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Dear Sir/Madam,

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) **Full Planning Permission Granted**

Address:

Regent's Park Outer Circle London NW1 4NR

Proposal: Temporary outdoor display of various sculptures as part of Frieze Sculpture 2025 sited in the English Gardens from 17 September through to 2 November 2025.

Drawing Nos: Frieze Sculpture Map, Location Plan, Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement Rev D (prepared by Canopy Consultancy, dated March 2025), Tree Protection Plan '19-812-TPP-D' (prepared by Canopy Consultancy, dated 12 March 2025)

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

Frieze Sculpture Map, Location Plan, Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement Rev D (prepared by Canopy Consultancy, dated March 2025), Tree Protection Plan '19-812-TPP-D' (prepared by Canopy Consultancy, dated 12 March 2025)

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

2 The structures hereby permitted are for a temporary period only and shall be removed on or before 9 November 2025.

Reason: The type of structures are not such as the Council is prepared to approve, other than for a limited period, in view of their appearance. The permanent retention of the structures would be contrary to the requirements of policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

Details of the existing gardens and park where the temporary structures will be displayed must be recorded prior to the erection of the structure. Once the structures have been dismantled, the park and gardens shall be returned to their original condition.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policies D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017.

4 Prior to the commencement of works on site, tree protection measures shall be installed and working practices adopted in accordance with the documents entitled 'Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement Rev D' (prepared by Canopy Consultancy, dated March 2025) and 'Tree Protection Plan '19-812-TPP-D' (prepared by Canopy Consultancy, dated 12 March 2025). All trees on the site, or parts of trees grow from adjoining sites, unless shown on the permitted drawings as being removed, shall be retained and protected from damage in accordance with BS5837:2012 and with the approved protection details. The development shall be monitored by the project arboriculturalist in accordance with the approved report.

Reason: To ensure that the development will not have an adverse effect on existing trees and in order to maintain the character and amenity of the area in accordance with the requirements of policies A2 and A3 of the Camden Local Plan.

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting permission.

The proposals are for the annual seasonal installation of the Frieze Sculpture Park. The exhibition would consist of approximately 20 outdoor works of art located throughout the English Gardens within Regent's Park, on view from 17 September through to 2 November 2025. The sculptures would only be temporary and are not considered to harm the character and appearance of the open space and Conservation Area provided they are not permanent and are thus considered acceptable. A condition is attached requiring the removal of the structures at the end of the festival. A further condition is attached to ensure that the grass is made good following any damage as a result of the exhibition. The proposals have been reviewed by a member of the Council's Conservation Team who deem them to be acceptable and that they would not cause any harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Due to the requirement to dig shallow foundations for the sculptures, and their

locations close to existing trees, details of tree protection measures have been submitted which the Council's Tree Officer has reviewed and confirmed is sufficient to demonstrate that the trees to be retained will be adequately protected in line with BS5837:2012.

Due to the temporary nature and location of the sculptures, they are not considered to cause harm to neighbouring occupier amenity in terms of loss of daylight/sunlight, outlook, or privacy.

Special attention has been paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the Regent's Park Conservation Area, under s.72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

A response was received from the Regent's Park CAAC, citing no objection to the proposal as the installation is temporary in nature and the landscaping would be restored after removal of the sculptures. No objections have been received prior to making this decision. The planning history of the site has been taken into account when coming to this decision.

As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies A1, A2, A3, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the London Plan 2021 and the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

- Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts that cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (tel: 020-7974 6941).
- This approval does not authorise the use of the public highway. Any requirement to use the public highway, such as for hoardings, temporary road closures and suspension of parking bays, will be subject to approval of relevant licence from the Council's Streetworks Authorisations & Compliance Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No 020 7974 4444). Licences and authorisations need to be sought in advance of proposed works. Where development is subject to a Construction Management Plan (through a requirement in a S106 agreement), no licence or authorisation will be granted until the Construction Management Plan is approved by the Council.
- 4 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements a copy is available on the Council's website (search for 'Camden Minimum Requirements' at www.camden,gov.uk) or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours

Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You must secure the approval of the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team prior to undertaking such activities outside these hours.

5 Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Informative (1/2):

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("1990 Act") is that planning permission granted in England is subject to the condition ("the biodiversity gain condition") that development may not begin unless:

- (a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and
- (b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The local planning authority (LPA) that would approve any Biodiversity Gain Plan (BGP) (if required) is London Borough of Camden.

There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply. These are summarised below, but you should check the legislation yourself and ensure you meet the statutory requirements.

Based on the information provided, this will not require the approval of a BGP before development is begun because it is below the de minimis threshold.

++ Summary of transitional arrangements and exemptions for biodiversity gain condition

The following are provided for information and may not apply to this permission:

- 1. The planning application was made before 12 February 2024.
- 2. The planning permission is retrospective.
- 3. The planning permission was granted under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the original (parent) planning permission was made or granted before 12 February 2024.
- 4. The permission is exempt because of one or more of the reasons below:
- It is not "major development" and the application was made or granted before 2 April 2024, or planning permission is granted under section 73 and the original (parent) permission was made or granted before 2 April 2024.
- It is below the de minimis threshold (because it does not impact an onsite priority habitat AND impacts less than 25 square metres of onsite habitat with biodiversity value greater than zero and less than 5 metres in length of onsite linear habitat).
- The application is a Householder Application.
- It is for development of a "Biodiversity Gain Site".
- It is Self and Custom Build Development (for no more than 9 dwellings on a site no larger than 0.5 hectares and consists exclusively of dwellings which are Self-Build or Custom Housebuilding).
- It forms part of, or is ancillary to, the high-speed railway transport network (High Speed 2).
- 6 Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Informative (2/2):

+ Irreplaceable habitat:

If the onsite habitat includes Irreplaceable Habitat (within the meaning of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024) there are additional requirements. In addition to information about minimising adverse impacts on the habitat, the BGP must include information on compensation for any impact on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat. The LPA can only approve a BGP if satisfied that the impact on the irreplaceable habitat is minimised and appropriate arrangements have been made for compensating for any impact which do not include the use of biodiversity credits.

++ The effect of section 73(2D) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 If planning permission is granted under section 73, and a BGP was approved in relation to the previous planning permission ("the earlier BGP"), the earlier BGP may be regarded as approved for the purpose of discharging the biodiversity gain condition on this permission. It will be regarded as approved if the conditions attached (and so the permission granted) do not affect both the post-development value of the onsite habitat and any arrangements made to compensate irreplaceable habitat as specified in the earlier BGP.

++ Phased development

In the case of phased development, the BGP will be required to be submitted to and approved by the LPA before development can begin (the overall plan), and before each phase of development can begin (phase plans). The modifications in respect of the biodiversity gain condition in phased development are set out in Part 2 of the Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Modifications and Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. The council publishes its adopted policies online, along with detailed Camden Planning Guidance. It also provides advice on the website for submitting applications and offers a pre-application advice service.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision.

If you submit an appeal against this decision you are now eligible to use the new *submission form* (Before you start - Appeal a planning decision - GOV.UK).

Yours faithfully

Daniel Pope

Chief Planning Officer