

ADDENDUM REPORT PLANNING COMMITTEE 16th
DECEMBER 2010

Item: 6.6 & 6.7

Site: Land North of Student Car Park, Paradise Road

Site: Ref: 10/00594/FUL & 10/00595/CAC

Applicant: Scott Wilson

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Additional LOR from Stoke Damerel Conservation Society -

The Society wrote to you earlier in the year, regarding the proposal to use part of the old railway land for 14 allotments. We were in general agreement that this would be an acceptable use of the land providing that most of the trees were retained. It is still felt that the trees are an essential component of this visually important site: boarding Stoke Damerel Churchyard to the southeast and Fitzroy Road/Terrace to the north west.

Recently , a contractor has felled some of the dead trees along the Fitzroy Terrace boundary and the continuing preservation of the living trees discussed with the Planning Department's tree expert , Mr Chris Knapman. The felling of some of the dead trees has made it easier to see the site as a whole. This site is a deep railway cutting shaded by numerous trees and does not strike us as the most suitable place to grow vegetables.

The Society has concluded that carefully planned, unobtrusive and well maintained allotments would be acceptable, providing that most of the trees are protected. We would not support the extensive removal of trees from the site to provide a relatively small number of allotments, as this would change the character of the surrounding urban landscape.

In arriving at a decision , we hope that serious consideration is given to the importance of conservation within the City in particular, the significance of this site , rich in wild life.