Recovered appeal: land at and adjacent to, Hulton Park, Manchester Road, Over Hulton, Bolton (ref: 3208426 - 30 July 2020)

Correspondence

Decision letter and Inspector's Report for a recovered appeal.

Documents

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Details

Decision letter and Inspector's Report for a recovered appeal:

Part A: a full planning application for:

- restoration works to Hulton Park and various existing structures and heritage assets within it, including the pleasure grounds, dovecote, walled garden and lakes
- and for the development of a golf resort, including:
 - ∘ an 18-hole championship-grade golf course and clubhouse
 - a golf academy including driving range, practice course, adventure golf course and academy building with sports and learning facilities, a golf shop and café
 - o a hotel with adjoining spa and conference facility
 - other ancillary buildings, structures and engineering and landscape works, including a maintenance building, halfway house, highway accesses, highway underpass, various bridges, boundary treatments, internal access roads, external lighting, parking areas, and new

- and replacement landscaping
- the demolition of various existing buildings and structures
- and, where applicable, the re-routing, upgrading and extension of the Public Rights of Way network; and

Part B: an outline application for:

• the residential development of 56.03 hectares of land providing up to 1,036 dwellings, a local centre, and, where applicable, the re-routing, upgrading and extension of the Public Rights of Way network, with all matters reserved except for (in part) highways

Listed building consent application for the restoration of a Grade II Listed dovecote.

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British Airways restarts flights to Pakistan

British Airways has announced it will resume flight operations to Pakistan from the UK, signalling the continued importance of ties between the two countries.

The airline today said it would start direct flights three times a week to and from Heathrow Airport and Islamabad. The first flight will land in Islamabad on 14 August, and will be taking extra precautionary measures for the safety of its crew and passengers.

Today's announcement is another important step in reconnecting the trade ties and people-to-people ties between the UK and Pakistan.

Due to COVID-19, passengers will be required to wear masks and will have access to hand sanitisers during the flight. Crew members will wear masks during the flight. There are also extra measures in place at airports to ensure travellers stay safe.

The British High Commissioner Dr Christian Turner CMG, said this was an important moment for UK-Pakistan links:

The resumption of British Airways direct flights is a big boost for the hundreds of thousands of travellers who travel regularly between our two great nations, many who have had their travel plans disrupted by the pandemic. I'd like to thank to the Government of Pakistan, British Airways and my team in Pakistan who have worked

hard to deliver this welcome news.

Moran Birger, Head of Sales, Asia Pacific and the Middle East at British Airways, said:

We are pleased to once again provide a service between Pakistan and the UK. We know many of our customers in both countries have been waiting to be reunited with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming them back onboard.

British Airways direct flights restarted in June 2019 after a break of 10 years. The carrier first flew to Islamabad in 1976.

From London Heathrow the flights will be on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, departing at 20:30 and arriving in Islamabad at 04:20. From Islamabad flights will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, departing at 06:15 and arriving in London at 15:00.

Notes to Editors:

- For more information on BA's new safety procedures, please visit here
- Customers travelling can expect bespoke services to enhance the on-board experience including a halal meal option in every cabin, while the airline will also ensure sauces in every meal do not include alcohol or pork. As with any British Airways flight, customers can also pre-order a range of special meal options including vegetarian and vegan options.
- The Boeing 787 is British Airways' newest long-haul aircraft that is 20 per cent more fuel efficient than other aircraft and features larger windows, mood lighting and the latest inflight entertainment system. The lower cabin pressure means customers step off the flight feeling fresh.

For updates on the British High Commission, please follow our social media channels:

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More than 4,000 extra police officers to fight crime as recruitment

continues

Police forces have recruited an additional 4,336 officers as part of the government's campaign to put 20,000 extra officers on the streets, figures published today (30 July) show.

Since the start of the campaign, 9,327 officers have joined police forces. 4,336 were recruited specifically as part of the uplift programme, with others joining forces through locally funded recruitment or back filling leavers.

This means forces are on their way to meeting the first target of 6,000 additional officers in England and Wales by March 2021.

The Prime Minister and Home Secretary visited North Yorkshire police force this morning to meet some of the new recruits.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said:

When I became Prime Minister I made a commitment to the police that they would always have my backing and we would recruit more officers, cut crime and make your streets safer.

Just over one year on we are already delivering on our promise, with over 4,000 new officers already, meaning we're ahead of track on our plans to recruit 20,000 in the next three years.

As we've seen from the frontline response to the coronavirus, the work of each and every police officer helps to save lives and I would like to extend my gratitude to them, and to the new recruits, for joining the service and being a part of this heroic effort.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

We are delivering on the people's priorities — putting more police officers on the streets to cut crime and keep us safe.

Our brave police officers have gone above and beyond during the coronavirus pandemic, clearly inspiring many others to join them.

My support for them remains unwavering — they deserve our utmost gratitude and respect.

Separately, the Home Office has published its bi-annual Police Workforce statistics. This publication shows that the police workforce has grown by 5% compared to 31 March 2019. This includes the largest annual increase in officer numbers since 2003 2004.

The workforce statistics also show that forces are becoming more diverse and representative of the communities they serve. The figures showed the highest proportion of black, Asian and minority ethnic officers, as well as female officers, since records began.

But there is still more to do. The Home Secretary is today writing to forces, praising them for their recruitment progress but urging them to fully utilise the opportunity presented by the uplift campaign to continue to diversify the police workforce.

Recruitment has continued at pace during the coronavirus pandemic, with forces adopting innovative solutions to bring in new talent.

The College of Policing has developed an online assessment centre, allowing forces to assess candidates without the need for face-to-face contact.

The digital platform is already being used in 30 forces and will expand across the remaining forces during the next three months.

As the UK carefully begins to open up again, emergency COVID-19 guidance issued by the College of Policing to ensure safe recruitment processes will be reviewed at the end of September.

Chief Constable Mike Cunningham, CEO of the College of Policing, said:

The figures released today demonstrate policing's ongoing commitment to bringing additional officers into the service.

The new officers recruited through this campaign will ease the pressure on our existing workforce, help us to reduce crime and improve outcomes for victims, whilst helping us to improve the diversity of our staff.

The College of Policing's new national entry routes into policing are being implemented by forces across England and Wales and will ensure that those joining the service are trained to consistently high standards so they are equipped to meet the challenges and complexity of modern policing.

National Police Chiefs' Council Chair, Martin Hewitt, said:

4,336 extra officers puts us well on our way to achieving our ambition of 6,000 additional officers by March 2021. These officers are very much welcomed.

Even during the height of the COVID-19 challenge, forces have continued to recruit and train new officers. We are not complacent and our focus remains on the recruitment challenge of attracting those who are currently underrepresented to consider a career with us.

Association of Policing and Crime Commissioners Chair Paddy Tipping said:

Police and Crime Commissioners are committed to meeting the targets for the recruitment of police officers established by the Police Uplift Programme.

It is testament to the hard work of the police service, both locally and nationally, that the service is on track to meet these targets while some forces have already met their target for 20/21, some eight months ahead of schedule, this despite the undoubted difficulties caused by COVID-19.

Police and Crime Commissioners will be developing their discussions with chief constables about uplift and continuing the conversation about recruiting police officers that are representative of the communities they serve.

The recruitment drive is at the centre of the government's commitment to back the police with more resources, powers and support to keep communities safe.

Other steps taken to support the police include the biggest funding boost in a decade, with up to £1.1 billion more going into policing compared to last year.

The government has also launched a consultation on doubling the maximum sentence for those who assault emergency service workers, meaning a stronger deterrent and better protection for police.

We will also seek to legislate for a Police Covenant to provide better support and protection for police and their families.

For more information see join the police.

The full publications can be viewed at the following links:

Foreign Secretary's statement on Hong Kong election disqualifications

Press release

Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, responds to the disqualification of 12 opposition candidates from the upcoming Hong Kong Legislative Council elections.



Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, said:

I condemn the decision to disqualify opposition candidates from standing in Hong Kong's Legislative Council elections.

It is clear they have been disqualified because of their political views, undermining the integrity of 'One Country, Two Systems' and the rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Joint Declaration and Hong Kong's Basic Law.

The Hong Kong authorities must uphold their commitments to the people of Hong Kong.

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Ian Duddy arrives to lead the British Embassy team in Chile

World news story

Mr Ian Duddy has been appointed Ambassador to the Republic of Chile in succession to Mr Jamie Bowden.



HM Ambassador Mr Ian Duddy

Mr Duddy's priorities will be focused on UK-Chile co-operation in response to the Coronavirus crisis, including efforts for a clean, resilient global economic recovery and promoting meaningful action to tackle climate change in the lead-up to the COP26 UN climate conference hosted in Glasgow in November 2021 by the UK in partnership with Italy.

His work will also include promotion of trade and investment, defence and security cooperation and science and innovation.

Ian joined the Diplomatic Service in 2000 and most recently worked as British Ambassador to Uruguay from 2016-2020.

Ian has also worked overseas in Geneva, covering human rights, and in Buenos Aires, as a political officer. In other roles in London, Ian has worked on EU affairs, counter narcotics and economic policies.

Regarding his appointment, Mr Duddy said:

I am delighted to start my new role in Chile, one of the UK's oldest friends. I feel hugely privileged to inherit the legacy of a very old, strong and warm relationship. Chile and the UK share so many values. We both believe in free trade and international cooperation, supported by a rules based system.

This is an especially exciting moment for the UK-Chile partnership, with unique opportunities to strengthen ties and collaboration, especially in the response to the Coronavirus crisis and our joint ambition to tackle climate change and promote a science-led, clean and green recovery across the whole planet.

Further information

If you want to know more about HM Ambassador, Mr Ian Duddy, please contact the Embassy's Communications Office.

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