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Tri Porteur

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FOI Request- Vauxhall Park Consultation re Column Uplighters 09/02510/RG3

Dear Tri Porteur,

I am writing in response to your FOI request regarding planning application 09/02510/RG3 which concerned the relandscaping of an area of Spring Gardens/Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens and the erection of two concrete columns.

I have answered your points below, and I have also appended the Officer's Report to this letter. The application was determined on the 15th December 2009 and was determined under delegated authority.

With regard to point A) of your request the following community groups were consulted on the application;

Association of Waterloo Groups
Vauxhall Society
Manor of Kennington Residents Association
Waterloo Action Centre
Waterloo Community Development Group (WCDG)
Kennington Association
Friends of Spring Gardens
Vision for Vauxhall

Regarding the public consultation (point B) the application was publicised within the South London Press on the 20th October 2009, letters were sent to 27 neighbouring properties on the 21st October 2009 and a site notice was erected on site on the 12th November 2009. All these consultation methods gave 21 days for comments, as such the consultation period ended on the 3rd December 2009.

With regard to point C, unfortunately the planning department does not request details of the costs of design, purchase, installation of columns and surrounding works of the subject application. I have contacted the department which applied for the development (Parks and Recreation) requesting this information however I have not yet received a response. I will continue to contact the department and once I receive the details I will forward these on to you. For your information the Applicant for the application was as follows;

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With regard to point D of your enquiry I do not have a record of 19 responses received as a result. The WCDG responded to the consultation with no comment and the Friends of Vauxhall Spring Gardens responded in support of the application. One letter of objection was received during the consultation period, this is summarised in the table below (copied from the Officer report);

Objection	Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The proposed line of trees to be planted near and adjacent to the fence line of the property at 350 Kennington Lane, could, dependant on what trees are planted and if no regular pruning or topping takes place, the growth of them will in the near future provide a climbing aid to assist access over the boundary fence with number 350 Kennington Lane, and will create hidden areas along the boundary fence with 350 Kennington Lane. It is suggested that no trees are planted along or adjacent to the fence, this would keep the openness of the area and reduce hidden areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is considered that whilst the planting of trees is part of the overall soft landscaping of the proposal, the planting of trees does not require planning permission and as the Council would be unable to sustain a reason for refusal on these grounds. However the objectors concerns are noted and it is considered appropriate to condition that dwarf trees are planted in this location. Lambeth's Crime Prevention Adviser did not have any objections to the application.

A further comment was received after the consultation period and did not reach the Case Officer until a decision had been made and as such was not considered as part of the assessment process. This comment asked for details when the consultation notices were displayed and requested that the mulberry trees at the entrance of the park were preserved or planted elsewhere.

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Thank you for your interest in Lambeth Council.

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