

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2018/19  
Decision No.  
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### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 3 September 2018

<b>Portfolio</b>	Policy and Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Daedalus Gate Guardian</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to advise members of a proposal to erect a landmark piece of public art, known as a Gate Guardian, by the Peel Common roundabout at Daedalus. It will then seek approval for funding of the project through developer contributions.

Since the purchase of Daedalus from the Homes and Community Agency in 2015, the site has become the largest employment site in the area and is a hub for aviation, education, engineering and innovation. There has also been a growing community involvement at the site.

As part of IFA2 project National Grid agreed to fund a package of community facilities at Daedalus, such as a play area and a large area of open space, known as Daedalus Common. In addition to attracting businesses, this open space will provide many benefits for the local community to enjoy.

These developments are giving Daedalus a unique character, and public art is a proven way to provide a landmark that encapsulates the character of a site and promotes its brand. It can also help to attract businesses and enrich local communities.

A contribution of £100,000 has been secured through the Section 2016 Agreement with the National Grid for the provision of large pieces of public art, known as gate guardians.

There is now an opportunity to create and site a large gate guardian, on Daedalus Common, in a visible position, by the busy Peel Common roundabout.

The guardian would be on land that would accommodate public open space, so would be accessible to all. A proposed design, based on the Greek myth of Daedalus has been developed. The design complements the Daedalus brand, and would provide an inspiring landmark that would be associated with the site for generations to come.

**Options Considered:**

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor J S Forrest addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to erect a large and distinctive piece of public art known as a 'Gate Guardian' at Daedalus; and
- (b) a budget of £100,000, to be paid by developer contributions from National Grid.

**Reason:**

To create a distinctive landmark that would promote the unique Daedalus brand to visitors, businesses and residents.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)  
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