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Application Ref: **2017/1695/A** Please ask for: **Tony Young** Telephone: 020 7974 **2687**

17 May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Advertisement Consent Granted

Address:

Bus Stop outside Kings Court 525 Finchley Road London NW3 7PA

Proposal: Display of 1x internally illuminated digital screen facing inwards to the existing bus shelter structure no. CAM00041AB.

Drawing Nos: CAM0041AB - Site Location Plan, Site Plan, Photos, Elevations (04/05/2017).

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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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.

The advertisement display 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 D1, 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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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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12 No music or sound shall be emitted from the advertisements.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies CS5 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Core Strategy and policy DP26 of the London Borough of Camden Local Development Framework Development Policies and policies and policies A1 and A4 of the emerging Camden Local Plan 2016.

Informative(s):

1 Reason for granting advertisement consent:

The proposed inside only digital screen display unit is considered acceptable in terms of its size, design, location and method of illumination. It is accepted that all advertisements are intended to attract attention and the proposed advertisement is to replace the existing illuminated advertising panel that forms part of the structure of the existing bus shelter. As such, the digital panel would be clearly read as an integral part of the bus shelter. Whilst in a predominantely residential area, the shelter itself is located on the busy and wide Finchley Road thoroughfare and is not located within a conservation area. The shelter sits forward on the edge of wide pavement in front of a terrace of residential properties which are set-back from the public highway, the digital panel being mainly screened from the residential occupiers at ground floor level by a large permanent enclosure housing electrical equipment positioned immediately adjacent to the shelter. As such, the sign is considered not to be unduly dominant. Furthermore, conditions would be attached to any approval to control the luminance levels and movement of the sign in order to ensure that no harm results to the visual amenity of the immediate residential premises and wider locality.

Whilst it is accepted that the method of illumination would cause some light spill, revisions were made to the proposals to alter the display from a double-sided to a single-sided (inward facing) panel with the outside panel remaining as existing. It is considered that the inward facing panel with conditions to control luminance and movement would ensure that any adverse impacts from glare or light intensity on the nearest residential occupiers and buildings are limited especially when taking

into account the existing front enclosure which would help to screen the nearest properties from the proposed panel. 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 screen would not be considered significantly harmful to neighbouring occupiers.

In terms of size, siting and method of illumination, the proposal is not considered detrimental to highways safety. The scheme was revised during the course of the application from a double-sided digital panel to a single-sided inside only panel in order to address highway safety and design concerns. As the advertisement would be seen by drivers in moving traffic, any permission would also include a condition restricting the display of moving images. On balance, the location of the advertisement 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 D1, 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.

The Inspector's report on the Local Plan was published on 15 May 2017 and concludes that the plan is 'sound' subject to modifications being made to the Plan. While the determination of planning applications should continue to be made in accordance with the existing development plan until formal adoption, substantial weight may now be attached to the relevant policies of the emerging plan as a material consideration following publication of the Inspector's report, subject to any relevant recommended modifications in the Inspector's report.

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

David Joyce

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