

<u>Minutes of the Meeting of the</u> <u>CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON</u> Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Meeting Started 5:15 pm

Attendees

R. Gill (Chair), R. Lawrence (Vice-Chair), Cllr M. Unsworth, M. Richardson (RTPI), S. Eppel (LCS), D. Martin (LRGT), N. Feldmann (LRSA), P. Draper (RICS), P.Ellis (VS), C. Hossack (LIHS), S. Hartshorne (TCS), N. Stacey (LSA), C. Jordan (LAHS), C. Sawday, C. Laughton

C. Gooch (LCC), D. Munro (Munro + Whitten Landscape Architects), A. Khoury (Khoury Architects)

Presenting Officers

J. Webber, J. Simmins

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

L. Blood (IHBC)

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

N. Feldmann is the architect for item D) 100 Welford Road, Land Rear Of

47. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel agreed the notes.

48. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) ST GEORGES CHURCH, RUTLAND STREET Planning Application 20171911 Landscaping; removal of 21 trees including 2 protected by tree preservation order; removal of wall; partial removal of railings

The majority of the panel were in support of the proposal, as the works will enhance the setting of St George's Church; a grade II* listed building. It was felt that the removal of some trees from within the churchyard would open up views of the church, improving its visual appreciation, making it more of a visual reference point from Orton Square. The re-use of the existing metal railings was welcomed, but concerns were raised over the relocation of the gravestones; it was recommended that they be repositioned ad-hoc as opposed to in formal rows.

NO OBJECTIONS

Late Item: 1 St Albans Road Pre-application Demolition of part of building; change of use (class A2) and erection of 4 storey rear extension to form student flats

The reduction in height of the proposed rear extension to 4-storey was welcomed by the panel, as it allowed for the extension to better respect the original building, preserving the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. However, it was recommended that the top floor should have a different treatment, breaking up the visual massing of the extension.

Questions were asked over the treatment of the existing ground floor of the original building, fronting onto London Road. It was suggested that the original ground floor openings should be reinstated, but the actual windows didn't have to replicate the original windows (as seen on historic photographs).

An active use of the ground floor rooms to the front of the original building would be welcomed, increasing the interaction between building and streetscene.

SEEK AMENDMENTS

B) 7 STANLEY ROAD, EASTFIELD HALL & 7A STANLEY ROAD Planning Application/ Listed Building Consent <u>20171650</u>, <u>20171649</u>, <u>20171973</u>, <u>20171974</u>

Internal alterations to listed building to facilitate change of use from care home (class C2) to residential (class C3) (1 x 4 bed house) and works to install cctv equipment on front, side and rear elevations Change of use from care home (C2) to residential flats (C3), incorporating internal reconfiguration and alterations required for change of use

7 Stanley Road, Eastfield Hall

The panel accepted the proposed change of use from a care-home to a 4-bed residential home, noting that it would reintroduce the original use of the grade II listed building and would open up original spaces, allowing for a better appreciation of the building.

It was recommended that as new doors are required throughout, that the design is carefully controlled (through conditioning).

NO OBJECTIONS

7A Stanley Road

Strong objections were raised by the panel over the principle of the proposal, as the subdivision of 7A into 12 residential units is an unacceptable level of subdivision, causing harm to the historic fabric and having a detrimental impact upon the special interest of the listed building.

The works already carried out to the building was considered highly damaging to the historic fabric and it was recommended that this needs to be addressed.

OBJECTIONS

C) CORPORATION ROAD, ABBEY PUMPING STATION MUSEUM Planning Application 20171594

Demolition of outbuilding and removal of oil storage tanks and screen fencing within curtilage of grade II listed building

Concerns were raised by the panel over the demolition of the curtilage listed outbuilding, as the applicant had failed to justify its removal.

Although the panel acknowledged that visually the structure looked architectural interest, once the historical significance of the building was explained, it was evident that the structure is rare and is of historical significance, requiring retention and interpretation.

It was felt that the applicant had not adequately considered the historical significance of the building and that the loss of it was not justified on the benefits of opening up views of the principle listed building, Abbey Pumping Station, or enhanced play provision in the wider space.

The panel recommended that the surrounding fencing should be removed, opening up views of this unique outbuilding and encouraged additional interpretation material.

OBJECTIONS

D) 100 WELFORD ROAD, LAND REAR OF Planning Application 20171730

Demolition of three buildings; mixed use development comprising two buildings for 13 apartments; one new building for office (class B1); car parking

The proposed demolition and redevelopment of the site was supported by the panel. They welcomed the retention of the two oldest and least altered buildings within the site, whilst accepting the demolition of the other three

buildings.

The replacement new builds were considered to be of an appropriate size, scale and design for the location. The material palate was also deemed acceptable, as it would complement the surrounding area.

It was considered that the rear elevation of the existing buildings, fronting the Regent Road surface car park was an eyesore and that the works as proposed would improve the appearance of this elevation, having a positive impact upon the character and appearance of the area.

NO OBJECTIONS

E) ST SAVIOURS ROAD, ST SAVIOURS CHURCH Planning Application/ Listed Building Consent <u>20171831</u> & <u>20171830</u> Internal and external alterations to grade II* building (class D1) & removal of three TPO trees, vehicular access, gates/pillars and parking; alterations (class D1)

The panel welcomed the principle of the proposal, supporting the applicants for taking on this important grade II* listed building and bringing it back into an active use.

Externally, the need for external parking was appreciated by the panel, however, they recommended that the parking as proposed needs to be rationalised, with parking bays moved away from the church walls in order to preserve its setting. The materials of the new access road and parking bays also requires careful consideration in order to preserve the setting of the church; a full schedule of materials should be provided as part of the application.

The widening of the access gates was considered acceptable, provided that the applicants sensitively reuse the existing iron gates and brick piers. The proposed solid timber gate to Whinchat Road should be more permeable or reuse the gates from the front.

Internally, the panel accepted the proposed alterations to the layout of the chuch, utilising the space within the north and south aisles to accommodate permanent toilets and temporary office space. They would however like to see the new partition walls moved further away from the existing brick piers and where existing timber panelling is to be removed, it would be desirable to see the panelling reused elsewhere within the church.

SEEK AMENDMENTS

The panel had no objections/observations on the following applications:

F) JUBILEE SQUARE Planning Application 20171782 Installation of temporary ice rink on public square

G) 39 GALLOWTREE GATE Planning Application 20171775 Installation of one non illuminated sign to atm

H) 356 ST SAVIOUR'S ROAD Planning Application 20171660 Alterations to factory and new vehicular access (class B2)

I) VICARAGE LANE, SHREE DARJI GNATI HALL Planning Application 20171630 Replacement of part of boundary wall to community centre (class D1)

J) UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER, BROOKFIELD, 266 LONDON ROAD Planning Application 20171883 Construction of single storey and three storey extensions to sides of building; partial demolition of existing buildings; pedestrian access; associated landscaping (class D1)

K) 2A SAXBY STREET Planning Application 20171793 Retrospective application for use of site as a hand car wash with ancillary offices and staff/customer facilities (sui generis)

L) UNIVERSITY ROAD, UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER, ENGINEERING BUILDING Listed Building Consent 20171796 Internal and external alterations to grade II* listed building

M) 18 MALVERN ROAD Planning Application 20171724 Installation of replacement windows at front and rear to first and second floor of house class C3)

N) 28 WEST AVENUE Planning Application 20171781 Installation of replacement of six sash windows to first floor of house

O) 141 GRANBY STREET, GROUND FLOOR BEAUMONT HOUSE Planning Application 20171815

Change of use of ground floor from office to restaurant and hot food takeaway (class A3/A5); shop front at front; extract grills at rear

P) 10 FRIAR LANE AND 1 BERRIDGE STREET Planning Application 20171923 Application for installation of extraction flue to rear of restaurant (class A3)

Q) FIELDING JOHNSON BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER Listed Building Consent 20171844 Internal alterations grade II listed building

R) 2 KING STREET Planning Application 20171856 Change of use from drinking establishment (class A4) to basement cafe/restaurant (class A4) and four houses in multiple occupation (1 x 5 persons; 3 x 6 persons) (class C4) alterations

S) ROTHLEY STREET, BELGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE Listed Building Consent 20171428 Internal alterations to grade II listed building

T) 23 KNIGHTON ROAD Planning Application 20171751 Construction of single storey extension to front of house (class C3)

U) 2 SACKVILLE GARDENS Planning Application 20171857 Construction of a single storey extension at front and rear; two storey extension at front, side and rear; rooflights and alterations to house (class C3)

V) UNIVERSITY ROAD, UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER, PERCY GEE BUILDING Planning Application 20171855 Demolition of part of building; construction of two and three storey extension to Percy Gee Building (class D1)

W) 15 STONEYGATE ROAD Planning Application 20171877 Retrospective application for installation of paving at front; landscaping; 1.2m high wall at sides of house (class C3)

X) 101 LONDON ROAD Planning Applications 20171825 & 20171826 Retrospective application for the retention of atm to front of shop (class A1) & retrospective application for installation of one illuminated facia sign to ATM (class A1)

Y) 141 GRANBY STREET, GROUND FLOOR BEAUMONT HOUSE Planning Application 20171816 Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign; two internally illuminated projecting signs; nine non-illuminated boxed balustrade signs to restaurant/hot food takeaway (class A3/A5)

Z) 6 SPRINGFIELD ROAD Listed Building Consent 20171697 Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

A1) 185 LONDON ROAD Planning Application 20171963 Construction of single storey extension at side of house (class C3)

A2) 57 HUMBERSTONE GATE Planning Application 20171745 Construction of single storey extension to front of cafe (class A3)

A3) 368 LONDON ROAD, GABLES HOTEL Planning Application 20172027 Variation of condition attached to permission 20150787 (condition 2: submitted plans)

A4) 15 UPPER KING STREET Planning Application 20171773 & 20171774 Replacement front door; external alterations (class B1) & internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

A5) ST SAVIOURS ROAD, ST SAVIOURS COMMUNITY CENTRE Planning Application 20171930 Refurbishment and repair works; internal alterations to community centre (class D1)

A6) 29 RUTLAND STREET, PREMIER HOUSE Planning Application 20171582 & 20171583 Installation of access ramp; alterations (class B1) & internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 8th November 2017, G.03 Meeting Room 3, City Hall

Meeting Ended – 19:30