

**The Thorney Island Society's Objection to the Planning Application**  
**Bomber Command Memorial, The Green Park**  
**Westminster and National Policies**

We have taken the description and references to Westminster's and National Policies from the notes included in the Planning Appraisal by RadcliffesLeBrasseur, dated 5th February 2010. We are lead to believe that this covers the principal policies that are relevant to the Application; the description is material to the discussion, and relevant to our Objection to the Applicant's Proposals.

**Unitary Development Plan**

The site lies within The Royal Parks Conservation Area.  
It is also Metropolitan Open Land

**UDP Policy DES 12 - Open Spaces**

advises that development will only be permitted adjacent to open spaces which --

- 1 safeguard their appearance, wider setting and ecological value
- 2 preserve their historic integrity
- 3 protect views into and out of these spaces
- 4 will not project above existing tree or building lines
- 5 that permission will not be granted where open spaces form an important element of the landscape, or
- 6 are characteristic features of the Conservation Area, or
- 7 provide the setting of a listed building, or
- 8 are of significant ecological value,
- 9 advises against development in Open Spaces unless amongst other things, the development enhances the land as "valuable open space"

**Policy ENV 14 and 15**

- 1 advises against the grant of consent when developments would have an adverse impact on the setting of or harm views into or out of Metropolitan Open Land

**Policy ENV 16**

- 1 recognises the importance of trees in Conservation Areas,
- 2 advises at (D) that "new proposals for tree planting and shrubbery should respect the historic character, views and settings of buildings,
- 3 be appropriate to the location and consider their contribution to biodiversity.

**Supplementary Planning Documents**

**Westminster Open Spaces Strategy 2007**

- 1 This Strategy stresses the importance of open spaces and draws upon central government advice PPG 17, which emphasises the need to protect open space and improve access (page 34)

**Monuments and Statues**

- 1 advises that memorials should not normally be erected within 10 years of the commemoration event
- 2 advises that within the saturation zone, (in which the proposal is located ) new statues and monuments "will not be permitted unless there is an exceptionally good reason"
- 3 advises adequate funding for the maintenance should be provided, over a 33 year period.

**Central Government Advice**

**PPS 15**

- 1 advises that developments within Conservation Areas should preserve or enhance them

For and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society  
*Tom Ball 26.3.10*

