

Public Art Provision  
For Residential Development at

**Kingspark, Gilburn Road, Dundee**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

This Statement has been prepared to assist the Council in appointing an artist to deliver a scheme of public art into our housing development at Kingspark, Gilburn Road, Dundee.

Planning application ref: 17/00765/FULL was granted planning permission on appeal subject to 20 conditions.

Condition 2 states:

Prior to the commencement of work on site details of a scheme of public art to be provided within the development hereby approved shall be submitted to the Council for written approval. Thereafter, the approved scheme of public art shall be installed prior to the completion of the development hereby approved.

**Reason** - in the interests of enhancing the amenity and environmental quality of the development.

## **2.0 The Site & Surrounding Context**

The 2.85 hectare site is located to the south of Gillburn Road, 250 metres north of the Kingsway. The site formerly contained Kingspark School and associated playing fields. The school was demolished in 2013 and the site cleared. In recent years, the site has been used as informal open space by local residents.

There is a general change in level within the site which mainly comprises unkempt grassland. There are areas of raised land to the south, with a relatively level area towards the centre of the site and a gentle slope to the north. There are also areas of established trees to the east and west boundaries. Vehicle and pedestrian access to the site is currently from the north via Gillburn Road.

The site is bound to the north by Gillburn Road and to the west and south by residential properties. To the east lies St Pauls RC Academy and playing fields. The surrounding area is residential in character and includes a supermarket and leisure facilities.

To the immediate south of the site is a steeply sloping area of public open space that was formerly part of the Kingspark Primary School site. At present the open space is accessed from a lit pedestrian footpath that follows the eastern boundary of the site. The footpath links Gilburn Road and Foster Road.

### **3.0 The Proposed Development**

The proposed development involves the erection of 62 houses on the site, along with associated landscaping and infrastructure including access roads and drainage as illustrated by Figure 1: Site Layout Plan.

The proposal would provide a mixture of 3 and 4 bedroom detached and semi-detached dwellings of 2 storeys in height. The dwellings mainly address the proposed road network within the site which takes access from Gillburn road to the north.

**Figure 1: Site layout Plan**



The proposed layout includes a looped main access road with a cul-de-sac leading off it in the south western sector of the site. A SUDS area including detention basin is proposed to the north east of the site, directly to the south of Gillburn Road. A wooded area within the south east of the site is to be retained and areas of landscaping are proposed within the development. Footpaths are to be provided to connect the proposed houses with Gillburn Road and the open space to the south ensuring there is suitable pedestrian/cyclist access through the site.

There is an area of public open space surrounding the main access to the site. This area of the site is prominent within the context of the Gillburn Road streetscape and publicly visible. Of equal prominence is the pedestrian access from the proposed development to the retained area of public

open space to the south of the site. This location is overlooked by the principal elevations of the proposed housing located along the southern boundary of the site. This location forms a focal point in the vista created by the north to south aspect of the main road through the site. These locations are illustrated by Figure 2: Potential Locations for Public Art.

**Figure 2: Potential Locations for Public Art**



#### **4.0 Public Art**

Taking cognisance of the history of the application site and its significance to local children as a place of fun, friendship and growth we believe that any piece(s) of public art should be influenced by the aims and objectives of the surrounding educational institutions which include:

- To create a supportive & positive ethos
- To support each pupil to reach their full potential
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We believe that integral to achieving these aims and objective is a focus on growth which should influence the form of the piece(s) to be provided. Although budget constraints may restrict the number of pieces it is envisaged that a big and small theme supportive of the growth ethos of the education institutions surrounding the site would be put in place. A large piece at the site entrance on Gilburn road and a smaller piece by the pedestrian access at the southern end of the site.