

PROPOSED HOCKLEY WAR MEMORIAL

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Hockley Parish Council has applied to the Council to erect a war memorial on the highway in front of Woodlands Parade at Southend Road, Hockley. The precise location and dimensions of the memorial are set out in the appendices attached to this report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A letter from the Parish dated 11th March 2008, containing the following extracts, explains the reasoning behind the proposed memorial:-
- Hockley has never had a formal war memorial and residents have requested in considerable numbers that a memorial commemorating those local residents who have given their lives in service for the country should be erected. It will ensure that the names of the fallen are never forgotten.
 - The Parish Council held a 'Hockley at War' day on VE day in 2005. The whole day was set aside in the Parish Hall with numerous exhibits and was extremely well attended by several hundred people, all of whom were surveyed relative to the provision of a war memorial in Hockley. The response was overwhelming and, from that day forward, the Parish Council began this project.
 - The memorial, as shown in the plans forwarded to you, will be used on Remembrance Sunday each year for a small commemorative service. The location for the memorial was in general chosen by the survey and Parish Council members due to it being close to the town centre and in a relatively secure position behind railings that will prevent danger from the main road during the service.
 - The location is prominent in Hockley and can be viewed on a daily basis by members of the public who pass and wish to identify those who have fallen. It is also intended that in future, the design and layout will allow for additional names to be added should it ever be appropriate.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Section 42 of the Public Health Amendment Act 1890 permits a district council to authorise the erection of memorials. However, where the memorial is to be sited on the public highway, the district will first require the consent of Highways Authority before it can itself grant authorisation.
- 3.2 Essex County Council as the Highway Authority granted consent to Rochford District Council on 12th February 2008. Consent was given subject to a

number of conditions, which included (but were not limited to) maintenance and insurance obligations.

- 3.3 If the Council resolves to grant authorisation to the Parish, then this will be subject to the Parish entering into an agreement with the Council, which shall replicate the same conditions contained in the above-mentioned consent. This will have the effect of passing on all of the obligations imposed by the County on this Council (i.e. maintenance, insuring etc), onto the Parish.
- 3.4 In addition to the authorisation and consent referred to above, the proposed memorial must be acceptable in planning terms. The Planning and Transportation division has confirmed that this particular proposal would enjoy permitted development rights, namely under Class A(b) of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 ("GPDO"). This allows "...similar structure...required in connection with a public service", so long as the structure does not exceed certain tolerances, such as height. The proposal falls within the GPDO and does not therefore require formal planning permission.
- 3.5 The Planning and Transportation division has also made reference to the Hockley Town Centre Master Plan. Although, this is at an early stage, it has been confirmed that the proposed monument would not conflict with any known issues or proposals.
- 3.6 The Parish has confirmed that it has obtained the necessary consents from the appropriate statutory undertakers, whose interests will not be affected by the proposed monument or the works to erect it. The Parish has also employed the services of a structural engineer, who will oversee the erection of the monument and will ensure that it is structurally sound.
- 3.7 If authorisation is granted, the Parish has indicated that it intends to commence works as soon as possible.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If Members resolve to grant authorisation to the Parish, this will be subject to the Parish entering into an agreement with the Council. The agreement will ensure that any risk arising from the monument will fall on the Parish.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The monument may be subject to graffiti, vandalism and littering. Again, the responsibility for its maintenance and cleaning will be the responsibility of the Parish.

6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Parish will be responsible for the monument's construction, its upkeep and any liability arising from it.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Board **RESOLVES** to grant approval for the erection of the war memorial subject to the Parish entering into an agreement with the Council as outlined in the report and on such other terms and conditions as the Head of Legal Services deems appropriate.

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Background Papers:-

- Site Location Plan A
- Site Location Plan B
- Drawing C
- Drawing D

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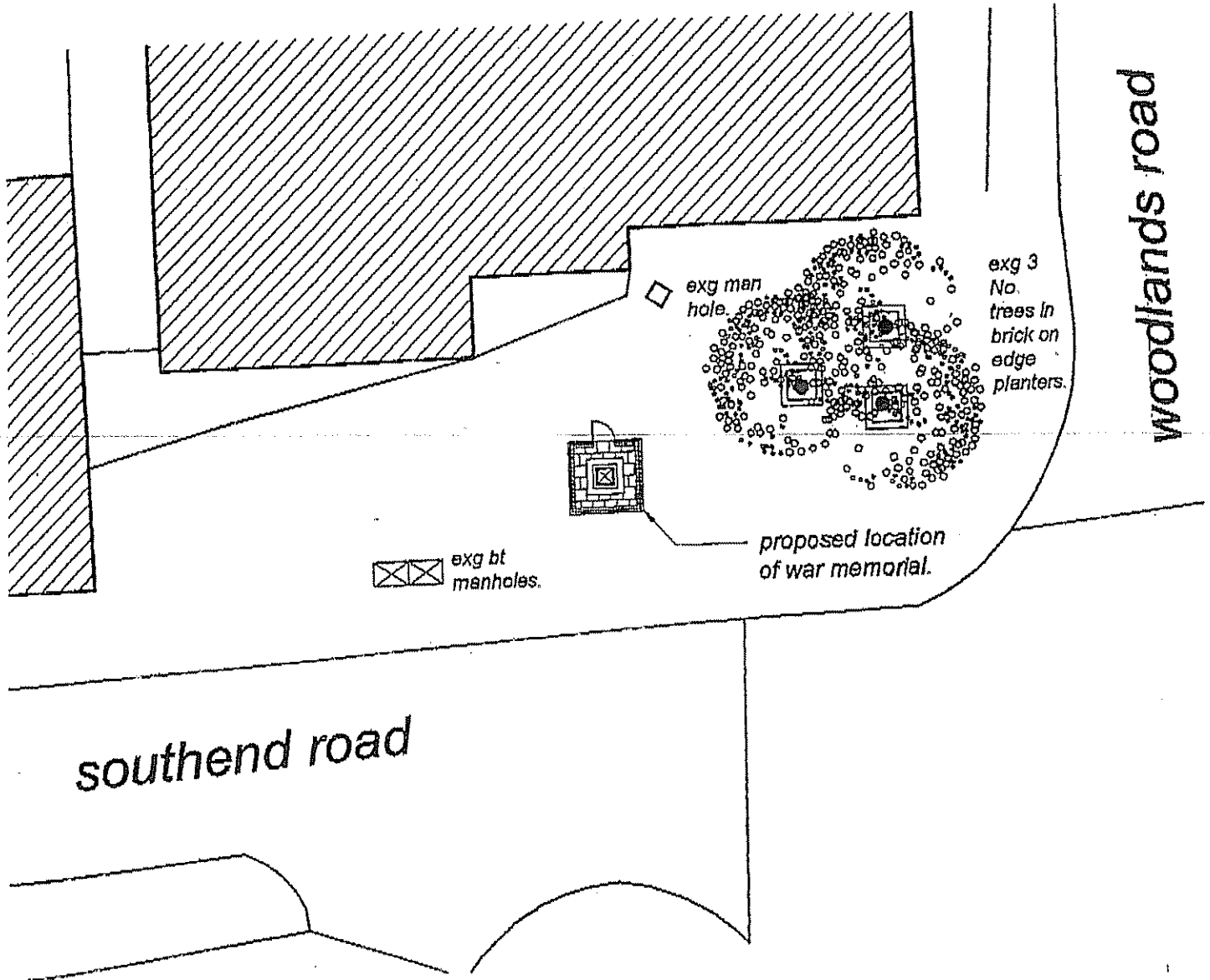
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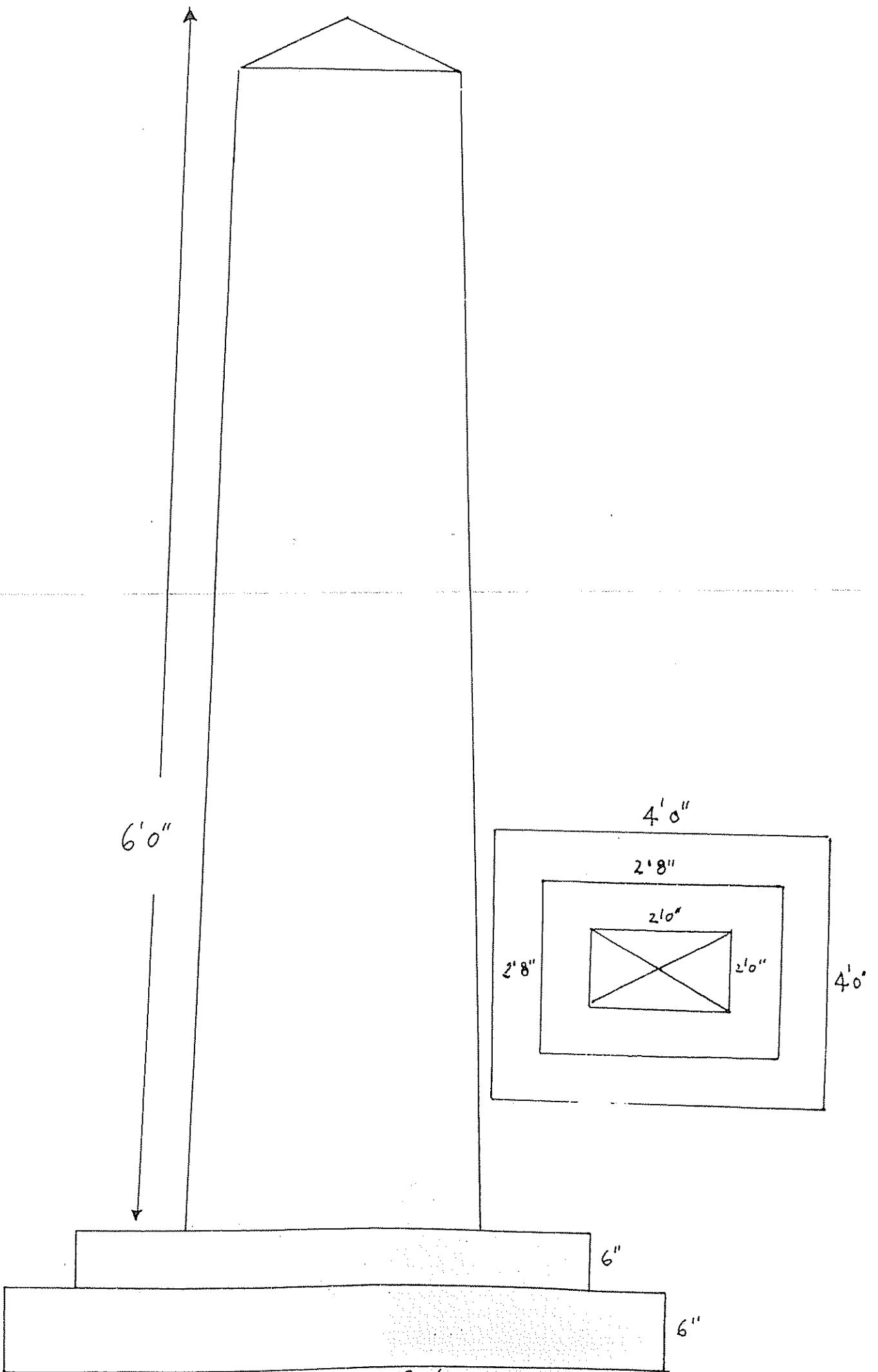
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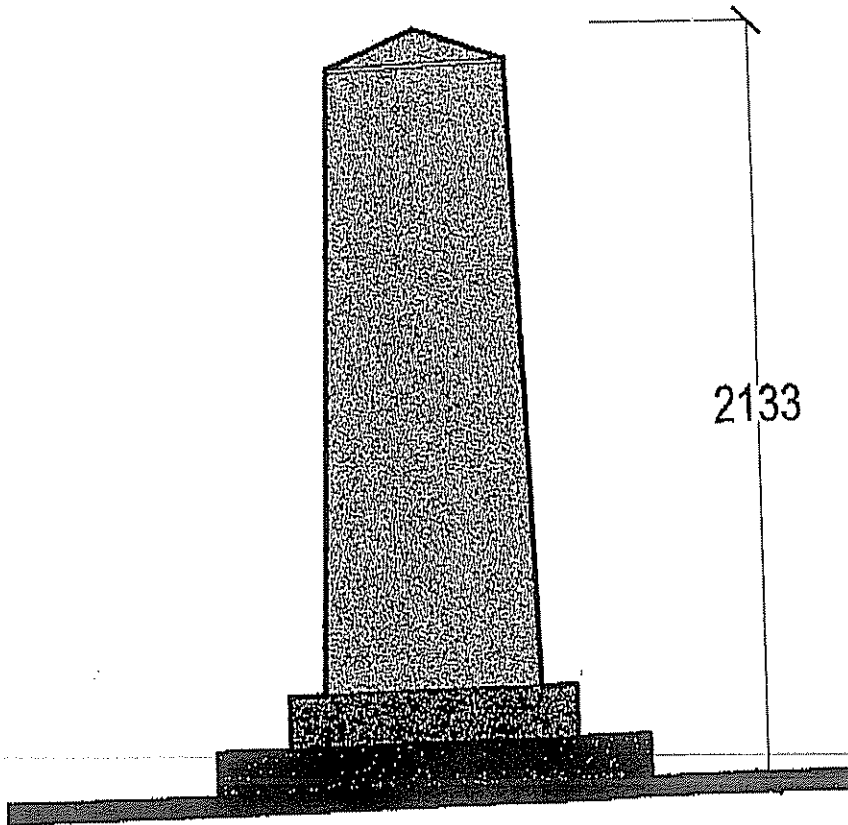
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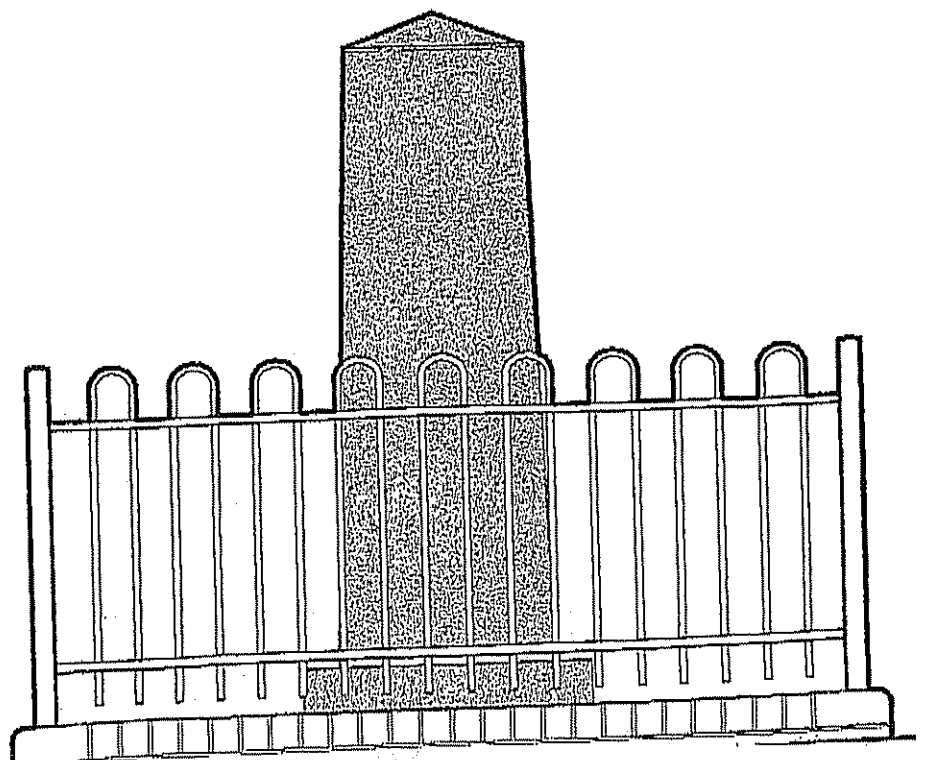
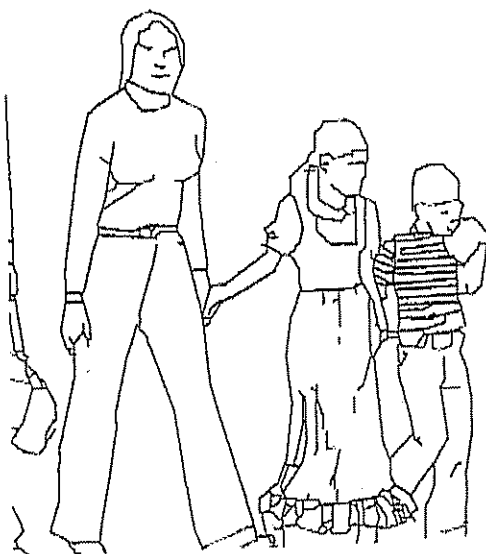
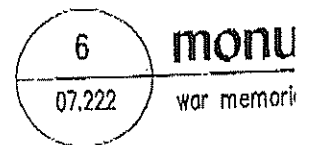
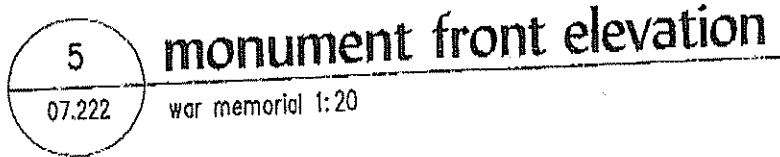


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DRAWING C



Metal railings to be 900mm high, tubular bow top with vandal proof connections. Galvanised finish to BS 1461. Colour coating to approved shade. Posts to be set in concrete 700mm @ 2.3m centres. Tube space 119mm giving 100mm gap



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