

<b>APPLICATION NO: 17/01790/FUL</b>		<b>OFFICER: Mr Ben Hawkes</b>	
<b>DATE REGISTERED:</b> 13th September 2017		<b>DATE OF EXPIRY :</b> 8th November 2017	
<b>WARD:</b> Benhall/The Reddings		<b>PARISH:</b>	
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Mr Malcom Walls		
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Playground, Old Reddings Road, Cheltenham		
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Proposed installation of 3 public realm art panels		

## REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	<b>7</b>
Number of objections	<b>5</b>
Number of representations	<b>0</b>
Number of supporting	<b>2</b>

4 Shakespeare Cottage  
North Road West  
The Reddings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 6RF

**Comments:** 2nd October 2017

My original objection to this was to be on the basis that it was not good art and money could be better spent.

There is nothing interesting proposed here - nothing challenging, no interaction. It is little more than laser cut signage more likely to become a background for other street art.

Additional information has been provided confirming it is a community based project, which is good to hear, and funded by S106 money. The actual cost would still be useful to know and it would be good if the outcome was more engaging.

However it seems that nowhere really wants this piece and it is just being dumped by the side of the road, far enough back that it does not affect traffic obviously.

Elm Farm  
North Road West  
The Reddings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 6RG

**Comments:** 29th September 2017

Whilst the theory of an art installation is commendable, to what purpose with it be of benefit to the local population? I agree with the previous commentator and suggest that a trim trail/ outside gym will be of greater benefit to the users, physically and emotionally.

My daughter is disabled and the refurbishment of Pittville park was completely unsuitable for anyone with mobility issues. Come on CBC think outside of the box. Think of the community- and

what would be of real benefit. Trim trails in natural materials that will age gracefully, with handrails, slopes, areas for balance and strength that will be suitable for all ages and abilities and will also be aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Tewkesbury outside gym is well used. Now that's what I call value for money.

**Comments:** 29th September 2017

Further to my previous email, and being updated with additional information regarding the works being a collaboration from local young children - I remove my previous objection, particularly as this is not a case of public money being spent.

I would still like to suggest that CBC look carefully at how open spaces are used and to make them user friendly for young, old and for those with varying mobility issues.

Fernleigh  
The Reddings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 6RY

**Comments:** 29th September 2017

I really like the idea of something being created by the children of the community for the community. I remember being involved with a so-called "consultation" in another county, some years ago, where the whole thing was a total farce and the children's views were ignored completely. I applaud the initiative and if this is ring-fenced money, as it appears to be, I have no issue.

I'd like to think the children who contributed would have a sense of pride around this, which is important to nurture, for the sake of us all.

I don't see any problems with visibility.

The only concern, as raised by others, would be vandalism - so I would question whether the materials would be suitable for cleaning up - if this happened. As we've found with the unwelcome 'additions' to Humpty Dumpty, it isn't always easy!

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The Reddings has a rich history and heritage - and positive new additions, I feel are welcome. I know it will be controversial - as these things always are. Whatever your views on this, there are far more offensive proposals aimed at the Reddings right now... Save your fight for that, say !!

I support.

Springfield  
The Reddings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 6RY

**Comments:** 29th September 2017

When we first saw the application notice, we believed that the art installation would be a provision for the community to express themselves by using the board. However, we now see that it is just a bland subject matter. Given that we are some way away from a river (as depicted in one of the boards), is this really an relevant subject matter for the choice of art? Surely a more appropriate

theme for the Humpty Dumps park should be nursery rhymes? Or alternatively, scenes of the local area.

We are concerned at the material that is proposed; namely cortens which rusts over a period of time. Thinking of the long-term, in our opinion it will look unsightly in the future.

As we saw from the article in the Gloucestershire Echo where genitalia was drawn onto the humpty dumpty character, not 50 yards from the proposed site of this application, the area is prone to vandalism. This is a real concern.

We would be interested to know how much this artwork will cost, including its installation and ongoing maintenance. We would also be interested to learn the dimensions.

Regardless of the above, surely in this health-conscious day and age, the provision of an outdoor gym (such as the ones in Churchdown and Tewkesbury) would be far more useful to the community? It would also give a focus for people to meet and carry out healthy activities. Currently the park caters only for small children and dog walkers. Such a provision would open the park up to a wider sector of the community, especially as there is little in the area for teenagers.

Little Elms  
The Reddings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 6RY

**Comments:** 29th September 2017

It seems like an inappropriate use of money to me. I wholly support the idea of making the space better equipped for fitness training.

Art may be subjective but that does not mean the local residents should have to endure an on going eyesore!!!!

8 Frampton Mews  
The Reddings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 6UG

**Comments:** 21st October 2017

Absolute waste of public money. Please spend it on something more beneficial such as enhancing the cycling infrastructure.

Lynwood  
The Reddings  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 6RL

**Comments:** 5th October 2017

I feel that the flat panels are just asking to be vandalized with spray paint, and this will then create a public eyesore which will also be demoralizing for the children who produced it.

I object to the panels being sited here - I think it would be much better placed somewhere where there is more control / security eg at one of the local schools / college campus / Prince of Wales Stadium etc.