2016), Unitary Development Plan, Supplementary Planning documents, planning briefs and other informal written guidance, as well as offering a full pre application advice service, in order to ensure that applicant has been given every opportunity to submit an

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application which is likely to be considered favourably. In addition, where appropriate, further guidance was offered to the applicant at the validation stage.

- 2 In addition to planning permission, you will require the consent of the

Please note: the full text for informatives can be found in the Council's Conditions, Reasons & Policies handbook, copies of which can be found in the Committee Room whilst the meeting is in progress, and on the Council's website.