



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

Held: WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL 2012 at 5.15pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Dr. Barton

Peter Soulsby - City Mayor  
H. Eppel - Leicester Civic Society  
Rev. R. Curtis - Leicester Diocesan Advisory Committee  
J. Fox - Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects  
P. Draper - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors  
S. Pointer - Royal Town Planning Institute  
S. Britton - University of Leicester  
J. Goodall - Victorian Society  
D. Lyne - Leicestershire Industrial History Society  
C. Sawday (Chair) - Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge  
C. Laughton - Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge

**Officers in Attendance:**

Jeremy Crooks - Planning Policy and Design Group, Regeneration and Culture Department  
Jenny Timothy - Senior Building Conservation Officer  
Angie Smith - Democratic Services Officer

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**51. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Unsworth, Joan Garrity, Deborah Martin, Malcolm Elliott, Peter Swallow, Richard Lawrence and Richard Gill.

**53. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

AGREED:

that Chris Sawday be elected as Chair for the meeting.

#### **54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Peter Draper declared an indirect interest in Appendix B, Item D, 76-89 London Roan, Masonic Lodge.

#### **55. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 were again circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Panel held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

#### **56. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **57. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

The Director, Planning and Economic Development submitted a report on current development proposals.

##### **A) 1-9 POCKLINGTONS WALK**

**Planning Application 20120303, Listed Building Consent 20120336**

**Change of use to flats**

The building was Grade II listed and within the Market Street Conservation Area. The application was for the conversion of the building to 47 self-contained flats with a gym and offices at ground and basement levels.

The Panel were supportive of the principle of the conversion scheme. They had no major concerns providing the surviving features and special character of the building were retained and incorporated into the scheme.

**The Panel recommended APPROVAL of the application**

##### **B) GIPSY LANE, THE BEECHES**

**Planning Application 20120392**

**New housing development**

The proposal affected the setting of the Beeches, a Grade II listed building and was within the Old Humberstone Conservation Area. The application was for a new housing development comprising fifteen houses and six places. The Panel made observations on two previous schemes on the site 20071384 and 20080598

The Panel felt that the previously approved scheme was better than this latest proposal which they considered to be overdevelopment of the site and the design unsuitable in this rural setting.

**The Panel recommended REFUSAL of the application**

**C) 44 PRINCESS ROAD EAST, STONESBY HOUSE  
Planning Application 20120401  
Change of use, new five storey building**

The building was within the New Walk Conservation Area. The application was for the change of use of the building from offices to residential with a new five storey building to the rear for a total of fourteen residential units.

The Panel were supportive of the size and scale of the proposed new build. They would prefer access from the front of the building and did not like the exposed views of cars on the ground floor. The design of the building was acceptable providing good quality materials were used.

**The Panel recommended SEEKING AMENDMENTS to the application**

**D) 76-80 LONDON ROAD, MASONIC LODGE  
Planning Application 20120335, Listed Building Consent 20120387 &  
20120450  
New disabled access**

The building was Grade II listed and within the South Highfields Conservation Area. The application was for alterations to the front entrance facing London Road to allow better access for the disabled. The proposal also involved an internal lift and painted signs above two doors.

The Panel were supportive of this scheme, the only concern being the height of the new canopy over the entrance which they would like lowered if possible.

**The Panel recommended APPROVAL of the application with AMENDMENTS if feasible**

**E) 40-50 HIGH STREET  
Planning Application 20120311  
Antennae to roof**

The building was within the High Street Conservation Area. The application was for two aerial masts to the roof of the building facing High Street.

The Panel thought the ariels to the front of the building would be detrimental to the character of the building and the street scene and therefore should be relocated to the rear of the building.

**The Panel recommended SEEKING AMENDMENTS to the application**

**F) SILVER STREET, THE GLOBE PH  
Planning Application 20120313  
External alterations**

The building was within the Market Place Conservation Area. The application was for the removal of an existing metal gate and window and replacement with two sets of timber double doors.

**The Panel had NO OBJECTION to the application**

**G) MARKET STREET BANK OF SCOTLAND  
Advertisement Consent 20120340  
New signage**

The building was within the Market Street Conservation Area. The application was for an extension to the front of the building.

The Panel had no objections to the replacement fascia signs but would prefer not to see any additional projecting signs within the street scene. Should officers find that precedence had been set by other projecting signs this one should be relocated to sit within the new fascia rather than on the stone 'capital'.

**The Panel recommended SEEKING AMENDMENTS to the application**

**H) 8B ELMS ROAD  
Planning Application 20112022  
Extension to front**

The building was within the Stoneygate Conservation Area. The application was for an extension to the front of the building.

The Panel had no objections to this proposal.

**The Panel recommended APPROVAL of the application**

**The following applications were registered as no observations:**

**I) DE MONTFORT HALL  
Listed Building Consent 20111573  
Internal alterations**

**J) BELVOIR STREET FORMER CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY  
Listed Building Consent 20111394  
Internal alterations**

**K) 61 STONEYGATE ROAD  
Planning Application 20120256  
Two detached stores to rear of house**

**L) 5 ALEXANDRA ROAD  
Planning Application 20120345**

## **Rear extension**

### **58. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Proposed future meeting dates were presented, and a discussion took place over the regularity of the meetings. It was agreed to keep to the four-week format, then cancel any meetings that were not required. It was agreed to attach the list of dates to a future meeting to enable the Chair to be present to approve.

AGREED:

that the list of meetings be taken to the Conservation Advisory Panel meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

### **59. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

The City Mayor was present at the meeting, and gave Panel Members reassurance that Donsithorpes Mill would be protected.

### **60. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 6.21pm.