



**NORTHAMPTON**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
Planning Committee

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010**  
**Addendum to Agenda Items**

<b>Northampton Borough Council Applications</b>	
<b>ITEM NO</b>	
9	<p>N/2010/0045 - Erection of temporary hoarding at the junction of Eastern Avenue South and Kingsthorpe Grove.</p>
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C	<p>A further letter of objection from the original single objector has been received. The correspondence outlines a series of disorder and nuisance issues with the use of the open space and youths in transit to and from this area. Many of the issues raised are crime and disorder matters that relate to the management of the area and indeed involvement of the police in monitoring the space.</p> <p>The residential amenity issues that the objector highlights are most pertinent about the increased attractiveness of the MUGA to local youths who will inevitably pass by the objector's and other people's dwellings in greater numbers, occasionally causing noise,</p>

		<p>disturbance or vandalism problems.</p> <p>The objector also states that they have been promised enclosure around their flats to prevent these problems. Notwithstanding these additional representations it is still recommended that having an enhanced MUGA by lighting in the evenings is the preferred approach of the operator (NBC) and the Police in terms of minimising local crime and disturbance and the installation of enclosure around nearby flats should be taken up through alternative channels.</p>
<p><b>ITEM NO</b></p>	<p><b>Items for Determination</b></p> <p>The Wildlife Trust has submitted further correspondence reiterating their objections to the scheme if no financial contributions for wildlife mitigation are made. The Trust's justification for the contributions are as follows:</p> <p>£2700 for willow pollarding to enhance the habitats in the dead arm once it has been blocked off (blocking off was insisted upon by the Trust).</p> <p>£600 for interpretive leaflets to raise public awareness of the nearby Nature Reserve between the dead arm and main course of the river. The Trust considers the leaflets will help inform the increased numbers of visitors to the reserve and mitigate the impact of additional footfall.</p> <p>£1350 (plus commuted maintenance sum) for interpretation board close to the boat restaurant. This would be intended to help future users understand the natural surroundings.</p> <p>Officers' advice remains that the scale of development is a mooring and boat stationed upon the dead arm of the river. The requests of the Trust and their argument for providing these works are fully understood, but the proposal is not on the reserve site itself but nearby and attached to an area of managed public open space. It is considered that the pollarding works proposed along the dead arm are no doubt beneficial, but not necessary due to the impact of the boat development. The board and leaflets again will enhance the attractiveness of the area, but requiring the boat restaurant operator to provide and maintain these is considered neither reasonable nor necessary in relation to the scale, location and nature of the impact proposed.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>A</b></p> <p><b>N/2008/0502 - Boat restaurant and bar and associated access at Midsummer Meadow, Bedford Road.</b></p>

			<p>Although there is no planning justification for these contributions to the Trust's work, it is understood that the applicant may be receptive to local improvement works and may contribute privately to these schemes in any event.</p>
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