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Application Ref: **2017/0269/A**  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

### **Advertisement Consent Granted**

Address:  
**Bus Shelter**  
**outside of 8-13 High Holborn**  
**London**  
**WC1V 6DR**

Proposal: Display of 2x internally illuminated digital screens to bus shelter structure no. CAM00070AB.

Drawing Nos: CAM00070AB - Site Location Plan, Site Plan, Photos, Elevations (14/02/2017).

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

#### Conditions and Reasons:

- 1 No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the site entitled to grant permission.

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.



- 2 No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to
- (a) endanger persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military);
  - (b) obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air; or
  - (c) hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

- 3 Any advertisement displayed and any site used for the display of advertisements, shall be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site.

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

- 4 Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a safe condition.

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- 5 Where an advertisement is required under these Regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity.

Reason: - As required by regulation 2(1) and Schedule 2 of the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

- 6 The advertisement displays shall be statically illuminated and the intensity of the illumination of the digital sign shall not exceed 2500 candelas per square metre during the day and 400 candelas per square metre during the hours of darkness in line with the maximum permitted recommended luminance as set out by 'The Institute of Lighting Professional's 'Professional Lighting Guide 05: The Brightness of Illuminated Advertisements' 2015. The levels of luminance on the digital sign should be controlled by light sensors to measure the ambient brightness and dimmers to control the lighting output to within these limits.

REASON: To ensure that the advertisement does not harm the character and appearance of the area and does not create a distraction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic and therefore cause a hazard to highway safety. In accordance with the requirements of policies CS5, CS14 and CS17 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policies DP21, DP24 and DP26 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies, policies D4, A1 and T1 of the Camden Local Plan Submission Draft 2016, and Transport for London Guidance for Digital Roadside Advertising.

- 7 The digital sign shall not display any moving, or apparently moving, images

(including animation, flashing, scrolling three dimensional, intermittent or video elements).

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- 8 The minimum display time for each advertisement shall be 10 seconds.

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- 9 The interval between advertisements shall take place over a period no greater than one second; the complete screen shall change with no visual effects (including fading, swiping or other animated transition methods) between displays and the display will include a mechanism to freeze the image in the event of a malfunction.

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- 10 No advertisement displayed shall resemble traffic signs, as defined in section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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- 11 The footway and carriageway on the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN)

and Strategic Road Network (SRN) must not be blocked during the installation and maintenance of the advertising panel. Temporary obstruction during the installation must be kept to a minimum and should not encroach on the clear space needed to provide safe passage for pedestrians, or obstruct the flow of traffic.

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Informative(s):

1 Reason for granting advertisement consent:

The proposed digital screen display units are considered acceptable in terms of size, design, location and method of illumination. It is accepted that all advertisements are intended to attract attention and the proposed advertisements are to replace the existing illuminated advertising panel that forms part of the structure of the existing bus shelter. The bus shelter which comprises existing advertisement panels is located outside a large scale modern building with a retail parade and associated signage at ground floor level. For these reasons, the positions of the signs are thus not considered unduly dominant in the wider street scene in comparison to the existing situation, and subject to conditions nor would they cause harm to the visual amenity of the immediate locality or result in any additional harm to the street scene.

Whilst the method of illumination would cause some light spill, the existing bus shelter structure is positioned on a busy thoroughfare with the screens facing away from the nearest neighbouring occupiers, with residential occupiers on the upper floors. Lower levels of illumination during the hours of darkness and restrictions on the rate of change of the display are secured by condition attached to this consent. On balance, the proposed screens would not be considered significantly harmful to neighbouring occupiers.

An objection has been raised by a resident in Russell Square Mansions on the grounds that the proposal would be unduly dominant and visually obtrusive in the street scene, fail to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the area and harm the setting of the adjacent buildings. The bus shelter is not located within a conservation area and includes existing advertisement panels. It is positioned in front of a parade of retail units with associated signage. It is considered that given the proposal replaces existing advertisement panels and together with the conditions to limit the visual impact of the digital display and prevent movement the proposal would not adversely impact the streetscene, the character and appearance of neighbouring buildings or the wider area.

In terms of size, siting and method of illumination the proposal is not considered

detrimental to highways safety. As the advertisements would be seen by drivers in moving traffic this permission includes a condition that restricts the display of moving images. On balance, the location of the advertisements within the highways network is not considered to be hazardous to vehicular or pedestrian traffic and therefore raises no public safety concerns.

The site's planning history was taken into account when coming to this decision. As such, the proposed development is in general accordance with policies CS5, CS14 and CS17 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy, and policies DP21, DP24 and DP26 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies and policies D4, A1 and T1 of the Camden Local Plan Submission Draft 2016. The proposed development also accords with policies of the London Plan 2016; and the National Planning Policy Framework and Transport for London's Guidance for Digital Roadside Advertising 2013.

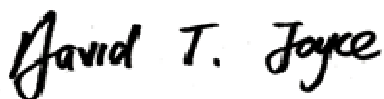
- 2 The emerging Camden Local Plan is reaching the final stages of its public examination. Consultation on proposed modifications to the Submission Draft Local Plan began on 30 January and ends on 13 March 2017. The modifications have been proposed in response to Inspector's comments during the examination and seek to ensure that the Inspector can find the plan 'sound' subject to the modifications being made to the Plan. The Local Plan at this stage is a material consideration in decision making, but pending publication of the Inspector's report into the examination only has limited weight.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

You can find advice in regard to your rights of appeal at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/guidance/guidancecontent>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David T. Joyce". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Joyce  
Executive Director Supporting Communities