PLANNING COMMITTEE 2 SEPTEMBER 2013

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Correspondence received and matters arising following preparation of the Agenda

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Ladymount, Clydesdale Road

- Concern has been raised that the proposed 5m light columns are inconsistent with the 4m columns being used elsewhere by the University. The agent has advised that at 5m high, fewer light columns can be used as they spread the light a little further.
- 2. Revised plans have been received for application 13/3135/03, confirming that staggered gates are proposed near to Ladymount as well as near to the junction with Highcroft.
- 3. In response to a query about whether the staggered gates near Ladymount are necessary, the applicant's agent has advised that the purpose is to increase safety by reducing vehicle/pedestrian/cycle conflict.
- 4. The agent is reviewing a suggestion that the gates need to be a minimum of 3.1m apart for emergency vehicle access. If this is found to be necessary, the plans will be modified accordingly.
- 5. The agent has raised concern about a suggested condition requiring that the gates are never locked so that the route is always available to vehicles in an emergency situation. It is suggested by the agent that there may be a need to lock the gates in the future if they are found to be regularly left open.
- 6. Notwithstanding the agent's response above, it is considered to be desirable that the gates are always openable for emergency access. Their closure should be a management issue. An additional condition is recommended to deal with this. If this is found to be a problem in due course, the University has the option to apply to remove or vary the condition.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE application 13/3135/03 subject to the conditions set out in the main report and the following additional condition:

4) The staggered gates hereby approved shall not be locked or prevented from opening at any time. **Reason**: To ensure that the route remains available to motor vehicles in an emergency.

APPROVE application 13/3136/03 subject to the conditions set out in the main report.