

Minutes of the Meeting of the CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Meeting Started 5:15 pm

Attendees

R. Lawrence (Vice Chair), S. Hartshorne (TCS), C. Hossack (LIHS), C. Laughton, S. Bird (DAC), S. Eppel (LCS), C. Jordan (LAHS), M. Taylor (IHBC), D. Martin (LRGT), N. Stacey (LSA), Cllr S. Barton

Presenting Officers

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

169. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

R. Gill (Chair), M. Richardson (RTPI), P. Ellis (VS), N Feldmann (LRSA)

170. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

171. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel agreed the notes.

172. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) St Peters Lane and Churchgate, Land at corner Planning Application 20210727

Construction of four storey building to include one retail unit (Class E) to ground floor and flats (7 x 1 Bed; 8×2 Bed) from ground to third floor (Class C3)

Whilst the panel considered that there were some improvements in evidence in the design and articulation of the proposed complex relative to precious submission, with the legibly active frontage to the ground floor commended, the Panel had significant concerns regarding's the development's impact on the character of the Conservation Area and the setting of a number of Grade II Listed assets.

The absence of a satisfactory Heritage Statement with the application was criticised on a technical level but it was further argued that this should have been produced to help inform the design development and that the scheme would have benefitted from such an approach.

The members considered that the development failed to correspond positively to the historic environment and local distinctiveness of the area, lacking a contextually appropriate form and design. The overtly bulky top storey, which was seen as lacking definition and visual interest, was considered as particularly problematic and inappropriate in its context. Some members suggested that a mansard roof would have been better and/or more detail on a high-quality finish, but others considered the storey should be removed altogether.

The lack of consistency in detail between the AVRs and elevational drawings was also noted. A blank elevation fronting onto the Grade II Listed Great Meeting School, as shown in one AVR, was noted as being particularly prominent as approached from the west along St Peter's Lane and was not considered to be a suitable solution.

Whilst the principle of the redevelopment of the site was strongly supported, it was concluded that the development as currently proposed would fail to preserve or enhance the Conservation Area and the setting nationally listed building in its immediate proximity.

OBJECTIONS

B) 332 Narborough Road Planning Application 20210092

Construction of two storey extension at rear of ground and first floor flats (2×1) bed) (Class C3) to create additional bedrooms (2×4) bed) (Class C3); ramped access to south side; alterations.

The scale, footprint and massing of the proposed new extension were regarded as excessive in its context, failing to read as subservient and complimentary to the existing building. The design and format were criticised for their lack of adequate contextual response, including detailing and definition, to the architectural interest of the former lodge. The blankness of the proposed side elevation was considered as particularly harmful. The members also criticised the level of proposed alterations to the non-designated asset, as well as the limited and incomplete information submitted.

The unauthorised works were also noted, deemed as harmful to the special significance and architectural interest of the building and the setting of a number of adjacent non-designated heritage assets.

The panel members concluded that the scheme is unacceptable from conservation perspective, failing to preserve or enhance this important local

heritage asset.

OBJECTIONS

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

Further details on the cases below can be found by typing the reference number into:

http://rcweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/onlinequery/mainSearch.aspx

371 London Road Planning Application 20210798

Installation of 2.4m high boundary wall, railings and gates to the front of dwellinghouse (Class C3)

St Barnabas C of E Primary School Planning Application 20211042

Replacement of windows to school (Class F1)

126 London Road Planning Application 20210694

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign at front; one awning at front of cafe (Class E)

126 London Road Planning Application 20210690

Alterations of shopfront (Class E)

33-49 Market Street Planning Application 20200878

Change of use from Shops (Class A1) to 14 residential units (4X1 bed, 9x2 bed, 1x3bed) (Class C3), insertion of dormer windows and external alterations.

8 Haig Place Planning Application 20210825 Construction of two storey side and rear extension to house (Class C3)

123 Loughborough Road Planning Application 20210575

Demolition of garage and outbuilding at side of dwellinghouse; Construction of two storey (3 bed) dwellinghouse (Class C3)

Islamic Da Wah Academy Halls of Residence, 120 Melbourne Road Planning Application 20211114

Construction of two storey extension at rear; alterations to residential institution (Class C2)

36 Millstone Lane Planning Application 20201470

Change of use from light industrial (Class B1(c) to 26 student flats (Sui Generis); removal of rear basement doorway and existing skylights, installation of lightwell at rear, installation of new windows and roof lights and installation of solar photovoltaics to roof

7 St Martins Walk Planning Application 20210242

Retrospective application for installation of three non-illuminated fascia signs to front of restaurant (Class E)

190 Belgrave Road, Balmoral Hotel Planning Application 20211083

Enlargement of ground floor windows and bricking up of doorway which face Belgrave Road of public house (sui generis)

50 New Walk Planning Application 20210077

Construction of a storage shed in car park of building (Class D1)

107 Granby Street, Last Plantagenet Planning Application 20201018

Change of use from drinking establishment (Class A4) and offices (Class B1) to student accommodation (56 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. (Amended Plans)

26 Holmfield Road Planning Application 20210899

Construction of single storey and second floor storey (loft) extension to the rear of property (Class C3); replacement of windows; alterations

1 Gallowtree Gate Planning Application 20211105

Installation of two internally illuminated fascia signs; two internally illuminated projecting signs at front of restaurant (Class E).

80 Belgrave Gate Planning Application 20210945

Change of use of part of ground floor from shop (Class E) and first and second from offices (Class E) to three self-contained flats (3 x 1 bedroom) (Class C3); alterations

11 Pendene Road Planning Application 20210758

Construction of single storey extension at front and rear of dwellinghouse (Class C3); alterations

36 King Street, Kings Head Planning Application 20210398

Construction of first floor retractable gazebo canopy at rear of pub (Sui Generis).

29 Albion Street & 22-32 Wellington Street, Wellington House Planning Application 20210453

Single-storey roof extension for 12 flats (2 x 1bed & 10 x 2bed) (Class C3), alterations to lower ground floor vehicle parking, cycle & bin stores

20 Stoneygate Court, 298 London Road Planning Application 20210867

Installation of replacement windows with white aluminium to match rest of building (Class C3)

Ashton Green Road Planning Application 20211201

Notification of proposed installation of an 18.0m high monopole; ancillary works

The Frassati, 45 Wellington Street Planning Application 20210557

Retrospective application for the replacement of two doors to the front of community centre (Class F1)

43 Stoughton Road Planning Application 20211272

Construction of two storey extension at side of house; single storey extension at rear

1 Pocklingtons Walk Planning Application 20210536

Change of use from Offices to 10 flats; alterations.

1 Pocklingtons Walk Planning Application 20210537

Internal and external alterations to Grade II listed building to facilitate partial conversion to ten flats.

1 Tyndale Street Planning Application 20210719

Construction of dormer extensions at front and rear of property; alterations [Amended drawings received on 02/06/2021]

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 14th July 2021

Meeting Ended – 18:00