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Sent: 05 October 2018 10:59
To: Diver, John <John.Diver@camden.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Consultee letter for PlanningApplication Application: 2018/3336/P

Dear John,

I'm copying the text of our 'no objection / comment' to you as the CAACs' submission system is giving me error messages when I try to upload our advice. I'm pleased to note that we are in time with our advice!

All good wishes,
Richard

The Regent's Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee
12A Manley Street, London NW1 8LT

1 October 2018

Gloucester Gate Playground Regent's Park Outer Circle London NW1 4NR 2018/3336/P

Redevelopment and extension of the existing Gloucester Gate Playground.

1. We note that we have not been involved in pre-application discussion of this proposal.
2. We also note that the proposal would replace the existing playground, offering considerable scope for enhancement of the area.

3. We have considerable sympathy for the proposals, which we broadly support. We welcome the opportunity to integrate play with landscape and planting.
4. Our principle planning concern is with the impact of the proposals on the historic landscape of the Park which is a Grade I historic park.
5. We accept that the main area, within the enclosed boundary with its green screening of the play area, will improve the current situation, and can be seen to enhance the appearance of the conservation area.
6. We are concerned that the areas proposed outside the defined boundary are not so well integrated with the historic landscape. The reference to a gate to the zip-wire implies that it will be enclosed, but no details of that enclosure are shown on drawings. This is not acceptable in the Park. While we understand that more hedge-type planting would be unwelcome, other forms of screening might be acceptable – planting to create a copse or small wood within the Park might be a helpful approach. Such planting should not interfere with longer views We would want to see further drawings or sketches.
7. We note that the sad ongoing deterioration of the horse chestnut avenue to the south-west of the play area needs to be included in the larger landscape plan.
8. The success of the project as an integrated element in the historic landscape depends not only on the detailed design for structures and planting, but on the effective maintenance of the planting throughout. If the planting is not maintained successfully, the historic landscape will be harmed. This includes the maintenance of approach areas, including the paths within the Park and from Gloucester Gate. We note the high demands on skills as well as funds that play areas of this kind require.
9. We would be happy to see further drawings on the questions we have raised to assist in achieving a successful outcome of this project.

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Chair

On Wed, 5 Sep 2018 at 15:34, Diver, John <John.Diver@camden.gov.uk> wrote:

Please find attached Consultee letter for PlanningApplication application 2018/3336/P

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