

Cllr Amrit Mann
Deputy Leader,
London Borough of Hounslow,
By email.

September 6 2016
ref: BCC 746 dmb

Dear Cllr Mann,

I have been asked by the Planning Consultative committee of the Brentford Community Council to write to ask you NOT to approve the Single Member decision on the Heritage Street Lighting Programme Ref REG 391.

Brentford includes the Butts Conservation Area, which was one of the first CAs in the borough to be declared when Hounslow was established in 1965.

The Butts was considered by Dr Ashley Barker, former head of GLC Conservation and then first London Director of English Heritage to be “the finest square in London”.

Many of the buildings in the Butts are listed Grade 2 and the setting of those buildings is an important issue both during the day and at night.

As you know significant development is currently going through the planning system which will result in the redevelopment of Brentford High Street and Half Acre. These developments will result in an increased population and increased pressure on those heritage areas which remain. This makes it increasingly important to retain the character of the Butts.

We understand that special measures may be taken to retain the lighting columns in Strand on The Green. Strand on the Green is, like the Butts, an important heritage asset, and we would support those measures.

We believe that the same care should be taken to preserve the lighting in the Butts, which is also a heritage asset, and being next to the District Shopping Centre will be a focal centre for many local residents.

We request that if the Council does adopt REG 391 it specifically excludes the lighting in the Butts Conservation Area in addition to those at Strand on The Green.

We are additionally concerned that any changes to heritage lighting in other sensitive areas should be further modified to:

Lower the proposed lighting levels
Use warmer lighting colour
Keep the height and design and colour of columns to be similar to existing

And that any changes proposed should be endorsed by the Conservation Officer after consultation with the Local Amenity Groups.

Yours sincerely

Denis Browne, Chairman, Planning Consultative Committee BCC
cc: Peter Lerner, Richard Hamilton, Stephen Browne (BCC chair)