Consultation Response from KC, Conservation & Design
2024/91116 Crow Nest Park, Heckmondwike Road, Dewsbury Moor, Dewsbury, WF13 2SG
Removal of bandstand on Longcauseway and re-erection of bandstand at Crow Nest Park (Listed Building)
Date Responded: 04.06.2024 **Responding Officer: S Pickles** **Responding Ref:**

The application relates to the Grade II Registered Park and Garden, Crow Nest Park. Crow Nest was registered in 2001. The Park and Garden in 2001. Crow Nest is a Public Park which was the design of Borough Engineer in the early 1890s and incorporates features of the grounds of an earlier Country House.

To the south of Park and Garden is the Grade II Crow Nest House. The Gardens also include the Grade II Coach House to Crow Nest House, Grade II South African War Memorial and Grade II First and Second World War Memorial. The Gatepiers and Gates at Boothroyd Gate, Burgh Lane and West Town Gate are also Listed at Grade II.

The Park is an interesting example of a former Country House, Crown Nest House, grounds which were adapted and evolved into a Public Park and Gardens, retaining the features of the House gardens and incorporating additional elements and designs alongside, harmonising the longstanding features and adding in landscaping and features which continued the design.

To the centre of the Gardens is the location of a historic Bandstand. The Bandstand is shown on the 1907 OS maps. Historic archive photos show a highly ornate cast or wrought iron stand. At some point in the late 20th century, the original stand was removed, but the foundations were left in place.

The proposals being considered under this application are to relocate a contemporary Bandstand from the centre of Dewsbury to the foundations of the former stand in Crow Nest Park and Garden.

The bandstand is very modest in form with a simple metal finished roof and open metal lattice sides. It is also of a lesser height than that of the former historic stand. While this will see a more contemporary feature added, it does continue the historic position and use of the Bandstand in this location within Crow Nest. It would also require minimal to no intervention to place the stand in position.

Conservation and Design would not object to the proposal and consider that it would have a neutral impact on the Grade II Crow Nest Park and Garden.

The only element which requires consideration is the proposed colour scheme. This is discussed in the submitted Design and Access Statement. We consider that if there is no current agreement on colour then a condition should be attached that once the Bandstand is in place, details should be submitted for the proposed colour scheme, which can then be approved.