



Lancashire Gardens Trust
Conservation & Planning Group

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For the attention of Cerys Robinson, Development Control Division
By email only to planningandbuildingcontrol@liverpool.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application No: 18F/2654
To erect a private mausoleum within the cemetery; Allerton Cemetery,
Woolton Road, Liverpool L19. GT Reference: E18/1232

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens as per the above application. The Lancashire Gardens Trust (LGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites, and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

We have reviewed the application documentation, but not visited the site. It is noted that the application site occupies a prominent location within the Grade II Registered Allerton Cemetery, laid out by the City Engineer based on influence of contemporary European examples and opened in 1909. The current application concerns development within the central section of the Cemetery which is dominated by the three mortuary Chapels, the Anglican Chapel at the central avenue, the Non Conformist and Roman Catholic symmetrically arranged to the north and south respectively.

LGT objects to the current application for the following reasons:

It is not clear from the application documentation whether mausoleums already exist within Allerton Cemetery, or whether this current application is setting a precedent. There is no Design and Access Statement to give the context for the style, scale or siting of the structure.

The application plans indicate the proposed location of the mausoleum on one of the

curved driveways linking the central avenue to the Non Conformist Chapel. This is an important link and an intrinsic part of the symmetrical layout of the site. It is also in a very prominent location immediately visible from the central avenue. The application states that the location is on a 'cemetery roadway'. The photographs included with the application indicate that the site is beyond the tarmac roadway yet still within a more informal grass trackway which is indicated on all the historic OS plans. Perhaps there is a new masterplan for the revision of driveways but this is not clear. If this is the case, such a new design can be judged on its merits. However this would not be appropriate to be considered as part of this application. For present purposes, LGT regards the trackway as part of the design of the cemetery which should be retained.

It is not clear whether the location intended for the mausoleum actually been defined as a burial space by the City Council. We would hope not, in view of its significance in relation to the layout of the cemetery and the prominence of the site.

Subject to the comments on precedent above, LGT would not object to the principle of construction of a mausoleum, however in this instance where the structure is of modest materials such blockwork and render on its sides and rear a more discreet and screened location should be found. We therefore object to the application as submitted.

If there are any matters arising from this letter please contact me by email Stephen.e.robson@btinternet.com.

Yours faithfully

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