

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 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. Feldmann
Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects
C. Jordan
Leicestershire 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 17th June 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.



Minutes of the Meeting of the CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON Wednesday, 17 June 2020

Meeting Started 5:15 pm

Attendees

R. Gill (Chair), M. Richardson (RTPI), S. Eppel (LCS), N. Feldmann (LRSA), S. Hartshorne (TCS), S. Bird (DAC), C. Hossack (LIHS), C. Laughton, D. Martin (LRGT), C. Jordan (LAHS) P. Ellis (VS)

G. Butterworth (LCC), S. Brown (LCC)

Presenting Officers

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

129. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

R. Lawrence (Vice Chair), C. Sawday, Cllr S. Barton, N. Stacey (LSA), K. Durkin (Student)

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

131. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel agreed the notes.

132. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) 14 Southernhay Road Planning Application 20200652

The Panel commented on the lack of contextual drawings and visuals, which they considered would be beneficial for understanding the relationship of the proposed new dwelling to its streetscene. Some members questioned the lack of a more contemporary design style and the excessive footprint of the rear extension, as well as the loss of garden space. The odd geometry and massing of the new dwellinghouse were also commented on, as was its 'pastiche' design, but the loss of the existing close boarded fence was considered a potential positive. The general form and use, such as building height, was broadly supported.

Members unanimously criticised the impact and extent of hard landscaping to the front, with particular regard to the lack of front boundary treatment and planting to this part of the curtilage, considered of high potential do adversely affect the character and townscape of the Conservation Area. They requested that this is amended, with a brick (dwarf) boundary wall and soft landscaping introduced to the front of the property.

SEEK AMENDMENTS

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

The Panel agreed that the top-storey extension to the modern (rear) portion of the building will not have a notable impact on the character and significance of the South Highfields Conservation Area.

Whilst some members commented on the integrity of the 1920s block to London Road, with special regard to its roofscape, most concluded that the addition of dormers would be welcomed, as adding visual and architectural interest to the building. Amendments to their design, to better match the design and proportions of the existing glazing to frontage, were recommended. More information regarding materiality and finish of glazing and dormers was requested.

SEEK AMENDEMENTS

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

Members first discussed the principle of the development. The erection of a two-storey dwelling on site was criticised, considered to have a negative impact on the character of the Conservation Area, leading to a cramped appearance in the streetscene and detracting from the prominent dwellings adjacent to the plot.

The pastiche design and materials (uPVC windows and doors) were also criticised, considered inadequate in its context.

OBJECTIONS

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

Planning Application 20190433

In reference to previous comments on the scheme, the Panel concluded that the conservation concerns regarding the excessive mass and 'institutionalised' architectural definition of the development were not addressed by the amendments. The materiality and finish were criticised, especially in regard to concrete tiles and uPVC windows. Although some amendments were welcomed, including the recessed balconies, these were considered insufficient to render the scheme acceptable from conservation perspective and address the aforementioned concerns.

The Panel retained broader concerns on the basis of the development being contextually inappropriate, with dominant massing and excessive visual impact on the Conservation Area.

OBJECTIONS

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

Members welcomed the reduced height of the scheme, considered as successful in reducing the visual impact on the adjacent heritage assets. They concluded that the development as proposed is acceptable, with no amendments advanced.

NO OBJECTIONS

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

The Panel broadly welcomed the alterations to elevation treatments, finishes and materials, especially the improved definition and proportions of the tallest element to Mansfield Street. However, they criticised the excessive height of the corner block to Mansfield Street, exacerbated by the narrow highways to west and north of the site.

Thus, the Panel recommended a more balanced redistribution of height and mass throughout the plot, with additional height along the new street and a potential recessed top-storey to Belgrave Gate block. They concluded that this should be associated with a reduction of height of the nine storey element by a couple of storeys, reducing the adverse impact on the adjacent Church Gate Conservation Area.

SEEK AMENDMENTS

G) 29 Middleton Street Planning Application 20200401

Members of the Panel criticized the location and definition of the new dwellinghouse. They concluded that the addition of a two-storey structure on site would adversely affect the symmetry of the three pairs of dwellings along Middleton Street, and be detrimental to the character of the local streetscene, at the 'gateway' into the Conservation Area. The development was defined as an 'unwelcomed imposition' on the local townscape that would harm the significance of the Conservation Area, and thus objected to. The loss of boundary treatments and soft landscaping to front, to create additional parking provisions, were also criticised.

OBJECTIONS

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

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 x 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

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 15th July 2020

Meeting Ended - 19:00



APPENDIX B

CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

22nd July 2020

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) Fleet Street, Fleet House Planning Application 20200942

Part demolition and conversion of Fleet House; construction of four storey extension to Fleet House fronting Byron Street; construction of five 5 - 6.5 storey buildings comprising 359 flats (146 x Studio, 211 x 1 bed, 2 x 2 bed) (Class C3); communal ancillary facilities to include residents gym; indoor amenity space; outdoor landscaped amenity space; pedestrian access.

The building under consideration is a Locally Listed asset, positioned adjacent a number of other non-designated heritage assets, north of St George's Conservation Area. It has been vacant since late 2000s and subject to some fire damage and vandalism recently. The application is for partial demolition and as series of extensions on site, to facilitate the building's conversion into residential accommodation.

B) 125 - 129 VAUGHAN WAY Planning Application 20181552

CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING FOURTH FLOOR; TWO STOREY ROOFTOP EXTENSION TO EXISTING BUILDING TO PROVIDE 33 FLATS (2 X STUDIO, 28 X 1 BED, 3 X 2 BED) (AMENDED PLANS) (S106 Agreement)

The building is a 20th century structure located in close proximity to the Grade II Listed Former Richard Roberts' Factory, north-west from Church Gate Conservation Area and east from All Saints' Conservation Area. The proposal is for a top storey extension, to provide additional residential units. The external treatment has been altered, whilst the total mass of the proposed extension has been reduced as compared to the first reiteration of the scheme.

C) 14 Jarvis Street
Planning Application 20200801

Construction of 6-storey building to provide 21 residential units (Class C3) (16 x 1-bed and 5 x 2-bed) residential lobby, resident's lounge, cycle storage, refuse/ recycling storage area, plant room and store rooms, provision of 2 visitor car parking bays, 1 loading/ unloading bay, associated hard and soft landscaping; ancillary works.

The cleared site is positioned adjacent the Locally Listed Great Central Railway Station Viaduct, north of the Locally Listed Former Generator House, in close proximity to the Grade II Listed Former Donisthorpe & Co. Factory. The application is for a 6-storey residential tower block.

D) 19-23 Burleys Way Planning Application 20200791

Change of use of storage space and office accommodation (Class B1 and B8); construction of third floor; construction of single storey rear extension; installation of wall/roof-mounted equipment and solar panels; alterations to create 42 flats (41x 1bed, 1x 2bed) (Class C3)

The property under consideration is a 20th century building, positioned on a corner of a busy thoroughfare of Burley's Way, immediately adjacent the Locally Listed Former Pineapple PH, south-east form the Grade I Listed St Margaret's Church and the Grade II* Listed Tomb of Andrew Lord Rollo within its curtilage. The application if for an upward extension and external refurbishment of the existing building, associated with its conversion into residential accommodation.

E) Kerrysdale Avenue, Wyvern Arms Planning Application 20200900

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.

The building is a Locally Listed asset, located on a prominent junction of Kerrysdale Avenue and Barkby Road. It is located adjacent the Locally Listed All Saint Church and BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. The application is for a rear and top storey extension to the property, to provide additional residential accommodation.

F) 37 Welford Road, Reynard House Planning Application 20201009

Construction of additional three floors; construction of single storey, six storey and seven storey extension; Change of use from office (Class B1a) to student accommodation (Sui Generis) compromising 20 cluster flats (132 student bedrooms) and 155 \times 1 bed student studio flats, gym, cinema room, amenity space, spa, staff room and associated works.

The building is a modern corner property located on the Welford Road and Norton Street junction, adjacent the Locally Listed Former Jemsox Factory and George V Post Box, west of New Walk Conservation Area and south of Market Street Conservation Area. The application is for a three storey upward, side and rear extensions to the existing property, associated with the change of use into student accommodation.

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 20th of July 2020. Please contact Justin Webber (4544638) or Paula Burbicka (4541703).

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

Belgrave Circle SW Planning Application 20200863

Installation of 20m high monopole; 3 cabinets

Abbey Park Road Planning Application 20200873

Installation of 20m high monopole; 3 cabinets

Norfolk Street, West End Planning Application 20200814

Installation of 20m high monopole; 4 cabinets

42 Sandown Road Planning Application 20200541

Part retrospective application for alterations to garage at front of house (Class C3)

8 College Avenue Planning Application 20200425

Installation of roof lights to front and construction of dormer extension to rear of house (Class C3)

132-140 Charles Street, Agin Court Planning Application 20200756

Installation of ventilation flue at the side of the building to restaurant (Class A3)

3 Carisbrooke Road Planning Application 20200782

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

Regent Road, Verge Planning Application 20201019

Installation of 20m high monopole; 3 cabinets

Checketts Road Planning Application 20200959

Installation of 20m high monopole; 3 cabinets

Beauchamp City Sixth Form, 1 South Albion Street Planning Application 20200160

Installation of two internally illuminated wall signs, one internally illuminated totum sign, one non-illuminated fascia sign, one non-illuminated wall sign and eighteen non-illuminated window signs to school (Class D1)

16 Salisbury Road Planning Application 20200945

Installation on two non-illuminated free standing signs at front of property (Sui Generis)

Goscote House, 40 Sparkenhoe Street Planning Application 20200755

Notification of demolition of 22 storey tower block (Class C3)

58 Stretton Road Planning Application 20200932

Change of use from house (Class C3) to house in multiple occupation for more than 6 persons (7 bedroom) (Sui Generis); construction of dormer to rear; alterations

16 Toller Road Planning Application 20200710

Construction of single storey extension at the side and rear; partly demolition of the existing garage at the side;, alterations to house (Class C3)

2 Wellington Street Planning Application 20200830

Replacement of existing gate (Class D1)

80 Belgrave Gate Planning Application 20200616

Change of use of part of ground floor from shop (Class A1) and first and second floors from offices (Class B1(a)) to six self-contained flats (6x1 bed) (Class C3); construction of second storey extension at rear; alterations

Regent Road, Regent College Planning Application

Construction of single storey building to rear of college (Class D1)

8 Toller Road Planning Application

Installation of 5 replacement double glazed timber framed windows at front and side of house (Class C3)

170 London Road Planning Application 20200839

Change of use from offices (Class B1(a)) to 9 student flats (sui generis); alterations

170 London Road Planning Application 20200840

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building					