



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Planning Committee

16 April 2026



S26/0363

Proposal:	Low pressure cleaning of statues excluding plinth.
Location:	Guildhall Arts Centre, St Peter's Hill, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PY
Applicant:	South Kesteven District Council
Application Type:	Listed Building Consent
Reason for Referral to Committee:	South Kesteven District Council is the applicant
Key Issues:	Impact on listed building
Technical Documents:	Design and Access Statement, Location Plan

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Corporate Priority:	Decision type:	Wards:
Growth	Regulatory	Grantham St Wulfram's

Reviewed by:

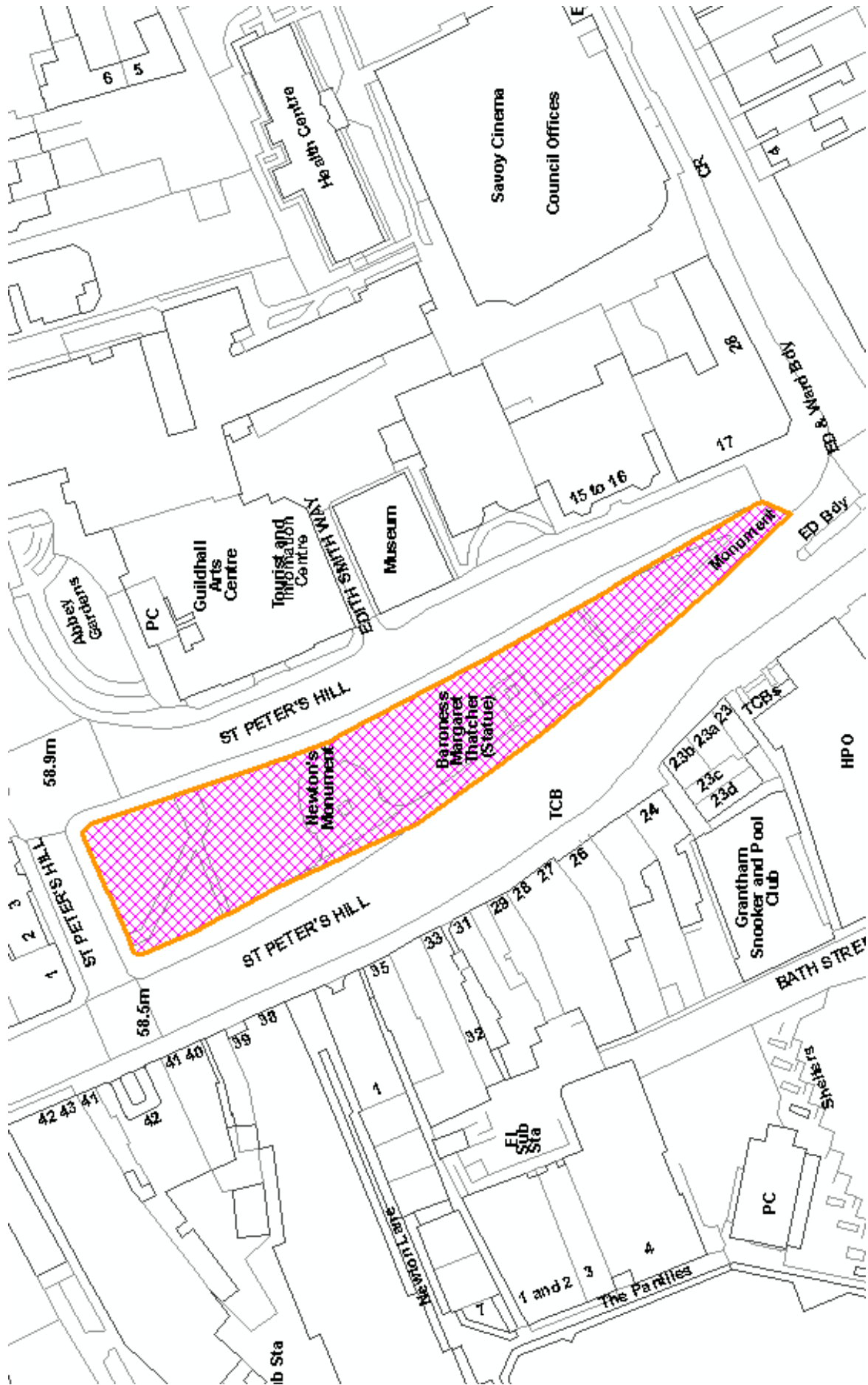
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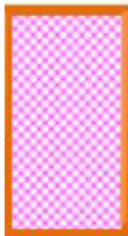
Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

To authorise the Assistant Director for Planning & Growth to APPROVE listed building consent subject to conditions

S26/0363– Statues at St Peter’s Hill, Grantham



Application Boundary



1 Description of Site

- 1.1 The application site comprises 2 statues which are Grade II Listed: the Statue of Sir Isaac Newton (NHLE 1261634) and The Statue of Honourable Frederick James Tollemache (NHLE 1360283). The site is located within the Grantham town centre, which falls within the Civic Centre Character Area of the Grantham Conservation Area.

2 Description of proposal

This application is seeking Listed Building Consent for the DOFF cleaning of the bronze statues, which uses lower pressure steam, without the use of chemicals to avoid unnecessary harm to the historic fabric.

3 Relevant History

N/A

4 Policy Considerations

- 4.1 **South Kesteven Local Plan 2011-2016 (Adopted January 2020)**
Policy EN6 – The Historic Environment
Policy DE1 – Promoting Good Quality Design
- 4.2 **Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven Supplementary Planning Document (Adopted November 2021)**
- 4.3 **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (Adopted December 2023)**
Section 16 – Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

5 Representations Received

- 5.1 **Grantham Town Council**
We have no objections to the proposal and trust the planning officer's expertise in making an appropriate decision.

6 Representations as a Result of Publicity

The application has been advertised in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and no letters of representation have been received.

7 Evaluation

- 7.1 Section 36(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that the Local Planning Authority makes decisions in accordance with the adopted Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Council adopted the South Kesteven Local Plan 2011-2036 on 30 January 2020, and this forms the development plan for the District and is the basis for decision-making in South Kesteven.

7.2 In addition, the Local Planning Authority have adopted a Design Guidelines Supplementary Planning Document (Adopted November 2021) and this document is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

7.3 The policies and provisions set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (“the Framework”) (Updated February 2025) are also a relevant material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

7.4 **Impact on heritage assets**

7.5 The Local Planning Authority is required to ensure that special regard to preserving the Listed Buildings and their settings in relation to Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (the 'Act'). No harm should be caused with the historical assets and their surroundings requiring to be preserved or enhanced.

7.6 Furthermore, the importance of considering the impact of development on the significance of designated heritage assets is expressed in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF advises that development and alterations to designated assets and their settings can cause harm. These policies ensure the protection and enhancement of the historic buildings and environments. Proposals that preserve those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to or better reveal the significance should be treated favourably.

7.7 Policy EN6 of the SKDC Local Plan (The Historic Environment) states amongst other criteria that the Council will seek to protect and enhance heritage assets and their settings, in keeping with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework. Proposals will be expected to take into account the Conservation Area Appraisals, where these have been adopted by the Council.

7.8 The cleaning process proposed is to be undertaken without the use of chemical which could negatively impact upon the fabric. There is the potential for the works to remove the existing patina, which would need to be re-applied as final step of the cleaning process to avoid oxidation of the bronze. This step is to be ensured by the provision of a detailed methodology by the contractor. Such type of cleaning of statues is not considered to result in harm to the overall structure. As such, the proposed works would not be considered to result in harm to the significance of the statues.

7.9 The works are considered to preserve the heritage asset by maintaining the material in good condition and preserving the historic fabric. As such, the proposed works would preserve the character and appearance of the listed structure and accords with Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Policy DE1 and EN6 of the South Kesteven Local Plan, and Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

8 **Conclusion**

8.1 Taking the above into account, it is considered that the proposal would preserve the character and appearance of the listed statues in accordance with the Act, the NPPF Section 16, and Policies DE1 and EN6 of South Kesteven's Local Plan.

9 **Recommendation**

- 9.1 To authorise the Assistant Director for Planning & Growth to APPROVE listed building consent subject to the following conditions:

Time Limit for Commencement

- 1 The works hereby consented shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this consent.

Reason: In order to ensure that the works are commenced in a timely manner, as set out in Sections 18 and 74 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

Approved Plans

- 2 The works hereby consented shall be carried out in accordance with the following list of approved plans and reports:
 - i) Location Plan received 02 March 2026
 - ii) Design and Access Statement received 02 March 2026Unless otherwise required by another condition of this permission.

Reason: To define the permission and for the avoidance of doubt.

Prior to Commencement

- 3 Prior to any works being undertaken, a detailed methodology for the proposed cleaning shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that appropriate methods are utilised in treating the historic fabric in accordance with Policy EN6 and DE1 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

- 4 The works proposed shall have been completed in accordance with the approved methodology.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory preservation of this listed building and in accordance with Policy EN6 of the adopted South Kesteven Local Plan.

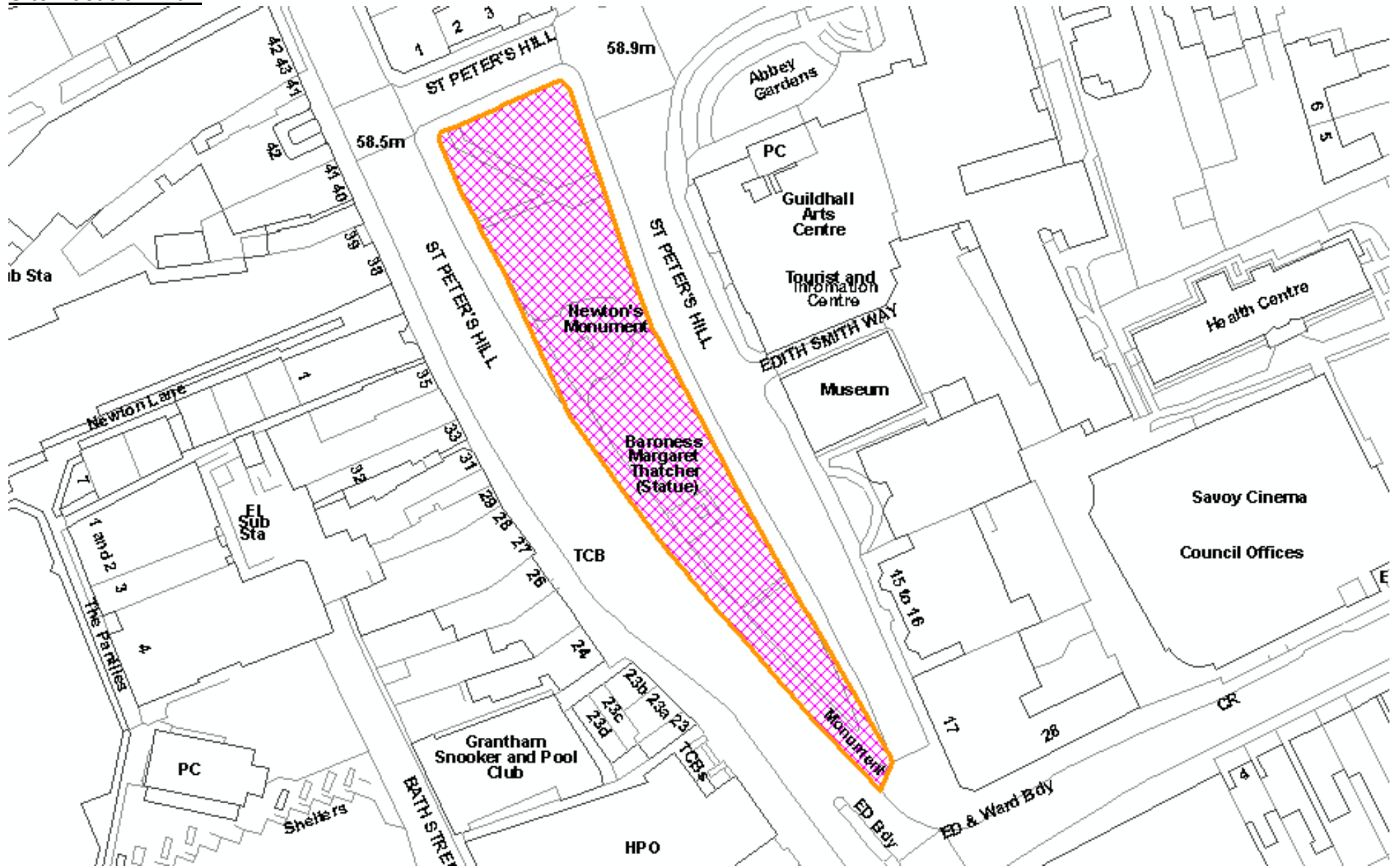
Standard Note(s) to Applicant

In reaching the decision the Council has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner by determining the application without undue delay. As such, it is considered that the decision is in accordance with Paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Financial Implications reviewed by:

Legal Implications reviewed by:

Site Location Plan



Existing photographs
Statue of Isaac Newton



Statue of Frederick James Tollemache

