

## **SECTION '1' – Applications submitted by the London Borough of Bromley**

**Application No : 17/00731/LBC**

**Ward:  
Shortlands**

**Address : War Memorial At Junction With Church  
Road And Kingswood Road Shortlands  
Bromley**

**OS Grid Ref: E: 539207 N: 168838**

**Applicant : Hazel Gardiner**

**Objections : NO**

### **Description of Development:**

Repair and re-instatement of Shortland War Memorial

Key designations:

Conservation Area: Shortlands

Biggin Hill Safeguarding Area

London City Airport Safeguarding

Open Space Deficiency

Smoke Control SCA 21

Smoke Control SCA 9

Statutory Listed Building

### **Proposal**

Repair and re-instatement of the Shortlands War Memorial. The memorial is to be re-instated in the same position as it was prior to a traffic accident causing the main Celtic cross element to be broken into numerous sections. The plinth has remained insitu and was relatively undamaged.

### **Consultations**

Historic England is supportive of the proposal to reinstate the memorial and suggest that the mortar mixture to be used is conditioned. They also highlighted a spelling error in the condition report which is noted.

The War Memorials Trust are supportive but raised concerns over the proposal to use biocide to remove biological growth on the memorial and question if the plinth is to be rebuilt in its original location.

No local comments were received but the proposal has local support from Ward Councillors.

### **Planning Considerations**

The application falls to be determined in accordance with S.7 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 which requires work to a listed

building that would affect its special architectural or historic interest to be authorised by the relevant planning authority. The following policies of the Unitary Development Plan are further considerations:

BE8 Statutory Listed Buildings  
Chapter 12 NPPF

## **Conclusions**

The Shortlands War Memorial is a Grade II statutory listed building designed by Douglas Caroe and comprises of a Celtic cross which is 5 metres high and is built of Leckhampton stone. The face of the cross was intended to face Church Road as this is where the inscriptions are found. The names of 65 local men who died in the First World War are inscribed on three plaques attached to the base. A separate plaque was later attached to after the Second World War in memory of the people of Shortlands who died in both Wars.

The War Memorials Trust raises concerns over the use of biocide. In response to this concern any cleaning can be conditioned to use only steam cleaning. They also question if the plinth is to be rebuilt and if the memorial is to be moved. It is clear in the application that the memorial is to be reinstated to its original and existing location. It is not proposed to rebuild the plinth as it is stable.

On the 8th of July 2016 the cross was extensively damaged when a car collided with it and broke the main cross element into many fragments. The plinth survived relatively intact. The remaining pieces were transported to the LBB depot at Waldo Road pending a survey by expert conservation consultants who have prepared a repair schedule as part of this application.

The specification for repair is based on best conservation practice and will salvage almost all of the original fabric. The repair proposal is for reconstruction using slate dowels as existing but also stainless steel dowels on some smaller sections. All joints will be re-bed with lime mortar, the colour and finish of which can be agreed by condition.

## **RECOMMENDATION: GRANT LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**

**subject to the following conditions:**

- 1        The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of 3 years, beginning with the date of this decision notice.**

**Reason:        Section 91, Town and Country Planning Act 1990.**

- 2        Cleaning of the structure shall only be done using steam avoiding the use of any chemicals or biocides**

**In order to comply with Policy BE8 of the Unitary Development Plan and to protect the fabric of the listed building.**

- 3        Details of the mix, colour and pointing of the mortar to the brickwork shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.**

**Reason: In order to comply with Policy BE1 of the Unitary Development Plan and in the interest of the appearance of the building and the visual amenities of the area.**