

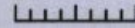
CITY OF WESTMINSTER			
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE	Date 17 November 2015	Classification For General Release	
Report of Director of Planning		Wards involved St James's	
Subject of Report	Open Space At Leicester Square, London, WC2H 7LE		
Proposal	Display of tree uplighting scheme for a temporary period from 19 October 2015 to 27 March 2016 between the hours of 15.00 to 07.00 hours daily.		
Agent	James Glancy Design Ltd		
On behalf of	Heart of London Business Alliance		
Registered Number	15/07033/ADV	TP / PP No	CA/8737/6073
Date of Application	16.07.2015	Date amended/ completed	18.08.2015
Category of Application	Other		
Historic Building Grade	William Shakespeare statue and fountain at centre of Square Grade II Listed		
Conservation Area	Leicester Square		
Development Plan Context - London Plan July 2011 - Westminster's City Plan: Strategic Policies 2013 - Unitary Development Plan (UDP) January 2007	Within London Plan Central Activities Zone Within Central Activities Zone		
Stress Area	Within Stress Area		
Current Licensing Position	Not Applicable		

1. RECOMMENDATION

Grant conditional advertisement consent.



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OPEN SPACE AT LEICESTER SQUARE, WC2

2. SUMMARY

This proposal relates to Leicester Square Gardens which is the central focus of the Leicester Square Conservation Area. The Square is protected by the London Squares Preservation Act 1931. In 2010, permission was granted for the gardens to be comprehensively remodelled to provide a more contemporary and open outdoor environment. Among other measures, this scheme included the provision of uplighters underneath the trees in the Square. This scheme has now been implemented.

This application submitted by the Heart of London Business Alliance is to provide additional lighting to the gardens in the form of festoon lighting in the canopy of the trees and additional uplighters fixed around the trunk of the trees just below the canopy. The uplighters are fixed to a steel lighting "ring" which is attached around the trunk of the tree with rubber-lined feet and hang from catenary lines from the branches above. The festoon lighting is wound through the tree branches. The power source is taken from the adjacent ticket office booth and trails at high level from tree to tree. All the lights will be a minimum of 3m above ground. The proposal is to provide the additional lights through the winter months until 27 March 2016 when they will be removed and the site returned to its previous appearance. The hours of illumination are proposed as 15.00 to 07.00 daily.

The applicant has explained that the current building works to two sides of the Square have resulted in a lack of life and vitality due to the dark nature of these sites at night, hence the proposal to add additional illumination to the Square for a limited period of time. It is not their intention to have a permanent installation along these lines. The existing scheme was only recently approved and was designed to provide an appropriate level of subtle illumination to the garden square. However, that was designed when there were additional lights emanating from what are now the dark building sites. Therefore, it is considered that the provision of additional lights for the winter period, while these sites are dark, would be considered to be an appropriate level of illumination. However, it is not considered that this level of lighting is likely to be appropriate on a long term basis going forward into future years. It is also considered that the details of the installation and lights themselves are not well integrated with the rest of the garden design and, while this may be acceptable for a limited time period, it would not be appropriate as a permanent solution. Therefore, it is considered that the granting of advertisement consent for a limited period until March 2016 could be supported, but it is unlikely that the Council would look favourably on this as a permanent solution.

There are no objections to the proposal from any of the consultees. The applicant will have to make the necessary agreements with the Parks Department as landowner before implementing the scheme and an Informative is added to this effect.

3. CONSULTATIONS

WESTMINSTER SOCIETY

Any response received to be reported verbally.

LEICESTER SQUARE ASSOCIATION

Any response received to be reported verbally.

ARBORICULTURAL MANAGER

No objection.

PARKS AND GARDENS

No objection.

HIGHWAYS PLANNING MANAGER

No objection.

ADJOINING OWNERS/OCCUPIERS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIONS
No. Consulted: 0; Total No. of Replies: 0.

ADVERTISEMENT/SITE NOTICE: No

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application form and email from James Glancy Design dated 20/10/15
2. Memorandum from Highways Planning Manager dated 29/09/15
3. Memorandum from Arboricultural Manager dated 05/10/15
4. Memoranda from Park Manager dated 19/10/15

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ABOUT THIS REPORT OR WISH TO INSPECT ANY OF THE
BACKGROUND PAPERS PLEASE CONTACT JULIA ASGHAR ON 020 7641 2518 OR BY E-
MAIL – jasghar@westminster.gov.uk

DRAFT DECISION LETTER

Address: Open Space At, Leicester Square, London, WC2H 7LE

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Plan Nos: A3 brochure "Leicester Square Gardens", A3 brochure "Festoon" and A3 brochure "Leicester Square Installation 2105 Nightly Schedule."

Case Officer: David Clegg

Direct Tel. No. 020 7641 3014

Recommended Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The proposed lighting and associated works must be removed from the site by 27 March 2016. After that, you must return the land/trees to their previous condition.

Reason:

The lighting and associated works should not remain for a longer period because they are only considered acceptable to remedy a short term lighting deficiency during the winter months.

- 2 The lights shall only be operational between the hours of 15.00 and 07.00 daily.

Reason:

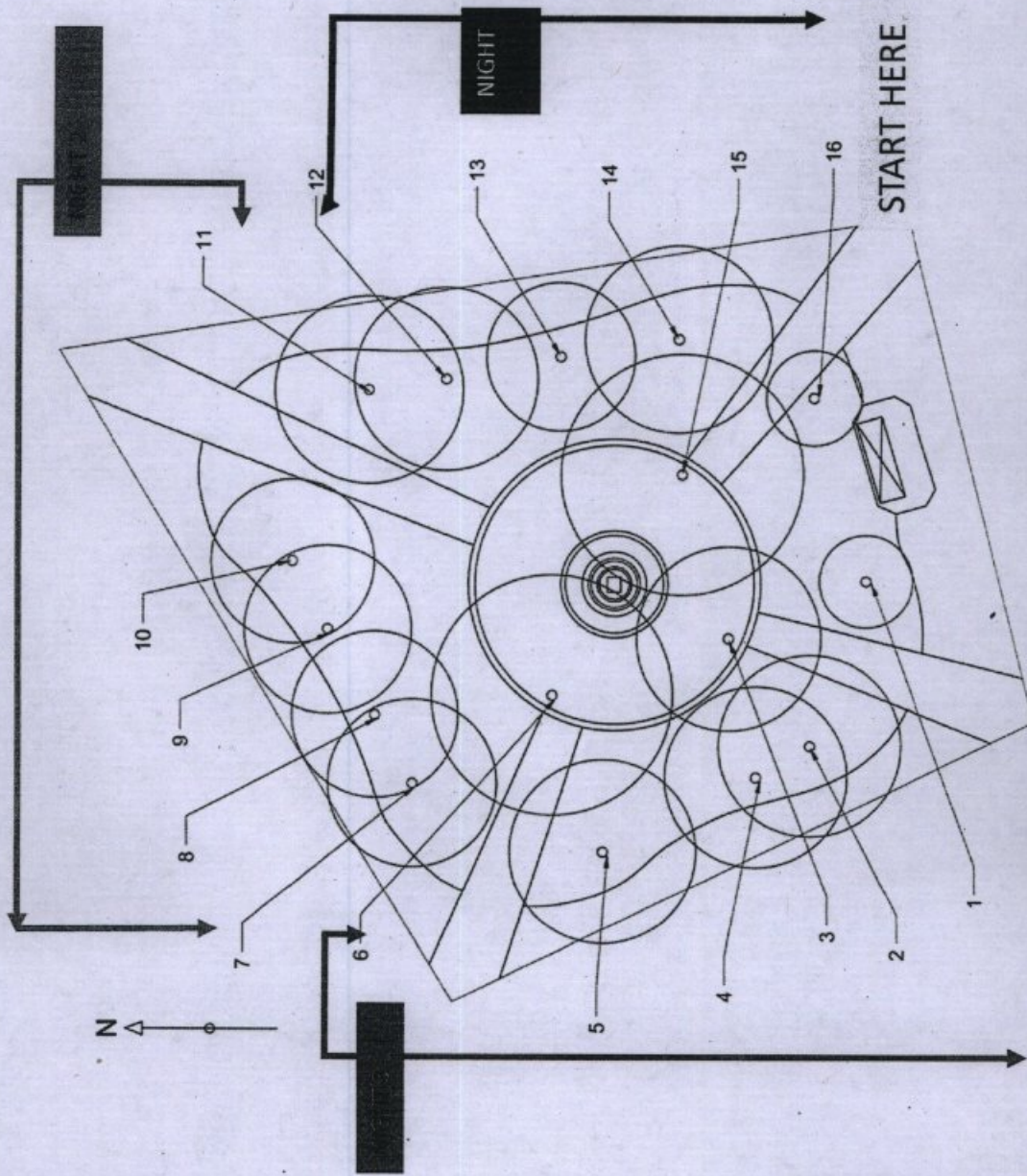
To protect the appearance of the area. (R36AA)

Informative(s):

- 1 You must liaise with our Parks Department as representatives of the landowner to ensure that matters of liability, health and safety, etc are resolved before any works are carried out. You should contact John Twedde (jtweedle@westminster.gov.uk, 0207 6416307) at least 1 week before the date of installation to ensure that all necessary consents have been granted.

NIGHT 1- ONCE
WORK STATION EST.
RIGG TREE 16-12
FESTOON TREE 14
AND 7 UMBRELLA
SCULPTURES
NIGHT 2- RIGG TREE
11-7
3 FESTOON TREE -
11/10/7
UMBRELLA
SCULPTURE X 8
NIGHT 3-
TREES 6-1
FESTOON TREES 5/2
UMBRELLA
SCULPTURES X4 TBC

NIGHT 4-
SNAGGING AND
PROGRAMMING



All trees will have 3 x Uplights

There are 6 trees with Festoon lights

1. Uplights
2. Festoon and Uplights
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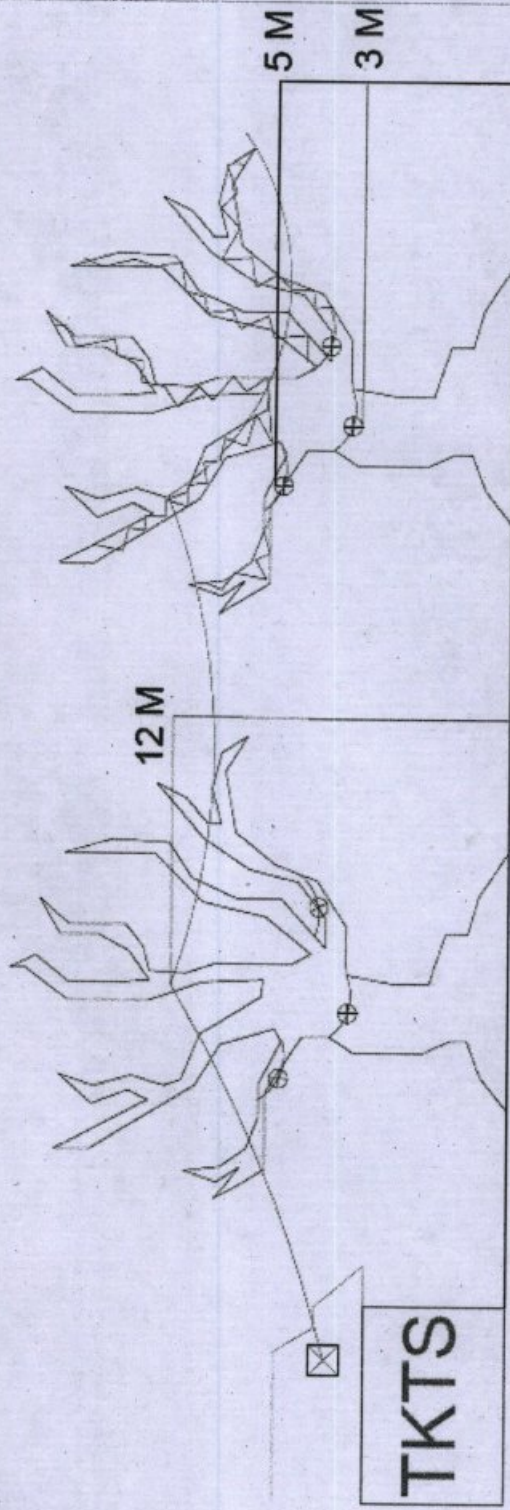
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


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10/08/15

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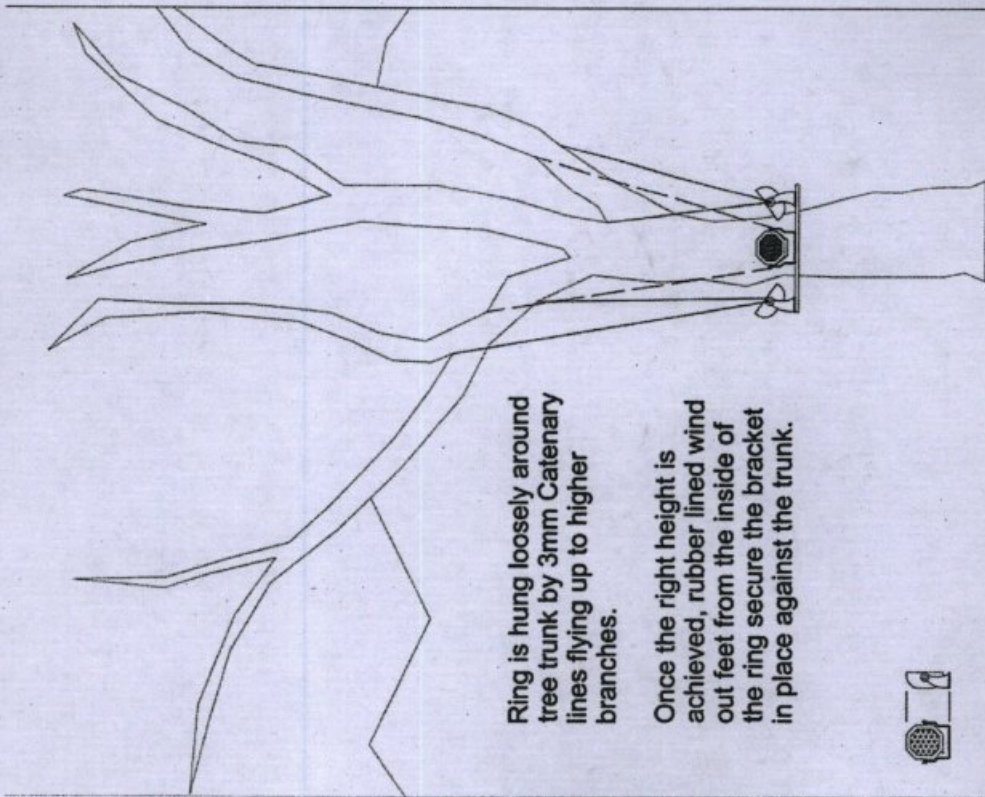
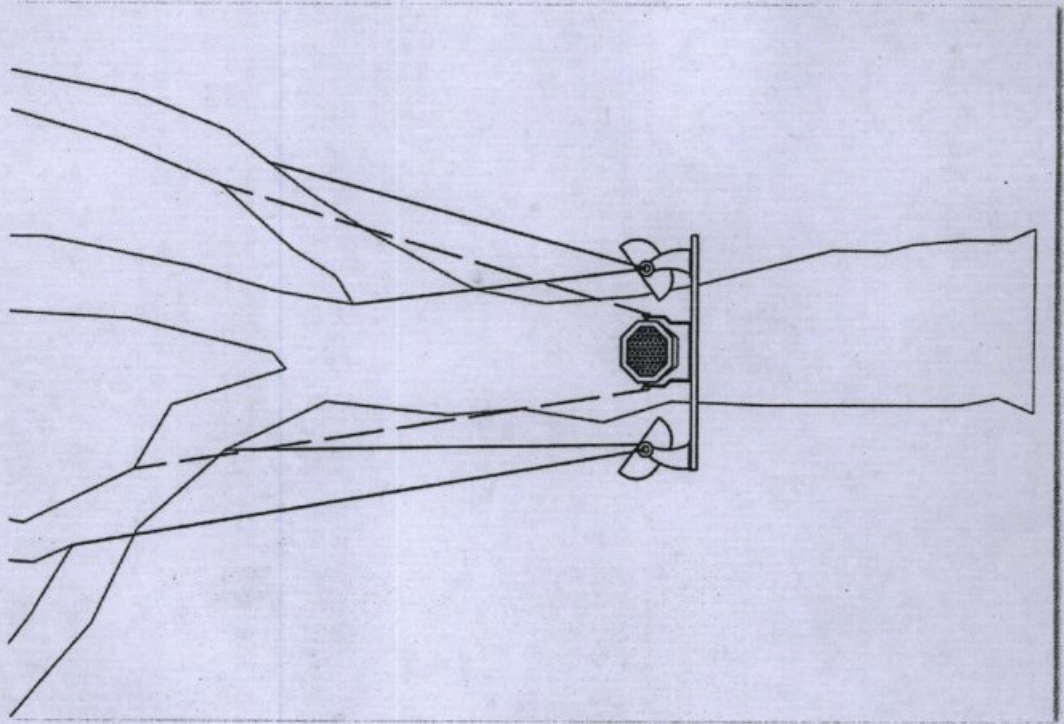
Leicester SQ Plan
Leicester Square

Lighting Hanging Plan



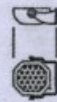
-  Spotlight Up lighters
-  Power Source
-  Festoon Lights
-  Catenary Wire with cable

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Ring is hung loosely around tree trunk by 3mm Catenary lines flying up to higher branches.

Once the right height is achieved, rubber lined wind out feet from the inside of the ring secure the bracket in place against the trunk.



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