

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 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)

Elected Member Position - Cllr Susan Barton

M. Richardson - Royal Town Planning Institute

S. Eppel - Leicester Civic Society

D. Martin
 Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust
 N. Feldmann
 Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects

Vacant - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

P. Ellis - Victorian Society

C. Hossack - Leicestershire Industrial History Society

S. Hartshorne - 20th Century Society

N. Stacey - Leicester School of Architecture

C. Jordan - Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society

S. Bird - Diocesan Advisory Committee

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.

Officer contact: Justin Webber and Paula Burbicka

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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 26th August 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, 26 August 2020

Meeting Started 5:15 pm

Attendees

R. Gill (Chair), N. Feldmann (LRSA), S. Hartshorne (TCS), C. Hossack (LIHS), C. Laughton, D. Martin (LRGT), C. Jordan (LAHS) P. Ellis (VS)

Presenting Officers

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

G. Butterworth (LCC)

137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

R. Lawrence (Vice Chair), Cllr S. Barton, S. Bird (DAC), S. Eppel (LCS), M. Richardson (RTPI)

138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

139. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel agreed the notes.

140. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) 170 London Road Planning Application 20200839 and 20200840

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

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

The Panel commented on the regrettable alterations that already took place and highlighted the fact that in its current form both applications are not considered acceptable, causing significant harm to the Grade II Listed asset. Whilst some alterations undertaken/proposed (e.g. partitions) were considered reversible and thus not objected to, most other works (e.g. removal of internal finishes with integral features, bricking up/blocking up existing openings and

concealment of fireplaces) were unanimously objected to.

The members criticised the incompleteness and lack of adequate detail in the applications and concluded that the applicant failed to grasp the significance and architectural merit of the designated asset under consideration. The Panel objected to the principle of the development (change of use and internal & external alterations to the Grade II Listed building), and requested that a new scheme, adequate for the designated asset under consideration is developed. The members also requested that the damage already caused is rectified and all remaining historic features/finishes preserved.

OBJECTIONS

B) Melbourne Hall Evangelical Free Church, St Peters Road Planning Application 20200481 and 20200482

Installation of handrails and construction of replacement ramp to front; installation of lighting, bollards, hard surfacing and 1.4m high railings and construction of 0.3m high walls to front and sides; installation of 1.1m high railings and reconstruction of retaining walls to side and construction of ramp and steps to rear of place of worship (Class D1); works to trees covered by tree protection order; alterations

Internal and external alterations to grade II* listed building

The members of the Panel expressed conflicting opinions regarding the installation of glazed aluminium doors to primary elevations of the Grade II* Listed building. Whilst some welcomed these alterations, regarded as positive addition to the church that would result in its modernisation and visual 'opening up', others regarded the new doors as 'inappropriate' and regrettable, of potential to adversely affect the definition and architectural merit of the Grade II* Listed asset.

The Panel concluded that uPVC doors and windows to Hall and the new railings to light well are not acceptable (of inappropriate standardised design). They suggested that existing railings are either repaired or replaced on a likefor-like basis. The reduction of the ramp to frontage (St Peter's Road) was welcomed, as were the installation of steel railings on site. The panel requested that these railings are black in finish, to match existing lamp post and other railings within the curtilage of the site.

The members criticised the diversity and quantity of the lighting features proposed, considered excessive and collectively causing irreversible damage to the historic fabric of the church (through numerous fixtures and fittings). The principle of increased definition to curtilage was supported, with no further comments on design/ materially. The members also commented on the existing vegetation to the curtilage and requested that this is retained and/or improved. The existing signage to the corner was considered as overtly dominant and would be improved by being reduced in scale.

SEEK AMENDMENTS

C) 9-11 Marble Street Planning Application 20201133

Demolition of existing buildings. Construction of six storey building comprising of 4 cluster flats (48 student bedrooms) and 13 \times 1 bed student studio flats (Sui Generis), communal area and amenity area.

The discussion focused on the design, finish and materiality of the new development proposed. While varying comments were raised, the members concluded that the proposed finishes, in particularly the light grey brickwork, are welcomed. It was agreed that this would allow for the building to be legible as 'modern' infill development, with no obvious opposition to the adjacent heritage assets (Greyfriars and Market Conservation Area). The design was complimented, considered well-though through and adequate for the location; a definite improvement on the previously approved scheme.

NO OBJECTIONS

D) Charter Street, Kapital Buildings Planning Application 20200293

Demolition of industrial building (Class B1); Construction of six storey Hotel (Class C2); Change of use from Light Industrial (Class B1) to mixed use Children's play area; bowling alley; conference and banqueting suite; hostel and 9 residential units (9 Studios), (Classes C1, D1, D2 and C3a)

The members highlighted the heritage significance of the Locally Listed asset under consideration, commenting on both its historic and architectural interest. They concluded that the scheme as proposed does not merit the partial demolition of the complex, which was labelled as a unique and valuable addition to the city's heritage. The Panel agreed that the scheme is of limited architectural interest, with unfitting solid to void ratio, disjointed proportions and 'monotonous' definition. The lack of depth was criticised, as was the solidity of the southern elevation.

The proposed top extension to the retained portion of the complex was also criticised, considered as an entirely unfitting addition, with no concessions made to the existing building, as of different finish, materiality, proportions and definition.

OBJECTIONS

E) 100 Welford Road Planning Application 20200936

Demolition of four buildings; construction of part 3 storey, part 4 storey and part 5 storey building to contain 55 student studios and community space; single storey building for use as security office, bin store and cycle store; change of use of two buildings (Class B2/B8) to provide 4 student studios (Sui Generis); associated landscaping and facilities.

The scheme was unanimously considered as acceptable for the location, as of minimal impact on the streetscene and character of the New Walk Conservation Area and the adjacent Grade II Listed asset. Whilst some members commented on the 'regrettable' solidity of the Regent Road elevation, the argument of such treatment enabling future development to the existing car park site was accepted.

NO OBJECTIONS

F) 57 Rutland Street, Leicester International Complex Planning Application 20200644

Conversion and external alterations to former International Hotel building to provide student accommodation (sui generis), (425 x studio flats and 10 x 5-bed flats to accommodate 475 students); gym; cafe; creative workspace / office; together with associated landscaping and loading bay to Humberstone Road.

The conversion of the building was welcomed as a positive alternative to previously advanced schemes for the site. Whilst the principle of the development was supported, the members asked for clarification on external finishes, in particular to the top extension, as a prominent addition within the local streetscene.

SEEK MORE INFORMATION

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

Construction of detached two storey residential annexe at rear of HMO (1X 3 bed) (Class C4).

The members highlighted their previous criticism of the scheme and retained their initial objection to a two-storey dwelling on site. Whilst the design concessions were welcomed, they were considered as largely inadequate to render the scheme acceptable.

OBJECTIONS

H) 29 Albion Street & 22-32 Wellington Street, Wellington House Planning Application 20191406

TWO AND THREE STOREY ROOF EXTENSIONS TO ROOF RESULTING IN AN SEVEN STOREY BUILDING (PLUS LOWER GROUND FLOOR), SEVEN STOREY EXTENSION (PLUS LOWER GROUND FLOOR), CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICES (CLASS B1(A)) TO CREATE 160 FLATS (37 X STUDIO), (69 X 1BED) AND (54 X 2BED) (CLASS C3)

The Panel welcomed the revised scheme and the reduction of external alterations to the existing building. The reduced height of the extension, its revised design and materiality were also welcomed, considered acceptable for the site under consideration. The green finish in particular was supported, considered as more light weight in effect. The impact on the New Walk Conservation Area and the adjacent Locally Listed Black Boy PH were regarded as greatly reduced in comparison to the previous iteration of the scheme and considered acceptable on balance.

NO OBJECTIONS

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

11 Southernhay Road Planning Application 20201102

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

74 Granby Street Planning Application 20201189

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign; one internally illuminated projecting sign (Class A3/A5)

74 Granby Street Planning Application 20201188

Change of use from retail (Class A1) to restaurant/ takeaway (Class A3/A5); Installation of shopfront and ventilation flue to rear

362 London Road Planning Application 20200626

Construction of three storey extension to form lift shaft and part first floor part two storey extension and installation of external fire escape to rear of nursing home (Class C2); alterations

83A London Road Planning Application 20200985

Change of use of first, second floors and loft area from Offices (Class A2) to 4 flats (4 X 1 bed) (Class C3); Construction of first and second floor extension at rear; alterations to roof and rear of building

7 St Johns Road Planning Application 20200795

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

165-169 Hinckley Road, Abberdale House Planning Application 20201216

Construction of access ramp; alterations to boundary wall and stairs at front of care home (Class C2)

123B Granby Street
Planning Application 20201046

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

28 Horsefair Street Planning Application 20200990

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

9 Cedars Court Planning Application 20201169

Installation of replacement windows and doors with uPVC double glazing (class C3)

Attlee Way Planning Application 20201314

| Installation of 20m high monopole; 2 cabinets | | | | | |
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| Theatre Square | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201358 | | | | | |
| Double sided free standing digital sign | | | | | |
| Outside 165 Granby Street | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201351 | | | | | |
| Double sided free standing digital sign | | | | | |
| Outside 43-45 Granby Street | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201350 | | | | | |
| Double sided free standing digital sign | | | | | |
| Outside 18-26 Gallowtree Gate | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201349 | | | | | |
| Double sided free standing digital sign | | | | | |
| Outside 2-6 Gallowtree Gate | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201347 | | | | | |
| Double sided free standing digital sign | | | | | |
| 15-19 Rutland Street, Outside | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201346 | | | | | |
| Double sided free standing digital sign | | | | | |
| Outside Unit 3 Clock Tower Mall | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201342 | | | | | |
| Double sided free standing digital sign | | | | | |
| Outside 31 Humberstone Gate | | | | | |
| Planning Application 20201341 | | | | | |

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| Outside 38 Humberstone Gate Planning Application 20201340 |
| Planning Application 2020 1340 |
| Double sided free standing digital sign |
| Outside 22 Humberstone Gate |
| Planning Application 20201339 |
| Double sided free standing digital sign |
| Outside 15 Humberstone Gate |
| Planning Application 20201338 |
| Double sided free standing digital sign |
| Outside 99 High Street |
| Planning Application 20201337 |
| Double sided free standing digital sign |
| Outside 62-66 High Street |
| Planning Application 20201329 |
| Double sided free standing digital sign |
| Outside 27 High Street |
| Planning Application 20201326 |
| Double sided free standing digital sign |
| Outside 50 High Street |
| Planning Application 20201328 |
| Double sided free standing digital sign |
| Outside 7 High Street |
| Planning Application 20201325 |

Double sided free standing digital sign

Outside 30 Horsefair Street Planning Application 20201324

Double sided free standing digital sign

Outside 5 Horsefair Street Planning Application 20201323

Double sided free standing digital sign

Unit 2 Clock Tower Mall, Outside Planning Application 20201321

Double sided free standing digital sign

Outside 1 Gallowtree Gate Planning Application 20201348

Installation of replacement internally illuminated Advertising Display Unit (Sui Generis)

Pannell House, 159 Charles Street Planning Application 20201156

Replacement of existing windows; Alterations (Class B1)

1-13 Granby Street
Planning Application 20201204

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

1-13 Granby Street
Planning Application 20201203

Removal of ATM and construction of wall at front of bank (Class A2)

11 Upper King Street Planning Application 20201120

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 (amended plan 20/07/2020)

57 London Road Planning Application 20200468

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building (amended plan 20/07/2020)

3 East Gates
Planning Application 20201171

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign, one internally illuminated hanging sign and one non-illuminated other sign at front of financial and professional services (Class A2)

3 East Gates
Planning Application 20201170

Installation of new shop front (class A2)

Amenity space outside IBM New Walk Planning Application 20201435

Relocation of the existing Clicker statue to within the public realm of the New Walk (Sui Generis)

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 23rd September 2020

Meeting Ended – 19:30



APPENDIX B

21st October 2020

CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) 58 Stoneygate Road Planning Application 20201190

Change of use of school (Class D1) to 17 flats (Class C3) (1x 3bed, 13x 2bed, 1x1bed); part demolition of building; first and second storey side extension; alterations to front boundary; side dormers; associated works.

The building is located in Stoneygate Conservation Area, covered by an Article 4 Direction. The application seeks to convert the vacant former school into 17 self-contained flats. External alterations to existing building include a top storey extension to side, installation of dormers, replacement & removal of architectural features and creation of parking provisions to rear.

B) 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 (amended plans received 12/10/2020)

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 since. The application is for partial demolition and as series of extensions on site, to facilitate the building's conversion into residential 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 19th October 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

7-11 Humberstone Gate Planning Application 20201260

Construction of second floor extension and installation of plant/machinery and 1.1m high railings to roof of bank (Class A2); alterations

107 Granby Street, Last Plantagenet Planning Application 20201018

Change of use from drinking establishment (Class A4) and offices (Class B1) to student accommodation (57 x studios) (Sui Generis) at first – fourth floors and part-ground floor and basement, with commercial use at part-basement and ground levels - restaurant/drinking establishment. External alterations.

29 Albion Street, Wellington House Planning Application 20201272

Installation of electricity substation (Sui Generis)

Leicester Castle Business School, Castle View Planning Application 20201139

New soft landscaping proposals and amendments to previously approved soft landscaping to rear of property (Class D1)

Durham Ox, 45 Birstall Street Planning Application 20201273

Construction of single storey extension at front, side and rear, two storey extension at side and first floor extension at rear to form two self-contained flats (2 x 2 bed) (Class A3); installation of ventilation flue; alterations

Car park opposite 40 Almond Road Planning Application 20200299

Construction of two storey restaurant and drive-through takeaway (Class A3/A5); removal of and works to trees covered by Tree Protection Orders (amended plans 25/8/2020)

Off Memory Lane, Memory Lane Moorings, Leicester Line (Grand Union Canal) Planning Application 20201458

Change of use of seven existing boat moorings (Sui Generis) for permanent residential use and installation of boat mooring infrastructure (Class C3)

156 Gwendolen Road Planning Application 20200933

Construction of first floor extension at side and rear of house (Class C3)

111 Loughborough Road Planning Application 20201255

Change of use from dwellinghouse (Class C3) to residential care home (4 bedrooms) (Class C2)

24 West Avenue Planning Application 20200829

Installation of 1m high railings at front and construction of single storey extension at rear of house (Class C3); alterations (Amended plans 13.07.2020)

92 Granby Street Planning Application 20201575

Installation of one externally illuminated fascia sign; one internally illuminated projecting sign (Sui Generis)

92 Granby Street Planning Application 202015754

Change of use of ground floor from betting shop (Sui Generis) to gaming centre (Sui Generis)

52 Daneshill Road Planning Application 20201483

Change of use from house in multiple occupation (6 persons) (Class C4) to house in multiple occupation for more than 6 persons (7 bedrooms) (Sui Generis); alterations

9-11 Marble Street
Planning Application 20201133

Demolition of existing buildings. Construction of six storey building comprising of 4 cluster flats (48 student bedrooms) and 13 x 1 bed student studio flats (Sui Generis), communal area and amenity area. (Amended plans)

St Mary De Castro Church, Castle View Planning Application 20201604

Retrospective application for installation of protective guards to windows at front and rear of church (Class F1)

85 Humberstone Gate, Vestry House Planning Application 20201447

Replacement of cladding to flats (Class C3)

Abbey Pumping Station Museum, Corporation Road Planning Application 20201536

Installation of one non illuminated free standing sign (Class W1)

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

19 East Avenue Planning Application 20201291

Change of use from house (Class C3) to seven self-contained flats (6x1 bed; 1x2 bed) (Class C3); hard standing and alterations

108-110 New Walk House Planning Application 20201367

Additional Parking to Offices (Class B1)

178-186 East Park Road, Petrol Filling Station

Planning Application 20201474

Installation of one internally illuminated digital board sign (Class Z5)

Jubilee square Planning Application 20201763

Installation of 35 metre high temporary ferris wheel on public car park

Gifford Close Planning Application 20201772

Installation of 18m high monopole; cabinets

51 Evington Road Planning Application 20201283

Change of use from 5 self-contained flats (5x1Bed) (Class C3) to 6 self contained flats (6x1Bed) (Class C3): Construction of two storey extension at rear of property

42 Market Place
Planning Application 20201586

Change of use of part of basement and ground floor and first and second floor from office (Class E) to two self-contained flats (2x1 bed) (Class C3)

Bath Lane, Former Merlin Works Planning Application 20201807

Installation of one vertical non illuminated sign on elevation of residential building (Class C3)

67 Church Road Planning Application 20201663

Construction of hardstanding; vehicular access onto classified road at front of house (Class C3)

171 Loughborough Road Planning Application 20201776

Alterations to shopfront (Class E)

126 London Road Planning Application 20201724

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign, one internally projecting sign and one awning sign at front of cafe (Class E)

1-3 Northampton Street Planning Application 20201602

Change of use of first floor from restaurant (Class E) to two self-contained flats (2x1 bed); shopfront alterations; alterations.

33-49 Market Street Planning Application 20200878

Change of use from Shops (Class A1) to 14 residential units (3X1 bed, 8x2 bed, 3x3bed) (Class C3), insertion of dormer windows and external alterations.

271 London Road Planning Application 20201803

Demolition of outbuildings at rear; installation of 1.5m high fence at front; construction of 1.6m high wall, hardstanding and vehicular access at front; single storey extension at side; single and first floor extensions at rear; alterations to house (Class C3)

28 Horsefair Street Planning Application 20201903

Installation of one externally illuminated fascia sign and one non-illuminated projecting sign at front of shop (Class E)

3 Southernhay Road Planning Application 20201864

Construction of replacement hard standing at front; Installation of replacement fencing and gate at front of dwellinghouse (Class C3)

26-28 Granby Street
Planning Application 20201941

Installation of two awnings to front of restaurant (Class E)

2 Knighton Drive Planning Application 20201980

Demolition of single storey garage at side of house; Construction of single storey detached garage at side of house (Class C3)

Knighton Fields Centre, Herrick Road Planning Application 20201823

Redecoration, restoration and replacement of existing damaged windows at front, sides and rear of property (Class F1)

70 Western Road, The Western Planning Application 20201631

Construction of single storey extensions at rear; alterations to front, sides and rear elevations of Public House (Class A4); new railings to beer garden; alterations