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| Subject: | Listing of various structures |
| Date: | Tuesday, 19 th Mar 2024 |
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| Is this report restricted? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | Correspondence has been received from the Historic Environment Division (HED) regarding the proposed listing of the Gate Screens at Colenso Parade and University Road / Stranmillis Road, Botanic Gardens, Belfast. |
| 1.2 | Article 80 (3) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the HED to consult with the Council before placing any building on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest. The structures being considered are considered by HED to fall within the definition of the word 'building'; <i>"Listed building" is defined in section 80(7) (lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011: "(7) In this Act "listed building" means a building which is for the time being included in a list compiled under this section.</i> <i>"Building" is defined in section 250(1) (interpretation) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011. The term "building" includes any structure or erection, and any part of a building, as so defined, but does not include plant or machinery comprised in a building;</i> |
| 1.3 | Section 80 responsibilities for lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest: <i>80 — (1) The Department—</i> <i>(a) shall compile lists of buildings (which means structure/erection) of special architectural or historic interest; and</i> <i>(b) may amend any list so compiled.</i> |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | Committee is requested to: Consider the contents of Appendix 1 and if appropriate support the proposed listing of as detailed in paragraphs 3.5 of this report in respect of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gate Screen, at Colenso Parade, Botanic Gardens, Belfast; and• Gate Screen, at University Road / Stranmillis Road, Botanic Gardens, Belfast. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| 3.1 | <p>The Second Survey of all of Northern Ireland's building stock, is currently underway, to update and improve on the first List of buildings of special architectural or historic interest which began in 1974.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>In considering whether to include a building/structure as Listed, the Historic Environment Division (HED) takes into account the architectural and historic interest of a structure and is also given the power to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any respect in which its exterior contributes to the architectural or historic interest of any group of buildings of which it forms part; and • the desirability of preserving, on the ground of its architectural or historic interest, any feature of the building which consists of a manmade object or structure fixed to the building or which forms a part of the land and which is comprised within the curtilage of the building. |
| 3.3 | <p>Should the Department for Communities decide to list a property/structure, this places certain responsibility on the owner, for example, a listed building has to be maintained in a way appropriate to its character and cannot be altered or demolished without prior approval.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p>The summaries set out in Appendix 1 for the proposed listings are taken from the evaluation in the consultation report and details the main features alongside the recommended class of listing. The appendix also sets out the summary of the four categories (A to B2) for Listed Buildings in Northern Ireland under the ongoing work as part of the Second Survey.</p> |
| 3.5 | <p>The Department based on the completion of detailed surveys, is currently considering the listing the following structures and has requested the Council's view in relation to: (i) the Gate Screen and adjacent railings, at Colenso Parade, Botanic Gardens; and (ii) the Gate Screen and adjacent railings, at University Road / Stranmillis Road, Botanic Gardens, Belfast.</p> |
| 3.6 | <p>Internal consultations have been carried out and no adverse comments have been raised in relation to the proposed Listing it is therefore recommended that the Committee endorses the proposal from HED based on the assessments set out in Appendix 1.</p> |
| 3.7 | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> The Structures are in Council ownership. There may be implications in that any maintenance works would be required to preserve their special architectural and historic interest, and, if these would affect their character a Listed Building Consent application would be required.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None</p> |

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| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | APPENDIX 1: Structure Evaluations |