

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2020

TIME: 5:15 pm

PLACE: City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Members of the Panel

R. Gill (Chair), R. Lawrence (Vice Chair)

Cllr M. Unsworth

L. Blood - Institute of Historic Building Conservation

S. Eppel - Leicester Civic Society

D. Martin - Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust

N. FeldmannLeicestershire and Rutland Society of ArchitectsC. JordanLeicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society

P. Draper - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

P. Ellis - Victorian Society

C. Hossack - Leicestershire Industrial History Society

N. Stacey - Leicester School of Architecture

S. Bird - Diocesan Advisory Panel
S. Hartshorne - Twentieth Century Society
M. Richardson - Royal Town Planning Institute

C Sawday, C Laughton - Persons having appropriate specialist knowledge in respect of the terms of reference of the Working Party

Members of the panel are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2020 are attached and the Panel is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Appendix B

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation submits a report on planning applications received for consideration by the Panel.

6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair ought, by reason of special circumstances, to be considered urgently.

Members are asked to inform the Chair or Conservation Team in advance of the meeting if they have urgent business that they wish to be considered.



<u>Minutes of the Meeting of the CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON Wednesday, 18 March 2020</u>

Meeting Started 5:15 pm

Attendees

R. Gill (Chair), R. Lawrence (Vice Chair), M. Richardson (RTPI), R. Alsop (LCS), N. Feldmann (LRSA), S. Hartshorne (TCS), S. Bird (DAC)

Presenting Officers

J. Webber (LCC), P. Burbicka (LCC)

125. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C. Sawday, N. Stacey (LSA), P. Ellis (VS), Cllr S. Barton, K. Durkin (Student), D. Sharma (Student), C. Hossack (LIHS), C. Laughton, D. Martin (LRGT), C. Jordan (LAHS)

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

127. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel agreed the notes.

128. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) Pre-application presentation on Western Park Open Air School and site adjacent to the Eco House (MAS Architecture)

The schemes were presented and commented on.

B) 132-140 Highcross Street and rear of 61 Great Central Street Planning Application 20182111

Initial comments focused on the broadly unsuccessful amendments in light of the Panel's recommendations in relation to the initial scheme. Some members expressed concerns in regard to the additional bulk to the southernmost portion of the site, considered as contributing to an 'overwhelming' impression of the scheme, especially in relation to the relatively narrow host street. The drop in level to the northmost portion, resulting in a break in the horizontal consistency of the shopfront line, was criticized.

The materials and elevation design (e.g. shopfronts and entrance) were considered of inferior quality and of too generic in relation to the heritage sensitive location.

Re-introduction of additional set-back(s) to the primary volumes facing onto Highcross Street was recommended.

Although the principle of a new development was not objected to, the Panel concluded that the amended scheme would contribute to the spatial loss of the Grade I Listed All Saints Church and would have an adverse effect of the character and streetscene of the All Saints Conservation Area. Major amendments in regard to elevation treatment, design, materials (more cohesive material pelette) and total height were considered necessary to render the application admissible.

SEEK AMENDEMENTS

C) 24 Ratcliffe Road, Land Rear of Planning Application 20192136

The Panel objected to the principle of the development but appreciated an outstanding approval has been granted in the past. Nonetheless, the scale and height were criticised as significantly excessive, with the finish, design and materiality all considered inferior to the quality and character Stoneygate Conservation Area. The Panel concluded that the infill development fails to adequately reflect its context and preserve / enhance the designated locality.

OBJECTIONS

D) 580 Gipsy Lane Planning Application 20190080

The Panel reiterated their previous comments on the heritage merit and positive contribution of the existing dwellinghouse to the conservation area. The modern design was commended, but members questioned the scheme's relation to its setting. Despite some appreciation of the concept of two legibly modern dwellings, it was highlighted that the submitted drawings lack relevant detailing (e.g. guttering, glazing frames), while the visuals are highly 'unrealistic' (e.g. void through the dwellinghouses), while the scheme's reads as detached from the existing context.

The Panel concluded that based on the questionable contextual relationship of the new scheme to the existing character and streetscene of the conservation area, lack of relevant detailing and 'idealized' visualizations, while also constituting loss of a historic dwelling that does contribute to the merit of the designated locality, the development will fail to preserve or enhance the Old Humberstone Conservation Area.

OBJECTIONS

E) 9 Holy Bones, Guru Nanak Gurdwara Planning Application 20192036

Initial comments noted the unfortunate visual prominence and quality of the existing structure. The members concluded that the principle of the development is broadly acceptable, as constituting negligible addition in regard to massing and height to the existing building, with some considering the alterations as improvements (resulting in more coherent front elevation).

Concerns focused on the bulky impression of the front, single storey extension, with criticism of the design and limited extend of the glazing. The uPVC windows and doors were regarded as inadmissible, with suggestions of timber / steel frames as acceptable alternatives.

SEEK AMMENDMENTS

The following applications are reported for Members' information but no additional comments were made.

24 Rutland Street, Assurance House Planning Application 20191256

Change of use of part of ground floor and all of first floor of the two storey building facing Yeoman Street and construction of a two storey extension to the roof to create two flats (1 x 2bed and 1 x 3bed) (Class C3); alterations

Stoneleigh Manor, Flat 1 Planning Application 20192219

Construction of replacement windows and door at front, side and rear of flat (Class C3)

176-180 Loughborough Road Planning Application 20192176

Change of use from Storage (Class B8) to Hotel (Class C1)

188 Welford Road Planning Application 20182726

Demolition of existing building; construction of three storey building to provide student accommodation (19 x studio flats) (Sui Generis) (amended plans 11/2/2020)

63-65 Chuch Gate
Planning Application 20191765

RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF USE FROM NIGHTCLUB (SUI GENERIS) TO SHISHA RESTAURANT/CAFE (CLASS A3) ALTERATIONS TO ROOF

26 Southernhay Road Planning Application 20200072

Alterations to front of house (Class C3)

Outside 23 Hotel Street Planning Application 20200260

Installation of 2.9 metres high multi-functional structure comprising wifi, usb port, touchscreen tablet, telephone and environmental monitor

Outside 23 Hotel Street Planning Application 20200261

Installation of double-sided digital panel on multi-functional structure

Kerrysdale Avenue, Wyvern Arms Planning Application 20200197

Change of use of first floor flat (1x4 bed) to 4 flats (4 x1 bed); construction of second floor extension to create additional 4 flats (1x4 bed) (Class C3); alterations

144 London Road Planning Application 20200124

Change of use of vehicular parking area to outdoor seating area for public house; installation of 2m and 2.5m high fence (Class A4)

1A Elmfield Avenue

Planning Application 20200298

Construction of single storey extension at front of Office (Class B1a)

7-11 Humberstone Gate Planning Application 20200265

Installation of replacement shopfront at front and side; new first storey windows at front and side of bank (Class A2)

33 Cank Street Planning Application 20200388

Change of use of part of ground floor and first floor from shop (Class A1) to drinking establishment (Class A4)

4 Avenue Road Planning Application 20200167

Construction of single storey extension at rear; alterations to house (Class C3)

246 St Saviours Road Planning Application 20200244

Construction of single storey extension at rear of house (Class C3)

Flats 1, 2 and 3, 9 Pocklingtons Walk; Flats 1 and 2, 1 Chancery Street 3 Chancery Street; 7 Chancery Street; Flats 1 and 2, 8 Rupert Street; Flats 1 and 2, 10 Rupert Street; Flats 1 and 2, 12 Rupert Street; Flats 1 and 2, 14 Rupert Street.

Planning Application 20192132

Retention of unauthorised works - internal and external alterations to Grade II listed building to facilitate conversion to 15 flats.

Flats 1, 2 and 3, 9 Pocklingtons Walk; Flats 1 and 2, 1 Chancery Street 3 Chancery Street; 7 Chancery Street; Flats 1 and 2, 8 Rupert Street; Flats 1 and 2, 10 Rupert Street; Flats 1 and 2, 12 Rupert Street; Flats 1 and 2, 14 Rupert Street.

Planning Application 20192131

Retrospective change of use from offices (Class B1) to 15 residential

flats, and associated internal and external alterations. (Class C3).

14 Cheapside Planning Application 20192418

Change of use from shop (Class A1) to restaurant and takeaway (Class A3/A5); retention of flue

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 15th April 2020

Meeting Ended – 19:00



APPENDIX B

CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

17th June 2020

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) 14 Southernhay Road Planning Application 20200652

The site under consideration is located in the Stoneygate Conservation Area, southeast of the Grade II Listed 22 Avenue Road and garden room (also Grade II Listed). The plot is currently undeveloped, flanked by two early 20th century 'vernacular revival' dwellings. The proposal is for a construction of a new two-storey dwellinghouse on site.

B) 64-66 London Road & 17 Glebe Street Planning Application 20200663

The buildings under consideration area located within South Highfields Conservation Area, in close proximity to the Grade II Listed 78-82 London Road to the south-east and the Grade II Listed 55-57 to the north-west, and front onto both London Road and Glebe Street.

The proposal is for a top storey extension to 17 Glebe Street and conversion of roof space at 64-66 London Road to shared accommodation, associated with dormers to front and side elevations.

C) 2 St James Road, 200 London Road Planning Application 20200429

The site is located in the Evington Footpath Conservation Area, on a prominent junction of London Road and St James Road, just over 40 metres north-west from the Grade II Listed Church of St James the Greater. The proposal is for a new two-storey residential accommodation on site of the existing garage, to the rear of 2 St James Road and fronting onto St James Road.

D) 101-107 RATCLIFFE ROAD, MARY GEE HOUSES HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Planning Application 20190433

The site under consideration is located within the Stoneygate Conservation Area, currently occupied by a series of low-lying 1970s brick student accommodation blocks. The Grade II* No.32 Ratcliffe Road and Grade II Listed Nos. 34 - 36 are located to the immediate south-west of the site. The proposal entails demolition of the 20th century development and construction of a new comprehensive care-home development.

E) 115 Abbey Park Road, Land Adjacent Planning Application 20192102

The site is located to the immediate north of the Scheduled Monument of Leicester Abbey and the Grade II* Listed Abbey Park, adjacent the Grade I Listed Abbot Penny's Wall and within a close proximity to a range of Grade I Listed assets located within the wider Abbey Park.

The proposal is for a new corner development comprising residential units and ancillary uses. The total height of the new structure has been reduced to four storeys, whilst elevation treatments have been revised.

F) 42 BELGRAVE GATE, FORMER ABC CINEMA Planning Application 20191390

The site is located east from the Church Gate Conservation Area, to the immediate north-west of the Locally Listed Haymarket Theatre. The site is currently occupied by a surface level car park extending from Belgrave Gate to Mansfield Street.

The application is for a comprehensive new residential development. The massing, height and external treatment of the new development have been amended.

G) 29 Middleton Street Planning Application 20200401

The plot under consideration is located within the Aylestone Conservation Area, located south from the Grade II* Listed Church of St Andrews, the Grade II Listed War Memorial and south-west from the Grade II Listed 90 Old Church Street. The proposal is for a new two-storey dwelling abutting the existing dwellinghouse at 29 Middleton Street, associated with demolition of existing outbuildings and external alterations to existing building.

The following applications are reported for Members' information and will not be presented unless a specific request is made by 2.00pm on Monday the 15th of June 2020. Please contact Justin Webber (4544638), Paula Burbicka (4541703) or Daniel Evans (4544076).

Further details on the cases below can be found by typing the reference number into: http://rcweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/onlinequery/mainSearch.aspx

1 Garrick Walk, Haymarket Theatre Planning Application 20200398

Variation of condition 2 (Submitted Plans) attached to planning permission 20180150 (Shopfront alterations to front; construction of extensions to provide lobby area and lift shaft; external staircase and link bridge to side of theatre (Sui Generis); alteration) to allow for alteration to material of lift shaft

University Road, outside Percy Gee Building Planning Application 20200304

Installation of 20m high monopole with antennas; 2 cabinets

5 Carisbrooke Road Planning Application 20200162

Construction of a single storey extension at side and rear of house (Class C3)

The Gateway, De Montfort University, Hugh Aston Building Planning Application 20200515

Installation of two non-illuminated vinyl signs to cafe (Class A3)

The Gateway, De Montfort University, Hugh Aston Building Planning Application 20200514

Installation of shopfront to cafe (Class A3)

19 De Montfort Street Planning Application 20200178

Construction of single storey and first storey extension at rear to create single storey flat (1×1) bed) at rear of office; part change of use from offices (Class B1(a)) to two flats (2×1) (Class C3)

Land between 62-68 Constance Road Planning Application 20200397

Construction of 2 x two storey dwellings (2 x 3 bed) (Class C3)

42 Sandown Road Planning Application 20200541

Part retrospective application for alterations to garage (Class C3)

50 Western Boulevard - Trinity Hospital Planning Application 20200503

Construction of extended terrace, installation of fire escape stairs and removal of two trees to rear of sheltered accomodation (Class C2); alterations

Car park opposite 40 Almond Road Planning Application 20200299

Construction of two storey restaurant and drive-through takeaway (Class A3/A5)

75 Market Place
Planning Application 20200040

Change of use from office (Class A2) to office (Class A2) and three studio flats (Class C3); alterations

75 Market Place Planning Application 20200041

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

57 London Road Planning Application 20200468

Change of use from shop (Class A1) to cafe (Class A3) and installation of ventilation flue at rear; alterations

57 London Road Planning Application 20200469

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

25 St Albans Road Planning Application 20200585

Installation of new UPVC windows and doors at rear of flats (Class C3)

118-120 REGENT ROAD Planning Application 20190235

RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT TIMBER WINDOWS TO STUDENT ACCOMODATION (SUI GENERIS)

Soar Lane, Pavement at Soar Lane Planning Application 20200521

Installation of 20m high mono-pole with antennas; equipment cabinets

362 ST SAVIOURS ROAD Planning Application 20190978

CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST FLOOR EXTENSIONS TO SIDE AND REAR OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PRAYER HALL (CLASS D1) ALTERATIONS

4 Market Place, Spencer Chambers Planning Application 20200205

Internal and external alterations to Grade II listed building

8 Market Place
Planning Application 20200204

Internal alterations to Grade II listed building

6a Hotel Street, 4 Market Place, 6 Market Place, 8 Market Place Planning Application 20200272

Change of Use from Mixed Use to 14 apartments (4x studio, 8x1bed, 2x 2bed) (Class C3); construction of first floor extenion at rear; alterations

459 Hinckley Road (former eco-house) Planning Application 20200312

Construction of a single storey extension at front; two storey extension at front; first storey extension at rear; installation of a 2m high fence at front, sides and rear of eco house; installation of new access drive and car park (Class D1); alterations

7 Upper King Street Planning Application 20200548

External alterations to grade II listed building

7 Upper King Street
Planning Application 20200547

Installation of 2m high gate and railings at rear of offices (Class B1(a)); alterations

5 Fox Lane Planning Application 20200587

Change of use of first and second floor from cafe (Class A3) to four self-contained flats (4×1) bed (Class C3), alterations

191 Loughborough Road Planning Application 20200513

A retrospective planning application for the constrction of two storey building new two storey building to provide 4 self-contained flats (4x1 bed); Construction of single storey bike store at rear (Class C3)

16 Toller Road Planning Application 20200710

Construction of single storey extension at front of house; single storey extension at rear of house (Class C3)

350 Melton Road; at rear Planning Application 20200405

Construction of single storey building to form four light industrial units (Class B1); car and cycle parking; alterations to vehicle access

Halifax Drive, St Lukes Church

Planning Application 20200701

Replacement antennas (x 3); GPS module (x 1); ancillary works

Highcross Street Planning Application 20200699

Installation of 20m high monopole; 2 cabinets

44-46 Cank Street Planning Application 20200372

Change of use from shop (Class A1) to simulation entertainment centre (Class D2)

Southernhay House Planning Application 20200733

Construction of single storey extension at side; single and two storey extension at rear of house (Class C3); alterations

188 East Park Road, Ground Floor Shop Planning Application 20200499

Installation of shopfront to laundrette (Sui Generis)

188 East Park Road, Ground Floor Shop Planning Application 20200500

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign at front of shop (Class A1)

25 Sanvey Gate Planning Application 20200574

Installation of one internally illuminated digital screen (Class B2)

219 London Road Planning Application 20200608

Retrospective application for construction of hardstanding at front; installation of fence at front and side; gate at front of house (Class C3)

1 Wharf Street South Planning Application 20200511

Installation of ventilation louvers to east and west elevations (Sui Generis)

7 St Martins Walk Planning Application 20200675

Installation of ventilation flue at rear of restuarant (Class A3)

30-32 Granby Street Planning Application 20200594

Installation of shop front and awning (Class A3)

30-32 Granby Street Planning Application 20200595

Installation of externally illuminated facia sign and internally illuminated projecting sign (Class A3)

26 Stoneygate Avenue Planning Application 20200474

Construction of single storey extension to front and rear of outbuilding at rear to form one flat (1x1 bed) (Class C3)

Granville Road, Victoria Park Memorial Grounds Planning Application 20200667

Installation of 3.2m high statue with plinth

5 Birkdale Avenue Planning Application 20200583

Construction of single storey extension at side and rear; construction of hip to gable roof; dormer extension at rear of house (Class C3)

St Margarets Way, St Margarets Pastures Sports Centre Planning Application 20200670

Installation of 4.5m high steel mesh perimeter fence; eight replacement 15m high lighting masts and LED luminaries; Installation of pitch perimeter barrier (1.20m); enclosed water storage tank / unit and pumping unit; refurbishment of the existing artificial turf hockey pitch and hard standing areas (Class D2)

26-28 Princess Road West Planning Application 20200741

Retrospective application for the construction of third floor extension to create 4 self contained flats (4 x 1 bed) (Class C3)

36-40 Market Street Planning Application 20200768

Construction of scaffolding for refurbishment and restoration; internal and external alterations to Grade II Listed Building

22-30 Sandown Road, Sandown Court Planning Application 20200683

Installation of 12 replacement UPVC windows to flats (Class C3)

46B Market Place
Planning Application 20200475

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

High Street, Evington Chapel Planning Application 20200864

External alterations to grade II listed building

105 London Road Planning Application 20200477

Change of use of first and second floor from Office (Class B1(a)) to one self-contained flat (3 bed) (Class C3); alterations

55 Granby Street; 1-1A Belvoir Street Planning Application 20200658

Change of use of part of basement and ground floor from shop (Class (A1) to hot-food takeaway (Class A5): alterations to ventilation flue at rear

55 Granby Street; 1-1A Belvoir Street Planning Application 20200659

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

12 Fosse Road South Planning Application 20200687

Change of use from shop (Class A1) to restaurant (Class A3); installation of ventilation flue at rear; alterations

176-180 Loughborough Road Planning Application 20192176

Change of use from Storage (Class B8) to Hotel (Class C1)

University Road, Fielding Johnson Building University Of Leicester Planning Application 20200869

Installation of ramp, steps, canopy and hard surfacing to form access at side of university building (Class D1); alterations

University Road, Fielding Johnson Building University Of Leicester Planning Application 20200870

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

37 Highfield Street Planning Application 20200617

Demolition of garage; change of use from HMO (1 X 5 bed) (Class C4) to 5 flats (2X 1 bed 3 X 2 bed); construction of three storey extension; single storey extension at rear of flats (Class C3)

12 Ashfield Road Planning Application 20200867

Remove existing fence; installation of 1.5m high fence at front and part of side; installation of 2.1m high fence at part of side and rear;

alterations to gated access at rear of house (Class C3)

Herrick Road, Knighton Fields Centre Planning Application 20200636

Installation of 2.4m high fences and gates to side and front of educational establishment (Class D1); alterations