# MINUTES OF THE 93<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (HCC) HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021.

#### A. Proposals:

## Item No.1: Proposal for Development/Redevelopment of Central Vista Avenue, Landscape restoration of Rajpath and its adjoining lawns from Vijay Chowk to India Gate.

1. The proposal forwarded by the CPWD (online) scrutinized by the HCC and a detailed discussion held with the proponent and representative of the architect who provided clarifications to the queries of the Members of the Committee on various aspects. Based on the scheme submitted and discussion held the proposal was found generally acceptable and following observations were given for resubmission:

### A. Vijay Chowk Precincts:

- a) The road shall be kept as (Black top) tar road, as per the original design.
- b) No new hard surfaces, paving shall be created except for plinth protection of heritage elements and paving along canals.

# **B.** The Typical Avenue Precincts:

- a) To maintain the visual character of the Vista area, it was suggested that the parking shall be restricted near the edges of main roads.
- b) Hard surface footpath paving on the greens is to be kept to minimum and shall be of natural stone in harmony with surroundings. Paving along the canal may be provided.
- c) The number of proposed bridges over the canal to be minimized.

#### C. The India Gate Precincts:

- a) The road leading to the India Gate shall be retained as black tar Road. Proposed pavements with granite top shall not be used and instead, where ever possible to keep the original character intact.
- b) Restore and strengthen landscape as per existing to the extent possible.
- 2. In order to have better understanding of proposal viz-a-viz current site conditions the architect/proponent was requested to furnish a separate drawing/details superimposing the proposed design scheme over existing site conditions.
- 3. The architect has informed that subsequent to the submission of the proposal to the HCC for consideration, the proposal have been revised to some extent. HCC advised the architect to submit the revised submission for it to consider and make observations.
- 4. In the meanwhile, to assess the location of toilet in India Gate Precincts a site visit by following members will be held:

Sh. Arunava Dasgupta ... Member HCC

Sh. Rajeev Sood ... Chief Architect, NDMC, Member HCC

Member Secretary, HCC ... Member-Convener

- Item No.2: Plans in respect of E-1, Ground & Mezzanine Floor, Inner Circle, Connaught Place.
- 1. The proposal was deferred.
- Item No.3: Plans in respect of E-3, Ground & Mezzanine Floor and E-30, First & Second Floor, Inner Circle, Connaught Place.
- 1. The proposal was deferred.

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