



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

Held: WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2010 at 5.15pm

P R E S E N T:

R. Gill - Chair

Councillor Johnson

P. Draper	-	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
D. Smith	-	Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society
J. Clarke	-	Landscape Institute
J. Goodall	-	Victorian Society
D. Lyne	-	Leicestershire Industrial Society
Dr. S. Barton	-	Leicester Civic Society
C. Laughton	-	Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
Prof. P. Swallow	-	Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
C. Sawday	-	Architect

Officers in Attendance:

Jeremy Crooks	-	Planning Policy and Design Group
Jenny Timothy	-	Planning Policy and Design Group
Angie Smith	-	Democratic Support Officer

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58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Deborah Martin, Richard Lawrence, Simon Britton, Joan Garrity and David Trubshaw.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Johnson declared an interest in Item (D) 86-92 Regent Road, as a family member worked in an office based at this address.

60. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the Conservation Advisory Panel meeting held on 18 August 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

61. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

62. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) 136 WESTCOTES DRIVE

Planning application 20100961

New flats, alterations to listed wall.

The Director said the planning application was for work involving the boundary wall of Sykefield House. Both house and wall are Grade II listed. The application was for a new three storey development for three flats on part of land with rear access.

The Panel were opposed to the lowering of the wall and piers along Westcotes Drive and the use of the grounds of Sykefield being used as a car park. They were concerned about the loss of open space in what was the garden of 136 Westcotes Drive but conceded that there might be scope for a smaller modern style house within the plot.

The Panel recommended refusal on this application.

B) HOME FARM STRASBOURG DRIVE

Pre-application enquiry

Alterations

The building is Grade II listed.

The Director said the pre-application enquiry was for alterations, to move the reception area, install a new door and disabled persons access ramp, and internal alterations.

The Chair stated that he could see no problems with the development and was happy for officers to negotiate the details. The Panel felt that the alterations would be an improvement of the building.

The Panel were supportive of the proposal to create a new reception and disabled access.

C) 27 FRIAR LANE

Listed Building Consent 20101007

Projection sign

The building is currently used as a solicitor's office, is Grade II listed and falls within the Cathedral/Guildhall Conservation Area.

The Director said the application was for a projecting sign.

The Panel did not support the projecting sign. They were of the opinion that

there is no need for a projecting sign as offices not the need to attract passing trade and allowing one here will create a precedent for the future.

The Panel recommended refusal on this application.

D) 86-92 REGENT ROAD
Planning Application 20101300
Telecommunications masts

The building is within the New Walk Conservation Area.

The Director said the application was for six telecommunications masts to the roof of the office building.

The Panel accepted the principle of the antennae but would like them relocated away from the edges of the building to lessen the visual impact.

The Panel recommended seeking amendments to this application on this application.

E) 14 GRANBY STREET
Planning Application 20101389 Advertisement Consent 20101388
Change of use, fascia sign and flue

The proposal is within the Granby Street Conservation Area.

The Director said the application was for change of use of the ground floor to a hot food shop with new signage and a flue to the rear.

The Panel accepted the flue as it will not be visible in most views from within the conservation area but they thought the sign was inappropriate for a conservation area and suggested the lettering was reduced in size.

The Panel recommended seeking amendments to this application.

F) ST BARNABAS ROAD VICARAGE
Planning Application 20101216
Change of use, alterations

The vicarage is on the Local List and adjacent to a Grade II listed Church.

The Director said the application was for change of use of the vicarage from residential to educational use. It was noted that the Panel had made observations on a scheme to link the building to the main school earlier this year.

No objections to the use or the new door but they suggested that should the new link with school previously discussed ever be implemented that the window should be reinstated.

The Panel recommended adding a condition to reinstate the window.

**G) 1 WOODBRIDGE ROAD
Planning Application 20101330
Antenna and cabling**

The building is on the local list.

The Director said that the application was for one antenna to the side of the building and additional cabling.

The Panel would like to see the ariel relocated to a less prominent position.

The Panel recommended seeking amendments to this application.

The Panel made no observations on the following applications therefore they were not formally considered:

**H) 34 GRANBY STREET
Planning Application 20101315
Fascia and projecting signs**

**I) 82-86 HIGH STREET
Planning Application 20101336
Change of use**

**J) 62-68 HIGHCROSS STREET
Planning Application 20101127
Change of use**

63. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

64. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.