

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P15/0005

Type of approval sought	Full Planning Permission
Ward	Netherton Woodside and St Andrews
Applicant	Rupert Dugdale, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Location:	HINGLEY ANCHOR, NETHERTON, DUDLEY
Proposal	INSTALLATION OF 2 NO. INTERPRETATION PANELS/PUBLIC ART FEATURES
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

1. The application site comprises a public art display known locally as 'Hingley Anchor'. The anchor is an exact replica of the original anchor commissioned for the Titanic ocean liner in 1911 which was originally manufactured by a local firm N. Hingley & Son. The replica resides within the triangular 'Market Place' the form of which resembles the prow of a ship. The 'Market Place' is situated at the Halesowen Road/Northfield Road junction and the anchor is recorded on the Council's Sites and Monuments record (SMR 15204).
2. The 'market place' is located opposite to the locally listed Netherton Arts Centre and the entrance to Netherton Park and can be seen as a gateway to the town from the north.

PROPOSAL

3. It is proposed to install two interpretation panels within the area of open space to the north of the anchor either side of the pedestrian footpaths. The interpretation panels would document the history of the original anchor and the story of the replica. They would be sited on two identical sculptures modelled on an anchor

Windlass which would have been installed on the Titanic. The Windlass is the mechanical device used on a ship to wind in the anchor cable and the anchor itself.

4. The sculptures would be made up of steel plates and (from edge of base to edge of base) would be 2050mm wide, a maximum height of 1100mm and a maximum width of 1250mm. The sculptures would include a length of solid steel chain bar which would be 24mm in diameter, 160mm in width and 240mm in length. The materials would comprise galvanised steel painted black and white to match the anchor itself. The sculptures would be welded on a flat steel plate which would be anchored to a concrete pad.

HISTORY

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	DECISION	DATE
P11/0831	Erection of replica Titanic Anchor within Netherton Market Place	Approved with Conditions	06/07/11

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

5. Direct notification letters have been sent to 60 neighbouring properties with the final date for receipt of representations being 3rd February 2015. No representations have been received.

OTHER CONSULTATION

6. Group Engineer (Highways); No objection

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

National Planning Policy Framework (2012) (NPPF)

Black Country Core Strategy (2011) (BCCS)

- ENV2 Historic Character and Local Distinctiveness
- ENV3 Design Quality

Saved Unitary Development Plan Policies (2005) (UDP)

- DD1 Urban Design
- DD4 Development in Residential Areas
- HE5 Buildings of Local Historic Importance

ASSESSMENT

7. Key issues;

- Visual Amenity & Historic Assets
- Public Safety

Visual Amenity & Historic Assets

8. The replica anchor is a physical reminder of the involvement of Netherton in the metal industry and is a local landmark. The addition of the interpretation panels providing an historical account of the original and replica anchors and with both panels modelled on an anchor Windlass further emphasises the historical connection. It is considered that the proposal would enhance the appearance of the historic asset and the significance of the local landmark. The scale and appearance of the interpretation panels is appropriate to the existing context and the development is in the wider public interest. There would be no adverse impact upon the setting of the locally listed Netherton Arts Centre. The proposal is therefore compliant with the NPPF, saved Policy DD1 and HE5 of the Dudley UDP and Policy ENV2 of the Black Country Core Strategy.

Public Safety

9. The Group Engineer (Highways) raises no objection to the proposals and there are no consequential highway safety issues arising. In this respect the proposal therefore complies with saved UDP Policy DD4.

CONCLUSION

10. The proposal would enhance the appearance of the heritage asset whilst reinforcing the historic links of the area to a world renowned event that can be identified by all members of the local community. The development is in the wider public interest and there would be no adverse impact upon adjacent heritage assets. There are no highway safety issues arising and the proposal complies with the NPPF, saved Policy DD1 and HE5 of the Dudley UDP and Policy ENV2 of the Black Country Core Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

11. It is recommended that the application is APPROVED subject to the following conditions;

APPROVAL STATEMENT INFORMATIVE

In dealing with this application the local planning authority have worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner, seeking solutions to problems arising in relation to dealing with the application, by seeking to help the applicant resolve technical detail issues where required and maintaining the delivery of sustainable development. The development would improve the economic, social and environmental concerns of the area and thereby being in accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Informative

The proposed development lies within a coal mining area which may contain unrecorded coal mining related hazards. If any coal mining feature is encountered during development, this should be reported immediately to The Coal Authority on 0345 762 6848. It should also be noted that this site may lie in an area where a current licence exists for underground coal mining.

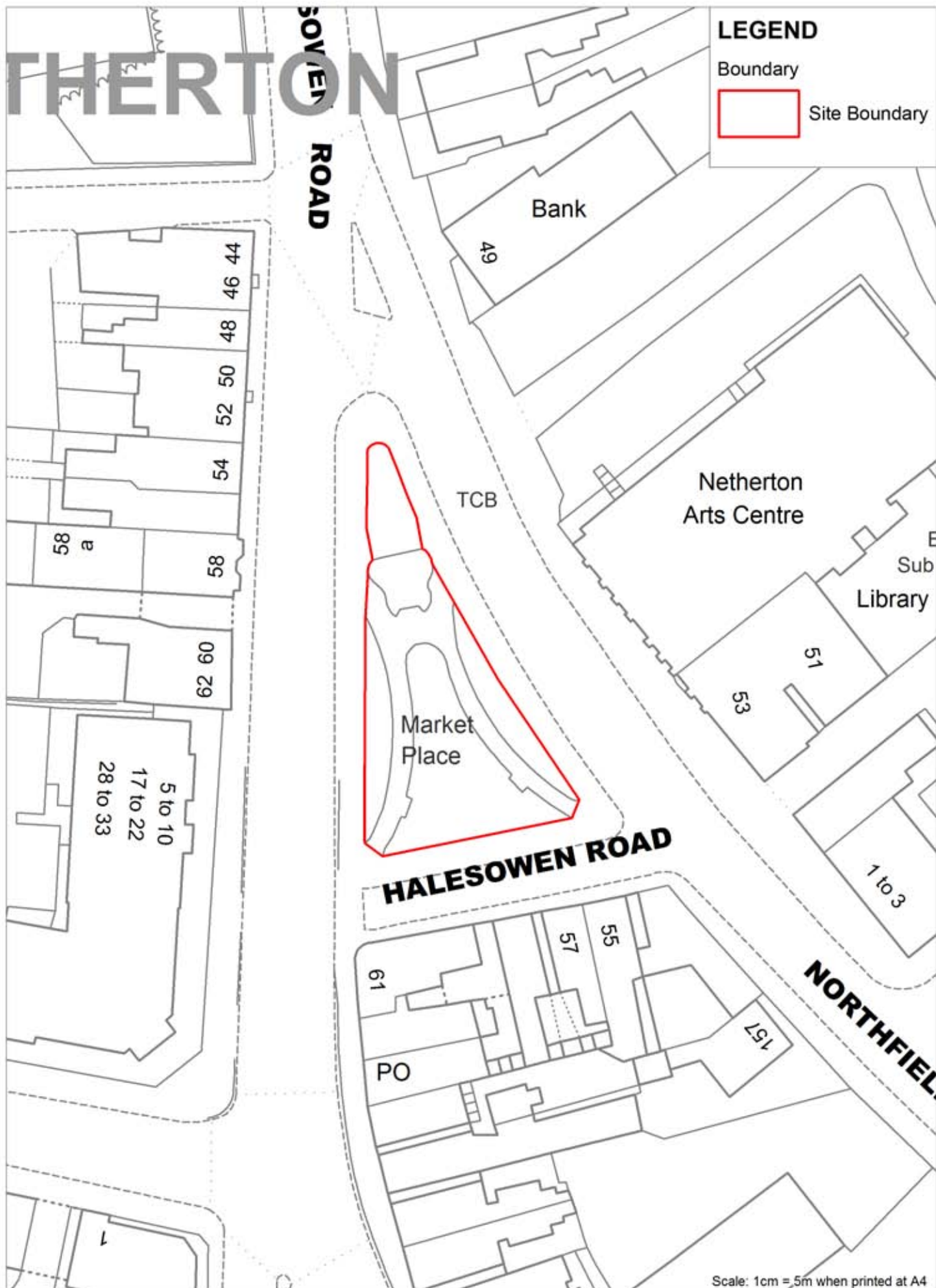
Further information is also available on The Coal Authority website at:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

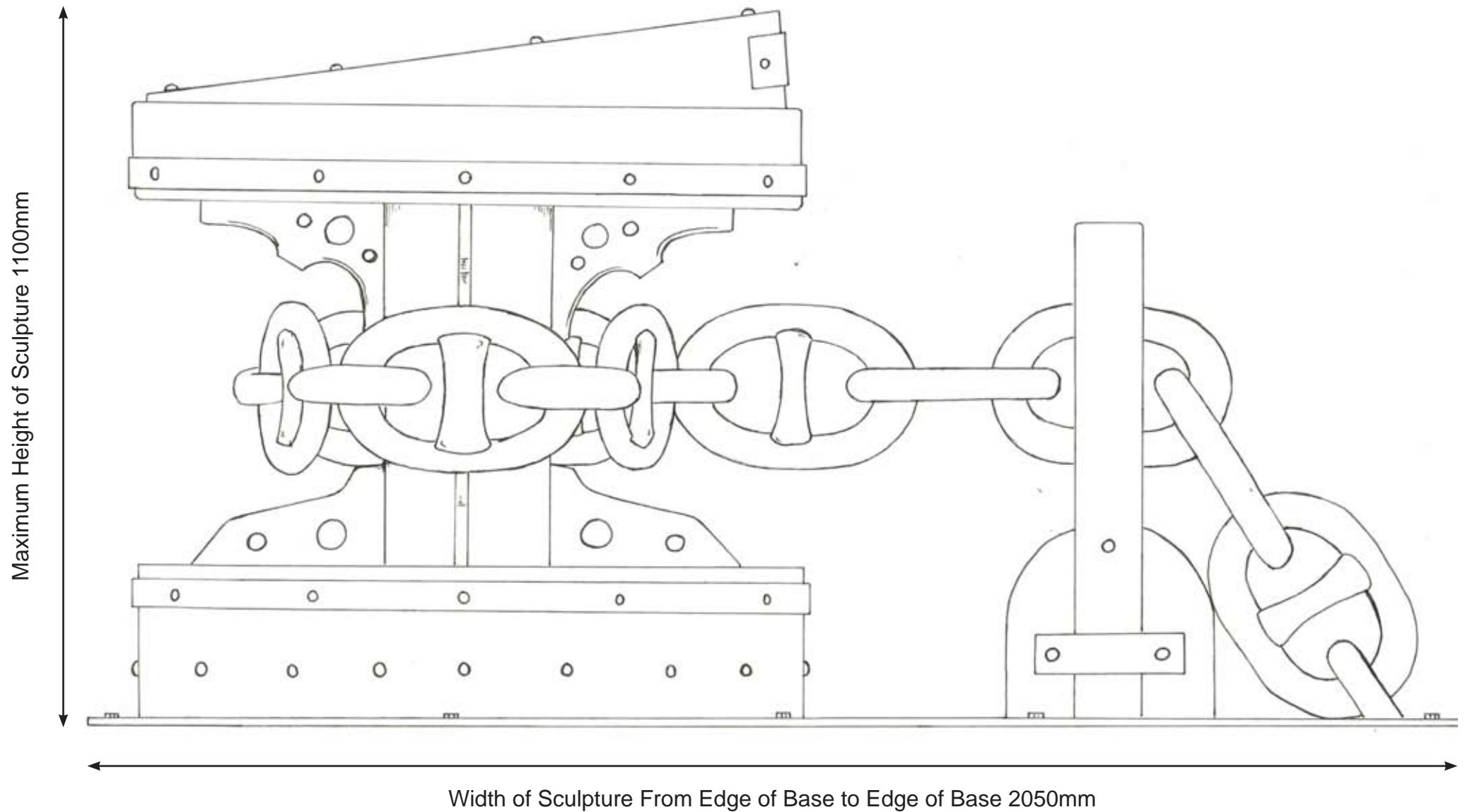
Property specific summary information on past, current and future coal mining activity can be obtained from: www.groundstability.com

Conditions and/or reasons:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plan: Drawing No. 1 Figure 1 Site Location Plan, Figure 2 Proposed Site Plan and the drawing entitled 'Hingley Anchor, Netherton. Windlass Interpretation Elevation Drawing.
3. Notwithstanding the submitted details, development shall not commence until large scale architectural drawings (to a scale of not less than 1:20) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority of the interpretation panels and sculptures. The drawing shall include details of the proposed materials and finishes and the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.



Hingley Anchor, Netherton. Windlass Interpretation Elevation Drawing





LEGEND

Boundary

Site Boundary

X Proposed location of panel