

INSTALLATION OF SUPPORTING COLUMN FOR CCTV CAMERA
HARBOURSIDE, WHITEHAVEN, CUMBRIA.
LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Parish Whitehaven

Planning permission is sought to erect an 8 metre high supporting column for a CCTV camera within the Whitehaven town centre Conservation Area at the entrance to the Sugar Tongue on the Harbourside. The column will be white in colour to match the existing lighting columns and will be attached to a 400mm sq base unit.

A CCTV camera has been requested in this area to provide coverage to this end of the town centre as well as West Strand and the harbourside. It will also give coverage of the Mount Pleasant area which suffers frequently from incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The camera can be controlled by Police from Whitehaven Police Station and by monitoring staff in the Allerdale Borough Council CCTV control room. The equipment is to be maintained by Copeland Borough Council via a contract with ADT Fire & Security plc.

No objections have been received in response to neighbour notification and statutory consultation procedures.

Policy DEV 6 of the adopted Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016 sets out the Council's principles for sustainability in design. In particular criterion 9 requires development by design and choice of location to create or maintain reasonable standards of general amenity and help to minimise risk of fears for personal safety, health and security.

Policy ENV 26 supports development in Conservation Areas where it preserves or enhances the character and appearance of the Area.

In my opinion the proposed CCTV column represents an acceptable form of development that will enhance security within the area in accordance with Policy DEV 6 whilst also being aesthetically acceptable within this Conservation Area setting in accordance with Policy ENV 26.

Recommendation

Defer to full Council with a recommendation that permission be granted under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to:-

1. The development hereby permitted shall be commenced within THREE years from the date hereof.

Reason for condition:-

In compliance with Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Reason for decision:-

An acceptable form of development to enhance security within Whitehaven in accordance with Policy DEV 6 of the adopted Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016