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Cultural Threads – Little Chester Storage Unit Concept

Purpose

- 1.1 As part of OCORs Cultural Threads – Heritage and Interpretation programme:
A planning application proposal for a storage unit (21/01918/FUL) was submitted and Conservation and Heritage Advisory Committee were consulted in their meeting 2nd December 2021. They resolved that further information was needed in terms information on detail, heritage interpretation, artwork, and presentation of information to be considered at a future meeting. This report is to give members of the committee chance to see the details put forward and formally record responses to proposed detailed designs by Artist Tim Clapcott and includes attachment provided.

Recommendation

- 2.1 That the detailed design information Members of Committee be given the opportunity to comment on emerging design proposals.

Reason

- 3.1 To record a collective response formally so it can be considered as part of an on-going public art consultation process and alongside planning conditions (21/01918/FUL).

Supporting information

- 4.1 Design work is underway for the design of the decoration and cladding for the storage unit on Parkers Piece. An Artist's public consultation is also underway, and CHAC are invited to look at the emerging designs and give their response.

The submitted information includes the artist's inspiration and concept drawings with dimensions, as well as detailed design options of materials and finish for all panels that are to be installed.

This is the first stage of our plans to provide a comprehensive trail of sculptural interpretation focusing on the riches of Little Chester roman and industrial history, World Heritage Site (WHS) and conservation area.

The DCC Public Art officer, OCOR's Archaeologist, DCC Parks, a representative from Historic England, the Environment Agency and DCC Conservation Officer have

been consulted on suitable locations for interpretation around the Little Chester area have been identified which best;

- highlight the significance of the site,
- Inform visitors that they have arrived at a place of significance,
- offer informed views around the site,
- Provide information and interpretation of interesting or significant features minimise the impact on buried archaeology, the setting of the Scheduled Monuments and Listed Structures, the Little Chester conservation area and World Heritage Site which reside within the flood zone.

Please see the details of proposals in Appendix 1.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 None.

Other options

6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None.

Legal implications

8.1 None.

Climate implications

9.1 None.

Other significant implications

10.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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| Background papers: | |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Background information and draft proposals |