

AMENDMENT SHEET

Planning Committee
20 October 2022

AMENDMENTS OF CONDITIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 213315 – West Mersea Floating Pontoon, Coast Road, West Mersea

A further consultation response has been received from Natural England, who have advised as follows:

“Based on the outcome of the HRA provided, Natural England has no comments to make on this amendment to the West Mersea floating erosional control works.”

7.3 221369 – Century House, North Station Road, Colchester

Colchester Civic Society:

Reason for comment: Make a general observation

Comment: Arguments have been put forward to the Society by the Applicant that have persuaded us to re consider our previous comments.

We remain fully supportive of the desire to see North Station Road planted with trees again and if this application forms a precursor for this process then we can only be in favour.

We accept the idea that the planters are designed to be moved to new positions in the fullness of time when trees can be planted in the ground here.

We would prefer the corners of the planters to be of a less shape profile and if the fabricator can manage this ,it will be a benefit in such a public area.

Given these ,we would support the proposal.

Additional objection: Residents Association

Reason for comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: This is to update my first comments on the application. After listening back to the planning committee's thoughts on the application I was encouraged to hear final support and discussion on the future of North Station

Road. Too long has this main route into the centre of the town been neglected or given half hearted time, energy and resources. What FIX THE LINK started, real engagement in the area needs to be applied if this hugely important economic route into the CBD is to be pulled back from the brink it currently finds itself in. Jane Thompson approached the local community and explained the councils reasoning as to the corten steel tubs. And yes while the intention is a positive one and moving in the right direction, as many of the councillors raised at the last planning meeting - is this really the best we can do??

13K plus for 4 x tubbed trees, which are to be located in an area which arguably is already 'green', leaving the rest of

North Station Road up to the Albert Street Roundabout to languish.

If this pot of money is to be lost - could this money not be re-allocated to a different type of planting scheme to green up the area? Ie hanging baskets the length of North Station Road from the Albert Roundabout to the Middleborough - so spreading out the visual impact further (and the money) rather than keeping it contained to one small area of the road where trees already exist. 13K+ could buy a lot of hanging baskets and their maintenance, over 4 x trees which look incongruent against the current surrounding street scene. Then when ECC have made their road changes a more permanent and lasting plan for bringing the trees back to NSR could be pursued?

Or perhaps another pass with the ECC to look at spreading out the 4 x planters locations, again spreading out the visual impact and helping visitors walking from the station to pick up the 'Fix The Link theme' sooner? If there have made it to One Stop and the betting shops - then they know where they are. There are empty/clear spaces along the pavements further up NSR moving towards Albert Roundabout where these corten planters could easily be placed without creating blind spots. The pavements are very wide in places and currently used as illegal parking areas. The trees would go a long way to discourage this and solving more issues at the same time.

The current application feels like its taken the path of least resistance (from the ECC point of view) and further locations need to be pursued with ECC. We need the councils foot on the gas when it comes to conversations with ECC - it would be really helpful if a representative could perhaps be at the next review of this application.

Risk assessment template

Company name: █ Colchester Borough Council Assessment carried out by: █ Jane Thompson

Date of next review: █ tba Date assessment was carried out: █ 18 October 2022

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
█ injury due to walking into edge of planter	█ Pedestrians	█ Redesigning the planter to have softer curved corners. Considering the location of the planters	█ None. Location of proposed planters is lit by <u>street lamps</u> . There is ample space for pedestrians to walk around the planters.	█ CBC	█ During design process	█ yes
█	█	█	█	█	█	█

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