



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

Held: WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2009 at 5.15pm

P R E S E N T:

R. Gill - Chair  
R. Lawrence –Vice Chair

Councillor M Johnson      Councillor G Hunt

S. Britton	-	University of Leicester
P. Draper	-	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
M. Elliott	-	Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
M. Goodhart	-	Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects
D. Hollingworth	-	Leicester Civic Society
D. Lyne	-	Leicestershire Industrial History Society
C. Sawday	-	Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
P. Swallow	-	Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
D. Trubshaw	-	Institute of Historic Building Conservation

**Officers in Attendance:**

Jane Crooks	-	Planning Policy and Design Group, Regeneration and Culture
Jeremy Crooks	-	Planning Policy and Design Group, Regeneration and Culture Department
Palbinder Mann	-	Democratic Support, Resources Department
Anne Provan	-	Team Leader, Conservation and Nature Team

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**8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from D. Martin, A McWhirr and D. Smith.

**9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was noted Mondrian was referred to as an architect however he was an artist.

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the Conservation Advisory Panel meeting held on 19 August 2009, be confirmed as a correct record with the above amendment.

**11. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**12. DECISIONS MADE BY LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL**

The Director, Planning and Economic Development submitted a report on the decisions made by Leicester City Council on planning applications previously considered by the Panel.

RESOLVED:

that the report be noted.

**13. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

**A) SPRINGFIELD ROAD, CLARENDON PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**Listed Building Consent 20090744  
Internal alterations**

The Director said that the application was for the removal of three of the main 22 foot pews and three 10 foot side pews from the nave of the church.

The Panel accepted that churches were struggling to maintain their congregations and were sympathetic to the needs of a modern church. They stated that they would have liked the pews retained within the church if at all possible. The Panel commented that it would be good if the pews that were to be removed could be stored in a small room at the back of the altar or in the gallery.

The Panel recommended approval on this application.

**B) 208 LONDON ROAD**

**Planning Application 20091007**

**Alterations to front wall and garden to form new vehicular access**

The Director said that the application was for alterations to front wall and garden to form new vehicular access.

The Panel noted the fine wall and railings and thought it would be a shame if they were removed. They commented that at the very least the pier should be rebuilt and the gates retained. They also added that they would prefer a more appropriate permeable and attractive surface for the front garden.

The Panel recommended seeking amendments to this application.

**C) 188 ST SAVIOURS ROAD  
Planning Application 20090793  
Replacement UPVC windows**

The Director said that the application was for the replacement of the existing front windows and door with ones made from uPVC.

The Panel noted the fine matching terrace of properties all had timber windows. They maintained their line on uPVC which was that it was inappropriate as a replacement for timber.

The Panel recommended refusal on this application.

**D) 268 EAST PARK ROAD  
Planning Application 20090642  
Replacement windows**

The Director said that the application was for replacement of the existing windows with top hung timber double glazed units.

The Panel welcomed the timber sliding sash windows and re use of the original glass.

The Panel recommended approval on this application.

**E) 29 GALLOWTREE GATE  
Planning Application 20091088  
Three Internally illuminated fascia signs & two internally illuminated projecting signs**

It was noted that the former occupiers Beaverbrooks jewellers had recently moved into the Highcross and the Director said that this application by the new occupiers was for new signage.

The Panel noted that there were no projecting signs on Victoria Parade and stated that they would like to see the projecting sign omitted from the scheme. The Panel commented that the whole internal illumination of the other signs was also inappropriate within a conservation area and recommended that the lettering only should be illuminated.

The Panel recommended seeking amendments to this application.

**F) 11A RUTLAND STREET  
Planning Application 20090968  
Single storey extension**

The Director said that the application was for a single storey extension to the side of the building to extend one of the ground floor flats.

The Panel were not in favour of this application. They thought that it was a strange application and that others might also want to encroach into the yard. Also it was noted that the bins were stored in the area and an extension would bring them closer to the street scene. In short the Panel thought it would not preserve or enhance the conservation area.

The Panel recommended refusal on this application.

**G) 133 LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD  
Planning Application 20090976  
2m high perimeter fence**

The Director said that the application was for a new 2m high perimeter fence to the front boundary of the property.

The Panel raised no objections but wanted the assurance that the railings would be of good quality and thickness. They thought that the continuous run of railing looked a similar to a prison and needed to be relieved by adding some more piers.

The Panel recommended seeking amendments to this application.

**The Panel raised no observations on the following applications, they were therefore not formally considered.**

**H) 39 GALLOWTREE GATE & 63 MARKET PLACE  
Planning Application 20090790/0969  
ATM at front of shop & non-illuminated fascia sign**

**I) 85 STOUGHTON DRIVE NORTH  
Planning Application 20090754  
Change of use from care home to house**

**J) 4 KING STREET  
Planning Application 20091056  
New projecting sign and upgrade of fascia sign**

**K) 18 MARKET STREET  
Planning Application 20091026  
New signage**

**14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 6:00pm.

