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Our ref: P00966470

25 September 2018

Dear Mr Diver

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015  
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**GLOUCESTER GATE PLAYGROUND REGENT'S PARK OUTER CIRCLE LONDON  
NW1 4NR  
Application No. 2018/3336/P**

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2018 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

**Historic England Advice**

The proposals for the site include the redevelopment and extension of the existing Gloucester Gate playground within the grade I registered Regents Park, including the installation of new play equipment, zip line and landscaped mounds.

Historic England have no objection in principle to the proposals, which we consider to integrate well with the adjacent landscape in this part of the park, however we have some concern regarding the potential visibility of the proposed zip line.

Whilst the proposed mound and planting at the western extent of the play area extension should provide screening for its southern end in landscape views to and across the play area, there doesn't appear to be any proposed planting at its northern end, which sits more prominently at the North West edge of the playground extension. Whilst the contours suggest the southern end will be higher to enable the zip line to function, it is not clear from the submitted information whether the required 'fall' will involve associated enabling earthworks or how it will be accessed. It would be helpful to see the proposed zip line included on the section drawings.

Should the application be approved, Historic England recommends safeguards in the form of additional planting at the northern end of the zip line to ensure landscape views from this part of the park are better screened.



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**Recommendation**

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

This response relates to designated heritage assets only. If the proposals meet the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service's published consultation criteria we recommend that you seek their view as specialist archaeological adviser to the local planning authority.

The full GLAAS consultation criteria are on our webpage at the following link:

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/our-planning-services/greater-london-archaeology-advisory-service/our-advice/>

Yours sincerely

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